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Let's celebrate FALL!

We Emeralds are ready to celebrate the Florida "change of seasons". The cooler weather is upon us so come join us for a couple of cool ones on Wednesday, October 29, 2003 at 6:30 pm. We will celebrate with great "craic" at the Miami Springs Country Club located at 650 Curtis Parkway, Miami Springs – 305.805.5180. This will be a good time to welcome new members:

Christopher Vasallo

sponsored by Bill O'Brien and Dan Fitzgerald.

Nabil Salem as a Friend of the Emeralds

sponsored by Ed Cooke.

\*On a Membership Note, be sure that you have renewed your 2003-2004 membership dues. Membership runs from March to March, so check those checkbooks and be sure you're up-to-date....don't take the chance of being purged from the opportunity of receiving this exciting Emerald Society Newsletter!

BOARD MEETING

ALL MEMBERS are welcomed and encouraged to attend our monthly Board Meetings held at the Miami Yacht Club on Watson Island the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be on November 6, 2003. After the meeting we enjoy a libation in the moonlight by the Bay.

## POETRY COLUMN

Our esteemed Co-Editor, Oliver Kerr, the selector of the superb poems usually printed here, is on vacation in our beloved Ireland. The poetry column will resume in our November issue.

## CULTURAL SERIES

Many, many thanks to Joe and Barbara McManus for accepting the Chairmanship of our Irish Cultural Series. They will advise us as to future cultural events.

*OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2003 AT THE DADELAND MARRIOTT AT 6:00 PM. Authentic Irish entertainment including the famous Andy Cooney, comedian Noel Ginnitty, and their entourage. Look for your invitation in the mail shortly and get your reservations in early (as last year was a sell-out!) Contact Mary Ann Fierro for further information and details: 305.251.6208.*

## GET INVOLVED!

Plans are also in progress for the St. Patrick's Day Festival in March, 2004. Volunteers are graciously invited to help in the planning of both events. Planning Meetings are held every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the office of Jack Thompson located at 370 Minorca Ave., Suite #1, Coral Gables. Be sure to join your fellow Emeralds in these endeavors. Get involved!

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Beginning to think about Christmas and all those gifts? Billy Cameron has beautiful Emerald Society ties for sale at a very reasonable price. More Irish gifts may be found at: [www.shopirish.com](http://www.shopirish.com)  
[www.shopshannon.com](http://www.shopshannon.com).

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

A major revision of the Membership Committee is taking place. John Doherty is chairing this and hopes to incorporate innovative ideas for welcoming new Members in the spirit of "Cead Mile Failte". Any input is graciously accepted. Contact John at: 305.274.3858.

### \*\*\*EARLY ALERTS\*\*\*

\*The University of Miami James Joyce Literary Society will host "The 16<sup>th</sup> Irregular Joyce Birthday Conference" on January 29-31, 2004. Contact Ed Cooke at 305.576.8462 or Al Gravano at the University Department of English at 305.284.3140 for further information and/or registration.

\*The Miami Dade Public Library is sending some local librarians to Ireland to develop their story-telling techniques, and, in May, 2004, several Irish librarians will visit from Ireland to present programs in the Miami-Dade neighborhood libraries. Future information in forthcoming Newsletters.

**FREE FOR THE ASKING!!!!**

**Two Emerald green jackets!! Sizes 42 long and 48 long. Call: 305.576.8462. First come is the lucky one!**

**\*\*Editors' Note\*\***

**If you received a printed copy of this Newsletter, it's because we do not have your email address. If you have an email address, please advise us ASAP and thus save time and money in our distribution. An added bonus will be your ability to see the photos and pictures in color that we hope to add in future editions. The printed copies will be black and white only for now.**

**We welcome your comments, questions, literary submissions, and praises or complaints. Letters of praise will be framed and hung on the wall. Complaints? Well...**

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