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A big “thank you” to Maurice Grondin and his family and friends for hosting the June social at his home. Prime steaks, salads, side dishes, and truly decadent desserts were enjoyed by a large group of happy Emeralds. That and the ample bar brought smiles and old stories from the assembled members. All washed down by a wide variety of drinks menu. Special thanks also to Maurice’s son and daughter who pitched in to make it a smooth-running success.

Maurice made sure that everybody had a good time and that we all knew the name and the mission of his special charitable organization, “We Love Kids.”

A repeat of a great social is about to occur!

On Wednesday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. we’ll convene at Restaurant St. Michel, 2135 Ponce de Leon, Coral Gables. Those of us who attended the last social at this little gem of a spot recall the fabulous jazz trio and the dancing we enjoyed.

July 4th Celebration on Key Biscayne

A great time, and a hot one too, was had by all our Emeralds who participated in the traditional July 4th Parade on Key Biscayne. Many thanks to Billy and Carroll Cameron for providing us with pre-parade refreshments—a mini-breakfast to get us rolling. The Camerons also provided the candies that we passed out to the many young spectators along the route. Michael Guyer offered his spiffy convertible for those who chose not to walk the parade. Decked out in our green and white under the Emerald banner we added a touch of green to the red, white, and blue that we carried, Old Glory! Post-parade saw many retreat to the cool attractions and cooler libations of the Key Biscayne Yacht Club, courtesy of member, Tom Flynn.

We were joined by the Law Enforcement Emeralds, Sean Hayes, Tom Linehan, and their group. They designed a unique crowd-pleasing float in honor of our countrymen serving in Iraq. It was very moving and impressive. We salute them for their time and effort in making this great float.

An added note! We have been invited to attend the **Law Enforcement Emeralds' Annual Fall Picnic** on Saturday, September 13th. At C.B. Smith Park in Broward County (corner of Pines Blvd. and Flamingo Road). Keep that date open! It's a guaranteed fun day!

**"Summer time, and the living is easy!
Fish are jumping and the cotton is high!"**

It's vacation time again. No Board meeting, no social, no newsletter, no Cultural Sunday, no nothing in the dog days of August! Yes, yes, we know how sad you feel. What will you do without us? Just pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and head for the hills for a while. The next Board meeting is Thursday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Miami Yacht Club. Mark your calendar now. This will be your only notice. See you in September with a whole schedule of Emerald Fall happenings!

Poetry Corner

Each month the Shamrock News presents a poem by an Irish poet. Here's a summer treat—a poem by a native Floridian but with lots of Irish wit and humor from his Gaelic ancestors. Campbell McGrath is another award-winning poet who teaches in the creative writing program at Florida International University. Read more of his

work in his latest, Florida Poems, (New York: HarperCollins Publishers, Inc., 2002). Look out for his ode to Disney World in "Benediction for the Savior of Orlando!"

Maizel at Shorty's in Kendall

All shift them sugar donuts
**Been calling to me,
Calling to me something crazy in a voice
Dolly Parton'd be proud of—Maizel,
honey,
Eat us up! Like that.
Friendly, nice and sweet, all
Glazed up together in that box, as if they
was
Happy about being what they
Is, surely more than this
Jelly-junkie waitress hooked on
Krispy Kremes can say. Halve the moon.
Leave a frosted crescent for some other
girl.
Maizel, you ain't kidding
No one, honey.
Of a certainty you're gonna eat that
yourself,
Probably soon's you get these BB-Q
Ribs to them boys at table
Sixteen. Nice-looking boys, too.
These days we're getting the,
Uh, Cuban mostly,
Virtually all what you call Hispanic-
speaking.
White folks gone moved up to Broward
County, like my
Ex. Maizel, you shut
Your mouth about that man! Sweet Gee-
Zus, honey, ain't this ring of sugar gold
enough?**

Christmas Party Update

Tom Dunn, Chair of the Annual Christmas Party, is still looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of the party—Thursday, December 4, 2003 at the newly renovated Coral Gables Country Club. Andy Cooney and Noel Ginnity head the entertainment lineup. Tom needs help with tickets, raffle prizes, decorations, hosts and hostesses, etc. Contact him at trfdunn@prodigy.net or 954-989-5054.

Our sincere condolences to the Hartnett Family. Young Caroline Hartnett passed away last week. She was the granddaughter of member, William Hartnett. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

New Members

We extend a warm Irish welcome to our new member this month. We'll welcome you and "pin" you at our July Social!

Sean Hayden

Sponsored by Bill Gregory.

Bloomsday was Brilliant!

June 16, 2003, Bloomsday in Coral Gables was a huge success. A standing-room-only crowd gathered for readings from James Joyce's Ulysses at Books&Books.

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The Kerr boys, Oliver and Jim, were there in fine voice, supported by Carl Waisanen of Actor's Playhouse. Our sincere thanks to Mitch Kaplan, our host at Books&Books.

Following the readings, our fearless bagpiper, supported by Brian Kerr and his stalwart bodhran, led us forth from the bookstore, braving the stares of the uninitiated, down the block, around the corner, and into our safe haven, JohnMartin's Irish Pub and Restaurant.

Filled to overflowing we ate and drank in traditional Bloomsday fashion. The night ended with a recital of Molly Bloom's famous soliloquy by Janice McKay, and the singing of those "sweet, old songs" to send us on our way.

A special note of thanks to Raymond Santiago, Director, and the Friends of the Miami Dade Public Library for the posters, flyers, and commemorative bookmarks of the day. A warm salute to the genial proprietor of the establishment, Martin Lynch, for his sterling service in connection with this memorable day.

Look for a bigger and better celebration next year when we pull out all the stops for the 100th anniversary of Bloomsday, when Leopold Bloom first set out on his odyssey through Dublin's fair city.



