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Oliver and Mary Ann Kerr as Leopold and Molly Bloom and Dan Fitzgerald as Stephen Dedalus. (Photo from 2011-by John Kane)

## ReJoyce! Bloomsday's Here!

Bloomsday is a worldwide celebration commemorating that day—June 16, 1904—which is immortalized in James Joyce's *Ulysses*, arguably the greatest novel of the Twentieth Century.

In summary, *Ulysses* compresses the story of what three Dubliners did, said and thought in one day, using Joyce's stream-of-consciousness technique. Our celebration can consider only a fraction of *Ulysses* because of time constraints with the hope that you will explore the novel.

The celebration starts at 2pm, Saturday June 16, with an Afternoon Tea at the Coral Gables Library and continues at 6:30 pm at Books and Books, 265 Aragon, Coral Gables, where we will hear selected readings from *Ulysses*, culminating in Molly Bloom's soliloquy—"Yes I said yes I will Yes"—delivered by Imelda Washington of the Innisfree Players. Led by Oliver and Mary Ann Kerr, we will then parade around the block to JohnMartin's Restaurant, 253 Miracle Mile, for a Bloomsday feast with a special menu, prices, music and readings.

You are encouraged to come in costume, (continued to page 4)



## fSocial: Cahir O'Doherty will Encore

After a year, Cahir O'Doherty will again entertain Emeralds at 6:30pm, Friday June 29 at Irish Times, 5850 Sunset Drive, South Miami 305 667-4114. O'Doherty a professional musician best known for his strong resonant voice and lilting guitar, producing Irish folk music. There will be an extended Happy Hour, but no hors d'oeuvres and no cover charge.

The South Miami Metrorail Station and Parking Garage is at South

### Upcoming:

Sat June 16 2:00pm, *Bloomsday* Afternoon Tea, Coral Gables Library

6:30pm, *Bloomsday*, Books & Books/ JohnMartins

Fri June 29 6:30pm Irish Folksinger Cahir O'Doherty, Irish Times

Wed July 4 9:30am, Fourth of July Parade, Key Biscayne


Thur July 12 6:30pm SFES Directors Meeting, Miami Yacht Club



Are You a Yankee Doodle Dandy?

**Emeralds will show their patriotism by marching in the Fourth of July parade on Key Biscayne. This is a family event-bring the kids. Be sure and cross the Rickenbacker Causeway by 9:30am to avoid the parade floats: turn right at Harbor Drive and park at St. Agnes Church. Meet with all the Emeralds under**

**the big tree for refreshments. When marching, don't throw the flags but hand them directly to the children. After marching in the Parade, join with other Emeralds at the Key Biscayne Yacht Club for the cash bar, sponsored by Past President Tom Flynn. If you plan to attend, call/email Carroll and Billy Cameron 305 232 2015 [cameronc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cameronc@bellsouth.net) so they may more accurately order all the tableware, substantials, garnishments, and liquid refreshments that will be required. Also if you have the Irish flag (see picture above) call Carroll, as we will need the flag for the Parade.**

<p><i>St. Patrick's Day Committee Inc.</i></p>	<p>.Message from President <b>Charlie Davis:</b></p> <p><b>Judi Tierney Sherry</b> wants copies of all your photos of the 2012 Festival for the numerous collages in the 2013 Festival Book. Email Judi at <a href="mailto:judi-retired@aol.com">judi-retired@aol.com</a></p> <p>Mark your calendars for <b>Saturday March 9, 2013</b> for our next Festival. Think about volunteering for the Festival and/or placing an ad In the Festival Book.</p>	
<p>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 fraternal organization in the IRS Code. We are devoting a separate section of the <i>Shamrock News</i> to the activities conducted under the umbrella of the St. Patrick's Day Committee Inc.</p>	<p>2</p>	



**2012 Emerald Society Installation**

L to R: Skip Russell, Sean Hayes, Richard Welch, Donald Slesnick III, Mary Gerhardt, John Doherty, Hugh Ryan, Donald Harrington Jr, Bill O'Brien, Dan Fitzgerald, Judi Tierney Sherry, Chris Kelley, Paul Reilly, Joe McManus, Noel McManus Skillings, Kassie Doyle, Patrick Duffy, Oliver Kerr and Sean Ferrell. (Photos by John Kane)

**Emerald Installation Marks an Auspicious Start**

On May 23 at Jungle Island, President **Hugh Ryan** and his officers and directors, pictured above, were duly inaugurated for the coming year. **Bob Meyer** was EmCee. President **Hugh** presented his expectations for the year and **Chris Kelley** and **Dan Fitzgerald** were honored for their past service. Dan's beer tankard was inscribed: "Dan-Our Hero for 35+years-He's our hero 'cause he's kept us Irish! " Dan then led all the audience in singing: "When Irish Eyes are Smiling"

New Emeralds who received their pins and gave short bios were: **Jerry Doyle, Bryan Sean Gougherty,**

**Don Slesnick III, Megan Knol, and Dr. Dale O'Bryan.** Besides the Officers and Directors (above) and new Emeralds, other Emeralds and their guests in attendance were: **Blair Brogan, Carroll and Billy Cameron, CL Conroy, Ed and Gloria Cooke, Helen Doyle, Maureen Duffy, Ann Eustis, Dolores Fitzgerald, David Gerhardt, Mrs. Brian Gougherty, Bill Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Grondin and Maurice Grondin, Tracy Lynn Harrington and Donnie, Thelma Hayes, Stephanie Kelley, Mary Ann Kerr, Barbara McManus, Ann McShane, Clodagh and Jim Michel, Mrs.**



L to R; Honorees Chris Kelley and Dan Fitzgerald, President Hugh Ryan and EmCee Bob Meyer.

**Dale O'Bryan, Bill Owens and Anna Louise Owens Mucci, Ken Pines, Erin Ryan, John Sorgie and Annie Goodrich, Jim Weber, and Doug and Margaret Yoder.**

**Bob Ritchie** and his pipe-and-drum pals provided a musical highlight to the evening by marching through the hall playing "Wearin' of the Green", Danny Boy" and "Yankee Doodle Dandy" among others.

Kudos go to **Judi Tierney Sherry** for all her work in chairing this successful event; to **Robert Meyer** our splendid EmCee and to **Ken Pines** for supplying the table centerpieces.

## Bloomsday (Continued from page 1)

bowler hats, waistcoats, stiff collared shirts, dressy hats, flapper dresses and frocks are all welcome. Parking is available on Miracle Mile, Aragon or at the City Parking Garage behind JohnMartins.

A lovely Afternoon Tea will be held on Bloomsday at 2pm June 16 at the Coral Gables Library, 2443 Segovia St., 305 442 8706 to commemorate the day. James Kelly, 2006 Irish Musician of the Year and one of Ireland's most renowned fiddlers, will play on this occasion. Come dressed up in costume or come as you are, you will be welcomed to tea and scones.

## Greet These New Emeralds!

The Board approved these new Emeralds in May and they were at the Installation Dinner:

- **Brian Sean Gougherty** is a Residential Sales Consultant with Service Experts Heating and Air Conditioning. Brian is a native of Detroit. Brian and his wife Donna and their 2 children live in Miami Lakes. His paternal Goughertys hail from County Cork and his sponsor is **Dan Fitzgerald**.
- **Donald D. Slesnick III** is an IT Consultant with DecoNetworks LLC. Don and his wife Cecelia and thir child live in Coral Gables. His ancestors are Ferriers and DuBurghes from CastleConnel, County Limerick. Don notes that one of his ancestor DuBurghes was appointed Chief Judge of Ireland by King Henry III. Don's sponsor is his father, the former Lord Mayor of Coral Gables, the Honorable **Don Slesnick II**, himself

## Scottish-American Golf Scramble

The Scottish-American Society will hold its 3rd Annual Golf Scramble 8am, Saturday June 16 at Hollywood Beach Country Club. If you are interested, contact: <http://www.sassf.org/events/golf/GolfFlyerAndApplication.pdf> .



## Health and Welfare

**Tom Flynn**, Past President and 50-year member, entered Mercy Hospital May 10. Emeralds visited Tom there and reported he is recovering and is now home.

**Mary Jane Thompson** has been seriously ill.

**Henry Kissane** has been ill and **Carmen Kissane** may be looking ahead to a hospital stay.

Keep them in your prayers

## Helen's Quiz

Helen Lennon asked for a quiz; here it is.

1. What ancient Gaelic feast marked the beginning of Summer?
2. Who is second in line among the Irish Saints, following St.. Patrick?
3. What Irish *Taioseach* (Prime Minister) served in office for approximately 50 years during the 20th Century?
4. What popular Irish sport is played with a curved wooden hockey-like stick?
5. Signing his name to the Anglo-Irish Treaty 1921, who said 'I have signed my own death warrant?'

(Answers on Page 5)

## **July Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be at **6:30pm Thursday July 12** at the Miami Yacht Club on Watson Island. President **Hugh Ryan** will preside and expects a sense of decorum and respect for the opinion of others. Attendance of all Board members is expected and all Emeralds are welcome.

President **Hugh Ryan** and Past President **Christopher Kelley** have assumed joint chairmanship of the Membership Committee, recognizing that 33 Emeralds have decided not to renew their membership.

**John Doherty** is soliciting \$25 business card ads for the next Emerald Society Membership Directory. Please provide John with your business card and a \$25.00 check payable to South Florida Emerald Society, Inc. and mail both to the address below, before June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.**

**PO Box 836225**

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## **Emerald Sports ?**

If you have an interest in a golf outing at Miami Shores on a Saturday afternoon in July or August  
—or—

If Emeralds are interested in buying a block of seats for a Marlins game this Summer, contact **Chris Kelly**, at 305 893 6004 [cpklaw@bellsouth.net](mailto:cpklaw@bellsouth.net). **Hugh Ryan** and **Pat Duffy** can also be contacted.

### **Answers to Helen's Quiz (page 4)**

1. Beltane
2. St Brigid. (St Bridgit)(St. Bridget)
3. Eamon de Valera (1882-1975)
4. Hurling
5. Michael Collins (1890-1922)