



November 2006
Samhain

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November Social : It is a Thursday This Time!

The Scoop is that the *November Social* is:

WHEN: November 16, 2006 at 6:30-? P.M. (Thursday)
WHERE: John Martin's
252 Miracle Mile
Coral Gables, FL
SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE DOWNSTAIRS – COME

Who was at the October Social

On October 13, 2006, Alina and Serre Murphy invited us to their Chinese Village home located in the City Beautiful On a *Friday* no less. Whatever happened to the last Wednesday – I think my circadian rhythm is beginning to be affected by all of this change. Now, I must admit that I attended without pen or pad, so this list may be totally in error – and if I left you out, it was only intentional. Among those in attendance were: **Bill O'Brien, Stu Robinson [winner of the longest drive award], John Doherty, JL Plummer, Annie (look up in the sky other guy) Goodrich, Dan and Dolores Fitzgerald, Carol Cameron [we think she left Billy with Kiwanis that night], Jan (Springtime in) Paris, John Linderman, Serre and Alina (Law) Murphy [fancy that!], Robert Meyer [hope I spelled that Irish name correctly], Tom Lynch, (Coral Gables Mayor) Don and Jeanett Slesnick, Ann McShane, Judith Sherry and the return of Oliver Kerr and Mary Ann (I've got a new name now boys) Kerr.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS YEAR'S CELTIC DATES

CELTIC CULTURAL SERIES 2006-07

Co- sponsored by the South Florida Emerald Society
and the St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.

<u>Time / Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
4-6 PM, Sunday November 12, 2006	Travels around Ireland -Emeralds describe their travels around Ireland and the people they met.	John Martin's Irish Pub (2 nd Floor-Tipperary Room) 253 Miracle Mile Coral Gables
December 14, 2006	Christmas in Ireland Dinner Dance	Coral Gables Country Club
4-6 PM, Sunday January 14, 2007	The Wren Boys – -a roving chorus seeks alms to avenge the betrayal of St. Stephen by a bird	John Martin's
4-6 PM, Sunday February 11, 2007	St. Brigid's Cross -the ancient tale of this Irish saint , and crafting her cross	John Martin's
12 Noon-6 PM Saturday March 10, 2007	St. Patrick's Day Irish Festival -an afternoon of Irish family entertainment, crafts, food, and spirits.	Fred B. Hartnett 2810 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Coral Gables

Joke of the Day/Month

Two old drunks on their way home from the pub, were stumblin' up the country road in near darkness, "Seamus, I think we've stumbled into the graveyard - look, I can see a stone here that says a man lived to 105!"

"Glory be Malarki, was it anybody we knew?"

"No, twas somebody named 'Miles from Dublin'"

Oliver and Mary Ann Return

Mark your calendars for November 12, 2006 (or look to page one) – there will be a lecture by a few members about their recent trips to Ireland. After what seemed to be eternity – two months, give or take – the Kerrs have returned. Oliver suddenly has a very distinguished and noticeable Irish accent – hmmm. And, after being in Ireland for such a significant period of time, they looked a little more pasty than the rest of us.

But they and William Hartnett and others (maybe) will tell you what they experienced, what they saw, what they did, and occasionally what potent potables they drank (like for breakfast for instance) when venturing in Ireland. Oh, how they pour a wonderful breakfast in the Emerald Isle.

Best to John Doherty's Family

John's sister is ill and has had her family, including John's wife Linda, at her side over the past months. John, for reasons I can truly relate to considering the past year in our house, may be tuckered out from going to the hospital again as it nags and wears his soul with every entry. Good luck to John and his sis, and may she spring to her feet in the future like a tulip out of the spring time frost.

Board Vacancy

There is STILL a vacancy out there lads and lassies. If you like to smell the fresh salt air once a month – and maybe enjoy a few cold ones while you're relaxing about the Yacht Club – this is your calling. Call our esteemed president (number on page 1) if you would like "to go fer it!"

St. Patrick's Day Festival

Mark your calendars: Saturday, March 10, 2007, the Saturday prior to St. Patrick's Day

Irishoid – A factoid about Irish History

Tír Na Nóg was the land of eternal youth in the legend of the Fianna

The St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.

Carroll Cameron wrote to all of us in an e-mail which said,

The St Patrick's Committee will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 6:00 PM at Carroll Cameron's house, 7305 SW 123 Terrace, Pinecrest. 305-232-2025.

If you are interested in joining the committee this year, please come and choose an assignment. We are really short on workers and everyone who wants to contribute is WELCOME. If you want to participate, but can't come next Wednesday, please call so we can work out what you would like to do.

If you want to help her out, she might let you aid her. Carroll and Billy seem to have a plate that's beginning (or is it too late already?) to topple over.

This may be old news, but if you want to get involved, call Carroll at 305.232-2015.

Poetry Corner

EIRE OF NEW AGE

Drizzling merriment, pouring glasses
Giggles and winks, across the barroom winks,
Old and young, ensemble sniggle- giggle
The joy of Eire greets the young and nimble

In winter, she nips the bone with wet cold
In spring, she elates us, green and bold
In summer, she lends us some warmth to run
In fall, all cede to the land of no sun.

Cascading seas, rippling cobblestone streets
Rolling hills outline dotting piles of wheat
Green coating over all the luscious ground
This is the land where true joy was first found.

Ireland is not for the sad at heart
She embraces all with her warming hearth
Success abounds, no more potato dearth
Smiling glee upon those who touch her earth

Anonymous

Here Here for Dan and Dolores Fitzgerald

Every year we can count on a few things in entertainment, we lean toward Old Danny Boy.

He has emceed Christmas shows for years, entertained as well, he has been the voice and face of many festivals and parades, and has – quite frankly – been the embodiment of the organization for at least three decades.

If you have never heard his rendition of “Danny Boy,” then that is a great misfortune. And, if you have heard it – and in this membership such a blessing has touched more than a few – you would understand why the ESSF has employed upon Old Danny Boy to sing for his drink so that our ears can hear the best South Florida rendition of the great Irish ballad.

Married forever to lovely Dolores, his years have been blessed. And, he says as much in his recently published autobiography.

We are blessed by their membership. Old Danny Boy and Dolores Girl, we love thee so.

President’s Message

We are entering the busy holiday season--and for the Emerald Society one of the highlights is our annual dinner/dance at the Coral Gables Country Club on December 14. This provides an excellent opportunity for you to reserve a table and invite your friends for an evening of Irish craic [Irish word for fun/enjoyment that has been brought into the English language], music and dancing, stories and jokes, not even mentioning the excellent buffet. Tom Lynch, Ann McShane and Billy Cameron will be on hand with membership applications for those who may be interested.

Message on the Books

Emeralds who attended the Social at Max’s Grille or the Murphy home received the new 2006-07 Directory; arrangements are being made for further distribution. But, for criminy – aren’t y’all a little bit on the procrastination side if ya don’t have yer booklet by this time of the year? A great round of second applause for Carroll Cameron and her committee!!! So, yer say – I want ta make the book as big as them there yella pages – well Membership applications are available in the Festival Book (p.26), on our WEBSITE at emeraldsocietySFL.com or by contacting Tom

Lynch or Ann McShane. We also have business cards with the purpose of the Emerald Society, which you can sign as a contact and pass them out to those of your friends who might be interested in the Emeralds (and are sufficiently green).

There is a Christmas Show

In case you overlooked the second column of the first page or the first column of this page, there is a Christmas Show.

WHEN: December 14, 2006 WHERE: Coral Gables Country Club WHAT TIME: 6:30 ish DRINKING ALLOWED?: Most Definitely
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It is Now Official – The Banners have a Home

On a few occasions, we have mysteriously lost the ever so personally beloved banners that we use at parades – now it seems only parades are for the July 4th extravaganza within the confines of the tony village of Key Biscayne. Carroll Cameron – who seems to have nothing better to do than about everything for our organization – has somehow inherited responsibility for the safekeeping of the banner(s). Good luck Carroll, we are all hoping you succeed. And if you don’t, you know we will characteristically point a cumulative finger in your direction with scowling faces of disapproval. Ah, never does a good deed go unpunished.



November Board Meeting

The November Board meeting will be at the Miami Yacht Club on Watson Island on the MacArthur Causeway on **Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 6:30**