



February 2021 Newsletter

General Info:

Mail correspondence to:
The Emerald Association of Putnam County
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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.
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:

- In the interest of public safety, the Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade has been cancelled for 2021. We look forward to March 13, 2022 to celebrate our Irish Heritage.

-Condolences to Eileen Weir and family on the sudden death of her granddaughter Hannah Weir on January 15th just 21 years old. May she Rest in Peace.

-Condolences to the O'Connor family on Kitty's passing on January 20th. Kitty O'Connor was our 2012 Emerald of the Year. She passed away at home after a long illness. She was 88 years old.

-Condolences to the McManus family on the death of Charter Member Catherine McManus on January 29th. Catherine passed just two weeks before her 94th birthday, which will be February 12th.

-Sending Get Well Wishes to Kerry Oster, recuperating from a recent cardiac event.

-Sending a speedy recovery to Jim Dolan who will undergo knee surgery on February 9th.

-Sending Get Well wishes to all who have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

-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.

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 reins 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 berrncummins@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.

This month we will go to the beach. This Covid-19 epidemic is still messing up our lives, so we have to improvise and work around it. In a Seinfeld episode, going to see the baaaaby was very important to Elaine, Jerry, Kramer and George. After all, you have to see the baaaaby.

Well, if you are here in Florida, you have to go to the beaaaach. The weather is delightful and nothing is nicer than relaxing in the afternoon, sitting on a beach chair and watching the submarine races. Believe me, that is what Florida is all about. So, come on down, what are you waiting for?

Of course, just sitting there looking at the horizon and watching the boats go by can become boring after a while. A little due diligence or preparation is required to fully enjoy the experience. Food and drink are the two basic requirements. Drinking alcohol beverages on the beach is not allowed, but if you are not caught, who cares. It behooves you to take the necessary precautions to make sure you are not seen. Don't bring wine glasses. Food can be anything your body desires. Various sandwiches or fried chicken and various chips would probably lead the pack. But if you have crubeens or cold rabbit laying around, that would be fine also. We normally go in the afternoon/evening timeframe. That way we don't have to worry about social distancing and it is usually a tad cooler. We stay until dusk and then return to whence we came. Since we are about five minutes from the beach if we make all the lights, it is a must do. Hope to see you there.

Due to the pandemic, people are reluctant to leave their houses unless it is in a very controlled environment. Drive byes are getting some interest. Since house visiting is almost out of the question, arrangements can be made with friends for them to drive by your house at a specified time and they can greet you from their car and you can return the greeting from the front porch. Not much but at least, people can see each other for a brief moment.

The weather did not cooperate, so everything I mentioned at the beginning, fell through the cracks. It has been one cool spell after another, so the beach is out for now. I have faith that the warm weather will eventually return and when it does, we will be ready. My quest to find a snowbird or two, continues, but no luck so far. But I will persevere.

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

God Bless.

Pat Farrell.