



November 2021 Newsletter

General Info:

Mail correspondence to:
The Emerald Association of Putnam County
P.O. Box 141
Brewster, NY 10509
www.emeraldapc.com.

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.

November 12th (meeting will begin at 7pm) December 10th, January 14, 2022, February 11th,
March 11th, April 8th, May 13th, June 10th. Doors open at 7:15pm – meeting starts at 8pm.

****note time change for November meeting – Fall Social to follow!***

Executive Board:

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Board Members:

Jim Dolan, John Glynn, Pauline Killean, Mary Reamer, Declan Sheeran, Mary Thorne

Member News:

Get well wishes extended to Martin O'Reilly recuperating from a recent illness; to Barbara Casey recuperating after a recent fall; to John Glynn after recent surgery and to Ruth Reilly and John Simpson after Orthopedic surgeries.

Our thoughts and prayers are with John Callaghan and Mary Thorne on the passing of their sister Susan McBrearty in Letterkenney, Co. Donegal Ireland. May she Rest in Peace.

Condolences to the Henry Holden and family on the passing of his brother Tom in Ireland. RIP

Fall Social

Friday, November 12th - see flyer attached for more information

Dust off your dancing shoes and bring them to our meeting Friday, November 12th. We will have a quick meeting starting at 7pm followed by some long overdue music and dancing. Sharon and her band will perform for us from 7:30pm to 11pm. Refreshments will be served.

Fundraiser – Hosted by the Carmel Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

Designer Bags and Bingo...Saturday, November 13th

See flyer attached for more information.

Scholarship Opportunities

SOCIAL (Society of Irish American Lawyers) is once again accepting applications for their scholarship available to students of Irish American ancestry. Application deadline is December 1st. sociallawyers.org click on Learn More then Annual Scholarship for more details.

2022 Emerald Association Scholarship applications will be available at our monthly meetings through March. It is also posted on our website. Applications are due no later than March 11th with scholarships awarded April 8th. Please refer to the application for criteria.

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 per Family; \$20 Single

Advertising:

If you are interested in advertising in our newsletter, please see John Shanley. Member \$30; Non-member \$50 for 10 months

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.

November 2021 Florida Report

Greetings Folks,

Here we are in November already. What happened to October? Good riddance to September.

From a COVID-19 stand, it seems like things are pretty much back to normal. Praise the Lord.

I still wear my mask, even though it may be optional at this point in some places. The problem is, not everyone had the vaccine, So, you don't know who is vaccinated or isn't. That requires the rest of us to take additional precautions to ensure that we stay free of the pandemic.

As promised last month I mentioned I would elaborate on my avocado growing project. It all started some years ago, when the Burkes had a large avocado tree that was producing a massive crop of fruit. There was such an overabundance that I took two large boxes filled with avocados over to Owen Farrell's on Super Bowl Sunday. I left them on the porch, and they were there for anyone who wished to take some. I was happy to see that they were all taken.

Since avocados are supposedly good for the body, we decided to try and grow our own. The first line of business was to get the kernel to generate some roots. The Burkes and the Valentines also set out on a similar venture. Frank Valentine (RIP) lead the way. His plant grew in leaps and bounds. Mine was less than aggressive and the Burkes was very frail. Every time we were out with the COP, we admired Frank's and Mary's tree. I was more patient with ours, so we left it alone, Gabriella grew impatient with hers and chucked it out. After some tender loving care, mine grew into a lovely tree. It grew limbs close to the ground so it will never be tall and is easy to climb. However, if productivity does not increase next year, out it will go. We had a total of six fruits this year, so I guess there is still hope.

I am now trying to grow pineapples. It could be years before I see the fruits of my labor. I hope to have an update next month or future months. Talking about growing things, I tried growing tomatoes back in Ireland many, many, years ago. Now, I don't think that Clare was known for its tomato growing but I decided to give it a try. My plants were growing in leaps and bounds from the cow manure that I fed them every day. Then one day my mother decided to let the pigs out for exercise. They stumbled on my tomato plants and needless to say, that was the end as they devoured them. Sad day indeed.

We have not ventured back to church yet. One of these days, we will give it a whirl. We are getting used to either the TV or the computer for Mass, so rushing back is not a high priority.

The weather is lovely here at present, no extremes of heat and practically no rain.

We will chat again next month. In the meantime, stay healthy.

God Bless.

Pat Farrell.



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(following our General Membership Meeting)

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Sharon and her band will perform for us from 7:30pm to 11pm.

Please bring a dessert to share with the membership.
Beer/Wine/Soda/Coffee/Tea will be provided.

Looking forward to a nice evening of socializing and entertainment.

Hope you can join us.

There is no charge for this event.
Compliments of your Board Members



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COMPLIMENTARY
COFFEE & TEA
CONCESSIONS WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE



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GAME STARTS AT
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The Society of Irish American Lawyers Scholarship

Information

The Society of Irish American Lawyers offers a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a graduating senior of Irish-American heritage from an accredited high school. Each student will be evaluated based upon the submitted scholarship essay, evidence of leadership and service to school and community, and the letter of recommendation. The applicant's demonstrated academic ability, as well as any factors relating to the applicant's character, may be considered by the scholarship selection committee.

In order to be considered, an applicant must:

- Have applied or be in the process of applying to a recognized and accredited post high school educational institution;
- Graduate from high school in 2022 or have graduated in 2021 and deferred admission to a post high school educational institution for a year;
- Be of Irish descent;
- Reside in the Ninth Judicial District (Westchester, Dutchess, Putnam, Orange and Rockland); and
- File a completed application, including the essay, transcript, and letter of recommendation, by **midnight on December 1, 2021**, via email to SocialScholarship2021@gmail.com.

The application must include:

- An essay of at least 250 words (typed and double-spaced) but no more than 350 words addressing the topic: **"How your Irish heritage has influenced your life and goals"**;
- One letter of recommendation (this can be from a teacher, coach or employer);
- A high school transcript (does not need to be certified). The transcript must include grades for the 9th through 11th year, a three-year average, and class rank (if available);
- A record of any awards or extracurricular activities, including employment;
- A record of any service to the community; and
- A completed Certification and Acknowledgement form.

After review of all written applications, the Scholarship Committee will select the five top candidates who will then be interviewed by the committee before the final winner is decided.

Payment of the scholarship award will be made upon verification in writing of the recipient's accepted attendance to an accredited post high school educational institution.