



March 2021 Newsletter

General Info:

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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.
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:

- Fellow Emerald and NYS Assemblyman Kevin Byrne was named 2021 Irish Echo Top 40 Under 40 - Community Champion Ambassador. Congratulations Kevin, well deserved!

- Sending Get Well wishes to Pat Lavan who recently took a fall and is recuperating at The Paramount in Somers and to Jim Dolan recuperating from his recent knee surgery!

- Please join us at our next meeting as we celebrate our heritage the safest way possible!

- Spring is right around the corner...don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on March 14th!

- Tom Brady and friends are planning a get together on March 17th at Four Brothers restaurant in Mahopac to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! There will be music to enjoy and social distancing protocols will be enforced. Attendees will order from the restaurant menu and pay their own bill. As more information comes available, we will pass it along. Anyone interested in attending please contact Tom at 914.302.6484.

- 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

Applications are posted on our website and available at each General Membership meeting. There are Six \$600 Scholarships available to qualified candidates.

Qualifications:

- Candidate needs to be a graduating High School Senior planning to attend an accredited College, University, Business or Trade School.
- Be the son/daughter/grandchild of an Emerald Member in good standing.
- Emerald Member needs to be a member of the organization for two consecutive years and have attended four general membership meetings each year.
- Members must also be current on dues.

The application must be submitted by the March 12th meeting with awards chosen at the April meeting.

**2020 Scholarship winners – please submit your first semester transcripts as soon as possible so we can pay out your scholarship!* Please contact Jim Scully, Scholarship Chair, with any questions. skullman@reagan.com

Feis 2021

We remained pretty optimistic there for a while that we would move forward with our Feis in May however we needed to make a decision as we were approaching entry time. We have decided to cancel this year's Feis in the interest of keeping our members safe. We hope this pandemic will be behind us next year and we will have an amazing event in 2022!

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 berncummins@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.

Still no snowbirds and the COVIC-19 virus is still with us. So, what is a man to do? If the weather is not cooperating, watching or participating in the stock market is a nice way to pass away some time. Of course, you have to have an interest in this type of activity to fully enjoy it. I happen to be one of these people. With the interest on bank money almost zero and you happen to have a few dollars laying around, you have to do something with it. That is where the stock market comes in. The market can be erratic at times, so if you need the money right away, stay away from stock-based investments.

If you are a nervous Nelly, stay away from the market. On the other hand, if you want to increase your net worth, you have no choice not to be in the stock market. There are various ways to be involved in the stock market. There are stocks, mutual funds, bonds, options, ETF's and others. If I don't fully understand what I am investing in, I will stay away from that investment. I stick mostly with stocks and mutual funds. Like everyone messing around with the market, I want to make money. However, I will not panic and sell when things are down. Remember, you never lose until you sell when a holding is down. Recently the market has been on a roll. The bottom line keeps mounting up and when we have a decline and you know we will, but have no fear, you are dealing with your profits.

A couple of things to remember, be patient, don't panic and don't be greedy. After all, Rome was not built in a day. Have a long-term time frame? Be prepared for unpredictability and you have never lost unless you sell. If you want to get involved in the market, you can hire somebody to help you. If you take this route make sure they are fiduciaries. And make sure they have reasonable fees. Personally, I don't use advisors. I may be wrong but I am happy controlling my own destiny.

Another activity that I seem to enjoy is creating a slush account. Once you are satisfied with what you have, you can open a separate account and start out with one or two cheap stocks costing no more than one hundred dollars or whatever slush you have at your disposal. You never add more money. If you are lucky and they go up in value, sell the profits and buy something else or put the money under the mattress. You would be surprised how that little account will grow. If you had the misfortune of buying losers, either get out completely, or let the account go dormant for a while. I compare it to what I used to do when John Mulvihill, RIP ran bus trips to Atlantic City. I would take one hundred dollars expecting to lose it. I would play the slots. If I was unlucky and lost the hundred, I would go out to the board walk and enjoy the scenery out there. If lady luck was with me, I would keep playing. Either way, I accomplished what I set out to do.

But I digress, the stocks in the slush account could be the cheapos. Possibly, bio-techs, pot stocks, or something that may have potential in the future. Happy investing and remember, if you are patient, you will make money. Good luck. Also remember, God made the bees and the bees made honey. God made man and man made money.

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

God Bless.
Pat Farrell.



Tom Brady Emerald of the Year 2020

Tom was born in Enaghan, Co. Longford Ireland to Susan and Tom Brady and is the second oldest of seven children. Tom attended Cortober National School and went on to Technical School in Ballinamuc.

After Technical School Tom apprenticed in Carpentry Workshop at McManus Workshop in Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim and was a member of the ASW (Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers) in Ireland. McManus manufactured and supplied all the necessary interior woodwork for new schools and churches mainly in the west of Ireland including the first self-service store “Quinnsworth” in Longford town. Toms commute to work every day took him through a part of three provinces.

Tom immigrated to the United States in 1961 and lived in New Rochelle, NY. He became a member of the Carpenters Union in Westchester. In 2012 Tom received a gold watch for 50 years of service in the Union. Tom met the love of his life Beatrice O'Donnell (who hails from Co. Roscommon) in the Red Mill in the Bronx and was married in Holy Spirit Church in the Bronx in 1967. Tom and Beatrice moved to Yorktown Heights in 1971 and are happy to still call it home!

Tom and Beatrice have four children – Kevin (Laura), Sean, Brain (Lori) and Tom (Christina). The Brady's are blessed with 8 treasured grandchildren – Patrick, Brendan, Sheamus, Sophie, Emma, Reese, Thomas (the 5th) and Martin.

Tom is one of the founders of the Retired Carpenters Club and where he currently sits as Vice President. He is also one of the founders of the Irish-American Social Club in Yorktown Heights and Board Director of the Tara Circle. Tom is also a member of the KBIC Club in Wappingers Falls.

As an Emerald, Tom continues to use his carpentry skills and expertise to help with the set-up of our Annual Feis each May. You will see Tom on the day of the Feis helping out in any capacity needed. Tom and Beatrice also enjoy participating in the Emeralds activities and can be seen enjoying a waltz at our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance. As an avid historian of the Irish culture, Tom shares with the membership information he thinks would be of interest.

As a longtime member of the Emerald Association of Putnam County, Tom is honored and humbled to be selected as Emerald of the Year 2020 and looks forward to a great evening celebrating with friends and relatives.

PAST EMERALD OF THE YEAR HONOREES

2019	Eileen Weir
2018	Jim Scully
2017	Nuala Donnelly
2016	Geraldine Keegan
2015	Jim and Mary Dolan
2014	Kathleen Farrell
2013	Hughie Madden
2012	Kitty O'Connor
2011	Pauline Killean
2010	Jack & Marion Hayes
2009	Bridie Hamilton
2008	Connie & Rosaleen Furey
2007	Peggy E. Grant
2006	Bernie Cummins
2005	Tim Hannan
2004	Eddie McDowell
2003	Jim & Kathy Phillips
2002	Russ & Pat Lavan
2001	Theresa Foley
2000	Margaret O'Reilly
1999	Ruth & John Reilly
1998	Mary Thorne
1997	Cliff Oster
1996	Mary O'Dwyer-Valentine
1995	John Callaghan
1994	Sean Hamilton
1993	Jim Mahoney
1992	Mary King
1991	Paul O'Sullivan
1990	Brendan Hynes
1989	Rosemary Kelly
1988	Nula Glynn
1987	Eddie Burke
1986	Kathleen Farrell
1985	John Glynn
1984	Owen Farrell
1983	Christine Whitehead
1982	Denis Sullivan
1981	Pat Farrell

PAST EMERALD OF THE YEAR HONOREES (cont'd)

1980	John Mulvihill
1979	Nancy Ziegler
1978	Mollie McNellis
1977	Edward Dean
1976	Terry Greenan

NOTE: For the first two years the organization was in existence there was no Emerald of the Year selected