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The Breffni Dancers at the 2011 Festival

Do We Want a Festival?

Charlie Davis, President of the St. Patrick's Day Committee, has presented a dire picture for the Festival, now scheduled for March 9, 2013 in Coral Gables. **Unless Emeralds step up to volunteer, the Festival will be cancelled.** This decision will be made at a meeting to be held at 7pm Tuesday, November 13, at Judi Sherry's house, 9320 SW 102 St. (Phone 305 271 2750).

Charlie Davis said that the \$30,000 Festival cannot continue to be staged by 6 people; that he looks to Emerald members to volunteer, specifically for:

- An Emerald to take charge of the Bar operations, either through a bar owner or by 9 volunteers serving from a beer truck. Goal \$2.5-5K.
- An Emerald to take charge of Entertainment: contracts, schedules, MCs
- An Emerald to be in charge of selling ads in the Festival Book. Goal \$15-20K. Bill O'Brien will help. (Continued on Page 2)



JohnMartins

Next Social: JohnMartins

Emeralds are invited to JohnMartins Irish Pub at 6:30pm, Thursday Nov.29, for Irish conversation, camaraderie and *craic*. Irish hors d'oeuvres, will be provided by our genial proprietors: Martin Lynch and John Clark-refreshments are cash bar. The expansive upper room -The Tipperary Room-offers a

generous space within which any person of Celtic heritage can proudly expound on the virtues of Jameson versus Bushmills.

Parking is available on Miracle Mile or in the City parking garage behind JohnMartins, entering from Aragon.

Upcoming:

Thur Nov 29 6:30 pm Social JohnMartins, 253 Miracle Mile, CG

Thur Dec 6 6:30 pm SFES Board Meeting, Miami Yacht Club

Sat Dec 8 6:30 pm Christmas in Ireland, Schofield Hall @ St.

Andrews Episcopal Church, Old Cutler Road/144th St

Sun Dec 30 3:00pm Junior Orange Bowl Parade, Miracle Mile, CG

Morrissey Weighs Irish Economy

On Sunday October 28, the Celtic Cultural Series resumed its 12th season as **Emerald Philip Morrissey** took his rapt audience at JohnMartins through a review of the Irish economy from Clontarf to the recent bail-out of €85 million by the European Monetary Fund. Oliver Kerr opened the program with a poem by Joseph Campbell. Morrissey pointed out that the Irish economy is suffering. Today, Ireland with a population of 4.5 million has a 14.4% unemployment rate. Need we add that Guinness is no longer Irish-owned and that Irish linen is now produced in China. Peat is now considered to be one of the few Irish natural resources.

Among those Emeralds and guests attending were: **Oliver and Mary Ann Kerr, Mary Jane Thompson, Patricia Villacorta, Daniel Fitzgerald, Dale O'Bryan, Matthew O'Brien, Bill O'Brien, Katie O'Connor-Schultz and John Schultz, Oliver Schultz, Ed and Gloria Cooke, Bill Owens, Ann McShane, and Joe and Barbara McManus.**

Hurricane Sandy Deters Emeralds

Only a few braved the elements for the October 25 Social at the Miami Yacht Club. **Jon Lindeman** won 1st place in Costumes and won a bottle of Seven Deadly Zins; **Oliver and Mary Ann Kerr** won 2nd place for their costume as the Hare and the Tortoise. (Cont'd to page 3)

Festival?

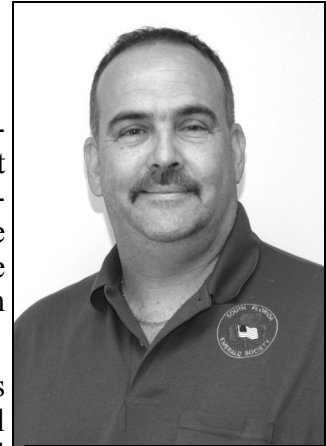
(con'd from Page 1)

Hugh Ryan has offered assistance, but about 20 other Emerald volunteers are needed to fill all the positions required on the Festival day.

Charlie reminded us that once the Festival is cancelled, it will be extremely difficult to revive in a subsequent year, because the agencies awarding grants, Miami-Dade County and Coral Gables, and the potential advertisers in the Festival Book will have seen themselves as being "once bitten, twice shy".

The St. Patrick's Day Festival offers a once-a-year opportunity for the Irish community to "showcase" our Irish heritage to the people in Miami-Dade County. The Festival has been gathering increasing publicity in local news media, including Miami Herald Neighbors. Do we want it to continue? **Then step up and call Judi!**

The St. Patrick's Day Committee is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organization affiliated with the South Florida Emerald Society, which is, in turn, a 501 (c) 7 fraternal organization in the IRS Code.



Charlie Davis, President
St. Patrick's Day Committee

🍀 Dine, Dance and be Merry! 🍀

The countdown has begun. Christmas in Ireland is less than a month away! RSVP now for your tickets to the Christmas in Ireland Gala, featuring Celtic Mayhem. Raffle tickets are also available with many great prizes, including an amazing grand prize trip to Savannah, GA for St. Patrick's Day 2013 weekend, and their famous parade! Act now for a marvelous Christmas celebration!

If you have any questions, please contact Kassie Doyle at kassandra.doyle@gmail.com or 305-333-5225.

Condolences

Daniel Dennis Dolan 1941-2012

An eternal Irishman, Dann was a charter member of the Emerald Society of South Florida and served as a chairman of Miami's First St. Patrick's Day Parade. Graduated from St. Ignatius of Loyola Preparatory School in Cleveland and was the first in his family to graduate college attending the University of Miami on a football scholarship and graduating in 1964 with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. Dann chartered Dolan Enterprises on St. Patrick's Day, 1966, and served as president for 31 years. Dolan Enterprises was the largest interiors outfitting firm in the southeastern United States that specialized in education and other government facilities. In 1967, Dann married Carole Dell, with whom he had recently celebrated their 45th anniversary. After "retiring" in 1997, Dann served as a Vice President of Coastal Construction until his death. Dann was a true University of Miami Hurricanes fan and was an experienced yachtsman and spent many years on the waters of Biscayne Bay often hosting friends and family at Stiltsville #18. Condolences to his wife, Carole, his sons Dan (Kristin), and Doug, granddaughter Elizabeth, godchildren Alison Robinson and Ashley Edens, and sisters, Sheran and Maureen. A Mass was held for Dann on Thursday, Nov. 8th at St. Hugh Catholic Church, 3460 Royal Road, Coconut Grove, Florida . R.I.P. (from Miami Herald Nov. 7, 2012)

Hurricane Sandy (Cont'd from page 2)

Their 2nd place prize was My Aunt's Famous Pumpkin Pie. Both prizes were generously supplied by **Mary Gerhardt**, who also made a Halloween Basket with treats. Emeralds in attendance were: **David and Mary Gerhardt, Paul Reilly, Chuck Daley, Sean Ferrell, Tom Lynch and Guest, Bill Owens, New Member David (and Donna) Higgins, Kassie Doyle, Jon Lindeman, and Oliver and Mary Ann Kerr.** (Sorry if we left someone out)

Poetry Corner

Jonathan Swift (1667-1745)

Swift was born in Dublin and throughout his life, alternated between London and Dublin; principally as Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin. While he is mostly known as the author of *Gulliver's Travels*, he inadvertently became an Irish patriot through he publication of his satire *A Modest Proposal*, which advocated that the poor Irish sell their children to the Anglo-Irish upper classes for food, thus highlighting the plight of the destitute Irish.

Here, in a lighter vein, Swift displays his humor:

ONYONS

Come, follow me by the Smell,
Here's delicate Onyons to sell,
I promise to use you well.
They make the Blood warmer,
You'll feed like a Farmer:

For this is ev'ry Cook's Oponion,
No sav'ry Dish without an Onyon;
But lest your kissing should be spoyl'd
Your Onyons must be th'roughly boyl'd;
Or else you may spare
Your Mistress a Share,
The Secret will never be known;
She cannoy discover
The Breath of her Lover,
But think it as sweet as her own.

Helen's Quiz

1. Name Ireland's four Nobel Laureates-Nobel Prize winners in Literature.
2. What Irish architect designed Parliament House in Dublin, now the Bank of Ireland?
3. What German architect designed Leinster House in Dublin, now the home of both houses of the Irish Parliament?
4. What Irish architect supposedly copied Leinster House in designing the White House in Washington, D.C.?
5. Name the five longest rivers in Ireland.

(answers on page 5)

☘ Christmas in Ireland Update ☘

We need YOU

The Christmas Committee is still looking for Emeralds, individuals, or groups to sponsor the event. We are also looking for sponsors for raffle prizes, the Breffni dancers, cocktail hour Fiddlers, centerpieces, and more!

☘ Christmas in Ireland Wish List ☘

☘ Emerald Sponsors - \$2,000

☘ Gold Sponsors - \$1,000

☘ Silver Sponsors - \$500

☘ Breffni dancer sponsor – approx. \$250

☘ Fiddlers – Sponsor: Emerald Society

☘ Sponsored or donated Raffle Prizes

If you are interested in being a Christmas in Ireland 2012 Sponsor, please contact Kassie Doyle at kassandra.doyle@gmail.com or 305-333-5225.

Greet These New Emeralds!

At recent Board meetings, the following new members were approved:

- **Christian Atkins** is a medical student who lives with his wife Liliana and one child, in South Dade. He has memberships in a number of veteran and professional organizations. His maternal ancestors are O'Tooles and his paternal side includes Cottens. Christian's sponsor is **Billy Cameron**.
- **David Higgins** is the owner of The Irish Times in South Miami, which Emeralds have frequented most recently as this past June 29. David is a native of Dublin. On his maternal side are Walshes. His sponsor is **Paul Reilly**
- **Kimberly "Kim" O'Brien** is Legal Manager at the Burger King Corp. She is a native Miamian and lives in Homestead. Her maternal ancestors-The O'Neills- are from County Cork and her paternal O'Briens hail from County Clare. She is being sponsored by **Clodagh Michel**.
- **Michael M. Lally**, a member starting in 2006, has recently renewed. Welcome back, Michael and Ginny. Many of us recall your father Robert F "Bob" Lally R.I.P.

Irish Logic from Peter O'Connell:

An Old Irishman was asked:
"At your ripe old age, which
Would you prefer to get—
Parkinson's or Alzheimer's?"

The Irishman replied:
"Begorrah, definitely
Parkinson's

Better to spill half an
ounce of
Whisky than to forget
Where you keep the bot-
tle!"



December Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be at **6:30pm Thursday December 6** at the Miami Yacht Club.

Junior Orange Bowl Parade

Emeralds have been invited to march in the Parade starting at 3pm, Sunday December 30 on Miracle Mile. Emerald Director **Don Slesnick III**, President of the Jr. Orange Bowl Committee expects 25 Emeralds.

Nominating Committee Appointed

A Nominating Committee for the 2013 elections has been appointed by President **Hugh Ryan**, consisting of **Chris Kelley, Mary Gerhardt, Judi Tierney Sherry**, assisted by **Dan Fitzgerald**. Call them if you are interested in serving.

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1 Answers to Helen's Quiz (page 3)

1. William Butler Yeats (1865-1939) in 1923; George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950) in 1925; Samuel B. Beckett (1906-1989) in 1969 and Seamus J. Heaney (1939-) in 1995.
2. Edward Lovett Pearce (c1699-1733) first great Irish Architect, who introduced the Palladian style.
3. After the untimely death of his friend Edward Pearce, Richard Cassels (1690-1751) took over as the most prominent architect in Ireland.
4. James Hoban (1762-1831).
5. Rivers: Shannon 386 kilometers long; Barrow 192 km., Suir 184 km, Munster Blackwater 170 km and Nore 140 km.