



May 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.
May 13th, June 10th Doors open at 7:15pm – meeting starts at 8pm.

Executive Board:

President: Nuala Donnelly 845.494.9460
Vice President: John Shanley 845.590.3052
Treasurer: Margaret O'Reilly 845.225.7375
Correspondence Secretary: Dympna Zazzero 845.278.8271
Recording Secretary: John Molloy 845.628.3056
Membership Secretary: Bernie Cummins 845.222.4299

Board Members:

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

Member News:

- Condolences to the Pauline Killean and family on the passing her niece Kelly Gleeson after a yearlong battle with a lung infection. May she Rest in Peace.

-At our April meeting, Nominating Committee Chairperson, Mary Reamer presented the following slate of candidates running for open positions on our Executive Board and Board as follows:

President: John Shanley; Vice President: John Molloy; Recording Secretary: Mary Reamer;

Membership Secretary: Declan Sheeran; Two Board Positions: Mickey Tierney and Kerry DeSandre. Elections will take place at our May General Membership meeting.

40th Feis Sunday, May 22, 2022:

-At time of writing, entries are approaching 500 and counting! We will have our final Feis meeting following our General Membership meeting Friday, May 13th. Karyn (our chairperson) will Facetime with us to give us a complete update. One thing we do know, is that we will need lots of help. An email went out to all April 25th asking for volunteers to sign up for various positions. If you haven't already done so, please sign yourself up at <https://emeraldapc.ivolunteer.com>. There are still many open slots from Pre-Feis Preparations, Set Up and Stage Construction to many walking and sitting jobs the day of the Feis! If you have trouble accessing the link, please contact Nuala for help.

Feis Honoree 2022

Congratulations to Dympna Zazzero our Feis Honoree 2022! Thank you for all you do for our organization Dympna! Well deserved. Enjoy your day!

Feis Sponsorship & Advertising

We would like to offer you, your family members, and friends the opportunity to acknowledge a dancer, send congratulations, or perhaps remember a loved one at our Feis. Please consider donating to sponsor a stage or a trophy! Please see the attached Sponsor and Advertising form. We would need this form filled out and returned as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your support. Please feel free to share this with anyone you think might be interested.

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: our First Responders, Doctors, Nurses, Women and Men in the Armed Forces. **Happy Memorial Day!**

Have a Laugh



Happy Mother's Day to all the strong, inspirational women in our lives that love unconditionally!

May 2022 Florida Report

Greetings Emerald People,

A warm Hello from South Florida. It is downhill from here. Another month to go and then we go into hibernation for the summer months. In May we have the Kentucky Derby and Cinco De Mayo (Pass the Mayonnaise) at our clubhouse.

COVID-19 seems to be on a break. Let us hope it is a permanent vacation.

Our Iguana family should meet their Waterloo in May as the trapper is scheduled to come back. Apparently, his contract calls for a visit every other month.

In April I had the pleasure of having lunch at Gabriella and Seamus Burkes house. Mrs. Burke usually puts out a great meal, so she did not disappoint us. In attendance were Teresa Foley, Kathleen Healy and Claire and me. It was great doing some catching up on the goings on in the Emerald Association. I had not seen Teresa or Kathleen in a few years, so we had a lot of catching up to do. Praise the Lord, but they are both doing good. I have not seen Kathleen and Owen Farrell for several years. Occasionally Owen sends me messages, but for some reason I am unable to read them. So, Owen, in the future, use email.

One item that was discussed at the luncheon was the inability of some of our members to be able to attend the monthly meetings since they don't drive at night. I am particularly talking about our members who live in Dutchess County, namely, Ann Hynes, Eileen Weir, and Kathleen Healy.

Various scenarios were discussed, the most obvious one but probably the least feasible was switching the meetings to Sunday afternoon. We did that years ago when our kids were little and avoid having to hire babysitters. We eventually got kicked out as some of the kids were a little too rambunctious and loved to rearrange things.

I am sure if great minds got together, they could come up with something. Possibly a member would want to make a few extra dollars to pick them up and take them home after the meeting. Another might be making arrangements with a taxi company to do the same thing. Cutting out one of the scholarships would help offset the cost. Remember, after the scholarship recipients receive their money, we may never see them again. Whereas, without a strong membership, we may not have an Emerald Association. A perfect opportunity to show these lovely ladies that they are appreciated and loved.

I came up with more suggestions this morning. The ladies involved might like to have some skin in the game, namely, by subsidizing the cost. If each lady contributed ten percent and the association were good for the other seventy percent, the problem would be solved. Also, if there was some member living up that way may want to help. They could be reimbursed for the inconvenience.

I am confident if anyone can pull off one the suggestions outlined above or a different one, it will be Nuala, our current President. And talking about Nuala, she is the best and you should try and hang on to her as long as possible.

OK, I am out of suggestions, think it over, discuss and if nothing happens, at least I tried.

The weather has been unpredictable for the last couple of months, sporadic showers and windy, it was not typical Florida weather, but maybe it was typical Florida spring weather. All is well, as we have glorious sunshine and an abundance of heat.

I have not seen my pineapple plants in over a month. Hopefully they are still alive. Later in May, I hope to go visit them.

I hope the Feis is a huge success. Unfortunately, I can't be there to enjoy the festivities and help with the cooking.

The Spring concert was very good. If you were not aware that they were lip syncing, you would say that they were super.

Good Luck with the Feis.

Slainte,
Pat Farrell.

Emerald Association of Putnam County

March 2022

Dear Friend of the Emeralds,

We are pleased to announce that the 40th Annual Putnam County Feis to be held on Sunday, May 22, 2022, at Veterans Memorial Park in Carmel, NY. The day will feature food, Irish dancing competitions, vendors and more as a benefit for the Putnam County Emerald Association.

The Emerald Association of Putnam County is a cultural organization based in Brewster, NY. They have been celebrating the Irish culture and keeping it alive in the community for almost 50 years, and have hosted the Putnam County Feis for 40 years. The current enrollment for the feis is over 500 dancers, representing families in Westchester, Putnam, the surrounding counties and even the tristate area. Our diverse network of dancers, and their families, take pride in supporting those businesses that partner with us. It is because of support from businesses such as yours that the Emerald Association is able to succeed and grow.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to participate with options of sponsorship or donations:

- Provide an advertisement (Ad form attached) as a sponsor.
- Provide a donation as an Awards or Stage sponsor.

For your convenience we have enclosed advertisement and procurement forms that need to be completed and returned with your donation. Our deadline is May 9, 2020.

Please mail the donation to:

Nuala Donnelly
Attn: The Emerald Association of Putnam County
18 Nanny Hill Rd, Pawling, NY 12564

Or email to: PutnamCountyFeis@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Warm regards,

Karyn Oster (Feis Chairwoman)
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Nuala Donnelly (Emerald President)
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40th Annual Putnam County Feis

Veterans Memorial Park, Carmel, NY May 22nd, 2022

Sponsor & Advertising Information

*(Please **PAPERCLIP** a business card)*

Sponsor Level	Ad Dimensions	Ad Cost
Platinum	<u>Stage Sponsor</u> Vinal Banner 2' x 4'	\$250.00
Gold	<u>Awards Podium Sponsor</u> Poster 24" x 36"	\$100.00
Silver	<u>Open Championship Sponsor</u> Poster 24" x 18"	\$75.00
Bronze	<u>Preliminary Championship Sponsor</u> Poster 24" x 18"	\$50.00

Your advertisement will be posted

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Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Amount: \$ _____ CASH: _____ CHECK#: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact e-mail: _____

Please forward your check payable to **"The Emerald Association"** together with this form to:

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Attn: The Emerald Association of Putnam County
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Karyn Oster at PutnamCountyFeis@gmail.com*

Thank you for your generous support of the Emerald Association and its members!