

St. Patrick's Day Festival

Showcasing Irish Tradition, Culture & Heritage
To the Entire South Florida Community

March 2011

Mi Na Marta

**Saturday, March 12 at Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle
Park, Coral Gables, from Noon to 6PM**

The St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.

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Festival Chair
John Doherty, Treasurer
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The Festival Committee

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Department of Cultural Affairs and
the Cultural Affairs Council, Mayor
Carlos Alvarez, and the Board of
County Commissioners.*

*Here's a big Irish "Thank You" to
Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez,
whose office was instrumental in
obtaining the County Showmobile.*

*Thanks also to our host city, the City
of Coral Gables, Mayor Don Slesnick
and the Commissioners of the City, and
The Coral Gables Cultural Develop-
ment Board in the*

"City Beautiful"

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Here are the delightful Breffni Dancers in 2008, schooled by Michael and Nicole O'Hara

Festival Entertainment Program

Miss Colleen Pageant..... 12:15	Celtic Cross with Paddy Kelleghan.. :2:40
Dan Fitzgerald, Master of Ceremonies, with Peter Fuchs at the Keyboard	St. Andrew's Pipe & Drum Band..... 3:25
	Avalon, with Irish Singer and Harpist, Tricianne Garrihy.....4:00

When Irish Eyes are Smiling

C.O.D.....1:00
Michael O'Hara & Breffni Dancers..1:45
Parade of Officers of SPDC, SFES 2:30

Irish and American National Anthems

Alternate MC's: Jeff Bailey, Sean Glynn

For Children:

Leprechaun Craft Corner
Coral Gables Fire Engine
(Display)

Rock Climbing
Giant Slide

Face Painting
Merry-Go-Round

(See Festival continued on page 2)

Upcoming.....

Mar	10	6:30pm Council of Past Presidents, Key Biscayne Yacht Club.
Mar	12	St. Patrick's Day Festival, Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park.
Mar	19	10:30am Irish Stories for Children Dan Fitzgerald and Mary Ann Kerr, Coral Gables Branch Library
Apr	3	4pm Celtic Cultural Series, <i>The Trouble with Paddy, Part II</i> , with Kim Garvey at John Martins, Coral Gables
Apr	7	6:30pm SFES Board of Directors Meeting, Miami Yacht Club

The Festival (Continued)

Here are the vendors that have been invited; many are returning from last year because you patronized them so well.

Food Vendors:

Anacapri on Ponce pasta, **BSA Troop #7** hot dogs & hamburgers, **Cotton Candy** sno' cones and popcorn, **CC Bakers** cake/cookies, **Dellegante** Jamaican patties, **Fish House** fish n chips, **Fritz & Franz** brats, **JohnMartin's** corned beef, **Karving's** ice cream, **Mama Mia** Italian Ices, **Our Lady of Lebanon** specialties, **Soda Bread Booth**, **Totally Bananas**, and **UVA Restaurant** liquid refreshments.

Craft Vendors:

Mary Altman, **Bubble and Squeak**, **Copper Kettle**, **Couture Charmz**, **Creations by Carole**, **Mary Ann Erickson**, **Robert Friedlander**, **Great4Gifts**, **Rosie & Ed Hart**-jams and jellies, **Sarah Horvath**, **Jasmine Bows**, **Just Can't Resist**, **Lil Girlz Bowtique**, **Lisette Yong**, **Scrabble Mania**, **Scentsy Wickless Candles**, **Trendy Trinkets**, **Festival T-shirts**,

And Our Other Friends:

Being Well Therapy, **Coral Gables Acupuncture**, **Genealogy Society of Greater Miami**, **SF Dental Hygienists** and the **Gator Club**.

Don't forget to take home food—you won't have to cook!

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We Need Volunteers!

Ladies, if you can assist for an hour or two at the Tinker's Faire (see next column), **Leprechaun Corner**, email **Kassie Doyle** at Kassandra.doyle@gmail.com or at the **Soda Bread Booth**, call **Jan Paris** (305)815-1232 or **Clodagh Michel** at clodagmichel@yahoo.com.

Lads, we need you to work on the 12th, setting up tables and chairs. Report to **Chuck Daley** by 7:30am. During the day, we need men to do general maintenance, see **Sean Ferrell**. From 6-8pm, we need men to take down, put away and cleanup. See **Bill Gregory**.

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**:

Our Festival book funds the Festival. Despite the difficult economic times, our Ad Committee worked very hard. **Jeff Bailey**, **Judi Sherry** and **Luis Gonzalez** deserve our congratulations for all their efforts. And "Thank You" to all our advertisers who make the Festival possible.

Our appreciation is extended to Mr. **Chacun**, Advisor to the Columbus Key Club and his volunteers and to our own **Melissa Sullivan** and her volunteers from Gulliver; to **C.L. Conroy** of the **Conroy/Martinez Group** and **John Kane** for publicity and marketing; to **Dwayne Elmore** of **Elmore Graphics** for the Festival Book Covers and to **Pam** of **John Sorgie's** staff at **Sunset QuickPrint**. Thanks to all volunteers who gave so generously of their time to bring you this Festival. Show your appreciation by showing up and congratulating them on Saturday.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 12

The Festival (Continued)

There is still time to rummage through your closets and dressers and bring your forgotten treasures to the Tinker's Faire early on March 12th. Someone will be there to accept your cast-off goodies. The Tinker's Faire will accept everything --except stuffed animals and used clothing unless still new and in original wrapping . Call **Tinker Gurus Sylvia Breton** (305) 519-0715 or **Louise Sekman** (305) 216-0551 if you can volunteer for an hour or two on the 12th.

Contact **Janice McKay** (305) 733-0831 mckay-coantrim@aol.com or **Sandy Grubbs** at the Volunteer Tent in the Leprechaun Corner if you can help. Stop by the Volunteer Tent any time to offer assistance. (Continued to page 3)



Poetry Corner

This month, in this special St. Patrick's Day edition, we bring you an English translation of an old poem in Gaelic from the eighth century, which is known as "St. Patrick's Breastplate." The authors are unknown. It is partly a Druidic poem and originally may have had nothing to do with St. Patrick. The fifth verse is often quoted and has been incorporated into a hymn to St. Patrick.

-- Oliver Kerr

St. Patrick's Breastplate

I bind unto myself today
The strong name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever,
By power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
His baptism in the Jordan River;
His death on cross for my salvation;
His bursting from the spiced tomb;
His riding up the heavenly way;
His coming at the day of doom;
I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today
The virtues of the starlit heaven,
The glorious sun's life-giving ray,
The whiteness of the moon at even,
The flashing of the lightning free,
The whirling winds tempestuous shocks,
The stable earth, the deep salt sea
Around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, His might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need,
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, His shield to ward,
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

The Festival (cont'd)

Back by popular demand, The Official 2011 Festival T-Shirt ! And at a good price—\$15. Sean Glynn knows how to get us a quality T-shirt! Double your pleasure. Drawing for a Dinner for 2 plus beverage at the Miami Yacht Club—thanks to Sean Ferrell. . For every T-shirt you purchase, you will get a ticket. Deposit that ticket in our drawing bin; the winning ticket will be drawn at 3:20 before the pipers entertain us. Be that winner!

Want to join the Emeralds? Need Directions to any of the vendors? Henry and Carmen Kissane will be at the SFES Information Booth to assist you.

Breakfast will be provided to volunteer workers by John Clark and Martin Lynch from JohnMartin's Irish Pub and served on the stage. We thank them again for their generosity.

Christ be with me, Christ be within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,
The strong name of the Trinity;
The invocation of the same,
The Three in One, and One in Three,
Of whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word,
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

Anonymous, translated by Whitley Stokes

Emerald Election

At the March Board meeting, the Nominating Committee composed of Chair **Dan Fitzgerald**, **Bill O'Brien** who replaced **Chris Kelley**, **Mary Ann Kerr** who replaced **Mary Gerhardt** and **Sean Glynn** who replaced **Paul Reilly**, announced that Officers and 3-year Directors of the South Florida Emerald Society had been elected for 2011.

John Doherty announced that 84 Emeralds had voted: 70 by MonkeySurvey (Online) and 14 by mail-in ballot

A challenge pertaining to three nominees concerning 3-year term limits specified in the SFES By-Laws will be resolved at the April meeting.

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Helen's Quiz

Helen Lennon has suggested that we have an Irish Quiz—so here it is.

1. What was Black '47?
 2. Name Ireland's smallest county.
 3. On what date does Bloomsday fall?
 4. Are Irish pubs open 365 days a year? If not—when do they close?
 5. Who wrote "The Town I Loved So Well"?
- (Answers on page 6)

Welcome to These New Emeralds!

At the March meeting, the Board approved the following applications:

- **Edward Hart** is a Plant Mechanic and is originally from Garland, Texas. Ed and his wife Rosemarie live in Pembroke Pines. His Hart ancestors are from Ireland, most likely from the West, from Counties Clare, Kerry or Limerick..His sponsor is **Oliver Kerr**.
- **Conor "Paddy" Hayes** is a native son of Limerick; he is an Insurance Broker with We Insure Florida. Paddy and his spouse Brigid live on Miami Beach. His paternal ancestors (Hayes) are from Kilkenny and his maternal, O'Shaughnessys are from Limerick. His sponsor is **John Doherty**.
- **John M. Hickey Jr.** is from Canton, OH and now lives in the Gables. His paternal side includes Hickeys and Curleys; most likely from Counties Cork and Dublin, respectively. His maternal side includes the Cimmons. His sponsor is **Judi Tierney Sherry**.
- **John Michael Linehan** is originally from Chattanooga, TN, is now retired and lives with his wife in South Dade. John is from a large family and served in Vietnam. His paternal ancestors were O'Lennahains from Cork; his maternal side includes Quinns from Tipperary. His sponsor is **Thomas Linehan**.
- **David McCoy** is a former Firefighter, now retired from the City of Miami. David is from Baltimore MD, now lives in South Dade and has a child..His paternal ancestors are the real McCoy's, probably from Counties Fermanagh or Limerick. His maternal ancestors, the Mooneys, are most likely from Counties Offaly or Meath. His sponsor is **Sean Hayes**.

Would you like to place your business card in this space? \$10 for one-time insertion; \$25 for a quarter (3 months).

Send your check and business card to The South Florida Emerald Society, PO Box 836225, Miami FL 33283-6225 and **John Doherty** will make the arrangements

Trace Your Roots

Kim Garvey returns to the Celtic Cultural Series at 4pm, Sunday April 3 at JohnMartins Irish Pub, 253 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables. Ms. Garvey is Librarian for Genealogy at Nova Southeastern University. While her topic is “The Trouble with Paddy, Part II” Kim is expected to continue her discussion of Celtic lore, including history and genealogy. She delighted her audience last year and we are looking forward to a reprise. This event is free and open to the public. Parking may be available on Miracle Mile (meters) or in the City parking garage behind JohnMartins. The Series is sponsored by the St. Patrick’s Day Committee.

The Informer Appears On Screen

On February 13, **John Kane** used the new projector to show *The Informer*, John Ford’s film about 1920’s Ireland, to an appreciative group of 50 Emeralds and guests at JohnMartins. Professor Pat McCarthy of the University of Miami accompanied the screening with a perceptive appreciation of the film itself and its place in the history of movies.

Irish Folksinger a Hit at Elks

Cahir O’Doherty, Irish entertainer, engaged with an enthusiastic crowd of 80 Emeralds and guests on Saturday, February 19 at the South Miami Elks Club. All together, this was the most successful social of the season in terms of the performer, the *craic* and the hospitality. The Elks had graciously opened their clubroom for the use of the Emeralds on this Saturday.

2011 Irish Film Festival at Nova Southeastern University

Professor David Kilroy has announced a series of 3 films, all either filmed in Ireland or having Irish actors (or both). *Eden* will be shown at 2pm, Sunday March 13; *Kisses* will be screened at 7pm Wednesday March 16 and *The Yellow Bittern* will air at 4pm, Saturday March 19. These screenings are free and open to the public. The Knight Auditorium is at the Carl DeSantis Building, 3301 College Avenue, Ft Lauderdale-Davie on the Nova Campus. Further information is available at (954) 262-5477 or at www.nova.edu/library

Condolences

GARWOOD, THERESA SORGIE,

John Sorgie’s sister passed away on February 4, after a long illness. She worked at Sunset Quick-print with John for 30 years. A Visitation and Service was held at the Van Orsdel Kendall Chapel on February 12. Condolences to her brothers John and Joseph, her son Wayne, daughters Alicia and Karen and their families. R.I.P.

KELLY, ELIZABETH A., (LIZ)

Judge Carroll Kelly’s sister died unexpectedly February 7, 2011. Liz owned and operated Liz Kelly Productions in Miami for over 25 years. She produced thousands of commercials, music videos and television shows. She also produced numerous print advertising campaigns and performed location scouting. A celebration of life was held February 10 in Coconut Grove; a formal service and burial was in Buffalo NY. Condolences to Judge Kelly, her sister Joan and daughter Katie. R.I.P.

(from Miami Herald obituaries)

O’CONNOR, WALTER FRANCIS

Michael O’Connor’s father died on February 16 in Pensacola FL at the age of 90. Born in New Haven, CT, as a Naval officer he served in World War II as part of the Allied Invasion of North Africa. As a lawyer, he was a partner in Washington DC firm of Crowley and O’Connor. Mr. O’Connor was lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus, a Past Grand Knight and member of the Fourth Degree. A Mass of Celebration was held February 19 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pensacola; internment was accompanied by full military honors by the U.S. Navy. Condolences to Michael, his mother, and his sister and brothers and their families. R.I.P.

(from obituary authored by the funeral home)

April Emerald Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be at 6:30pm **Thursday April 7** at the Miami Yacht Club on Watson Island on the MacArthur Causeway. New President **Chris Kelley** will preside. Attendance of all Board members is expected; all members are welcome .

Answers to Helen's Quiz (page 4) (Taken from Cahir O'Doherty, *Irish Voice*, Dec. 22, 2010)

1. The deadliest year of the Great Famine 1847.
2. Louth.
3. June 16
4. They close on Christmas Day and Good Friday
(in theory, if not always in practice)
5. Phil Coulter.

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Cooke Convenes Conclave of COPPs

Past Emerald President **Ed Cooke** has invited all past Emerald presidents and spouses to the 2nd Annual meeting of the Council of Past Presidents at **6:30pm, Thursday March 10** at the Key Biscayne Yacht Club. More to come.....

2011 Dues are Now Past Due

Treasurer **John Doherty** has sent two invoices to members who are late in sending in dues. In January, **John** sent a "Big Mouth" message and an e-mail. Third and final notices were mailed February 1. **Mary Gerhardt** called those members who were behind; there were still 23 members who were delinquent and were suspended. Send checks to **John** at the address at lower left in the next column.