

The Emerald Society

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Mi Na Nollaig

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Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaíse

“Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year”

Christmas in Ireland is a time of joy and good cheer, and most of all—family and religious traditions. It lasts from Christmas Eve to the feast of Epiphany on January 6, which is referred to as Little Christmas. Lighted candles are placed in windows on Christmas Eve, as a guide that Joseph and Mary might be looking for shelter. The candles are usually red in decorated with sprigs of holly.

Irish women bake a seed cake for each person in the house. They also make three puddings, one for each day of the Epiphany such as Christmas, New Year’s Day and Twelfth Night. After the Christmas evening meal, bread and milk are left out and the door unlatched as a symbol of hospitality.

...from Oliver Kerr’s (RIP) 2009 greeting

At 7pm on **WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16**

We will have a **SOCIAL ZOOM**

Our topic will be **CHRISTMAS**

A joke or two

Show Christmas light

Show us a Christmas game

Show us your Christmas tree

Tell us some cool Christmas story

Wear your Christmas shirt, sweater, jacket etc.

Get it

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Stay tuned in for the ZOOM meeting number and password. All are welcome

—Mark Donnelly

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In adhering to the COVID-19 guidelines, all Emerald social activities have been curtailed. Thank you for being a member as we manage through this time together.

Wear a Mask

Keep your Distance

Wash your Hands

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December Committee Reports

The Board has been conducting monthly virtual meetings via ZOOM.

Finance-John Doherty

Annual dues invoices have been Emailed to all Emeralds; dues are payable January 1, 2021. Dues renewals will be \$25 per person; new members are \$50 per person. See alternative payment instructions on page 5. Publication of a Directory is undecided.

Social Committee – Mark Donnelly

—Look out for next ZOOM Social Dec. 16

Nominating – Chris Kelley

(See Page 4)

Website Committee —Ann Eustace

—Contract is signed and Justin Arrondo is working on an Emerald website.

Miami Yacht Club to Open

MYC's restaurant will be opening at our new regular schedule this week. We'll be open Wednesday thru Sunday:

Wednesday-Friday 4-11pm

Saturday 12-11pm

Sunday 12-10pm

Per Club rules, please do not bring outside food or drink on the patio while the restaurant and bar are open.

Please be sure to wear your mask on the patio if you are not seated. Maintain social distancing to keep each other safe, and make sure to wash your hands! Mask up, MYC!

Miami Yacht Club | 1001 MacArthur Causeway,, Watson Island, Miami, FL 33132

Next ZOOM Board Meeting:

Thursday January 7, 2021

The St. Patrick's Day Committee

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

President	Charlie Davis
Vice President	Rosemarie Hart
Second Vice	
President	Judith T. Sherry
Secretary	Clodagh Michel
Treasurer	John P. Doherty

Committee.Members:

C.L.Conroy	Noel McManus Stillings
Don Harrington	Bob Friedlander
John & Noreen	Cunningham

Festival Cancelled

The St. Patrick's Day festival board has made a decision that it was not advisable to move forward and exert all of the effort at this point to put on the festival March 13, 2021. We are planning on regrouping and having a better festival in 2022.

Charlie Davis
Festival Chair

Our thanks go out to you, **St Patricks Day Committee, Inc** supporters. This increase in AmazonSmile donations to **St Patricks Day Committee Inc** is a great way to remind our supporters to continue generating donations for **St Patricks Day Committee Inc** by shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/59-1862399.

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Dear Emeralds

What a year of total blaaa!! Politics, pandemic, no socials, no St Patrick's Festival, just shutdowns and lockdowns and breathing in a dirty, smelly, worn-out face mask. But have no fear —the Emerald Society is still conducting business as (semi) usual, but we ask you to consider joining the board —and bring in a new member! Let's not forget our Irish Christmas traditions like a brave attempt at a Christmas pudding or even homemade Christmas mince pie. Also, please stay in social media contact by sending your family Christmas picture to our Facebook page. A big shout-out to Noel and Joe and Barbara McManus for keeping the *Shamrock News* our lifeline! Please contact any board member if you have any new and exciting social or membership ideas for the 2021 calendar year.

'Nollaig Shona Duit' (NO-lihg HO-nuh ghwich)
(Happy Christmas in Irish)

David Donnelly President



Wheelchair

If anyone has a need for a top-of-the-line power tilt-and-recline wheelchair, take a look at this photo. 1-year-old Avid Velocity power wheelchair; only used for 3 months. Joystick control with 5 speeds, power elevated leg rest and extension, comfort seat and back, neck rest, seatbelt, front-and-rear safety lights, horn, and many other features. \$4,750 delivered, OBO. Donald F. Harrington Jr Phone:786-351-3161



Poetry Corner

Charles J. Kickham 1828-1882 ,largely deaf and almost blind, was an Irish patriot, participated in the rising of 1848 and was a founder of the Irish Republican Brotherhood. Sentenced to 14 years penal servitude in 1865, he was released in 1869 because of ill health. He died at the age of 54.

Slievenamon

Slievenamon (Sliabh na mBan), one of the sacred mountains in ancient Ireland, is located in the heart of County Tipperary, Ireland; the title translated means, "Woman of the Mountain"

Alone, all alone, by the wave-washed strand
All alone in the crowded hall
The hall it is gay and the waves they are grand
But my heart is not there at all,
It flies far away, by night and by day
To the times and the joys that are gone
But I never can forget the sweet maiden I met
In the valley of Slievenamon.

It was not the grace of her queenly air
Nor the cheeks of the roses glow
Her soft dark eyes or her curly hair,
Nor was it her lily white brow.
Twas the soul of truth and of melting ruth,
And a smile like the summer's day.
That stole my heart away on that bright summer's day
In the valley of sweet Slievenamon.

In the festive ball and the wave-washed shore
My restless spirit cries -
My land, oh my land, shall I never see you more,
My country will you never arise.
By night and by day I will ever, ever pray,
As darkly my life it rolls on,
To see our flag unrolled and my true love unfold
In the valley near Slievenamon .

Emerald Board Members

and Directors Solicitation

The South Florida Emerald Society is searching for individuals to fill open seats for Board and Director positions. By being on the Emerald Society board you can achieve personnel growth running a project which support the Irish community and set the direction of the Irish community in the South Florida area.

The open Officer and Director positions are:

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| President | Secretary |
| First Vice President | Historian |
| Second Vice President | Directors Two Year (3) |
| Treasurer | |

The Nominating Committee will develop the slate of candidates to present to the Board at its January, 2021 meeting. Online voting will be in January and election results will be announced in February. The new Officers and Board will assume office in April.

To learn more about these positions, please contact **Chris Kelley** at info@cpklawpa.com - Phone: 305-893-6004.

No prior experience is needed, so participation is easy. Get involved!

John P. Doherty, Treasurer

LEADERBOARD 2020

Place	Emerald	# of New M'bers
1	David Donnelly	4
2	John and Noreen	1
2	Mark Donnelly	1
2	Ann McShane	1

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St. Patrick's Day Committee

ZELLE: Payments to South Florida Emerald Society, Inc. & St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.

Zelle is a banking platform which lets you make payments and receive funds without any cost to you. In order to make payment of Annual Dues and other remittances to the Emeralds, we have researched the online payment capabilities using **Zelle**. The Emeralds and St. Patrick's decided to take part in a Pilot program to use **Zelle** for Small Business payments and receiving funds. We signed up both Organizations and tested the program with volunteers and it proved successful. Now we would like to offer this capability to each of you, if you wish to use it. Here is how to get signed up:

1. Access **Zelle** through your banking app via your phone or computer. Enroll your email address or your mobile number
2. Create a Contact for the South Florida Emerald Society, Inc and use our email address emeraldsocietysf@gmail.com
3. Create a Contact for St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc and use our email address stpatrickssf@gmail.com
4. When ready to pay the Emeralds, click on the Contacts and select South Florida Emerald Society, Inc for payment
5. Insert the amount you wish to send, review and complete the memo section.
6. Click submit and the funds will be transferred immediately into the Emerald bank account at BB&T.
7. You will receive a confirmation of the transaction
8. The Emeralds will receive a confirmation of the transaction.
9. This process is the same for paying St. Patrick's using the Contact email address for St. Patrick's

You will also retain the capability to pay the Emeralds by check at no cost to you. Also, Credit Card payment will be available via Square at a 3.5% surcharge to you.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks,

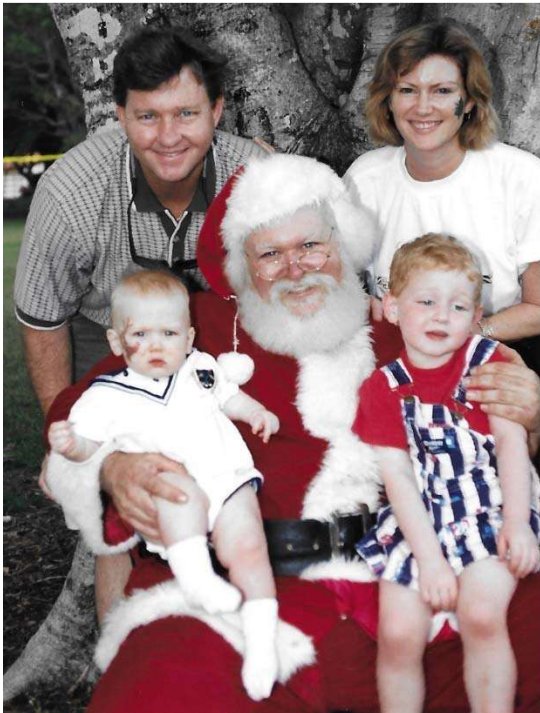
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John P. Doherty, Treasurer
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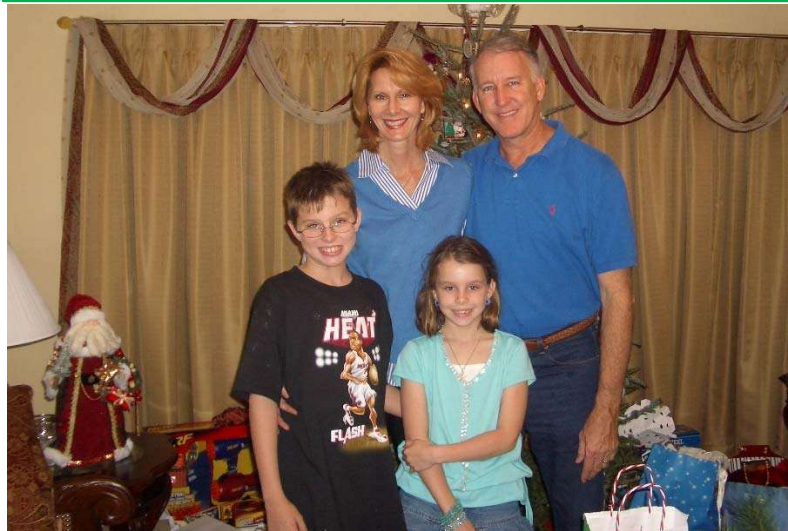
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The South Florida Emerald Society Inc. Wishes You A Merry Christmas, or Nollaig Shona!

Celebrating Christmas, enjoy pics shared by Emeralds of their special Christmas memories....



**Left – Emeralds President David Donnelly, with wife Sharon & sons Connor and Chris Donnelly
Below: Emeralds 1st VP, Mark Donnelly, with wife Claire, daughter Caitlin & son Sean**



Left: Emerald Judi Tierney Sherry shares her 1983 Christmas pic with family members Tom, Brian, Kevin, Colleen, Brandy & Murphy.





Left: David McCoy and Shelley Schoendorfer 2019

Right: starting from upper left: Noel McManus Stillings, then clockwise sisters Sarah, Catherine, Margaret and brother John McManus, 1970 Evanston, IL



Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

1st pic to right: Noreen Cunningham with Santa & oldest sister Marianne, ~1955

2nd pic to right: Noreen Cunningham with her McCarthy family, parents home in Williston Park, NY ~1990s



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Twitter: @SFemeraldsmiami

Wishing All Emeralds a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!