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Installation Dinner

Join us for the festive dinner to mark the installation of new officers and directors at Parrot Jungle Island on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. Note that this is Tuesday night. You should have received your invitation in the mail by now. Reservations must be made by Friday, May 19 by mail or by calling Mary Ann Kerr at 305-251-6208. The price is \$35.00. Thank you, Janice McKay!

New members who joined over the past year will receive their official Emerald Society pins at the dinner. This is a wonderful occasion to meet old friends and to welcome new ones. Come on out and show your support for Joe McManus and his team, and to welcome lots of new members to our Irish community.

Bloomsday comes again

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. The celebration begins at Books & Books at 6:00 p.m. with dramatic readings 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 few years and we would love to have the same crowd of literary mavens out there again. We can't promise that you'll be featured on the front page of your Neighbors newspaper as happened last year but we can guarantee you a memorable evening of literary and musical fun. And you don't have to go to work 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 20<sup>th</sup> century will do. That's part of the fun, boys and girls! Mark your calendars now and look for more details next month.

## May Social is the Installation Dinner

The May Social is the Installation Dinner at Parrot Jungle Island (see above). Last month's social at the Miami Yacht Club (our first social there) was arranged by Bill O'Brien and was well attended. Members gathered at the waters edge and the lights of Miami were reflected in the bay water. It was a wonderful, romantic evening under a Miami moon. We'll surely do it again.

## June Board Meeting

The June Board meeting will be at the Miami Yacht Club on Watson Island on the McArthur Causeway on **Thursday, June 1, 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.

## 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.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 dedicate a beautiful poem by William Butler Yeats to the memory of our dear friend and Emerald board member, John Cosgrove, who passed away last month while traveling in Africa. We have made a donation to the American Cancer Society in his name.**

**John was an experienced traveler and a veteran travel writer. He was doing something he loved to do when the good Lord called him home. May he rest in peace and may the angels lead him into heaven. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to his wife and children, and to all his family and friends.**

### **The Lake Isle of Innisfree**

**I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,  
And a small cabin build there, of clay and  
wattles made;  
Nine bean rows will I have there, and a hive for  
the honey bee,  
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.**

**And I shall have some peace there, for peace  
comes dropping slow,  
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where  
the cricket sings;  
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a  
purple glow,  
And evening full of the linnet's wings.**

**I will arise and go now, for always night and day  
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the  
shore;  
While I stand on the roadway, or on the  
pavements gray,  
I hear it in the deep heart's core.**

**William Butler Yeats**

## **Pre-Bloomsday Tea at the Coral Gables Library**

The Coral Gables branch of the Miami-Dade Public Library will help us celebrate Bloomsday with a pre-Bloomsday celebration on the Saturday prior (June 10) topped off with a proper cup of tea. Look for more details here next month.

## **Condolences**

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of former **member Irving Wolff** who passed away recently. We have been unable to locate any contact numbers for Mr. Wolff. If you can help, please contact the editors.

## **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 introducing new members to the society. They will be available for members at all of our future meetings and celebrations.

## **New Directory on the way**

A new Directory of members is being prepared and will be mailed to all members. Check your entry in the current directory (you can find it on the website) and let us know if it needs updating. A new draft will be available on the website soon for your review.

## **July 4th. Celebration on Key Biscayne**

The Emeralds have traditionally marched in the Key Biscayne celebration of July 4<sup>th</sup>. We need a convertible (in reasonable condition) to carry some of our older or disabled members. Let us know if you can help.

## **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 in its sixth season of presenting Celtic Cultural Programs in Miami-Dade County. 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 September coming.

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