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Christmas Time In Ireland Dinner

The annual celebration returns to the festively decorated Coral Gables Country Club, 997 North Greenway Drive, again this year. On Thursday, December 6, 2007 we will welcome premier Irish entertainers,

James Synnott from Dublin and our own Paddy Kelleghan
along with
the Breffni Dancers

for a night of food, fun, frolic, and dancing. James is the brother of member Ann McShane. Dan Fitzgerald, as our Master of Ceremonies, will keep it lively, assisted by Peter Fuchs at the piano. Reservations for tables of eight or ten are available. Dinner starts at 7:30, cocktails at 6:30. Admission tickets are \$75. Make checks payable to the South Florida Emerald Society, Inc. You should have received your personal invitation already and some raffle tickets in a separate mailing. This year's celebration is again under the able direction of Board Member Patrick Novak but we still need volunteers to help make this event the highlight of the season. If you have not gotten your

**invitation or tickets yet
or if you would like to
help, just call Patrick at
305-670-2525.**

**There are three great
prizes for the raffle this
year: \$1,000 in cash, a
three- or four-day
cruise on Carnival
Cruise Lines, a trip to a
Caribbean island and
several other valuable
items. Remember, if
you're not in you can't
win!_**

**So put on your glad
rags, pull out your
dancing shoes, and
come on out to the
party. It's Christmas
Time in Ireland!**

**For updates on this and
other Emerald
happenings check our
website:**

www.emeraldsocietySFL.com.

Poetry Corner

Each month the Shamrock News presents a poem by an Irish poet. This month we bring you another poem by William Butler Yeats. This is one of his best known and was read for us two weeks ago by Dr. Patrick McCarthy, chairman of the English Department at the University of Miami (see story below under Celtic Cultural Series).

Wild Swans At Coole

The trees are in their autumn beauty,
The woodland paths are dry,
Under the October twilight the water
Mirrors a still sky;
Upon the brimming water among the stones
Are nine-and-fifty swans.

The nineteenth summer has come upon me
Since I first made my count;
I saw, before I had well finished,
All suddenly mount
And scatter wheeling in great broken rings
Upon their clamorous wings.

I have looked upon those brilliant creatures.
And now my heart is sore.
All's changed since I, hearing at twilight,
The first time on this shore,
The bell-beat of their wings above my head,
Trod with a lighted tread.

Unwearied still, lover by lover,
They paddle in the cold
Companionable streams or climb the air;
Their hearts have not grown old;
Passion or conquest, wander where they will,
Attend upon them still.

But now they drift upon the still water,
Mysterious, beautiful;
Among what rushes will they build,
By what lake's edge or pool
Delight men's eyes when I awake some day

To find they have flown away?

William Butler Yeats, 1927 December Board Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Miami Yacht Club on Watson Island on the McArthur Causeway. Members are welcome to attend. There is a small restaurant and a bar and it is a pleasant place to spend an evening by the water's edge.

Are you getting a paper copy of the newsletter?

If you are not getting an email version and would like one, just email us at kerr39@bellsouth.net. If you decide not to receive a paper copy let us know. It will save us the cost of printing and mailing.

In Memoriam

We just got word of the death of long-time member Bob Ahern, Sr., August 15, 1923 to November 15, 2007. He was the proud father of five and built successful companies that operated golf courses and provided golf carts to courses throughout the State. Mass is at 10: a.m. Monday, November 19, 2007 at St. Rose Catholic Church, 415 NE 105 St., Miami Shores. May he rest in peace!

We also extend our condolences to Richard Renick on the recent loss of his mother. This proud woman was the mother of Richard, Robert, and Ralph who had distinguished public service and broadcasting careers in Miami. Her sons were her proudest accomplishment. May she rest in peace!

The November Social

The November Social returned to Joe Healey's famous **Hurricane Bar and Grill in Miami Springs**. A good crowd showed up to down a glass or two and to sample Joe's excellent appetizers, followed by wonderful dinner. Nobody serves it up

like Joe and Linda. There's a wonderful, warm atmosphere at these gatherings, and we thank you, Joe and Linda.

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 by this Committee.

St. Patrick's Day Festival

We are well along in our planning for the next Festival on Saturday, March 15, 2008. A modest grant has already been awarded by the City of Coral Gables and we have been soliciting vendors. We could use the help of members to serve on one of the committees that have been established. Please call Jon Lindeman at 786-853-2697.

Ads for the Festival Souvenir Book are our primary source of income for this event. We congratulate member Chris Kelley for placing the first ad in the book. Good going, Chris!

Of course, we need many more and we are looking for every member to find advertisers. If you need information on ad sizes and prices please contact Mary Ann Kerr at 305-251-6208.

The Celtic Cultural Series Seventh Season

The series enters its seventh, magical season directed by members John and Dorothy Kane, assisted by the McManuses and the Kerrs. The series opened on Sunday, October 7, 2007 with Paddy Kelleghan, Irish singer and guitar player.

Paddy took us on a musical tour of the City of Dublin, "In the Rare Ould Times."

Then Dr. Pat McCarthy, chairman of the University of Miami English Department gave a great talk on William Butler Yeats on November 4, 2007 providing insights into the poetry the Nobel Prize-winning dramatist and poet. We hope to enlist the help of Dr. Pat, a Joycean expert, at our Bloomsday celebrations in June.

The January event is a presentation of the Irish Music of St. Stephen's Day, with the Wren Boys accompanied by Irish traditional fiddler of year in 2006, James Kelly. The Wren Boy traditions have been revived in Ireland in recent years, bringing customs and traditions from the earliest days of Christianity in Ireland. Sound like fun?

Come to John Martin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 253 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables. All Celtic Cultural Series are free and open to the public. Plenty of parking is available on Miracle and behind the pub in the parking garage (free on Sundays).

Anuna—Celtic Origins

This was the original vocal group in Riverdance and the source of vocal talent for Celtic Woman. They perform November 28, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. at Parker Playhouse. Call 954-462-0222 or visit www.parkerplayhouse.com.

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