



2022

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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.

October 14th, **November 12th (meeting will begin at 6:30 pm)** 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 date and time change for November meeting!*

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

Member News:

Congratulations to Geraldine Keegan on her daughter Jaclyn's wedding this past weekend!

Everyone should rest assured that the board is actively planning for the 2023 Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Dance. The date, time, location, cost and the name of the band will be published in future newsletters as that information is firmed up.

Likewise, the picnic for 2023 is being planned. The picnic was very well attended this past August and we hope to increase the turn-out next year.

Fall Social

Save-the-Date: Saturday, November 12th

In the September newsletter we announced a different date for the Fall Social, but Sharon and her Band were not available on that date. Now, on Saturday November 12, 2022 the General Membership meeting which would have taken place on Friday evening, will take place, beginning at 6:30 PM. Immediately following the General Membership meeting we will welcome Sharon and her Band, which were so well received at the 2021 Fall Social.

Music and dancing are expected to begin at 7:30 PM and last until 11:00 PM or until the police tell us to stop, whichever comes first! Lite 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.

Like the other events during the year, it is expected that the Fall Social will become a tradition for as long as attendance warrants. Support the Association and enjoy yourself by attending as many events each year as your social calendar will permit.

Fellow Organization of the Month – WestPut Setanta

We live in difficult times, when forces seem to be causing divisions in society, for uncertain reasons. Speaking for myself, I can unreservedly say that being part of The Emerald Association has brought me a certain amount of comfort. Being with people of similar backgrounds, whether born here or there, with people of similar values and similar cultural history, makes some of life's changes somewhat more palatable.

There are several other Irish cultural organizations with members much like ourselves, right in our own community. Many Emeralds are members of some of these other organizations. This month I would like to describe the mission of the WestPut Setanta Gaelic Football Club. Following is a short profile provided by Michael O'Connor, parent and current President:

“WestPut Setanta is a Gaelic Football Club that serves Westchester and Putnam Counties. Through Gaelic football, children and their families are provided with the opportunity to promote Irish culture through the traditional sport of the GAA. WestPut Setanta offers training, tournaments and games for children ages 5-17 as well as our women's and men's teams.

This summer was a busy one for WestPut! In July and August, we had members travel to compete in tournaments in both Philadelphia and Chicago. While we play competitive fall and spring seasons, we also host a traditional cul camp each summer. In July we served over 80 players, ages 5-14, at our cul camp hosted in Yorktown Heights, New York. Lastly, we are proud to say that this summer, six Setanta girls, age 15, had the opportunity to represent New York in Ireland, being the first ever American team to win a Division 1 Feile Final.

Our fall season is in full swing with practice and games being played throughout the week and weekend. We are always looking for new members so come check us out”.

Like the Emerald Association, WestPut Setanta is a sponsoring organization of the Northern Westchester Putnam St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Matt Kelleher is the WestPut parade committee representative. Matt is very active in helping to put the parade together and every year the WestPuts bring a large contingent of parents and adorable Irish American children.

SOCIAL Scholarship 2023

In a future newsletter we will see a profile of SOCIAL – The Society of Irish American Lawyers, however, I do not want to wait to publicize the fact that SOCIAL is now accepting applications for their annual \$2,000 scholarship, open to current high school Juniors and Seniors, and those who graduated in 2022 and deferred admission to a post high school educational institution for a year.

Applicants must be of Irish descent and must live in the Ninth Judicial District (Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Orange and Rockland). Applications must be submitted no later than December 1, 2022. Applications can be obtained by emailing John Molloy at JGMPC@Optonline.net. The scholarship will be awarded in March at SOCIAL’s annual event.

SOCIAL became a sponsor of the Northern Westchester Putnam St. Patrick’s Day Parade in 2022. They had a small, but very attractive marching group in 2022 and the size of their contingent is expected to increase geometrically in next year’s parade.

Emerald Association Scholarship 2023

2023 Scholarship applications will be available at our monthly meetings through March. It is 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 to Nuala Donnelly or Lisa Scully. Comments or suggestions are always welcome.

Dues:

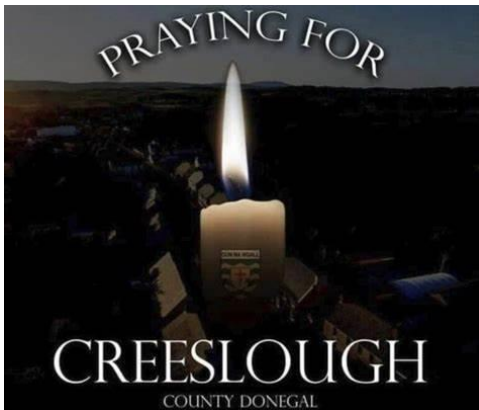
If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Declan Sheeran at dsheeran62@yahoo.com. Dues are \$30 per Family; \$20 per Individual.

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 jgmipc@optonline.net with any suggestions about expanding the newsletter to other 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?

Remember, we are an Association, where like-minded people, of Irish background, no matter how recent or remote, living in an around Putnam County, associate with each other. We are not an "Organization" since to organize something is to separate it into small groups. When you organize your sock drawer you separate the black socks, the white socks, the plain socks and the argyle socks into individual groups. We are not about dividing people and, God knows, the Irish have been divided into opposing factions by their enemies all too often in history.



Please keep all families and friends of this tragedy in your thoughts and prayers.

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