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October Social : It is a Friday This Time!

The Scoop is that the *October Social* is:

WHEN: October 13, 2006 at 6:30-? P.M. (Friday!!!!!!)
WHERE: Serre & Alina Murphy's Home for BBQ
Hors D'oeuvres Brought in by YOU appreciated
5104 Maggiore Street
Coral Gables, FL 33146-2214

Who was at the September Social

On September 21, 2006, Max's Grill was blessed with our attendance. On a *Thursday* no less. How confused some of us looked. The effects of liquor were exaggerated by scheduling confusion. Oh indeedy it was magical merriment. Among those donning green were: **Bill O'Brien, Peter O'Connell, John Doherty, Pat O'Regan Rios, JL Plummer, John Sorgie, Annie Goodrich, Marge Hartnett, William Hartnett, Jeff Bailey, Joe McManus, Dan and Dolores Fitzgerald, Frank O'Dowd, Billy and Carol Cameron, Jude Sherry, Jan Paris, Sean and Thelma Hayes, Larry Faye, Ralph Johnson, Dick O'Connell, John Linderman, C.L. Conroy, Roberta Scott, Serre and Alina Murphy, Tom and Karen Dunn, Mike Brenan, Kevin Farrey, Ed and Gloria Cooke, Tom Flynn, Richard Doyle, Jean McEnany [New Member] Robert Meyer, and Tom Lynch.**

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 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

The local District Judge had given the defendant a lecture on the evils of drink. But in view of the fact that this was the first time the man had been drunk and incapable, the case was dismissed on payment of ten shillings costs. "Now don't let me ever see your face again," said the Justice sternly as the defendant turned to go.

"I'm afraid I can't promise that, sir," said the released man. "And why not?" the judge asked.

"Because I'm the barman at your regular pub!"

GOOD SHIP SENSATION

As the winner of 'yer lottery last year, I t'ot it would behoove me to rub it in o' what a glorious trip we'all took on 'yer account.

I ne'er been on a cruise ship before, and now I know what it 'tis like. All of 'eir rooms are large – our own was about 1200 square feet. A jacuzzi bath, two sinks, a king sized bed, two televisions, a wet bar, a dining room, a refrigerator, a chandelier, and two more beds. Ah, 'da boatin' life 'tis for 'ta leisurely.

Cause much was paid fer by 'yer kind souls, we decided to spend a few dollars on 'da bar tab – mind 'ya not a Bill Gregory tab, but substantial nonetheless. And, 'dat tab included 6 compl'ntary drink tickets for their losin' my good Irish name on d'er Japanese computer.

After three glorious days of rain, we returned to our port, rested and relaxed and a bit lovlial. Ah, now I know 'da meanin' of cruises an' can't wait fer 'da next 'un where I can spread out in me large room.

Bob Lally Dies

Longtime member, Bob Lally of Coral Gables died on September 24, 2006. He was one of the longest active members. For those who knew Bob, he assured you that he would make you take notice of opinion and view. He embraced many members over the years with his Irish directness and was never at a loss for words. A great character of this organization, Bob Lally will be missed.

New Member

As of September 7, 2006, **Jean McEnany** became a member. She was sponsored by two major influences on our society – Carol Cameron and (seconded by) Bill O'Brien.

Welcome Ms. McEnany. To the members, add her name to your **new book**.

Board Vacancy

There is 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!"

Who would have Thought It Would Be? Congratulations to Hon. Dennis Murphy



I guess we will have to call Dennis honorable for few more years. He has been reelected, rather convincingly, to the Miami Circuit Court. He is *extremely* well regarded by his peers who gave him a 94.6 percent qualified/exceptional

ly qualified rating in the latest Bar Association poll. People, as a Miami-Dade attorney for over 20 years, I can tell you that anything over 80% is remarkable – a 94.6% is feverishly high.

Big Mouth to You

In honor of Joseph Heller, I deliver this message to you: If you are not receiving the Big Mouth announcements – and you know who you are – contact someone other than the editor of this paper so that we can straighten that out.

St. Patrick's Day Festival

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

Irishtoid – A factoid about Irish History
In Irish, October is called *Deireadh Fómhair*, meaning "end of harvest-time."

The St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.

If you are able to give about 40 hours total over a period of months and in the end wish to say you were part of the largest Irish festival held in this county, please join.

Poetry Corner

ODE TO NEW DANNY BOY

Unbridled freedom galloping weightlessly across
the pristine Irish shores,
Gaiety's brevity magically touches its much
excoriated souls.

Laughter wafting into thin air, amid the salty brime
foaming around,
Sadness abated, sorrows temporarily behind, glee
for all to relish.

Green seas contrasted against green jagged
summits, impressive crests folding
Smiles surrounding, pearls and opaques, all
warming its gently beating hearts.

Nature's preserve, mystical and illusory,
emotionally touches all
Not a word spoken, nor need be said, of the sun
rays' or ocean waves' calls.

Day, completed with its guaranteed nightfall,
swaddles the elation and joy
No need for tears, no need for sorrow, for the new
days in Eire – the land of Danny Boy.

Anonymous

Here Here for Joe & Linda Healy and the Hurricane Bar and Grill

Every year we can count on a few things:
Christmas in Killearney (or whatever the name
is this year), St. Patricks Day Festival, Celtic
Cultural Series and the Pub Crawl.

And without Joe Healy and his beloved Linda,
there would be no Pub Crawl. No bus for the
Pub Crawl. No infusion of a few extras to make
the jaunt a real festive occasion. No invitation
to the numerous neighboring bars in the
Springs. Life would be plainer without the
Healy clan as there would not be a Pub Crawl.

And, for years they have been a cog – a major
component – to the St. Patrick's Day *Parade*
which was a festivity unequaled by none in this
neck of the woods. Unfortunately economics
made parades too extreme for our slim budget.

Thank you Joe and Linda and we hope you
invite us again to one of the monthly socials.

Discount for Celtic

Unfortunately, this next article applies to the majority of us. The Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs is again including the Cultural Series in their "Golden Ticket" Arts Guide. This program is designed to provide senior citizens (ages 62 and over) in Miami-Dade County with free opportunities to attend a variety of cultural events and venues. Last year, with the support of a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, approximately 60,000 seniors received a large-format easy-to-read brochure including tickets to free events of 18 participating cultural organizations. If you are a senior interested in receiving the brochure, call the Cultural Affairs Department at (305) 375-4634 and ask for the "Golden Ticket" Arts Guide. You can attend listed events by presenting a "Golden Ticket" for the event, completing the information requested on the reverse of the ticket, and presenting proof of age.

ESSF Defined by One Member

If anyone asks you what the Emerald Society is, pocket this definition given to me from Karen Dunn.

"A social group of men and women who meet to unwind, be themselves, and share their views and experiences with Irish friends. The socials are truly a break away from the everyday ordeals we all go through." Thanks Karen.

President's Message

Emeralds who attended the Social at Max's Grille received the new 2006-07 Directory; arrangements are being made for further distribution. A great round of applause for Carroll Cameron and her committee!!! We need to increase the size of the Directory by adding new members! 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).

October Board Meeting

The October Board meeting will be at the Miami Yacht Club on Watson Island on the McArthur Causeway on Thursday, October 5, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.