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Directory Books for the Masses

At the September Social, the Directory Books identifying you should be out – and now that we are in the 21st century there should be e-mail addresses as well as home phone, work phone, cell phone, fax phone, . . . How much do you want to bet that if you called any of the listed numbers on a given “happy hour” on a given social evening of this esteemed society, that you would be lucky to reach 10% of the members?

If the printer counts his “m’s” and dots his “t’s” and crosses his “i’s”, Carroll Cameron may be there with books in hand – she may even throw the book at a few of the wise guys. This may give some of the people more reason than ever for the September Social. So, be there!!!!!!

September Social

The Scoop is that the September Social is:

WHEN: September 21, 2006 at 6:30 P.M.

WHERE: Max's Grille
2 Aragon Ave, Coral Gables
305-567-2600

Editors Word from Ireland

Our esteemed editorial staff is presently located in Ireland. And, our ever-so-present staff attempted and asked the great workers out in the land of free flowing quaffs, what is happening off yonder? And, their response was, well this writer could not hear so well. But, at least we know Oliver Kerr has three good reasons to be happy: (1) he is retired; (2) he is married to a fine lass; and (3) he is in Ireland. And, “back at ya” would probably be the words of his soul mate Mary Ann.

But for real, here is their email to the editor:

The Kerrs are having a GREAT time in the old sod! We are getting emails at the moment at Ollie's brother's house. Phone service, that we paid for before we left Miami is nil. Keep us posted and we'll share a glass with you all from here. Bob, we're especially looking forward to the newsletter where probably some of your classic jokes will replace the poetry. [Now, I resemble that comment.] Weather is SOOO beautiful and COOL!!

Oliver & Mary Ann

September Board Meeting

The September Board meeting will be at the Miami Yacht Club on Watson Island on the McArthur Causeway on **Thursday, September 7, 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.

Joke of the Day/Month

One day an Englishman, a Scotsman, and an Irishman walked into a pub together. They each bought a pint of Guinness. Just as they were about to enjoy their creamy beverage, three flies landed in each of their pints, and were stuck in the thick head. The Englishman pushed his beer away in disgust. The Scotsman fished the fly out of his beer, and continued drinking it, as if nothing had happened. The Irishman, too, picked the fly out of his drink, held it out over the beer, and started yelling, "SPIT IT OUT, SPIT IT OUT YOU BASTARD!!!!"

You know this would happen if you let Meyer be the editor.

President's Message

Two factors are very important if the South Florida Emerald Society is to continue to be successful.

1. MEMBERSHIP. Look around your place of business or club, and among your associates and see if you can recruit a new member. We need new MEMBERS . . . especially younger people. We have Emerald business cards that you can hand out. See the Membership Committee. Membership application forms are also on the emeraldsocietysfl.com site.

2. FINANCES. Both the Emerald Society and the St. Pat's Committee are building "rainy day" savings funds so that we can back up the annual Christmas in Ireland Dinner/Dance and the St. Patrick's Day Festival. We are now getting to a sound financial basis. Based on retaining this sound financial basis, I would like to see think about awarding some fund surplus for recognized charitable purposes.

AND HE REMINDS US:

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 6:30 PM, Thursday September 7 at the Miami Yacht Club, Watson Island on the MacArthur Causeway. *The annual Budget and the Christmas in Ireland Dinner Dance are on the agenda.* All members are welcome to attend-the Yacht Club is located behind Parrot Jungle-share a glass after. To pass the rolling gate, tell the voice box that you are attending the Emerald Society meeting.

Emerald Society Committees

Membership	Tom Lynch
Officer Installation	Janice McKay
St. Patrick's Festival	OPEN
Christmas in Ireland	Pat Novak
Celtic Cultural	Barbara McManus
Newsletter	Oliver and Mary Ann Kerr
Nominating	Joe McManus
July 4 Parade	Carroll and Billy Cameron
Bloomsday	Oliver Kerr
Social	Bill O'Brien
Public Relations	John Kane & C.L. Conroy

Membership Committee

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.

St. Patrick's Day Festival

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

Celtic Organization News

President Joe McManus has appointed Barbara McManus (what a coincidence!) as Chair of the Celtic Cultural Series. The Series was inaugurated by Past President Edward Cooke and is now starting its seventh season. Call Barbara at (561) 338-8848 if you have an idea for a program.

Historical Note:**The Celtic Cultural Series Seventh Season**

The Cultural Series will be starting its seventh 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 the Celtic Cultural Series which will kick off this November .

***Irishtoid* – A factoid about Irish History**

McClatchy Co. was founded in 1857 with the inauguration of The Sacramento Bee by Irish immigrant James McClatchy, who like thousands of others at the time forsook the potato famine for the California Gold Rush.

Poetry Corner

MAY, AND IF NOT

May those who accept us, learn to love us,
And may those who don't, begin to learn
May the mighty powers steer the intolerant,
And if not, open their hearts to yearn.

May handicap grafted from hate not take,
And may vengeance wilt in our love's glow,
May tolerance improve all those souls,
And if not, courtesy least that we should bestow.

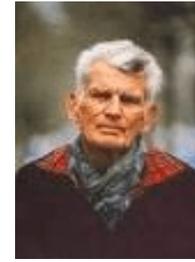
May we embrace those we never could know
And give aid to souls which are in need,
May our minds expand to 'cept our natures,
And if not, keep hope alive, – indeed.

May times sow lessons to mankind's favor,
And may every breath wisp 'n cherish,
May our lives flourish to mature all 'us,
And if not, may all love the Irish.

Anonymous

Trivia

Waiting for Godot is a famous novel by Samuel Beckett. Beckett is Irish. What language was this play written in, and who translated it into English?

**The St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.**

Anyone willing to volunteer 40 hours a week for next 40 weeks of the year, is gladly invited to join this wonderful committee which will assuredly make you more than ecstatic during each and every hour of volunteered.

In all seriousness, you are talking about 40 hours total over a period of months and in the end, you can say you were part of the largest Irish festival held in this county.

Here Here for JohnMartins

Once again, we cheer to JohnMartins which hosted the after festivities affair of Joyce's June Bloomsday. Bloomsday, celebrated on June 16, marks the day on which, in 1904, all the action in James Joyce's classic work *Ulysses* takes place. It is named after Leopold Bloom, one of the book's two main protagonists, who wanders through Dublin, talking and observing. This year is the 102nd anniversary of Bloomsday. The first celebration took place in 1954 and a major five-month-long festival (ReJoyce Dublin 2004 – from whence the words on the lower left column of page 1 is derived) took place in Dublin between April 1 and August 31, 2004.

JohnMartins has been a great benefactor to us for this, the Celtic Cultural Series, the St. Patrick's Day Festival, and our annual Christmas show (which seems to change names on an annual basis).

