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The honor of your presence is requested at the

Installation Dinner

of the

South Florida Emerald Society's President

Oliver Kerr

and the Officers and Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

6:30 pm

Parrot Jungle Island

Jacaranda Room

Watson Island, MacArthur Causeway

Miami, FL 33132

Join us for this festive dinner to mark the installation of new officers and directors. You should have received this invitation in the mail by now. Please RSVP your reservation by next Wednesday (May 13) by calling Mary Ann Kerr at 305-251-6208 or sending a check payable to the South Florida Emerald Society to her at 8305 SW 169 Terrace, Palmetto Bay, FL. 33157. The price is \$35.00 per person. The parking charge is \$5, and there is a cash bar. A big thank you goes to Janice McKay for organizing this celebration.

New members who joined over the past year will receive their official Emerald Society pins at the dinner. This is a wonderful occasion to meet old friends and to welcome new ones. Come on out

and show your support for
Oliver Kerr and his team,
and to

welcome our many new members to our Irish society.

Installation Dinner (Continued)

At the Dinner, please meet and
greet these new Emeralds:

2008

- John Kenney
- Christopher P. Quinn
- Philip F. Morrissey
- James G. Worth
- Kenneth R. Pines

2009

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| Lionel Baugh | Susan Latham |
| Joe Hackney | George Powers |
| Ann Marie Johnson | Polly Ramos |
| Jeff Killian | Bob Rance |
| Doris Kohler | Ann Rebillard |

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ReJoyce! Bloomsday Arrives June 16

Our ninth annual commemoration of James
Joyce's famous novel, *Ulysses* will be on Tuesday,
June 16 at Books & Books and John Martin's.

Bloomsday commemorates that day-long odyssey
of Leopold Bloom during which he walks
through Dublin in James Joyce's masterpiece.____
Commencing at 6:30 pm at Books & Books, we
will then parade around the block and conclude
with a celebration at John Martin's.

June Social is June 24 at La Palma



**La Palma
Ristorante
and Bar, 116
Alhambra
Circle,
Coral Gables
(305-445-8777)
is located**

Upcoming.....

May 20 Installation Dinner Parrot Jungle Island

June 4 SFES Bo

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June 24 Social at

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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.

Message from President Janice McKay:

The SPDC met on March 23 and May 4 to wrap-up
and critique our March 14, '09 Festival and look
forward to our next Festival on March 13, 2010.

The Leprechaun Corner was developed to add
another venue for the children--to make crafts that
reflect our Irish heritage. The crafts of choice were
Rainbow Dust – like sand art but with candy dust in
different flavors; the magic rock to lure the
leprechauns out of hiding; frosting shamrock cookies
provided by the Girl Scouts, and face painting.

We are starting on a new festival and we already
could use your help. We need 24 volunteers, plus the
students in key clubs. We need a secretary, and we
need someone to run the Leprechaun Corner next
year with a minimum of 4 volunteers; perhaps you
might give an hour or two. The Tinkers Faire and
the Soda Bread Booth could always use someone.
Please do not forget to be on the "Clean Up"
committee.

John Mackle, our most important Festival Volunteer,
has been accepted at Notre Dame University for next
year. He is the Columbus High School young man
who has been instrumental in getting volunteers for
us from Columbus for the past three years. And this
year he was President of the Key Club, his service
club. Thank you, John. We will surely miss you at
the next Festival.

We are still reviewing our finances and will release a
report shortly.

Mark **Saturday March 13, 2010** on your calendar.

in the historic

La Palma building originally opened as a hotel in 1924. Designed by George Merrick, the father of Coral Gables Mediterranean architecture, this cozy restaurant reminds us of what the Gables must have been. The tree-shaded dining patio is a fine place to enjoy La Palma's traditional Italian Tuscan fare.



An Gorta Mor- The Great Famine

The Irish Government has officially designated Sunday May 17 to commemorate the victims of the Great Famine of 1845-47--as many as a million. Locally "A Waking" for the famine victims will be held after 3:00 pm at The Field "Soup Kitchen", 3281 Griffin Road, Dania Beach (954-964-5979) accompanied by soup, entertainment, and storytelling (*seanachie*). Before the "Waking", a Gaelic Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm at Little Flower Church, 1805 Pierce St (at US 1)., Hollywood, FL (954-922-3517). All Emeralds are invited; these events are sponsored by Irish American organizations in South Florida. Our *Uachtaran* (President), Oliver (and Mary Ann) Kerr will represent the South Florida Emerald Society.

Emeralds Applaud Celtic Cultural Series

On April 5, a standing-room-only audience of 80-90 at John Martin's, applauded Father Sean O'Sullivan, a native of West Cork, who told of the efforts of Irish monks and scribes to save Western Civilization during the Dark Ages most notably by preserving *The Book of Kells*, Ireland's greatest national treasure. This richly illuminated New Testament has been housed at Trinity College, Dublin, for hundreds of years.

On May 3, 25 Emeralds and guests heard Pipe Major Nigel MacDonald explain the history and mechanics of the highland bagpipe. Nigel played a number of tunes on his pipes including "Danny Boy" and "Scotland the Brave". The St. Andrews Pipe Band is

always a feature of our St. Patrick's Day Festival, and we march with them at the Key Biscayne 4th of July Parade. Again, John Martin's was the venue.

Poetry Corner

Dublin in the Rare Ould Times is a popular song which was composed by Pete St. John in the 1970's for the Dublin City Ramblers. It reminisces of the changes that have taken place in Dublin. It mentions the River Liffey and now-departed. historical sights such as the Metropole Ballroom and Nelson's Pillar. You might ask Martin Lynch at John Martin's to sing this melancholy song.

Dublin in the Rare Ould Times

Raised on songs and stories
Heroes of renown
The passing tales and glories
That once was Dublin Town.
The hallowed halls and houses
The haunting children's rhymes
That once was Dublin City
In the rare ould times.

(Chorus) Ring a Ring a Rosey,
As the light declines
I'll remember Dublin City
In the rare ould Times.

My name it is Sean Dempsey
As Dublin as could be.
Born hard & late in Pimlico
In a house that ceased to be.
By trade I was a cooper
Lost out to redundancy.
Like my house that fell to progress
My trade's a memory.

I courted Peggy Dignan
As pretty as you please.
A rogue and child of Mary
From the rebel liberties.
I lost her to a student chap
With skin as back as coal
When he took her off to Birmingham
She took away my soul.

The years have made me bitter.
The gargle dims my brain

'cause Dublin keeps on changing
 And nothing seems the same.
 The Pillar and the Met have gone
 The Royal long since pulled down
 As the grey unyielding concrete
 Makes a city of my town.

Fare thee well sweet Anna Liffy
 I can no longer stay
 And watch the new glass cages
 That spring up along me Quay.
 My mind's too full of memories
 Too old to hear new chimes.
 I'm a part of what was Dublin
 In the rare ould times.

Social media is now an integral part of our online Membership and PR strategy. Social Media Networks will allow us to reach far more potential “Emeralds”. than traditional marketing efforts. You can connect to our pages via the Home page of the South Florida Emerald Society website. (<http://www.emeraldsocietysfl.com>)

Calling all members: If have an account on these social networks, **MySpace, Facebook, Linked In, Twitter, Emeraldsociety's** blog is **Word Press Blog**, then visit the sites and add yourself as our friend.

Join a Committee

The Emerald Society works through the Board of Directors but relies on various Committees to be efficient and effective. Think about joining one of the

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1. Membership —Carroll and Billy Cameron.	7. Nominating — Skip Russell
2. Installation of Officers —Janice McKay	8. Audit --Christopher Kelley
3. St. Patrick’s Day Festival —Janice McKay	9. July 4th Parade --Carroll and Billy Cameron
4. Christmas in Ireland —Erin Ashley, Pat Novak, and Mary Gerhardt	10. Bloomsday --Oliver Kerr.
5. Celtic Cultural Series —John and Dorothy Kane	11. Social --William O'Brien and Hugh A. Ryan.
6. Newsletter —Joe and Barbara McManus	12. By-Laws --Jon Lindeman.
	13. Publicity --C.L. Conroy and John Kane.
	14. Big Mouth and WEBSITE -- John Doherty.

Tax Day (April 15) Took its Toll of Emeralds

Emeralds could not recover from writing checks to the IRS to attend our April 15 Social at the Miami Shores Country Club. However some 20 did make it to Miami Shores. The Miami Shores Country Club has been a well-attended oasis for Emeralds in the past, and we look forward to gathering there in the future.

May Board Meeting

At the May Board Meeting, President **Oliver Kerr** announced that **Bella Kelly** had submitted her resignation from the Board owing to the press of work. Thank you, Bella, for your assistance.

following Committees. You can meet new friends!

Emeralds Add Social Media Networks

The South Florida Emerald Society is proud to announce the addition of social networking. In this day of the Internet, Wi-Fi and HD, being hip to the latest and greatest networking abilities, is key!

Directors **Mary Gerhardt** and **Jeffrey Bailey** volunteered to personally call those members (28) who are delinquent in paying their 2009 Emerald Society dues. There is still time to make out your checks to "The South Florida Emerald Society" and mail them to the South Florida Emerald Society, P.O. Box 836225, Miami FL. 33283- 6225.

Ann Marie Buelterman Johnson; sponsored by

June Emerald Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be at the Miami Yacht Club on Watson Island on the McArthur Causeway on **Thursday, June 4, at 7:00 pm.** Attendance of all Board members is expected and all members are welcome to attend. It's right behind the Parrot Jungle Island off MacArthur Causeway. Just identify yourself as an Emerald at the entrance gate and--open sesame--you can enter! Our *Uachtaran* has admonished all Board members to respect the dignity of, and to share fellowship and courtesy with, all Board members

Joseph Hackney, sponsored by **John Doherty:** attorney, wife is Victoria, Mother was a Hurley from Donegal.

New Members (Continued)

New members were approved at the April Board meeting. What follows are brief bio's to encourage Emeralds to meet and greet these new members.

Lionel Baugh, sponsored by **John Doherty:** business coach; wife is Pilar; born in Argentina but brought up on a dairy farm in Kildare; played rugby for Trinity College.

Our condolences are extended to Emerald Chuck Harty on the death of his sister, Isabella Rita Harty-Hughes, on April 16. Isabella, a resident of South Miami for over 50 years, was a social science teacher at Miami Dade College. After retiring, she volunteered at the local elementary school. Among her three surviving daughters is Carol M. Browner, who is Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change in the Obama Administration. Browner had previously served as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency during the Clinton Administration. R.I.P.

Billy Cameron: assistant state attorney, born in Springfield, Massachusetts; maternal side is Kennedy from County Cork.

Jeff Killian sponsored by **Sean Glynn:** in management at American Airlines; born in New York; spouse is Patricia; paternal side is from County Cork.

George L. Powers, sponsored by **Pamela Edwards:** Retired but teaches part time; born in Fort Edwards, NY; interested in cultural committee.

Ann Rebillard, sponsored by **Judith Sherry:** Secretary at the Assurant Satellite School for the MD School Board, family names are Kiernan and Hourigan from Cavan, Augnaclyffe, and Longford.

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