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Christmas in Ireland Celebration

The annual celebration returns to the Coral Gables Country Club this year. On Thursday, December 9, 2004 we will welcome the fabulous Highland Rovers to our town for a night of food, fun, frolic, and dancing. It will be a buffet dinner with a choice of entrees. Show starts at 8:00, cocktails at 6:30. Admission will be \$50. Look for your personal invitation in the mail shortly. We still need volunteers to help make this event the highlight of the season. Call Jim Cooney at 305-665-8445 if you can help in any way.

There are three great prizes for the raffle this year: \$1,000 in cash, a three- or four-day cruise on Carnival Cruise Lines, and a trip to a Caribbean island. Remember, if you're not in you can't win!

November Social at the new Michael Collins Grill

New member, Brian Eaton, has lined up an exciting evening at the new Michael Collins Grill at 1233 Lincoln Road in Miami Beach at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17. The restaurant is west of Alton Road. Free parking is available at Wachovia Bank at the corner of Lincoln and Alton Road. Drinks are two-for-one from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Take the McArthur Causeway (I-395) to Miami Beach. Stay in the left lane to exit left at Alton. Take Alton north to Lincoln Road (after 16th. Street). Take a left into the Wachovia parking lot just before Lincoln Road. If the lot is full, please park at the meters. Michael Collins, recently featured in the Miami Beach Sun Post, is on the north side of Lincoln just before West Avenue. Come and meet your fellow Emeralds. The holiday season is upon, so come on out for the evening.

Irish Cultural Series Meets in John Martins

Join us at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 9, 2005, upstairs at John Martin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 253 Miracle Mile in Coral Gables. The program will be a new departure for the Cultural Series—a staged, dramatic reading of a new play, “The Irish Divorce,” by Broward's Anna Mae Burke. This is a bittersweet Irish comedy set in the west of Ireland in the early 1990s. Jim, a musician, goes on a concert tour of the U.S. and falls in love. Maeve, his wife, who runs the family farm, agrees to his American divorce. Using the divorce settlement she makes a new life for herself until Jim returns and acts as if the divorce had never taken place. The surprise ending has delighted audiences. Don't miss this one!

At the October meeting, Professor Kathleen McCormick of FIU discussed Maria Edgeworth, an 18th century Irish author. It was a lovely presentation and well received by about a dozen Emeralds, including Karen and Tom Dunn, Billy Cameron, Dan Fitzgerald, Gloria and Ed Cooke. John and Dorothy Kane, Bob Lally, Oliver Kerr, and hosted by Joe and Barbara McManus.

Poetry Corner

Each month the Shamrock News presents a poem by an Irish poet. This month we give you yet another simple, well-loved street ballad. Last month we presented Patsy Fagan and promised to provide the music and lessons at the Cultural Series. Dan Fitzgerald beat us to the punch by showing up at Joe McManus's place and singing several verses from memory. Hats off to you, Dan, you're our man!

So here's another old street ballad or “Come-all-ys,” as my mother would call them. This one is by Johnny Patterson who was born in Feakle, County Clare in 1840. He was a well-known circus clown and in characteristic Irish fashion interspersed his clowning with sentimental songs, most of which he wrote himself. He was killed in Tralee in 1889 after a political meeting. We'll be singing it at the next Cultural Series.

The Garden where the Praties Grow

Have you ever been in love, my boys,
Or have you felt the pain?
I'd sooner be in jail myself
Than be in love again.
For the girl I love is beautiful,
I'd have you all to know.
And I met her in the garden
Where the praties grow.

She was just the sort of creature, boys,
That nature did intend
To walk right through the world, my boys,
Without the Grecian bend,
Nor did she wear a chignon,
I'd have you all to know
And I met her in the garden
Where the praties grow.

Says I “My pretty Kathleen,
I'm tired of single life.
And if you've no objection
Sure I'll make you my sweet wife.”
She answered my quite modestly,
And curtsied very low,
“O you're welcome to the garden
Where the praties grow.”

Says I “My pretty Kathleen,
I hope that you'll agree.”
She was not like your city girls
Who say you're making free.
Says she “I'll ax my parents
And tomorrow I'll let you know
If you meet me in the garden
Where the praties grow.”

O, the parents they consented,
And we're blessed with children three.
Two girls just like their mother
And a boy the image of me.
And now we're going to train them up
The way they ought to go,
For to dig out in the garden
Where the praties grow.

Johnny Patterson

JohnMartin's Restaurant and Irish Pub
and
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A Live Music Concert:

“Help for Haiti”

Tuesday, November 30, 7 p.m.
The Miracle Theatre
280 Miracle Mile

Featuring: Jazz, Blues, Rock, Haitian, Classical
and Spanish music

Ticket price: \$10

We are accepting donations of which 100% will go to
the Haitian post-hurricane relief effort. Please make
checks payable to Catholic Charities.

For more information call 305-445-3777.



Welcome New Member



A warm, cead mile Failte (100,000 welcomes) to
Thomas Logue, our only new member this

month. Thomas is an assistant County Attorney for Miami-Dade County and was sponsored by another County employee, Oliver Kerr.

St. Patrick's Festival Booklet

The printing of the St. Patrick's Festival booklet for 2005 will be up for bid. A spec sheet is being prepared. For further information contact Tom Dunn whose number is on the masthead.

Board Members

The Board will meet on Thursday, December 2, at the Miami Yacht Club to finalize plans for the Christmas party, approve new members, and other business.

Any member is welcome to attend. Attendance of all Board members is expected. Dinner and drinks, as usual, will be available. Stick around

after the meeting and enjoy good company by the water's edge under the stars.

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 and 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 submission of jokes, stories, old songs or wise sayings with an Irish flavor. Contact Mary Ann Fierro or Oliver Kerr.

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