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**October Social in the Gables**

Returning to the Gables, we are going to venture to a new venue. Our next Social starts at 6:30pm, Thursday October 30 at UVA Restaurant and Lounge (305-476-8111), 2626 Ponce de Leon Boulevard. Executive Chef Joshua Bartram will welcome us to this full-menu restaurant by means of an extended happy hour with 2-for-1 drinks and hors d'oeuvres until 8pm. Located on Ponce just two blocks south of Miracle Mile at Valencia, on-street curb parking may be available. The City parking garage is located one block north and west of Ponce on Andalusia. Hope you can join us!

**Celtic Cultural Series: James Joyce's *Finnegan's Wake***

Our November Celtic Cultural Series will be on the first Sunday, November 2nd at 4 pm, at John Martins Irish Pub, 253 Miracle Mile in the Gables. James Joyce's final work, *Finnegan's Wake*, published in 1939, will be reviewed by Pat McCarthy, PhD, Chairman of the English Department at the University of Miami. Considered an experimental novel, *Finnegan's Wake* gives us a view or the world through the eyes of a Dublin family. (See Flyer)

**Christmas in Ireland: December 11, 2008**

Our Christmas in Ireland Dinner Dance will be held at the Rusty Pelican, Virginia Key, Rickenbacker Causeway on December 11, featuring the-- *The Dublin City Ramblers* -- the renowned Irish band now on tour in the States. Erin Ashley is the new Chair for this event; call Erin to volunteer. Invitations will go out shortly; tickets will be \$75 per person. Make your checks out to the South Florida

**Emerald Society and mail  
your reservations to Mary  
Ann Kerr, 8305 SW 169 St.,  
Palmetto Bay, FL 33157.  
Think about reserving a  
table of 8 or 10. This is our  
major fund raiser!**

**Last Minute Reminder: Paddy  
Kelleghan at JohnMartins**

**This Sunday at 4 pm, October  
5, Paddy Kelleghan will again  
regale us with tales of Irish musicians,  
accompanied with his guitar or mandolin.  
Presented by the Celtic Cultural Series at John  
Martins Irish Pub, 253 Miracle Mile, Coral  
Gables.**

**Our September Social-- Joe and Linda Healey's  
Hurricane Bar**

We remembered September at the Hurricane Bar and Grill in Miami Springs. As usual, we were treated to a veritable feast of chicken n' ribs topped by a variety of liquid refreshments. A bit under forty Emeralds and their guests joined in, including: **Sean Glynn, Sylvia Breton, Louise Selman, Shayne O'Connor, Dick O'Connell, Barbara and Joe McManus, Joe and Linda Healey, Phyllis McSweeney Lane, Jim and Barbara Worth, Dave Russell, Chuck Daley, Bill Owens** and his daughter **Anna-Louise Owens, Dan and Dolores Fitzgerald, Bob Meyer, Bill O'Brien, Ed and Gloria Cooke, Ken Pines, Daniel Brewer, Jon Lindeman, Oliver and Mary Ann Kerr, Dave Kinney, Billy Cameron, Mary Gerhardt, Sean and Thelma Hayes, Carlos and Estela Morazan, Paul Reilly, Tom Flynn** and the proprietor of **Mike's at the Venetia--Mike Shelow.**

Our gracious hosts, **Joe and Linda Healey**, celebrated the 20th anniversary of their fine establishment on October 2.

**Upcoming.....**

<b>Oct 5</b>	<b>Celtic Cultural Series: "Contemporary Irish Music"</b>
<b>Oct 30</b>	<b>Social at UVA, 2626 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Coral Gables.</b>
<b>Nov 2</b>	<b>Celtic Cultural Series: James Joyce's <i>Finnegan's Wake</i>.</b>
<b>Nov 6</b>	<b>Emerald Board of Directors, Miami Yacht Club.</b>
<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Social at Mr. Moe's, Commodore Plaza, Coconut Grove</b>

**Ireland Bets the Farm!**

On Tuesday September 30, Ireland took the extraordinary step of guaranteeing all the debt of its top six financial institutions. In one of the most ambitious measures undertaken by a government since the financial crisis began over a year ago, Ireland said that it would guarantee payments on as much as \$563 billion in bank debt, including securities, short-term borrowings and individual deposits without any limit. The ( \$ ) figure, which the Irish government said guaranteed nearly its entire banking system, is twice the country's gross domestic product.

"We are in the eye of a storm...It's time for swift and decisive action," said Irish Finance Minister Brian Lenihan, warning other governments against allowing "catastrophic" bank failures. ( from The Wall Street Journal, front page, October 1, 2008)

**Need Emerald Pins or Directories?**

For those new Emeralds who may have missed being pinned at the Installation Dinner in May, contact **Uachtaran Oliver Kerr** at the October Social for your Emerald pin. The 2008-2009 Emerald Directory of active members is also being distributed. Pick up you new directory from **Carroll Cameron** or **Sean Glynn** at our October Social.

--or on Dec 11, **The Dublin City Ramblers!**

## Celtic Events Nationally and in Florida

Our Celtic leaders--**Ian McCain and Brian O'Bama** --will lead their respective political parties in national elections this November. Remember to vote early! But not often!

We also have a series of dueling Celtic entertainment events coming up around Florida.

*The Irish Tenors.* Finbar Wright (Ballinspittle), Anthony Kearns (Kiltealy) and Karl Scully will sing at the Coral Springs Center for the Arts, on Saturday December 13 at 8 pm. The Center (954 344 5990) is located at 2855 Coral Springs Drive in Coral Springs.

--or you may prefer---

*The Celtic Tenors.* Matthew Gilsenan (Meath), James Nelson (Sligo) and Daryl Simpson (Omagh) will appear at the Parker Playhouse on Wednesday November 26 at 8pm. The Parker Playhouse (954 462 0222) is located at 707 NE 8th St., Ft. Lauderdale 33304.

## Poetry Corner



**Seamus Heaney (b. April 13, 1939 -- present)**

Heaney was born at Mossbawn, about thirty miles northwest of Belfast, in Northern Ireland. He won the Nobel Prize for

Literature in 1995.

The Battle of Vinegar Hill was fought on June 21, 1798, between forces of the British Crown and the United Irishmen ("Croppies") when over 10,000 British soldiers launched an attack on Vinegar Hill outside Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford, the largest camp and headquarters of the Wexford Irish. It marked the turning point in the Irish Rebellion of 1798--the last attempt by the Wexford Irish to hold and defend their ground against the British military; it forced the Irish to fight "on the run" for the remainder of the Rebellion.

"Croppies" meant people with closely cropped hair; it was a derogatory nickname used by the British and applied to Irish rebels during the period of the 1798 Rebellion. (Wikipedia)

### *Requiem for the Croppies*

*The pockets of our greatcoats full of barley . . .  
No kitchens on the run, no striking camp . . .  
We moved quick and sudden in our own country.  
The priest lay behind ditches with the tramp.  
A people hardly marching . . . on the hike . . .  
We found new tactics happening each day:  
We'd cut through reins and rider with the pike  
And stampede cattle into infantry,  
Then retreat through hedges where cavalry must be  
thrown.  
Until . . . on Vinegar Hill . . . the final conclave.  
Terraced thousands died, shaking scythes at  
cannon.*

### **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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#### **Message from President Janice McKay:**

A big thank-you to all the volunteers who helped selling discount cards at Macy's on September 20! As a result of your efforts, the Committee made \$440.

The St. Patrick's Day Festival will be held **Saturday March 14, 2009**, at Fred Hartnett Park in Coral Gables. The Festival Committee will meet **at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 6, at the Elk's Club at Sunset and 103<sup>rd</sup>**. Subsequent meetings will be held on Monday, November 3, and commencing in January on every Monday, same time. We will be rotating locations with the Elk's Club and the Miami Yacht Club. If you are interested in helping with the St. Patrick's Festival, this will be a good opportunity

*The hillside blushed, soaked in our broken wave.  
They buried us without shroud or coffin  
And in August . . . the barley grew up out of our  
grave.*

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### **November Emerald Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be at the Miami Yacht Club on Watson Island on the McArthur Causeway on **Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 7:00 pm.**

Committees can meet at **6:30 pm. *Uachtaran*** (President) Oliver Kerr has admonished all Board members to respect the dignity of, and to share fellowship and courtesy with, all Board members. Board members are expected to attend; all Emerald members are welcome.

### **In Memoriam**

**The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.  
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Our good friend, Emerald **Gordon Arora**, passed away on Monday, September 22. Oliver and Mary

Ann Kerr attended the memorial service held last Saturday in Homestead. Gordon was always at our St. Patrick's Day Festivals representing his business Shoreline Apparel in selling Emerald merchandise. Our sympathy is extended to his wife Jo Arora and family. R.I.P.

### **Big Mouth has Bad Foot**

Best wishes to our genial Treasurer John Doherty as he convalesces.

### **Christmas in Ireland**

Save December 11th for the Dublin City Ramblers!