



January 2022 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.
January 14, 2022, February 11th, March 11th, April 8th, May 13th, June 10th.
Doors open at 7:15pm – meeting starts at 8pm.

Executive Board:

President: Nuala Donnelly 845.494.9460
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Board Members:

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

Member News:

-Happy New Year! Wishing you all a safe, happy, and healthy year ahead!

-Check out a new feature on our website under Events/News – [Archived Newsletters \(emeraldapc.com\)](http://emeraldapc.com)
You can now access our old newsletters going back (so far) to January 2018. We evolved to emailing our newsletter to members in late 2016 early 2017. We are still missing some old copies. Perhaps some of you haven't cleared out your inbox from years past and can reshare them with us! Maybe you save everything and have some old hardcopies laying around! Let's see who can come up with the oldest one!

-December 23rd, Bernie Cummins and the Carmel Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary presented Nuala Donnelly and John Shanley with a donation of \$1,000 from their recent Designer Bags and Bingo night. Thank you Ladies for your support.



-We will have a Feis meeting following our General Membership meeting Friday, January 14th. We are looking forward to returning once again to Putnam Park in May to welcome dancers from near and far to our Feis. We will need volunteers the entire weekend!

-Congratulations to Ed McDowell who will represent the Emerald Association as Grand Marshal of this year's Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade. A most well-deserved honor! We look forward to having you lead us up Route 6 in Mahopas Sunday, March 13, 2022!



Save-the-date:

- 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. See flyer attached. Plan to come out to support our fellow Emerald!
- Sunday, March 13, 2022 - Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade. We will be there marching proudly behind our very own Grand Marshal!
- Saturday, March 26, 2022 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance Honoring John Shanley, Emerald of the Year - more details to follow
- Sunday, May 15, 2022 - 45th Annual Feis at Putnam Park

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 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.



-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.

January 2022 Florida Report

Greetings Folks,

Happy New Year to one and all. I trust you all had an enjoyable Christmas season and looking forward to a peaceful and healthy New Year.

Last month I thought we were finished with COVID-19 but that seems to be no longer the case. A new strain, OMI-CRON, seems to have arrived and is spreading faster than the original. When will it ever end, when will it ever end? It behooves us to continue take all the necessary precautions.

For some reason unknown to me, we have an abundance of iguanas for the last couple of months. They meander up and down on the edge of the lake. To the best of my knowledge, I believe they are harmless creatures. They supposedly burrow into the sea wall causing it to collapse. I have no proof of this, but I shush them into the lake when I see them. The HOA must have concluded that we don't really need them, as they hired a company to trap them. They have set cages along the edge of the lake and use pieces of watermelon to entice the iguanas. The iguanas enter through the open end and to reach the melon, which is placed at the other end, they trip a mechanism that causes the hatch at the open end to drop down, locking the iguana inside. The traps are collected, and the iguanas set free in some remote location. Only time will tell how successful the project will be. If the iguanas were smart, they would refrain from eating watermelon.

I know Christmas is over for another year but in Ireland the day after Christmas was known as St. Stephen's Day or Boxing Day as our English folk called it. In Ireland we collected money to bury the wren. We recited a poem to justify our begging and a version of it went like this.

The wren, the wren, the king of all birds.

On St Stephens Day he got caught in the furze.

All though he was little.

His family was great.

So, cheer up land lady and give us a treat,

And of the treat be of the best.

We hope in heaven your soul may rest.

And of the treat be of the worst.

Does not suit those boys at all.

So up with the kettle and down with the pan.

Give us your answer and let us be gone.

As we went to each house, we sang that song or recited it. After all we did not want to be beggars. We skipped houses that had a reputation of being a little frugal, as time was of the essence. Although, in actuality it was just an excuse to acquire enough money to be able to go to a dance on St. Stephens night. God be with the good old days.

The price of houses has skyrocketed down here recently. They get sold in a few days and usually for the asking price or greater. I don't foresee an influx of Emeralds coming down here in the foreseeable future. The potential candidates are probably like my brother, who claims that shoveling snow is healthy and excessive heat is not good for you. Poor misguided man.

Slainte,

Go mberimid beo ar an amhain seo aris . In other words, may we all be still alive at this time next year.

Pat Farrell



NORTHERN WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE

Installation

of

GRAND MARSHAL

Ed "Eddie" McDowell

Friday, February 4, 2022

6:00pm - 9:00pm

\$ 50 per person

Buffet, Beer, Wine & Soda

Centennial Golf Club

185 John Simpson Road, Carmel, NY 10512

Our Parade is on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 2:00pm

E-mail: sponsorship@saintpatricksdaysparade.net

www.saintpatricksdaysparade.net

960 Route 6, Sulte 230 Mahopac, New York 10541



**Northern Westchester-Putnam
St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc.**

**The 2022 Northern Westchester-Putnam
St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will honor
Grand Marshal Eddle McDowell
at its 45th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 13, 2022
Mahopac, New York**

**Patrick J. O'Malley
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**A list of 2022 Sponsorship Packages may be found on the sheet attached.
Please indicate below your choice of Sponsor Package
Please complete and return no later than Feb. 25, 2022. Payment must be made in full.**

I have chosen the following Sponsorship Package:

**Enclosed please find my check payable to:
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for \$ _____**

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Kindly mail this completed form along with your check to:

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**Northern Westchester-Putnam
St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee**

2020 PARADE SPONSORSHIPS

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Name displayed as a Gold Sponsor on Parade Website (with your link)

Announcement during TV coverage, listing on Parade Facebook Page, listing in Parade Brochure

Two (2) complimentary tickets to the Installation Dinner of the Grand Marshal (if time allows)

Silver Sponsor: \$1,000.00

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One (1) complimentary ticket to the Installation Dinner of the Grand Marshal (if time allows)

Bronze Sponsor: \$500.00

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Supporter of the Parade: \$100.00

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