



September 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. September 8th, October 14th, **November 11th (meeting will begin at 7pm)** December 9th, January 13, 2023, February 10th, March 10th, April 14th, May 12th, June 9th. Doors open at 7:15pm – meeting starts at 8pm. **note time change for November meeting!*

Executive Board:

President: John Shanley 845.590.3052 Past President: Nuala Donnelly 845.494.9460 Vice President: John Molloy 914.438.9384 Treasurer: Margaret O'Reilly 845.225.7375 Correspondence Secretary: Dympna Zazzero 845.278.8271 Recording Secretary: Mary Reamer Membership Secretary: Declan Sheeran: 845.661.7527

Board Members:

Kerry Desandre; Jim Dolan; John Glynn; Pauline Killean; Mary Thorne; Mickey Tierney

Member News:

Welcome Back!

A special Thank you to our outgoing President, Nuala Donnelly, but please note that she is now on the Executive Board as Past President. Thank you for your friendship and leadership Nuala!

Thank you to our outgoing Board Members Mary Reamer and Declan Sheeran, who have moved up to the Executive Board, where their presence is sure to be felt.

Thank you also to outgoing Membership Secretary Bernie Cummins, who brought so many new members to us and whose service is still appreciated. Welcome to our new Board Members, Kerry Desandre and Mickey Tierney, who bring energy and commitment to their new roles.

To one and all, we appreciate you volunteering your time to our organization. We are all better off for your presence.

I hope to have our newsletter published during the first week of each month. With the kind consent of the Board, beginning with the October newsletter, we will include a profile of the various other Irish cultural organizations in our community and we will share this newsletter with their members. One hand washes the other and together they wash the face. All of the members of these brother organizations share values and the dedication to Irish culture. Hopefully, by expanding this newsletter and the information about all of the organizations we will make each organization stronger.



On the 21st Anniversary of September 11th, we keep in your thoughts and prayers those who lost their lives and those that worked tirelessly at the sites. We would like to share Eamon Cummins' speech from the 9-11 Memorial Service held in Carmel Sunday, September 11th. <u>September 11th Candle Light Vigil Putnam County Government, New York - YouTube</u>

Condolences

Kathleen McManus shared the passing of one of our members: Mary Barrett. Mary, a native of Mayo and former resident of Carmel and Yonkers, passed away in mid-August 2022 at Salem Hills Nursing Home in Purdy's NY at the age of 82 years old. She was beloved by the Mulvihill family as she provided in-home personal care and assistance to Kathleen Mulvihill for nearly a decade.

Mary would attend Emerald meetings, if not with the Mulvihill's, then usually with her best friend Mae Rowlette, and thoroughly enjoyed going to the Emerald dances.

Kathleen and her sister Trisha are organizing a memorial for Mary for sometime in October. We will let you know details once they are confirmed.

Fall Social

Save-the-Date: Friday, November 11th

The second annual Fall Social will immediately follow our General Membership meeting on November 11, 2022. The meeting will begin early at 7:00 PM and the meeting will be somewhat abbreviated. Immediately following that meeting we will welcome an Irish Band whose name will not be disclosed until the October newsletter.

Music and dancing is expected to begin at 7:30 PM and last until to 11:00 PM or until the police tell us to stop, whichever comes first! Refreshments will be served, but please feel free to bring something from home. This year we are also opening the doors to the friends and relatives of our members. A modest admission of \$10.00 will be collected to help to defray the cost.

Emerald Association Scholarship 2023

2023 Scholarship applications will be available at our monthly meetings through March. It will also posted on our website. Applications are due no later than March 11th with scholarships awarded April 14th. Please refer to the application for qualification 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 . Comments or suggestions are always welcome.

Dues:

If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Declan Sheeran at <u>dsheeran62@yahoo.com</u>. Dues are \$30 per Family; \$20 per Individual.

Other:

All Emerald Association members are invited to help ensure the future of the organization by telling family members, friends, co-workers, etc.... about the events, comradery, fellowship and raucous good times enjoyed by all in our presence! Especially in difficult times, people with similar values and backgrounds seek comfort in the company of similar souls. A new friend is simply a stranger that you have not met yet.

On that same note, please send an email to John Molloy at jgmpc@optonline.net with any suggestions about expanding the newsletter to other organizations. In October I hope to profile West Put Setanta and expand the newsletter to their members. Future newsletters will hopefully profile the Northern Westchester Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee; The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in the County of Putnam; our neighbor Emerald Association in Danbury and all of the organizations who are recommended by the members of all of these various organizations.

Announcing births, deaths, marriages and other milestones in the newsletter will also help to expand its audience. Volunteers are hereby solicited for columns such as Irish Sports, Irish history, etc. What would you like to see in the newsletter? Please email information about members' life events to John Molloy.



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