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Celebrating Bloomsday 100th Anniversary

It's here already! Bloomsday 2004.

Join us in Coral Gables when we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Bloomsday. On June 16, 1904 Leopold Bloom and Stephen Dedalus set out on their epic journeys through Dublin, their adventures memorialized in James Joyce's immortal *Ulysses*. Our Bloomsday celebration will be expanded to a weeklong observance in recognition of the occasion. On the day itself, Wednesday June 16, there will be dramatic readings from the book at Books & Books with professional actors compliments of Actor's Playhouse. From there we will process with a piper and flags around the block to a literary Bloomsday feast at John Martins. The restaurant will offer a special menu but the regular menu items will also be available. After more music and songs we will end the day with an actress from the playhouse reading Molly Bloom's closing soliloquy to send you home to bed.

On the Saturday prior, June 12, join us at 10:00 a.m. for a full day of Joycean Rejoicing at the Coral Gables Branch Library, 3443 Segovia Street. There will be Irish dancers, Irish crafts, Irish cooking demonstrations, and, of course, some dramatic readings from *Ulysses*. Come in costume, 1900 to 1920s era! Prizes will be awarded! Children and families are welcome. The day will end at 3:00 p.m. with an afternoon tea social featuring Irish fiddler James Kelly.

Irish Cultural Series

The Cultural Series joins in the celebration with a light and lively introduction to James Joyce's masterpiece on Sunday, June 13 at 4:00 p.m., upstairs at John Martin's. Your editor,

**Oliver Kerr, will introduce
you to Stephen Dedalus,
Leopold and Molly Bloom,
Buck Mulligan, Blazes
Boylan and others in a talk
entitled “*Ulysses for
Dummies.*”**

July 4th Parade on Key Biscayne

Wear your green and white with a touch of the red, white, and blue as you march with your fellow Emeralds in the traditional July 4th parade on Crandon Boulevard. We will meet at the Key Biscayne Yacht Club, 180 Harbor Drive, not at St. Agnes, because of a conflict with Sunday masses. Turn right at the first traffic light in the Village of Key Biscayne (Harbor Drive) and proceed past St. Agnes and on down to the Yacht Club. Refreshments will be served. Try to get there by 9:00 as traffic on the Rickenbacker Causeway begins picking up at 8:30. Contact Billy Cameron or Tom Flynn for more information.

Poetry Corner

With our Bloomsday celebrations this month we bring you a poem by a contemporary of Joyce, Oliver St John Gogarty. Born in 1878, he was a surgeon, aviator and senator in the Irish Free State. He is the Buck Mulligan, featured in the opening chapter of Ulysses. He died in 1957.

Golden Stockings

Golden stockings you had on
In the meadow where you ran;
And your little knees together
Bobbed like pippins in the weather
When the breezes rush and fight
For those dimples of delight;
And they dance from the pursuit
And the leaf looks like the fruit.

I have many a sight in mind
That would last if I were blind;
Many verses I could write
That would bring me many a sight.
Now I only see but one,
See you running in the sun;
And the gold-dust coming up
From the trampled butter-cup.

Oliver St John Gogarty

Young Emeralds??

Why not? A planning meeting will be held at John Martins at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 13. Look for the flyer attached to this newsletter. Encourage young people (under 40 years) of Irish origin to come and chat about the possibility of setting up a group. This is just an exploratory meeting to gauge interest, and those attending will not be asked to make any commitments.

June Social at Place St. Michel

The June Social is a return visit to at Place St. Michel, 162 Alcazar, in Coral Gables. It is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23 at 6:00 p.m. Come and mingle with friends in the cozy setting provided by this wonderful old hotel.

Join us in welcoming our new members.

We continue to grow with a steady stream of new members. This month we welcome three.

1. Patricia Kelly sponsored by her daughter Judge Carroll Kelly.
2. Kathleen Flanigan Witte sponsored by Billy Cameron.
3. Frances Baboun sponsored by Marge Hartnett.

Welcome, ladies! Failte! We look forward to seeing you at the Bloomsday festivities and at the July 4th parade on Key Biscayne.

Christmas in Ireland Celebration

Can you believe that we are already half way to Christmas? Planning for the annual celebration is about to get under way. We will need volunteers for the various committees needed to make this event a success. For more information about how to get involved contact Jim Cooney at 305-665-8445.

Board Members Meeting

The monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Miami Yacht Club on Watson Island. Attendance of all Board members is expected. All Emerald members are invited to attend. Dinner and drinks, as usual, will be available. This is the last meeting before the summer. There is no meeting in August. See you on September 9 when the weather gets a little cooler.

Condolences to the Families and Friends of Deceased Members

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of member Bruce Myles who passed away last month. May he rest in peace!

Society is now officially not-for-profit

It's now official. The South Florida Emerald Society is at long last officially recognized by IRS as a 501©3 not for profit agency. It's taken a while but it's now official.

Now it is past time to renew your membership.

Please renew your membership now. We need your membership and active participation in our Celtic Corner here in South Florida. Don't delay. Renew now. Download the renewal form from the web site. Thanks!

Editors' Note

If you got a printed copy of this newsletter it's because we do not have your email address. If you have an email address please let us know. It will 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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**Are you Irish or part-Irish?
Are you under 40 years of age?
Interested in meeting other young people of
similar origin?**

**Then come to
John Martin's Restaurant and
Irish Pub
253 Miracle Mile
Coral Gables**

Sunday, June 13 at 3:00 p.m.

Stay for the Bloomsday talk at 4:00 if you like.

**This is an informal get together to chat about the
possibility of setting up a social group. There is no
hidden agenda, no commitments will be asked.
Just come, have a drink and see whether there is
enough interest in forming a group.**

**Pass this invitation along to any one who may be interested.
Information? Call Oliver Kerr at 305-662-6744.**