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**Look Out for Him—The Piper
will be Back Saturday March 8!**

Emerald Social on February ?

Being Irish, please stay tuned to your e-mail for notice of a February Social, which may or may not be held on Wednesday February 19 or 26 at Duffy's, Red Road, Coral Gables

To VOTE, see Page 4

Celtic Cultural Series: Discussion of "The Great Hunger" on Sun- day, February 16

Host Ed Cooke will introduce Marie

Tierney Smith who will lead the discussion. Mrs. Smith was born and educated in Ireland and came to the States in the '60s She has been a Florida resident for the past 50 years and was one of the earliest members of the Emerald Society. With Ed Cooke, she appeared before the Miami-Dade County School Board urging a resolution which the Board passed designating March as "Irish Heritage Month". For three years, she arranged a Gaelic Mass in Hollywood, memorializing victims of the Great Hunger in Ireland (see page 3)

Upcoming:

Sun	Feb 16	4pm	Celtic Cultural Series:	<i>The Great Hunger</i>	JohnMartin's
	Feb	TBD	Social		
Thur	Mar 6	6:30pm	SFES	Board of Directors Meeting	MYC
Sat	Mar 8	All-Day	St. Patrick's Day Festival	Fred Hartnett Park	

Save Saturday March 8 for the St. Patrick's Day Festival!

The St. Patrick's Day Committee decided to go ahead with the 2014 Festival on Saturday March 8. However President/Chairman Charlie Davis stressed that this Festival depends on the demonstrated commitment of Emerald volunteers. The Festival organization is shown at right, but we need more help. If you can volunteer call Hugh Ryan or come to this meeting.

The St. Patrick's Day Committee will meet at 6:30pm every Tuesday night at Sports Grill, Kendall Drive at SW 97th Ave. Food and refreshments available. Come help out!

This Festival has a budget of \$30,000; we need to sell \$25,000 in ads for the Festival Book to support this Festival. A \$3000 grant has been received from Miami-Dade County (Noel Mcmanus Stillings); Bill O'Brien has been soliciting ads. President/Chairman Charlie Davis says that we are having a poor response and at this rate we will not have sufficient carry-over to be able to fund next year's Festival. Show your support: take out an ad. The application form is in the January *Shamrock News*. The deadline for all ads is: Monday February 17, 2014 at 5 pm. Absolutely no ads will be accepted after this date and time.

Miss Colleens (ages 4-14). Please call Melissa Davis 305 338 7290 to enter and sign up to arrange for photos

President Charlie Davis announced that the 2014 Festival will give special honor to the memory of Marge Hartnett, who passed away over a year ago. R.I.P.

ORGANIZATION

1. Bar Chair	?????????
2. Entertainment Coordinators	Dan Fitzgerald & Hugh Ryan
3. Ad Sales Coordinator	Bill O'Brien
4. Soda Bread Chairs	Mary Ann Kerr & Jan Paris
5. Volunteers Chair	Johnette Hardiman
6. Site Coordinator	Clodagh Michel
7. Vendor Chair	Rosie Hart
8. Festival Book Chair	Judi Tierney Sherry
9. Publicity Chair	C.L.Conroy
10. Miss Colleen Pageant Chair	Melissa Davis
11. Information Booth Chair	Judi Tierney Sherry
12. Grants Chair	Noel McManus Stillings
13. Advertising	John Kane
14. Site Cleanup	Sean Ferrell
15. Tinkers Faire	Thelma Hayes
Emerald Society Host Booth	Ann Eustace

The Great Hunger



The Famine Memorial was sculpted by Rowan Gillespie, presented to the City of Dublin in 1997 and is located on Custom House Quay.

The Great Hunger

The story of the Potato Famine of the 1840's which killed one million Irish peasants and sent hundreds of thousands to the New World. (A classic) By Cecil Woodham-Smith Harper & Row, Publishers 1962

The Famine Plot

England's role in Ireland's greatest tragedy (Soon to be a Classic)

By Tim Pat Coogan, Macmillan Publisher Nov 2012

Host Ed Cooke will introduce Marie Tierney Smith “The Famine Lady” who will lead a discussion of the two books. Do borrow a copy at the library or get a used copy at Amazon.

4 pm Sunday , February 16, 2014

JohnMartin’s Irish Pub and Restaurant

**253 Miracle Mile,
Coral Gables**

Free and Open

To the Public

**Parking on Miracle Mile
or at the City Parking Garage**

St. Patrick’s Day Festival (Cont’d)

Thelma Hayes wants you to bring all your good, slightly used, white elephant, regifted stuff that you have saved for the past two years to the Tinkers Faire. But please, no used clothes or stuffed animals. Bring them early to Fred Hartnett Park on March 8. Call Thelma if you can volunteer for an hour or two.

Mary Ann Kerr and **Jan Paris** are looking out for accomplished cooks to volunteer to bake whiskey cakes for their Soda Bread Booth. Call Mary Ann or Jan for the recipe.

Wanted: Men Think about volunteering for an hour or two of light manual labor. Early at 7am, see **Charlie Davis** to help; for general maintenance during the day, see **Sean Ferrell**; to help from 6-8pm, see **Bill Gregory**. Recall that the City of Coral Gables expects the Park to be left in pristine condition.

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.

2014-15 Ballot

Return this ballot by 5 pm, Friday February 21, 2014, to SFES Nominations Committee, South Florida Emerald Society, Inc. P.O. Box 836225, Miami FL 33283-6225. Alternatively, ballots may be completed by responding to an e-mail Survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MDWT5BP> sent by John Doherty, SFES Treasurer, on January 11

This ballot lists people who have been nominated and have agreed to serve as OFFICERS or DIRECTORS if elected. If you write in a candidate, be sure you have asked your candidate if he or she is willing to serve.

Officers	Nominated	Vote (X)	Write-in	Vote
President	Sean P. Hayes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
1st Vice President	Donald F. Harrington Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
2nd Vice President	Richard C. Welch Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	John P. Doherty	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Historian	Daniel L. Fitzgerald	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Recording Secretary	Kassandra "Kassie" Doyle	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Immediate Past President (not an elected office)	Hugh A. Ryan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Nominations for new 3-year DIRECTORS. Vote for up to 5 for the 3-year term. You can always write in the name of your candidate in the open rows at the bottom of the table. Once again, be sure your candidate has expressed a willingness to serve

Directors Nominated Vote (X)
(Vote for 5)

Daniel L. Fitzgerald	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Glynn	<input type="checkbox"/>
Johnette Hardiman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donald F. Harrington Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christopher P. Kelley	<input type="checkbox"/>
John "Jack" Thomson	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>

(For Information Only)
2014-15 Continuing Board Member
Do not vote here

One-year left on current term	Two years left on current term
Sean Ferrell	Blair Brogan
Joseph W. McManus	John P. Doherty
Hugh A. Ryan	Kassandra "Kassie" Doyle
Judi Tierney Sherry	Ann Eustace
Noel McManus Stillings	Megan Knol
Richard C. Welch Jr.	William "Bill" O'Brien

COPPs to Convene in March

Secretary **Ed Cooke** has called together the Annual Meeting of the Council of Past Presidents (COPPs) of the Emerald Society to meet in March at JohnMartin's Library Room. Menu will be individual-choice dutch-treat+tip+standard charge. Spouses and friends are invited; late Chief Gael Tom Flynn will be remembered. Contact Ed Cooke escooke1@aol.com for reservations/ menu selection (Date TBD).

Batter Up!

The Emeralds will attend the Marlins/San Diego Padres game on Saturday April 5 at 7:05 pm during the 1st week of the 2014 season. Price is \$25/ticket. Call or email for reservations to Chris Kelley.

Southeast Florida Scottish Festival and Highland Games on Sat., Mar 1

Snyder Park

3299 SW 4th Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Emeralds Brave Chilly Weather

The Emeralds enjoyed pizza/refreshments at the Miami Yacht Club on January 23 despite the weather. Among those attending were: **Bill and Reata Cassidy**, the **Irish Sonar Sailing Team (John Twomey and Ian Costello)**, **Chris and Stephanie Kelley**, **Mary Ann and Oliver Kerr**, **Blair Brogan**, **Tom Wilson**, **Sean Ferrell**, **Hugh Ryan**, **Pat and Maureen Duffy**, **Ann McShane** and her cousin, **Bill O'Brien**, **Sean and Thelma Hayes**, **Carroll and Billy Cameron**, **Mary Gerhardt**, **Bill Owens** and **Megan Walsh**.

"Irish Saved Civilization" on Jan 12

Twenty-five Emeralds and guests attended the book review at JohnMartins, including: **Molly Harris**, **Carroll and Billy Cameron**, **Oliver and Mary Ann Kerr**, **Joe**, **Barbara and Catherine McManus**, **Noel McManus Stillings**, **Dorothy and Leo Cook**, **Mickey Wheeler**, **Bob Whitcomb**, **Bill Owens** and **Anna Louise Mucci**, **Pam Edwards**, **Marie Smith**, **Frances Baboun**, **Ann Robillard** and **Ed and Gloria Cooke**.



CHARLES PATRICK

"CHUCK" HARTY

Emerald Chuck Harty was born in Philadelphia, raised in Ireland as a child

and died January 29 at age 80; Chuck had been an Emerald since 1978. He served in the US Marines and attended St. Johns University. He originally moved to Miami from Texas as an insurance salesman for Massachusetts Mutual. He was an established resident of South Miami. Following his career with Massachusetts Mutual he established a residential outdoor education program that encompassed the entire southeastern ecosystem of Florida (Everglades Canoe Outfitters/ ECO). An avid and knowledgeable outdoorsman, he was at ease whether in the swamp educating others about plants and wildlife, or when attending a formal occasion. His connection with Ireland was never forgotten and intentionally kept alive. He was blessed in enjoying lifelong friends and was a faithful father to his six children. Our condolences are expressed to his children: Brian Harty, Stephen Harty, Thomas Harty, Thaddeus Harty, Theresa Harty and grand-children Thaine and Trent Harty, Alexandra, Rachel, and Olivia Harty. R.I.P.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00pm Saturday February 8 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 7701 SW 76th Avenue, Miami 33143.

(From the Miami Herald Obituary, Feb.7,2014)

Welcome Aboard

Veep **Richard and Florencia Welch** welcomed Baby **Delphina** to their family October 19.

Go Blue!

Director **Meghan Knol** has been accepted at the University of Michigan Medical School.



Board Happenings

The Board of Directors will meet at **6:30pm Thursday March 6** at the Miami Yacht Club to discuss the 2014 Budget and may be followed by a discussion of the St. Patrick's Festival. All Emeralds are welcome.

At the January Board meeting, the Nominating Committee of **Dan Fitzgerald**, Chair, **Chris Kelley** and **Hugh Ryan** nominated

the slate shown on page 4. Election results will be announced at the March Board meeting. New Officers and Directors will assume office at the April Board meeting. Our appreciation for the past service of **Pat Duffy**, **Paul Riley** and **Don Slesnick III**.

Judi Tierney Sherry announced the Installation Dinner on Wednesday May 21 at Jungle Island at a price of \$35 per person. **6**

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