



January 2021 Newsletter

General Info:

Mail correspondence to:
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General Membership Meeting Schedule

2nd Friday of each month September through June.
at the Trinity Lutheran Church hall located at 2103 Route 6 in Brewster.
January 8, 2021, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th.
Doors open at 7:15pm – meeting starts at 8pm.

Executive Board:

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Board Members:

Jim Dolan; Pauline Killean; Jim Scully; John Simpson; Mary Thorne

News:

- We lost one of our long-time members since our last newsletter...Russ Lavan. Sending our thoughts and prayers to Pat and family during this difficult time. RIP Russ, you will be missed.

-Sending Get Well Wishes to Geraldine Keegan who recently had surgery on her arm. Geraldine is doing well resting at home being well taken care of by her daughters!

-Sending Get Well Wishes to Jim Dolan...hoping the infection in his knee heals so he can have surgery and be out on the dance floor soon again!

-Meeting reminders: Refreshments will not be provided at our meetings until further notice. Feel free to bring your own beverage. The church hall requires that you wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Please don't forget to sign the attendance book upon arrival. We hope you join us.

Help needed

The family of Kitty O'Connor, long time member and former Emerald of the Year, are looking for someone trained in wound care to assist with her care at home. Please contact Kitty's daughter-in-law Susan at 914.804.2091 or via email smoal@comcast.net if you know someone who might be interested in helping.

Emerald Association Scholarship 2021

The Application for our 2021 Scholarship is posted on our website and will also be available at our General Membership meetings through February. The application must be submitted by the March meeting with awards chosen at the April meeting. Reminder to those who received our 2020 Scholarship...please send in your official transcript so we can send you your scholarship.

Feis 2021

We remain optimistic that we will be able to hold our Feis in May. We thank Karyn Oster for once again chairing the Feis – remotely from Nashville and in person the weekend of the event. Karyn will be shadowed by Lorraine Sheeran who will take over the reigns in 2022. Our next meeting will be after the General Membership Meeting in January.

Social Media

“Like” our page on Facebook and share it with your friends! If you have content you would like to see posted please pass it along to Nuala Donnelly or Lisa Scully. Comments or suggestions are always welcome.

Dues:

If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Bernie Cummins at berrcummins@yahoo.com
\$30 for Family; \$20 Single

Other:

-All Emerald Association members are invited to help by recruiting family members, friends, co-workers, etc... to join our organization, and encouraging entrepreneurs, store owners, etc.... to place an ad in our newsletter.

-If you have any news/information regarding our members (engagements/marriages, births, death notices, hospitalized/sick/injured members, etc...) that you would like to be included in the newsletter, please contact John Shanley at jtsconstruction@aol.com.



Please keep in your thoughts and prayers All those working on the front lines and their families during this pandemic: our First Responders, Doctors, Nurses, Women and Men in the Armed Forces, Grocery store and Pharmacy workers.

Please Protect Yourself and Others

Practice Social Distancing:

Even if you feel well, stay at home as much as possible. In public, wear a mask and keep at least 6 feet distance from others. Avoid unnecessary appointments.

Wash Your Hands. Cover Your Cough

Cover your cough and sneezes. Use your elbow or a tissue. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Take Caution

Take special caution to avoid exposing the elderly and people with underlying health conditions. Avoid visiting those most at risk, call instead. Offer help with groceries and other goods.

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The Life and Times of Emerald Snow Birds in Florida.

Belated HAPPY NEW YEAR to all. I hope everyone had a very enjoyable and peaceful Christmas season. There are no Emerald snowbirds currently available or at least visible. Probably all hunkered down to avoid the coronavirus. I have not given up looking for them, but in the meantime, life goes on.

Since we are basically cloistered in our homes due to COVID-19, it behooves us to find some activities to occupy our time. Reading can be enjoyable, watching TV, going to the beach, following the stock market, are some of the activities that I have pursued. In due time, I may come up with others, but for today it is reading.

I would not consider myself a very prolific reader but tough times call for tough measures. I happened to stumble across some Irish murder mysteries by Carlene O'Connor. The books are available in libraries. Among them are, Murder in an Irish Village, Murder at an Irish Wedding, Murder in an Irish Pub, Murder in an Irish Churchyard, plus some more. What attracted me to them was the lingo in the text that I was familiar with. That was after this friend of ours wanted some interpretations of what different words meant and Jaysus, I felt obligated to help her.

The stories are based on some fictitious village in County Cork, named Kilbane. The main character in the books is Siobhan O'Sullivan who happens to operate a bistro in Kilbane. Siobhan appears in all the books but I am not going to tell you anything else about her. You will just have to find out for yourselves. The books outlined above are the first four and if you read them in sequence, you will become familiar with the different characters.

Before I conclude, I would like to congratulate Ed McDowell on being selected Grand Marshall of the upcoming Putnam County St. Patrick's Day parade. A well-deserved honor and I am confident Eddy will make us proud on Route 6.

I was saddened to hear that Russ Lavan has been called home. I knew Russ from our years at IBM. Actually, Russ was instrumental in helping me get my last assignment in Southbury, CT. Russ happened to know the manager that I was interviewing with as they had previously worked together. And as you all know it is good to have connections when job interviewing. Good Bye Russ. May you Rest in Peace.

That is all for now. Hope to chat again next month.

God Bless.

Pat Farrell