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A Happy New Year to All Emeralds!
May 2005 be a year of happiness and prosperity
for you and your family and friends!

The wonderful holiday season is now just a happy memory and with the passage of Superbowl Sunday our thoughts will turn to St. Valentines Day, Springtime, and our annual celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The St. Patrick's Day Committee has been meeting weekly under the leadership of John Doherty to bring you a festival celebration that will outshine last year's memorable sunny day on Ponce Circle. John and his workers could use your help. To volunteer your time or talent, however insignificant, please call John at 305-274-3858 or dohertyjohn@bellsouth.net.

Festival Day is on Saturday, March 12 and we kick off our celebration at 12:00 noon in Fred Hartnett Park on Ponce Circle in Coral Gables, on Ponce de Leon Blvd., just south of Miracle Mile. The fun, food, and drink will be there until sunset.

January Social at the La Palma Restaurant in the Gables

Bill O'Brien brings us back to the wonderful old La Palma Restaurant in the Gables for the January Social. It's at 116 Alhambra Circle, telephone 305-445-8777. We will meet there at 6:30 p.m. on January 26, 2005 to relax, unwind and share our holiday stories. Here's a chance to enjoy a relaxing evening with your friends and to plan for the year ahead. We look forward to seeing you there. Why not bring a friend or potential new member?

Irish Cultural Series Meets in John Martin's

Join us at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 13, 2005, upstairs at John Martin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 253 Miracle Mile in Coral Gables. The program will be a talk by author Jim Cuddy who has written a great book about the many generations of the Cuddy family in America, far from the old home near McGillacuddy's Reeks in County Kerry. He will show you how you can write your own family history. Our author comes with a depth of experience and practical know-how. He will bring along copies of his own published work if you want to take a sample home.

By the way, were you among the 30-plus Emeralds who spent an enjoyable Sunday afternoon in January, listening to a staged reading of “The Irish Divorce,” by Broward’s Anna Mae Walsh Burke. This was a warmly received bittersweet Irish comedy set in the west of Ireland in the early 1990s.

The playwright, Anna Mae Walsh Burke, played a leading role, capably assisted by Jim Doan, her husband Robert Burke, David Sargeant, and several others. Among the Emeralds in attendance were Joe and Barbara McManus, Oliver and Mary Ann Kerr, Judi Sherry, Michael Guyer, Janice McKay, Rebecca Calvert, James and Sylvia Kyne, Claire Ma’dan, Billy Cameron, Bob Lally, Frances Baboun, Marge Hartnett, Bill and Linda Hartnett, Enid Miguez, Ed and Gloria Cooke, Dan Fitzgerald, and Michael O’Connor. Among the guests were Hans and Kathleen Foley Schmach of the Irish Peace Institute.

Poetry Corner

Each month the Shamrock News presents a poem by an Irish poet. This month we give an old song from the north of Ireland, which is certainly an Irish reworking of an earlier poem by Robert Burns, the bard of Scotland. We present it now in celebration of Burns’ birthday (January 25), which was celebrated in traditional fashion with a ceremonial dinner at John Martins on Saturday, January 22. Several Emeralds joined their Celtic brothers and sisters from Scotland in this celebration, complete with kilts, pipers, haggis, formal speeches, toasts, and some good old songs.

The Women are Worse than the Men

Anonymous

*A ballad usually known as Killyburn Brae.
It traduces women with a splendid lack of justice.
We’ll sing it for you at the next Cultural Series
meeting and teach you that wonderful chorus.*

Is it true that the women are worse than the men?

Right fol, right fol, tiddy fol lay.

Is it true that the women are worse than the men?

That they went down to hell and were thrown out again?

Second Chorus

With your right fol lol, tiddy fol lol,
Fol the dol lol the lol,
Lol the dol lay.

Now there was an old man lived at Killyburn
Braes
And he had a wife was the plague of his days.

The divil he came to the man at the plough,
Saying “One of your family I must take now,”

Said he “My good man, I’ve come for your wife,
For I hear she’s the plague and torment of your
life.”

So the divil he hoisted her up on his back,
And he landed at Hell’s half-door with a crack.

There were two little devils playing with chains,
So she upped with her stick and knocked out
their brains.

There were two other devils looking over the
wall.
They said, “Take her away or she’ll murder us
all.”

They were seven years going and nine coming
back,
And back to the old man hurried the pack.

Said he, “My good man, here’s your wife back
again,
For she wouldn’t be kept, not even in Hell!

Now I’ve been a divil the most of my life.
But I ne’er was in hell till I met with your wife.”

So it's true that the women are worse than the men,
For they went down to Hell and were threw out again.

Board Members

The Board will meet on Thursday, February 3, the day after Candlemas Day, at the Miami Yacht Club to move ahead with St. Patrick's Day plans and to attend to any 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.

In sympathy for Former Emerald President Nicholas P. Valeriani

Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas P. Valeriani, USA-Ret., passed away on January 5 in Danvers, MA, aged 81 years. He was a former president of the Emerald Society and chaired St. Patrick's Day Parades in Miami Beach and in Miami Springs. He served in the Miami Beach Police Department for 22 years, before retiring. He was cited countless times for his distinguished service in the community relations bureau, and nationally, for his work with the Police Athletic League. He was often recognized for his work in Miami on various fine arts boards, including the Coconut Grove Playhouse, and the Miami Opera Guild. Services in MA have been held, and will be followed by burial with Military Honors, on January 31st, with his late wife, at Arlington National Cemetery. His devoted services to our nation and his community were many and significant, and he will be long remembered. The Emerald Society extends sincere sympathy to his family and friends.

Troubled Images

Posters and Images of the Northern Ireland Conflict from the Linen Hall Library in Belfast will be presented at Nova Southeastern University, Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center. The exhibition displays political posters from both sides of the conflict that has afflicted Northern Ireland for more than 30 years. The 70 posters on view are part of the Linen Hall Library's collection of more than 3,000 posters acquired since 1969. They represent a wide variety of opinions on major events and individuals involved in the years of struggle and the burgeoning peace process.

The exhibition opens on Saturday, February 5, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. There is a reception at 5:00 p.m. The program series includes symposia, film screenings, author events for adults and children, and lectures and gallery talks throughout the six weeks that the exhibition will run. All events are free and open to the public. For further information visit www.nova.edu/library

The Miss Colleen Pageant

The Miss Colleen Pageant is open to all young ladies of Irish heritage. Entries are free and all entrants will be crowned as winners. For entry forms and more information please contact the Colleen Committee Chair, Marge H. Hartnett, at 305-666-8148. Photos will be taken in February and entry forms are due by February 15. Photos may be used in the 2005 Festival Souvenir Program Book.

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