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Save 20% at Macy's Stores on Saturday, September 20th

Save 20% on all your purchases at any Macy's store on September 20th--and it's all for a good charitable cause--the St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc. First, however, you have to buy your big discount card for \$5.00 at the Macy's at the Falls anytime during the day. Our Emeralds will be stationed at Macy's at the Falls at the different entrances. Of course, you can both shop and also volunteer to sell charity discount cards for an hour or so. You can also purchase a \$5.00 card in advance from Janice McKay; phone Janice on her cell at (305)733-0831.

September 25th Social at Hurricane Bar and Grill

Old Florida hands remind us: "Remember September." With Fay, Gustav and Ike behind us, let us get through the rest of this month with no more hurricanes, God willing! One way to say goodbye to September is by joining all the Emeralds at Joe and Linda Healey's Hurricane Bar and Grill, in Miami Springs on Thursday, September 25, starting at 6pm. It was only last November that we last visited there, and we may find some of the Emeralds are still there! Why should they leave this bountiful Irish fare and craic? The Hurricane Bar and Grill, (305) 884-5077, is located at 365 North Royal Poinciana Boulevard between the Circle and Cardinal St. Royal Poinciana runs parallel to, and south of, Okeechobee Road.

Call for Volunteers! Call for Volunteers! Call for Volunteers!

Upcoming.....

Sept 20 Macy's Fund-Raiser; purchase ticket at the Falls

Sept 25 Social at Joe Healey's Hurricane Bar, Miami Springs

Oct 2 Emeralds Board of Directors, Miami Yacht Club

After September, we are looking at our busiest six months which will require all our efforts. Christmas in Ireland, featuring the Dublin City Ramblers, will be held at the Rusty Pelican

December 11, 2008. The St. Patrick's Day Festival will happen on March 14, 2009, in Fred Hartnett Park in Coral Gables. If you can volunteer, call 305 949-8400 and leave a message--we will get back to you.

### Our June Social-- Novecento on Brickell

The Emeralds arrived at Novecento on Brickell in June to admire the urban scene-across from the Four Seasons Hotel, Miami's tallest building, at 70-stories or 789 feet high. Arranged by **Nabil Salem** and **Bill O'Brien**, some 40 Greens imbibed both appetizers and beverages. Those attending were: **Carolina Malvje, Nabil and Sharif Salem, Abroun Toni, John and Dorothy Kane, Joe and Linda Healey, Sean Glynn, Sylvia Brel, Louise Selman, Paul Reilly, Chuck Daley, Sean and Thelma Hayes, Jon Lindeman, Mary and David Gerhardt, Philip Morrissey, Barbara and Joe McManus, former Mayor of Coral Gables Dorothy Thomson, Jack Thomson and Janice Thomson, John Darolh, Judi Sherry, Larry Fay, John Sorgie, Bill O'Brien, Sean Pickett, Pamela Knowles, Tom Lynch, Carroll and Billy Cameron, John and Samantha Murphy, Dick O'Connell, Maria Silva, Ann McShane, and Daniel Brewer.**

### Change is in the Eire

Long-time *Taoiseach* Bertie Aherne retired from the Irish political scene in May and has been succeeded by Brian Cowan. Ahern's 11-year tenure was the longest since Eamon De Valera's and was marked by the Good Friday Accords. The population of the Emerald Isle is now increasing consistently for the first time since the Great Potato Famine. The growth rate witnessed in the past 15 years in Eire has been extraordinary, and Mr Ahern's acceptance of a low-tax, low-regulation formula has been a vital part of it (from Sunday Times, April 3, 2008).

Marking his departure, Mr. Aherne found time to confer with Emerald 2nd Veep **Janice McKay** and Emerald **Ann McShane** in Dublin. (see accompanying photo)

### Need Direction?

The 2008-2009 Emerald Directory of active members are being distributed. Many thanks to all those Emeralds who entered their business card ads. Pick up your new directory from **Sean Glynn** at our September 25th social at the Hurricane Bar and Grill.

### Maurice Grondin -- Our Gracious Host

On August 24, 41 Emeralds and guests enjoyed **Maurice Grondin's** hospitality at his lovely home on South Miami Avenue. **Maurice** and his son and daughter-in-law **Wayne** and **Rosemary**, and **Maurice's** guests **Linda Thomas** and **Donita Addington** welcomed everyone. Other guests were: **John Doherty, Erin Ashley, John Sorgie, Annie Goodrich, Ann McShane, Pat O'Regan Rios, Oliver and Mary Ann Kerr, Philip Morrissey, Chuck Daley, Charles Hesser, Phyllis McSweeney Lane, Frances Baboun, John and Samantha Murphy, Richard Welch, Shayne O'Connor, Dick O'Connell, William Kelly, Tom Flynn, Bill Owens** and his daughter **Anna-Louise Owens, Dan and Dolores Fitzgerald, Jean McEnany, Debbie** and **Tony Houry** and their son **Anthony, Nabil and Sharif Salem, Gokce Ucuzal, Carolina Malvje, Carroll and Billy Cameron,** and **Mary and David Gerhardt.** Thanks also to all those who donated veggies and hors d'ouvres.

## Corrections.

**Dan Fitzgerald**, our Master of Ceremonies *par excellence*, has appeared in 39, not just 34, feature films, as reported in July.

In a picture of the 4th of July Parade, **Bill O'Brien** was to the left, outside the Parade picture. Bill should have been listed as carrying the Stars and Stripes.

Our amiable Emerald President **Oliver Kerr** has declined the title *Taoiseach* on the basis that he is not a prime minister (see column on left), but is willing to be dubbed *Uachtaran* which is the Irish for President.

## New members

Welcome to new member **Ken Pines** who is sponsored by **Paul Reilly**! Ken's place of business is Costa Farms.

## Go Green! William Butler Yeats

The celebrated Irish poet, W. B. Yeats (1865-1939) was one of the leading voices promoting the study of Irish language and folklore in the Irish Literary Revival at the end of the 19th century. He became a Senator of the Irish Free State in 1922, and in 1923, won the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Inspiration for his poetry was language, mystic and Celtic folklore, the Irish Free State, and landscape. Listen to his lilting description of landscape in this famed poem. Yeats was a forerunner of the green movement!

### *The Lake Isle of Innisfree*

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,  
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles  
made:  
Nine bean rows will I have there, a hive for the  
honeybee,  
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes  
dropping slow,  
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where  
the cricket sings;  
There midnight's all a-glimmer, and noon a purple  
glow,  
And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day  
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the  
shore;  
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements  
gray,  
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

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## October Emerald Board Meeting

### **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:

"We are beginning to start our planning for the 2009 St. Patrick's Festival. We would love for you to join us at our planning sessions which are the first Monday in October and November. December is the Emerald's Christmas in Ireland. We start again in January every Monday until the Festival

"We have some new ideas, and frankly, we could use your help in making this a successful event. We hear you have a lot of talent.

"Please join us on first Mondays at 6:30 P.M. at the Elk's Club at Sunset and 103rd Street. Monday, October 6th is the next meeting.

"Hugs and kisses"

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President Janice McKay has expanded the Directors of the Committee, as follows:

Festival Director

Charlie Davis

The next Board meeting will be at the Miami Yacht Club on Watson Island on the McArthur Causeway on **Thursday, October 2, 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!

### **Celtic Cultural Series Season**

**John Kane** has release the 2008-09 season schedule for the Celtic Cultural Series, which are held at 4 pm at John Martins, as follows: (The full press release is an accompanying attachment)

- Sunday, October 5, 2008 – Contemporary Irish Music by Paddy Kelleghan
- Sunday, November 2, 2008 – James Joyce's *Finnegan's Wake*

**Miami, FL. 33283-6225.**

- Sunday, January 4, 2009 – Reading of the play, *Time to Go* by Sean O'Casey

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- Sunday, February 22, 2009 – The work of John M. Synge
- Sunday, April 5, 2009 – *The Book of Kells*, Ireland's Greatest Book
- Sunday, May 3, 2009 – The Bagpiper
- Tuesday, June 16, 2009 – "Bloomsday" (note change of date)
- Sunday, July 5, 2009- Irish Stories for Children- Dan Fitzgerald and Mary Ann Kerr

### **Christmas in Ireland**

Save December 11th for the Dublin City Ramblers!