



## June 2022 Newsletter

### General Info:

Mail correspondence to:  
The Emerald Association of Putnam County  
P.O. Box 141  
Brewster, NY 10509  
[www.emeraldapc.com](http://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.  
June 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Farrell family on the sudden passing of Pat Farrell. Pat suffered a massive stroke Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and passed away peacefully Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Pat was one of our founding members. Many of you may remember him overseeing the kitchen every year at our Feis. Pat relocated to Boynton Beach, FL after retirement and in recent years penned his "Florida Report" for our monthly newsletter. He liked reminiscing and jotting down a bit of history about our organization for all to read. Rest in Peace Pat. Thank you for your contribution to our organization. You will be missed by all.

- Congratulations to our newly elected Board Members taking office in September:

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

**Membership Secretary:** Declan Sheeran; **Board:** Mickey Tierney and Kerry DeSandre.

Thank you for volunteering your time to our organization and to Nominating Committee Chairperson, Mary Reamer and Co-chair Jim Dolan for presenting the slate of candidates.

## 40<sup>th</sup> Feis:

- 507 dancers braved the 91-degree day to participate in various levels of competition. Thankfully all were well prepared for the heat and the day went off without a hitch! Congratulations to our Feis Honoree Dympna Zazzero. You are greatly appreciated for all you do for our organization. Special thank you to our Feis Chairperson Karyn Oster. All the pre-Feis preparations (there are way too many to list) and making sure everything runs smoothly the day of is not an easy task. We applaud you for your help in making it all look so easy. Thank you to our **Set-Up and Stage Construction team:** John Arceri, John & Bernadette Arceri, Tom Brady, Tim Hannon, Padder Kenny, John Molloy, Cliff Oster, John Reilly and sons Brian and Sean, John Shanley. Without you there would be no kitchen or stages put together and taken apart!

Thank you to our committee members:

**Feis Marshal:** John Glynn

**Adjudicators/Musicians:** Kerry Kelly-Oster;

**Awards/Trophies:** Mary Thorne, Teresa Foley, Ruth Reilly, Maureen O'Connor, Cliff Oster, Anthony Ruiz, Leah Tierney, Mickey Tierney, Michelle Zazzero, Nicole Zazzero

**Entries:** Nuala Donnelly, Chris McDowell, Lisa Scully

**Financial Secretary:** Margaret O'Reilly

**Kitchen Staff:** Catherine Cioffi, Bernie Cummins, Kerry DeSandre, Mary Dolan, Tim Hannon, Geraldine & Tara Keegan, Pauline Killean, John Molloy, Mary Reamer, John Reilly, John Shanley, John Simpson, Christopher & Paul Zazzero

**Hospitality:** Kerry DeSandre, Jen Kelly

**Marshal of Grounds:** John Simpson

**Parking:** Bernie Cummins, Jim Dolan, John Molloy

**Publicity:** Karyn Oster

**Stage Schedule/Workers:** Karyn Oster, Liam Kelly, Members of the Kelly-Oster School of Irish Dance, and the Clan na hEireann School of Irish Dance

**Vendors:** Beth and Rita Carey

And lastly to Putnam County Memorial Park for providing the greatest space for an outdoor Feis!

## Feis Sponsorship & Advertising

Thank you to the following who sponsored stages or donated to the Feis:

John & Mary Callaghan, Clark Funeral Home, Nuala Donnelly & Rosaleen Furey, John Glynn, Maeve Griffin, Geraldine & Tara Keegan, Maurice & Teresa Foley, John & Michelle Molloy, WestPut Setanta Gaelic Football Club. Your support helped defray Feis expenses.

## Relay for Life – Saturday, June 11th

See attached information regarding the Annual Relay for Life event to be held at the Patterson Fire Department. Become a Sponsor at any level for a great cause.

## 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:

We would like to have all members paid up through 2021 before our June membership meeting. If you are unsure if you owe dues, please contact Bernie Cummins at [berncummins@yahoo.com](mailto: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, etc...) that you would like included in the newsletter, please contact John Molly at [jgmpe@optonline.net](mailto:jgmpe@optonline.net).



-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 Father's Day!

Have a Happy and Safe Summer!



See you at our next General Membership Meeting  
Friday, September 9, 2022

## June 2022 Florida Report

Greetings Emerald People,

Welcome to June, the month where flocks of pretty lambs, are skipping by their fleecy dams and the Emerald Association goes into hibernation for a few months. Since the Feis is still in the veins of the dedicated members, I thought that I would go back in history and briefly describe our first Feis. I am well aware that very few of our current membership were members or participated in the festivities. It was a long time ago and most of the members at that time have gone to that beautiful home in the sky.

Our first Feis was held at Smoyer's field in the town of Kent. It was located on Route 52 and next to Kent Elementary school. It probably is no longer a field, more than likely it is a housing development now. I have not been around there in a number of years so I have no up to dated knowledge.

The first item on the agenda was to cut the grass and there was a lot of it to cut. This was accomplished by Johnny Mulvihill who was John's son. May they both Rest in Peace. Next was bury cable for electricity and sound. I don't remember who did this but I know John Mulvihill was there to guide. I will now digress for a while to talk about the stages. You must remember that the Emerald Association had no stages at that time. It so happened that the United Irish Counties just had their Feis and the stages had to be picked up down in Yonkers and brought to Putnam County. Again, my memory fails me and outside of Eddie Burke (RIP), I don't know who else was involved, the truck broke down on I-684 and it was around 11PM when they arrived at Ed, Kelly's Pub in Brewster, it was there that the stages were to be stored until our Feis date. The stages were rather unique, they were built on a frame and were rather rickety. The stages were restored to their former beauty by our carpenters after they were transported to Smoyer's field.

Now back to Smoyer's Field where the preparation work continued. The work revolved around the carpenters who had some buildings to build and for the life of me I don't remember all who were involved. I do know that Tim Sullivan, Mike Hartney, Eddie Burke, Terry Greenan and Mike Diggin were part of the team. Most of them are long gone. May they all Rest in Peace. If anyone knows of others, please let me know. They were all great people and deserve to be recognized. Since we were all new to each other at that time, we did not know each other., plus the fact that it was long time ago. At our first Feis, we had a pub. I know Ed Kelly RIP was in charge. I don't know if we made any money, but we never had one again. Also, at our first Feis, we had a gift shop, I built it at the back of John Mulvihill's house. It folded and was attached with hinges; it lasted a couple of years and that was the end of us having a gift shop.

To the best of my knowledge, the day's activities went smoothly. We had one complaint from an old geezer from New York City who had a house next to Smoyer's field. He complained about the speakers. John Mulvihill turned them down a little to appease him.

The clean-up work next day was done by Ed Connors, Pat Boyle, John Feerick, John Mulvihill and possibly some others. Of course, all mentioned are dead now, but they were great people who were in the waning stages of their lives back then. May they all Rest in Peace.

As of this writing the iguana problem seems to be a work in progress. At the HOA meeting the other night, it was announced that nine were captured. I know my four are still alive and well. Unless they captured them in the other lake, I don't have a clue where they found them.

The Cinco de Mayo affair turned out nice. We had Tacos and Mexican music.

The Kentucky Derby affair also was very nice and well attended. I broke even with my betting.

After writing the above about our first Feis, I realized that we have no written history that I know of. That is unfortunate. As the few of us that were there from the beginning will not be around forever. There will be nothing available to inform future members of our beginnings. When we started out, we had a historian by the name of Tim Hooten and his wife Eileen, I am not sure of Mr. Hooten's first name. Owen Farrell might remember. They lasted a couple of years, dropped out and that was the end of our historian. I don't know if they left any notes. Maybe Margaret O'Reilly might know.

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer and hopefully all will be still around come September.

Slainte and God Bless.

Pat Farrell.

***Surreal to read Pat's final words.***  
***REST IN PEACE. YOU WILL BE MISSED!***



Dear Community Member,

On behalf of the American Cancer Society, thank you for being part of our lifesaving mission this year.

In 2021, we worked to restore and reenergize the programs, resources, and events that are the foundation of who we are. From ensuring COVID-safe patient programs and events to making continued investments in cancer research and more, we have reemerged from recent challenges stronger than ever and remain even more committed to the fight against cancer.

We're excited to have reopened our Hope Lodge® program in all markets this year, offering lodging to people facing cancer and their caregivers. We look forward to expanding Road To Recovery to other communities in 2022. We are currently implementing COVID-19 safety precautions and testing new technology in a limited number of communities. Cancer.org continues to be a vital resource for people impacted by cancer, and our 24/7 helpline (1-800-227-2345) ensures there's always someone available with answers and support.

On the discovery front, we continued our investment in a cancer-free future with \$395 million in research grants to find new ways to prevent, find, and treat cancer, as well as help improve the quality of life for people living with cancer. Our Diversity in Cancer Research Program welcomed new perspectives into the field to improve diversity and inclusion and ensure better outcomes for people with cancer.

Finally, our advocacy work through the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network<sup>SM</sup> saw many wins this year. To date, ACS CAN protected critical Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program funding in 33 states and helped increased funding in 6 states, which provided access to breast and cervical cancer screenings to people who cannot afford them. We were also pleased with the passage of the American Rescue Plan, which expanded access to health care coverage to more Americans, including cancer patients and survivors, who may have lost their insurance due to the pandemic.

As we look ahead to 2022, we continue to rely on the strength and backing of supporters like you. We value your continued partnership and generous commitment to our mission, and we look forward to another year of standing with you in the fight.

On Saturday, June 11, 2022, our community will come together at the Relay For Life of Patterson and collectively work toward defeating cancer. We are excited to be back in person at the Patterson Fire Department! We would be honored to have your business join this year's event as a sponsor.

Gratefully,

Kate Corsitto

ACS Community Development Manager

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## Relay For Life of Patterson Partnership Opportunities June 11, 2022 – Patterson Fire Department

Be a proud Relay For Life sponsor. Create a window display. Mention Relay on social media. Create a fundraiser at your business. Put out a donation bucket. Form a Relay For Life team.  
**Let your customers know that your business is fighting cancer in your community.**

**\$10,000 Presenting Sponsor:** ALL Purple Sponsor benefits PLUS special recognition in all event communications, including event website that event is “presented by” your business. Opportunity to create a unique business landing page attached to our event website and a social media campaign specific to your business’ reason why you Relay.

**\$7,500 Purple Sponsor:** ALL Cure Sponsor benefits PLUS ACS printed co-branded banner, sponsor recognition press release announcing partnership, company kickoff, and day of event speaking opportunity to address event attendees about partnership and the reason why your business Relays.

**\$5,000 Cure Sponsor:** Your logo on event banner. Co-branded banner with company’s logo displayed at event with exposure to all attendees. Your company’s logo displayed on 5ft Purple Ribbon and 2 Company Logo Track Signs. Company logo on day of event advertising. Recognition in event press releases. Company sponsorship announcements during event. Logo on home page of event website. Company sponsorship announcement on our social media pages with opportunity to sponsor a co-branded mission social campaign created in partnership with your ACS staff partner.

**\$2,500 Hope Sponsor:** Your logo on event banner. Your Company logo displayed at the event on 5 ft purple Ribbon and 2 Company Logo Track Signs. Company sponsorship announcement during event. Company listing on day of event advertising. Your company provided banner displayed at the event. Company logo on home page of event website. Company sponsorship announcement on our social media pages with opportunity to sponsor 1 co-branded Mission Monday post.

**\$1,000 Fight Back Sponsor:** Your business’ name on event banner. Business Name listing on sponsor page of event website. Company sponsorship announcement during event. Your company provided banner displayed at the event with opportunity to host a table. 2 Company Logo Track Signs. Company sponsorship announcement on our social media pages.

**\$500 Remember Sponsor:** Company sponsorship announcement during event. 1 Company Logo Track Signs. Name listing on sponsor page of event website. Company sponsorship announcement on our social media pages

**\$250 Celebrate Sponsor:** Company sponsorship announcement during event. 1 Company Logo Track Sign. Company listed as sponsor on our social media pages.

**\$100 Day of Event Track Sign:** 1 Company Logo Track Sign: Logo will be displayed around our track.

**In-Kind Sponsor:** Do you have services or goods our event needs to make it a great experience? Let us know! Sponsorship benefits will depend on the in-kind donation.

Visit our event website: [relayforlife.org/pattersonny](https://relayforlife.org/pattersonny)

For more information please contact:

Kate Corsitto

American Cancer Society Staff Partner

[Kate.Corsitto@cancer.org](mailto:Kate.Corsitto@cancer.org) or 845-590-1035

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted how the American Cancer Society safely conducts Relay For Life and other event experiences in your community. In the event that ACS is unable to deliver any of the benefits above due to alterations for public safety, comparable benefit substitutions will be made.

## Additional Partnership Opportunities:

### Survivor Sponsor: \$3000

- Co-branded banner with company's logo displayed at the Survivor Tent.
- Company sponsorship announcement on our social media pages as the Survivor Sponsor with opportunity to record a video expressing your business' Why You Relay.
- Your company's logo displayed on 5ft Purple Ribbon.
- Your logo on event banner as the Survivor Sponsor.
- Company logo on day of event advertising.
- Recognition in event press releases.
- Company sponsorship announcements during event.
- Logo on home page of event website.

### Get Screened Tent/Area Sponsor: \$1000

- Business logo on the Get Screened banner at our event
- Table in our Get Screened Tent/Area at Relay
- Opportunity to schedule appointments for attendees at your locations for their regular cancer screenings





# Relay For Life of Patterson 2022 Sponsorship Commitment Form

Business name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone number (business): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Website: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMITMENT LEVEL

- \$10,000 – Presenting
- \$7,500 – Purple
- Other Opportunity \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \$5,000 – Cure
- \$2,500 – Hope
- \$1,000 – Fight Back
- \$500 – Remember
- \$250 – Celebrate
- \$100 – Day Of Event Track Sign

## METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Enclosed is my sponsorship check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Charge my credit card (please print clearly).
    - Card Type:       VISA       MasterCard       Discover       AMEX
    - Cardholder's name: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Billing address: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security code: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pay by electronic funds transfer. *(Reach out to [kate.Corsitto@cancer.org](mailto:kate.Corsitto@cancer.org) to set up payment.)*
  - Please send invoice to: \_\_\_\_\_
- We are unable to be a designated Relay For Life sponsor this year, but enclosed is our donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsor signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please sign and retain a copy for your records.)**

Please email an **EPS logo and JPG logo** to [kate.Corsitto@cancer.org](mailto:kate.Corsitto@cancer.org) by **5/15/2022** to ensure high-quality printing. If an .eps file is not available, please send highest quality available. Note, submitting a low-resolution logo may require signage to be printed in text in order to maintain quality.

**Please note:** The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted how the American Cancer Society safely conducts Relay For Life and other event experiences in your community. In the event that ACS is unable to deliver any of the benefits above due to alterations for public safety, comparable benefit substitutions will be made.

**Please email a copy of this form to [kate.Corsitto@cancer.org](mailto:kate.Corsitto@cancer.org)**

**Payments can either be picked up at your location or alternate arrangements can be made. Please reach out to Kate to discuss**

Name of team or individual to be credited with this Sponsorship:

\_\_\_\_\_  Not Applicable

RelayForLife.org | 1.800.227.2345

The American Cancer Society cares about your privacy and protects how we use your information. To view our full privacy policy or if you have any questions, please visit us at [cancer.org](http://cancer.org) and click on the "privacy" link at the bottom of the page or call us anytime at 1-800-227-2345.

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# Relay for Life of Patterson

Saturday, June 11 | 3PM to 10PM

Patterson Fire Department,  
13 Burdick Road, Patterson, NY



Beginning at 3PM with an opening ceremony and ending at 10PM, this fundraising event includes a silent auction, food, DJ, contests, games and more!

*Come walk with us in our fight against cancer!*

**Everyone is welcome!**

For more information, email Kate Corsitto at [kate.corsitto@cancer.org](mailto:kate.corsitto@cancer.org)

