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Bloomsday blooms again

It's here already! Bloomsday 2006! June 16 is a Friday this year, thank heavens. Join us then for our now annual celebration of James Joyce's famous novel, Ulysses. It is part of a worldwide celebration of that day, June 16, 1904, immortalized in the novel. On that date in 1904, Leopold Bloom and Stephen Dedalus set out on their epic, intertwined journeys through Dublin. The Lord Mayor of Coral Gables, Donald Slesnick, will present the official proclamation in the City Hall chambers at 10:00 a.m. Join us if you can.

The evening starts at Books & Books at 6:00 p.m. with dramatic readings from Ulysses, courtesy of actors from Actors Playhouse. Then we embark on our own little odyssey with flags and pipes and drums around the block to the Bloomsday feast in John Martins at 7:30 p.m. with still more songs and fun. It will indeed be a literary feast for all of your senses. Come on out and join us in a wacky and wonderful celebration of one of Ireland's literary legends. Like to help? Call Oliver Kerr at 305-251-6208.

We have happy memories of our Bloomsday celebrations over the past four years. We can guarantee you a memorable evening of literary and musical fun. And you can stay late and sing into the wee hours because you don't have to go to work the next day!

By the way, dig out your vintage duds for the occasion. Are there any old hats, waistcoats, or bow ties lurking in the back of your closet? Old walking sticks and anything that looks vaguely like early 20th century will do. That's part of the fun, boys and girls!

July 4th. Parade on Key Biscayne

The Emeralds have traditionally marched in Key Biscayne's wonderful small-town parade. We meet in the parking lot of St. Agnes Church. Drinks and light refreshments will be served. Wear green and white, and maybe a little red, white, and blue, too. Avoid delays by getting through the Rickenbacker tollbooth by 9:30 a.m. The parade begins at 11:00. Afterwards we are invited to the Key Biscayne Yacht Club courtesy of member Tom Flynn. We need a convertible to carry some of our older or disabled members. Call Carroll Cameron if you can help (305-232-2015). Lou Clark says that his antique fire engine will be ready and running.

June Social is at the Grand Bay

The June Social is at the **Mezzanine Bar at the Wyndham Grand Bay** in exciting Coconut Grove, 2669 Bayshore Drive, tel 305-858-9600. We will meet there at **6:30 on June 21**, the longest day of the year. Come on down to the Grove and help us celebrate the summer solstice.

July Board Meeting

The July Board meeting will be at the Miami Yacht Club on Watson Island on the McArthur Causeway on **Thursday, July 6, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.**

Attendance of all Board members is expected and members are welcome to attend. Just identify yourself as an Emerald at the entrance gate and you can enter.

Bloomsday Celebration at Coral Gables Library

On a rainy Saturday afternoon (June 3), a “soft day,” a small group of us gathered in the Coral Gables branch library to listen to the haunting old melodies of Ireland played by renowned fiddler, James Kelly. James’s music was a prelude to some readings from Ulysses and a wonderful afternoon tea with proper china, cookies, and homemade scones and Irish soda bread, fresh from Mary Ann’s kitchen. Our apologies for not giving you advance notice of this event. The library moved the date up a week. Next year we’ll let you know in good time.

Emerald Society Committees

1. **Membership**—Tom Lynch and Ann McShane
2. **Installation of Officers**—Janice McKay
3. **St. Patrick’s Festival**—Vacant
4. **Christmas in Ireland**—Pat Novak
5. **Celtic Cultural Series**—Vacant
6. **Newsletter**—Oliver and Mary Ann Kerr
7. **Nominating**—Joe McManus
8. **July 4th. Celebration**—Carroll Cameron
9. **Bloomsday**—Oliver Kerr
10. **Socials**—Bill O’Brien
11. **Public Relations**—John Kane and C.L. Conroy.

Poetry Corner

Each month the Shamrock News presents a poem by an Irish poet. This month we have selected a poem by Thomas Moore set to music by Sir John Stevenson, and woven into James Joyce’s Ulysses. In Ireland in the 1950s and 1960s it seemed that everyone could sing this song. Come to our Bloomsday celebration and we’ll lead you in a verse or two.

It’s also dedicated to our departed friend, Phil Gallagher, who loved to tell us of the “smiles, the tears, of boyhood’s years” in Miami Beach.

Oft in the Stilly Night

Oft in the stilly night,
Ere slumber’s chain hath bound me,
Fond memory brings the light
Of former days around me;
The smiles, the tears,
Of boyhood’s years,
The words of love then spoken;
The eyes that shone,
Now dimm’d and gone,
The cheerful hearts now broken!
Thus in the stilly night,
Ere slumber’s chain hath bound me,
Sad memory brings the light
Of other days around me.

When I remember all
The friends, so link’d together,
I’ve seen around me fall
Like leaves in wintry weather;
I feel like one,
Who treads alone
Some banquet-hall deserted,
Whose lights are fled,
Whose garlands dead,
And all but he departed!
Thus in the stilly night,
Ere slumber’s chain hath bound me,
Sad memory brings the light
Of other days around me.

Thomas Moore

Condolences

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of **board member Phil Gallagher** who passed away on June 1, 2006. Many Emerald members attended the wake and the funeral. He contributed greatly to the life of the Society. We will miss him dearly. A donation in his name is being made to the American Cancer Society.

Cards to Daughters of Irving Wolff

There will be a memorial service for Irving Wolff in the Miami area soon. Cards can be sent to his daughters, Darlene Wolff and Diana Wolff at 1184 Green Oak Lane, Port Charlotte, FL. 33945.

New Business Cards

New business cards have been purchased with the Emerald Society mission statement and contact numbers and a space for you to write in your name and contact number. These are intended to help you in recruiting new members to the society. They will be available for members at all of our future meetings and celebrations.

Help Wanted

The **Celtic Cultural Series** is looking for a Chairman and additional members for the coming year. The series operates on a monthly basis from November through June of each year. Interested? Call Joe McManus for more information.

The **Membership Committee** is looking for assistance with making phone calls and following up with member contacts. Call Tom Lynch or Ann McShane for additional information.

New Directory on the way

A new Directory of members is being prepared and will be mailed to all members. A new draft will be sent via email for your review. If you do not have email, check your current directory. Fax or email corrections to Carroll Cameron, 305-235-3439 or cameronc@bellsouth.net. If we do not hear from you we will assume that your entry is correct.

Emerald Green Jackets Available

Emerald green jackets for men are available from the J. C. Penney store at Sawgrass Mills in Broward County. They are competitively priced at \$40 and are available in a wide range of sizes. It is nice to have one for those formal occasions when gentlemen are expected to wear jackets.

The St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.

The St. Patrick's Day Committee is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organization affiliated with the South Florida Emerald Society, which, in turn, is a 501 (c) 7 organization in the IRS code. We are devoting a separate section of the newsletter to the activities conducted under the umbrella of this Committee.

At a meeting on April 24, 2006 new officers were elected as follows:

President	Carroll Cameron
V. President	Jon Lindeman
Secretary	Ann McShane
Treasurer	John Doherty

A number of assignments were made in preparation for next year's festival. More details on these will be available next month.

St. Patrick's Day Festival

A financial report on the past St. Patrick's Day Festival is still being prepared and should be available later this month. Next year's celebration will be on Saturday, March 10, 2007, the Saturday prior to St. Patrick's Day. The choice of this date will help us ensure that we continue to book the high quality musicians and entertainers that we have enjoyed in recent years

The Celtic Cultural Series Sixth Season

The Cultural Series is starting its seventh season of presenting Celtic Cultural Programs in Miami-Dade

County and looking for a chairperson and volunteers. Founded by Edward Cooke, a past-president of the South Florida Emerald Society, it has been directed most recently by member Joseph McManus, who has been elected President of the Emerald Society. We are looking for volunteers to help with the Celtic Cultural Series, which will kick off in October coming. Contact Joseph for more information (305-375-4907).

Installation Dinner was well attended

On May 23 at Parrot Jungle Island, all of the officers and directors of the Emerald were formally installed by Judge Dennis J. Murphy, Miami-Dade County Circuit Court, 11th Judicial Circuit before an audience of 65. New members received their Emerald pins and volunteers were recognized for their contributions. Dan Fitzgerald closed the evening with a sweet old Irish song. Our thanks go to Janice McKay and her committee for their hard work. If you are a new member who has not received you pin, please contact Ann McShane or Tom Lynch and they will make arrangements for you to be properly pinned.

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