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Make the Brickell Scene at Novecento on Brickell!

Don't miss our July Social at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 24 at the Novecento, 1414 Brickell Avenue, Miami, (305) 403-0900. This trendy restaurant offers the famed specialties of Chef Gabriel Medici, famous for his blend of Argentine, Mediterranean, and Latin cuisine, best called Nuevo Bistro. Appetizers will be served. When you sign in, a bracelet will be given to you which will qualify you for Happy Hour drink specials. The good news is the prices--wine \$4 and beer \$3. Novecento is located on the west side of Brickell between SE 14th Street and SE 15th Road and opposite the Four Seasons Hotel/Millennium Tower. Valet parking is available (\$5). Parking (fee) is also available on the east side at 1401 Brickell.

Our August Host is Maurice Grondin for Pot Luck

Emerald Maurice Grondin has again graciously offered his lovely home at 2355 So. Miami Ave. (305) 858-1299, for our August Social at 6:30 pm, Sunday, August 24th. His home is set amid 1920's Miami Avenue homes and was once a parish rectory. It offers a convivial scene for Irish conversation and hospitality and perhaps a wee drop or two. There will be an open bar, but volunteers are needed to tend bar; if you do not volunteer as a good Irishman, you will be recruited anyway. Please volunteer for our "Pot Luck" by emailing Carroll Cameron at [cameronc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cameronc@bellsouth.net) or (305) 232-2015, and inform her of what donation you would like to make: an entrée, appetizer, crudity, veggie or dessert. If you are among the Emeralds

Upcoming.....

July 24 Social at Novecento, 1414 Brickell Avenue.

----No Emerald Board Meeting & no Newsletter in August----

August 24 Social at Maurice Grondin's, 2355 S. Miami Ave.

Sept 11 Emerald Board of Directors Meeting @ MYC

who did not receive your Emerald pin at the Installation Dinner, approach our Prez, amiable *Taoiseach*, Oliver Kerr, at this social and he will bestow the honor. Maurice's home is located on

the south bayside of Miami Avenue between SW 23rd Road and SW 24th Road. Driving south on I-95, exit at the Key Biscayne Exit and turn left onto Miami Avenue. Driving north on Dixie Hwy., follow the Key Biscayne Exit directions except turn left at Miami Avenue.

### T'was a Grand Parade

Led by our 35th President Tom Flynn, the Emeralds marched in the 22nd Key Biscayne 4th of July Parade. We were accompanied by the Law Enforcement Emeralds and -- best of all--the St. Andrews Pipe Band! Bill Gregory, Chuck Daley, Robert Ritchie, David Gerhardt, Sean Glynn and his son Patrick, carried the flags and our often-absent banner. Louis Clark drove his 1928 fire engine, and Mary Gerhardt drove her convertible. An Emerald's family event, children Arielle and Billy Gregory, Maureen and Kevin Gerhardt, and Kyle Glynn passed out candy. Kudos to Carroll and Billy Cameron for chairing this red, white and blue event. (See accompanying photograph-Figure 1)

### Reverse Migration

*Taoiseach* (T-shock) Oliver Kerr and First Lady Mary Ann will be in residence in Ireland during July to assist Oliver's daughter Lea, son-in-law Robert Stevens and Baby Madison----to relocate to Dublin. Baby Madison created quite a stir at the June Emerald Social at the Miami Yacht Club.

Returning from Dublin after conferring with the real, but departing, *Taoiseach* -- Bertie Aherne--were 2nd Veep Janice McKay and Ann McShane.

### In Memoriam

We have only recently learned that Emerald Bernard Luttenberger, 86, of Hobe Sound died July 27, 2007 .Bernard was a member of the Emerald Society since 1970. May he rest in peace.

A memorial celebration for Chuck Panettiere, Emerald President (1987-88) was held at Tommy's on Las Olas Boulevard in Ft. Lauderdale on June 21. Billy Cameron and Joe McManus attended; Chris Kelley gave a series of reminiscences.

### Eire Upsets EU

On June 10, 53% of the Irish electorate rejected the EU's Lisbon Treaty which proposes to create a new appointed post of European President, boost the power of the foreign-policy representative, and cut back the number of areas requiring unanimity. Eighteen of the 27 EU Countries have endorsed the Treaty, eight have yet to consider it but only Ireland offered their people a popular vote. British Foreign Secretary David Miliband stated the reassurance that: "There will be no bulldozing of the Irish government or the Irish people".

### Have You Been Carded?

Work has begun on the 2008-2009 Emerald Directory for active members whose dues are current as of July 11. To defray the expenses of publishing the booklets, Carroll Cameron is soliciting business card ads at a charge of \$25 per card or \$50 per double card. Send your card and a check made out to the South Florida Emerald Society to Carroll Cameron, 7305 SW 123 Terrace, Pinecrest, 33156. Thirty business cards will pay for the cost of the Directory.

### June Social at the Miami Yacht Club

On June 26, over 40 Emeralds and guests enjoyed the MYC while overlooking Biscayne Bay and the Miami and Miami Beach skylines. Those attending

were: John Doherty, Charlie and Mary Ann Nichols, Sean Ferrell, Erin Ashley, John Sorgie, Annie Goodrich, Pat O'Regan Rios, Oliver and Mary Ann Kerr, Robert Stevens and Lea Kerr and Baby Madison, Paul Reilly, Chuck Daley, John Murphy, Jan Paris, Ellie Tetford, Roberta Scott, Bill Owens and his daughter Anna-Louise Owens, Dan and Delores Fitzgerald, Jean McEnany, Debbie and Tony Khoury, Nabil Salem, Sharif Salem, Arne Myne, Sarkis Tautin, Marisol Castano, Soha Noureldine, Nadia Helou, Leo Cook, Jon Lindeman, Bill O'Brien, Carroll and Billy Cameron, Ann McShane, John and Dorothy Kane, and Chris Kelley

**SAG Honors Dan**

On June 21, the Screen Actors Guild honored Dan Fitzgerald, our Master of Ceremonies *par excellence*, for his 50 years of service to the SAG.

**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.

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Meeting on May 5 at the Kerr's, President Janice McKay appointed the following Officer and Directors:

- Officer
- Parliamentarian: Carroll Cameron
- Directors
- Festival: Charlie Davis
- Publications: Judi Sherry
- Grants: Oliver Kerr
- Publicity: Annie Goodrich
- Fundraising/Ads Richard Welsh & Jeffrey Bailey
- Site: Sean Ferrell & Chuck Daley
- Vendors: John Gregory
- Miss Colleen: Mary Gerhardt
- Historian: Dave (Skip) Russell

Dan has appeared in 34 feature films.

**Bloomsday 2008 in Coral Gables.**

Our Bloomsday commemoration commenced at Books & Books before a crowd of 50 as an actor from Actor's Playhouse and Oliver Kerr portrayed the principal protagonists of James Joyce's *Ulysses*, his novel set on one June day in 1904. A representative of the Lord Mayor and Emerald Donald Slesnick read the official Proclamation naming June 16 as Bloomsday in Coral Gables. Led by our piper and Oliver as Leopold Bloom, and Mary Ann Kerr in the costume of the 20th century, the Emeralds marched around the block to John Martin's Irish Pub where Martin Lynch and John Clark had prepared an extensive repast of Irish comestibles and beverages.

(See accompanying photograph Figure 2)

**Celtic Craic: The Poetry of William Butler Yeats**

William Butler Yeats, (1865-1939) the greatest Irish poet of the 20th century and winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, chose his gravesite in a churchyard in Drumcliff in his native County Sligo. His poem *Under Ben Bulbin*, as here abridged, alludes to the mountain, the graveyard, and concludes with Yeat's own epitaph.

Yeats' poetry dealt with mystic and Celtic folklore. His later poetry was very symbolic. Yeats promoted Irish literature in a movement called the Irish Renaissance. He helped found what the celebrated Abbey Theatre is today.

**Under Ben Bulben**

II

Many times man lives and dies  
 Between his two eternities,  
 That of race and that of soul,  
 And ancient Ireland knew it all.  
 Whether man die in his bed  
 Or the rifle knocks him dead,

A brief parting from those dear  
Is the worst man has to fear.  
Though grave-diggers' toil is long,  
Sharp their spades, their muscles strong,  
They but thrust their buried men  
Back in the human mind again.

IV

Under Ben Bulben's head  
In Drumcliff churchyard Yeats is laid.  
An ancestor was rector there  
Long years ago, a church stands near,  
By the road an ancient cross.  
No marble, no conventional phrase;  
On limestone quarried near the spot  
By his command these words are cut:

*Cast a cold eye*

*On life, on death.*

*Horseman, pass by!*

(See accompanying photograph Figure 3)

**September Emerald Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be at the Miami Yacht  
Club on Watson Island on the McArthur Causeway

**The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.  
PO Box 836225  
Miami, FL. 33283-6225.**

on **Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Attendance of all Board members is expected and  
members are welcome to attend. It's right behind  
the Parrot Jungle Island on MacArthur Causeway.  
Just identify yourself as an Emerald at the entrance  
gate and --open sesame--you can enter!

**There will not be a Board meeting or Newsletter  
in August.**

**Health and Welfare**

We ask for your prayers and best wishes for former  
presidents Michael O'Connor, Stu Robinson, and  
Peter O'Connell who are ill and need our prayers  
and good wishes. We wish them a speedy recovery  
and a return to joining us again in our activities.

**Christmas in Ireland**

**Save December 11th for the Dublin City  
Ramblers!**