



January 2023 Newsletter

General Info:

Mail correspondence to:
The Emerald Association of Putnam County
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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.
Next meeting: February 10th, March 10th, April 14th, May 12th, June 9th.
Doors open at 7:15pm – meeting starts at 8pm.

Executive Board:

President: John Shanley 845.590.3052
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Board Members:

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

Member News:

Members are encouraged to submit news of births, deaths, marriages, et al to John Molloy by telephone to (914) 485-1241 or by text to (914) 438-9384 or by email to jgmpc@optonline.net or by mail to 11 October Lane, Mahopac, NY 10541.

Unfortunately, there is no member news to report this month.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE NEWS:

The St. Patrick's Day Parade for 2023 will be on March 12, 2023. Step off time is 2:00 PM. (Please remember that on March 12, 2023, at 2:00 AM the clocks are moved forward by one hour to commence Daylight Savings Time.)

There are seven parade sponsoring organizations, plus the Parade Committee itself. Each year one of these eight organizations has the responsibility of appointing the Grand Marshal of the parade. This year that honor went to the Northern Westchester Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

The 2023 Grand Marshal is Patrick O'Malley. The choice has been overwhelmingly applauded. It should be noted that Patrick O'Malley's Grandfather was one of the founding members of the Northern Westchester Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade, and its first Grand Marshal.

The installation of the Grand Marshal will be on February 3, 2023, at Centennial Golf Club, Simpson Road, Carmel. The doors open at 6:00 PM. The cost is a modest \$50.00 per person with a buffet dinner included. The Grand Marshal installation dinner in Putnam is the unofficial opening of the St. Patrick's Day season for the United States of America.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

The 2023 Emerald Association St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance will be on March 25, 2023, beginning at 6:00 pm. The location is Tilly's Table, Route 312, Brewster. The Emerald of the Year will be Catherine Cioffi. See flyer with more information.

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.

Member News Hotline:

Our newsletter competes for your attention with television news; newspapers; Facebook; emails and countless other media, so to raise the level of the quality of our Newsletter we have set up an electronic hotline at jgmpc@optonline.net. Please submit all birth, death, marriage, social events, and other news which our members should hear about. Don't think that someone else may submit the tid-bit, so you don't have to. You may be the only person who has heard about something, and you should not keep it to yourself.

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.

Feis 2023:

On Sunday, May 21, 2023, the annual Feis will take place at Putnam Veteran's Park, but that is just the date for the music and dancing. The work to set up the stages, kitchen, trophy area, picnic tables, etc takes place in the days before the Feis. After the Feis is over, the stages and everything else that was set up needs to be taken down.

Beginning on Thursday May 18, 2023, volunteers are needed to transport tons of plywood from the trailer to the stage areas. On Saturday May 20th, starting at 8:00 AM we need 15 or 20 volunteers to drive screws into plywood with a screw gun. People with no experience will be taught. Please recruit any able bodied teenage young men for a day of "on the job" training.

On the day of the Feis, we need volunteers for a wide range of tasks. Please come to the Feis meeting following the January General Membership meeting and sign up for something interesting.

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 the same mission from a different perspective, members are asked to regularly don their thinking caps to come up with creative ways to increase membership. For example, opening our doors to non-members at the Fall Social was a great way to show people how great some of us dance and how gregarious all of us are. The Emeralds will survive only by continuing to add members.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE FUNDRAISER

As you likely realize, it costs a substantial amount of money to stage the Putnam Northern Westchester St. Patrick's Day parade each year. All the work is done by volunteers. There are eight members of the parade committee and seven sponsoring organizations. The sponsoring organizations pay dues and money is raised in a number of creative ways each year, but I would like to bring to the community's attention that Dana and Danny at Fiddlers Green Pub are extremely generous with their time and money. Fiddlers Green helps many Irish organizations in our community and the community's loyalty to Fiddlers Green is well known and well deserved.

On Sunday February 19, 2023, Fiddlers Green will be holding what promises to be a raucous good time, judging from the same event last year. In 2022 Fiddlers Green hosted a fundraiser for the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and the place was packed with smiling, friendly people from wall to wall.

This year, beginning at 5:00 PM on February 19, 2023, there will be live music, both trad and contemporary; raffles; adult beverages; 50/50 drawings; wholesome food and a great deal of comradery. All are invited and a great time is guaranteed. Once again, Dana and Danny have come through with a greatly appreciated helping hand.

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845-743-1234 Rich,Anthony,Tom

The Emerald Association of Putnam County
46th St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Tilly's Table

At Tilly Foster Farm

100 Route 312, Brewster, NY

Music provided by The Susan & Gerard Band
Irish Step Dancers will perform

Doors open at 6pm; Appetizers served from 6pm-7pm;
Buffet Dinner from 7pm-8pm; Dancing from 7pm-11pm

The Emerald Association will honor
Catherine Cioffi
as "Emerald of the Year"

\$80 per person

(Includes: appetizers, buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda, coffee, tea,
Irish soda bread and assorted desserts)

For reservations & info contact:

Dympna Zazzero - Chairperson

845-278-8271

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RSVP deadline March 15, 2023

