



December 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.
December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10
Trinity Lutheran Church Hall located at 2103 Route 6 in Brewster.
Doors open at 7:15pm – meeting starts at 8pm.

Executive Board:

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Board Members:

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

News:

Sending thoughts and prayers to Rosaleen Furey and Nuala Donnelly on the death of Kim Furey (daughter-in-law; sister-in-law) who passed away unexpectedly November 20th. RIP

The Hamlet of Carmel will host its Annual Holiday on the Lake Parade and Tree Lighting Saturday, December 4th. Santa Stroll will begin at 6:15pm. Consider strolling along Gleineida Avenue in support of Relay for Life. Meet at the courthouse and walk behind their float. Prior to that there will be Children's Activities at the Knights of Columbus Hall starting at 3pm. See attached fliers for further details.

Save-the-date: More info to follow in the New Year!

- Friday, February 4, 2022 - Ed McDowell will be installed as Grand Marshal of the Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade. Centennial Golf Club in Carmel. 6pm – 9pm \$50 per person. Plan to come out to support our fellow Emerald!
- Sunday, March 13, 2022 - Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Saturday, March 26, 2022 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance Vails Grove Pavilion Brewster, NY honoring Tom Brady, Emerald of the Year.
- Sunday, May 15, 2022 - 45th Annual Feis at Putnam Park

Wishing our Emerald family, a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year!

Scholarship Opportunity

2022 Emerald Association Scholarship applications will be available at our monthly meetings through March. It is also posted on our website www.emeraldapc.com. Applications are due no later than Friday, March 11, 2022. Scholarships will be awarded at our General Membership Meeting Friday, April 8, 2022. 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 for Family; \$20 Single. We would like to have all members paid through 2021 by the December General Membership meeting.

Advertising:

If you are interested in advertising in our newsletter, please contact John Shanley at jtsconstruction@aol.com. Member \$30; Non-member \$50 for 10 months.

Other:

Please see the attached flyers for upcoming events in our area.

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.

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December 2021 Florida Report

Greetings Folks,

Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat,

Please put a penny in the old man's hat,

If you have not a penny, a ha'penny will do.

If you have not a ha'penny, May God Bless you.

We are in December already. What happened to November?

Christmas is usually a happy time for most people. However, depending on your status in life, it can also be a sad time. With so much emphasis being expended on gift giving, if you cannot afford all the gifts requested, it can be depressing. While growing up in Ireland we did not have any problems. There was no mounds of gifts and half the gifts available now were not invented back then. Of course, having no electricity helped as far as requesting electronic devices.

We usually had a goose for Christmas dinner. All the houses had lighted candles on the windows at night. The candle-holders were made from turnips. For those not familiar with this operation, I will briefly describe the process. Since turnips are usually round in shape, they were perfect for candle holders. The top and bottom of the turnip needed a flat surface. A hole needed to be drilled on the top to hold the candle. The candle was inserted in the hole, a couple of sprigs of berry holly adorned the base and bingo the candle was readied to be lighted.

Visiting was big in our neck of the woods. The neighbors would meander in at different times. My mother would have a stack of fruit cakes made ahead of time. There was Guinness available for the men, port wine or sherry for the women, with lemonade and biscuits for us wee folk.

From a COVID-19 standpoint, it seems like things are practically back to normal. Praise the Lord. We got our booster shot at the beginning of November. My arm pained for a couple of days, but that was the extent of any reaction. We have been getting the Moderno vaccine.

I still wear my mask, even though it may be optional at this point in some places.

As promised last month I mentioned I would elaborate on my effort to grow pineapples. Currently I have six growing up in Claire's acreage. They are in my vegetable garden. Even though Claire's in-laws do not know a dock leaf from a tomato plant, I figured that they may be able to water them when we are not around.

We went on a short Caribbean cruise over the Thanksgiving holiday. It was very enjoyable even though I am not crazy about cruises.

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

Pat Farrell.