

The Emerald Society shamrock news

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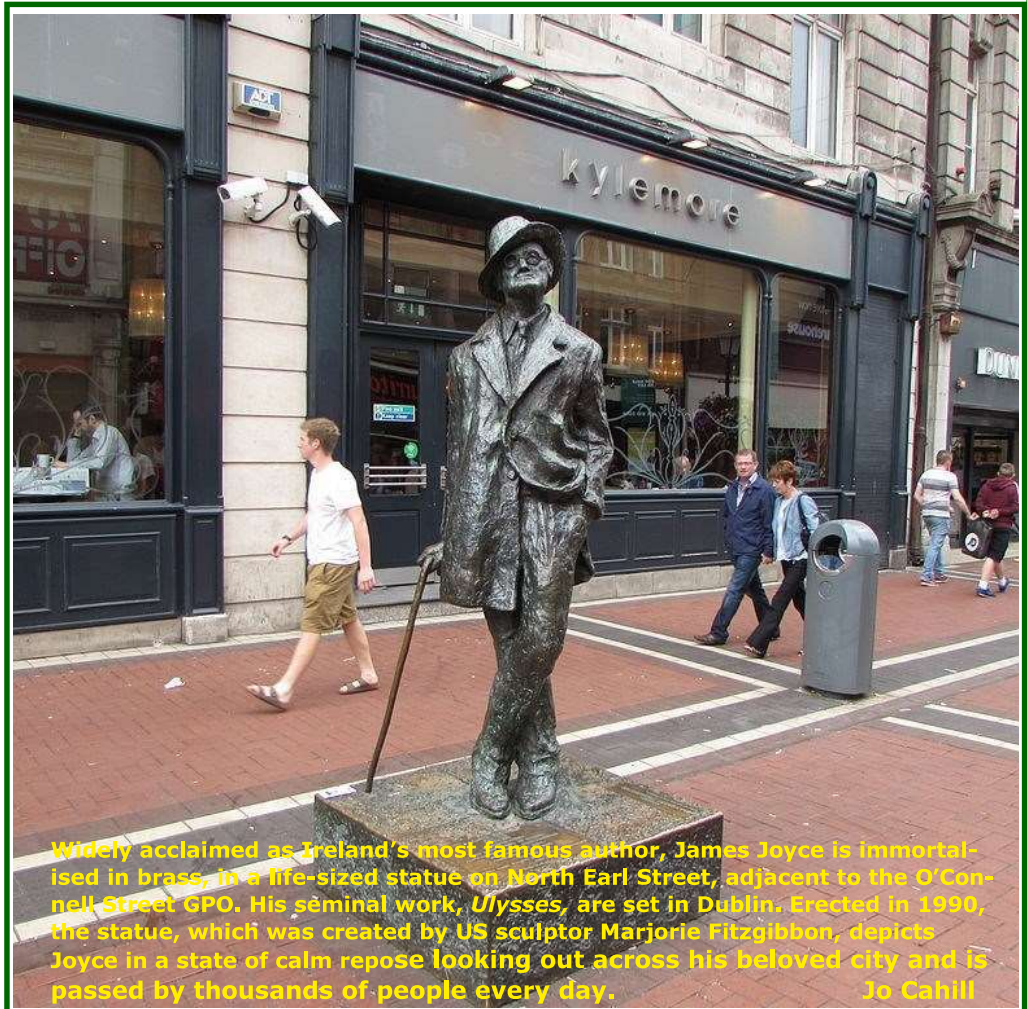
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Widely acclaimed as Ireland's most famous author, James Joyce is immortalised in brass, in a life-sized statue on North Earl Street, adjacent to the O'Connell Street GPO. His seminal work, *Ulysses*, are set in Dublin. Erected in 1990, the statue, which was created by US sculptor Marjorie Fitzgibbon, depicts Joyce in a state of calm repose looking out across his beloved city and is passed by thousands of people every day. Jo Cahill

MLK Holiday

"...the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. famously said in 1963: 'I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.'... The youngest of King's 'four little children' is 57 years old now..."

Leonard Pitts, Miami Herald Jan.17,2021

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.

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Wear a Mask

Keep your Distance

Wash your Hands

South Florida Emerald Society

January Committee Reports

The Board conducted their monthly meeting via ZOOM on Wednesday January 14th.

Social Committee – Mark Donnelly

ZOOM meeting 7pm Wednesday January 27
Old Movies Trivia 1930-1980
Irish Stories/Actors/Directors/Movies/Etc.
Join the fun
Watch for Announcement to Join

Website Committee —Ann Eustace

Ann and Consultant Justin Arrondo conducted an online test of the Emerald Website—ready to open. Watch for the opening.

Nominating – Chris Kelley

See slate on page 3

Membership—Katie O’Connor-Schultz

The winner of the 2020 Billy Cameron Award for the Emerald who brings in the most new members goes to Prexy David Donnelly. (Free Membership) (See Leaderboard p. 4)

Health and Welfare—Judi T. Sherry

Sean Glynn reports that Teresa is still ill; that they have been out-of-their-house for the past 7 months.
Chuck Daley is recuperating.
Don Slesnick acknowledged a card. —

Next Board Meeting: 7pm THURSDAY FEB - RUARY 4, 2021 – ZOOM or Miami Yacht Club?

Check out preparations for future St. Pat’s Festivals on p. 5 and New Year’s photos on pages 6-7.

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

Amazon Smile

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.

Miami Yacht Club is Open

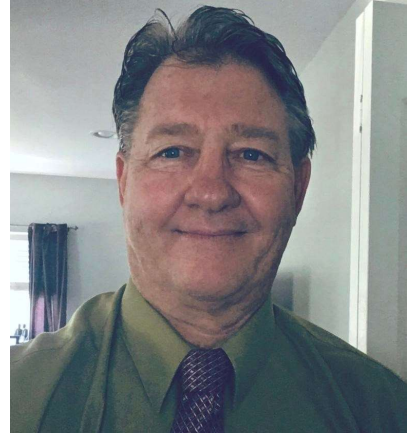
MYC's restaurant is open Wednesday thru Sunday:

Wednesday-Friday	4-11pm
Saturday	12-11pm
Sunday	12-10pm

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!

1001 MacArthur Causeway, Watson Island

South Florida Emerald Society



Dear Emeralds:

The annual membership dues are due now! 2021 Membership Dues for current member's —\$ 25; Out of State \$ 10 - New Members are still at \$ 50 with approved membership application. We have 3 types of payments terms: Credit Card -Call the office number and we will get out an invoice to you via email; 2nd —the new way —is by Zelle where the direct payment is exchanged from your bank to the Emeralds' bank, and 3rd —the old way—is the good "old fashioned check " .

Please post up your New Year's picture to the SF Emeralds Society Facebook page and let the other members know what you did to celebrate the 2021 year or send pictures to Noel McM. Stillings (noelmcmamus@aol.com).

Emeralds, we have one more election to go—I present to you the 2021 proposed slate of officers and directors—where the SF Emerald Society will set the course of the Irish commonwealth in Miami. You will shortly receive instructions to vote on SurveyMonkey —or you can write-in a ballot. We need your support.

Thank you, Maureen Hickey, for your recent 5 years of service—and for prior years of service!

Up The Irish! *David Donnelly* President

2021 SF Emerald Society Slate of Officers and Directors

President	Mark Donnelly	Directors-2 Year Term
1st Vice President	Noel McManus Stillings	Sean Ferrell
2nd Vice President	Open-TBD	Hugh Ryan
Secretary	Ann Eustace	Judi Tierney Sherry
Treasurer	John P. Doherty	Directors-1 Year Term*
Historian*	Christopher P. Kelley	Donald F. Harrington Jr.
Immediate Past President*	David Donnelly	Katie O'Connor-Schultz
		Paul Reilly

*=no vote is required



Poetry Corner

Brien O’Nolan (1911-66) better known under his pen name of Flann O’Brien, is considered a major figure in 20th century Irish literature, influenced by James Joyce. He wrote a critical and sarcastic column for the *Irish Times*, using the pen name Myles na gCopaleen to protect his job as an Irish government civil servant. An alcoholic for much of his life, he suffered from ill health in later years.

A Pint of Plain is Your Only Man

(The Workman’s Friend)

When things go wrong and will not
come right,
Though you do the best you can,
When life looks black as the hour of
night –
A pint of plain is your only man.

When money’s tight and hard to get
And your horse has also ran,
When all you have is a heap of debt –
A pint of plain is your only man.

When health is bad and your heart
feels strange,
And your face is pale and wan,
When doctors say you need a change,
A pint of plain is your only man.

When food is scarce and your larder
bare
And no rashers grease your pan,
When hunger grows as your meals are
rare –
A pint of plain is your only man.

In time of trouble and lousey strife,
You have still got a darlint plan
You still can turn to a brighter life
A pint of plain is your only man.

Flann O’Brien

Ireland’s “brutally misogynistic* culture”

On Tuesday January 12, Ireland’s Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes and Certain Related Matters—which was set up to investigate what happened to 14 mother and baby homes and four county homes from 1922 to 1998—announced 9,000 deaths as part of the final findings of the six-year inquiry.

Over eight decades, some 56,000 people—from girls as young as 12, to women in their 40’s—were sent to these 18 institutions, where some 57,000 children were born. Thousands of these babies and children died (9,000—a mortality rate of 15%) in Ireland’s mother and baby homes—church-run institutions where unmarried women were sent to deliver their babies in secret, often against their will—according to the report.

On Tuesday, Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Micheal Martin said that the report “opens a window onto a deeply misogynistic culture in Ireland over several decades, “and that the report “reveals significant failures of the state and of society.” He formally apologized to the survivors of the homes .

In a statement Tuesday evening, Archbishop Eamon Martin said: “I accept that the Church was clearly part of that culture in which people were frequently stigmatized, judged and rejected.” He apologized to survivors and those impacted for the “long-lasting hurt and emotional distress that has resulted.”

*=~~hatred~~ of women

- summarized from Kara Fox CNN Wednesday Jan 13 , 2021

LEADERBOARD 2020

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

St. Patrick's Day Committee

Charlie Davis-President
and Festival Chair

Clodagh Michael-Secretary

Rosemary Hart-1st Vice President John Doherty-Treasurer

Judi Tierney Sherry-2nd Vice President

Preparations for St. Patrick's Day Festival in 2022

The St. Patrick's Day Festival Committee is contemplating their strategy leading up to March, 2022 after a two-year hiatus. Among their concerns are the following considerations:

Climate— It is assumed that a Festival in March 2021 is no longer possible because of the restrictions on the pandemic. Whether by March 2022 there will be local governmental approval, is an open question.

Application—Our Committee members —John Doherty and Noel McM Stillings—are thinking of making a formal application to a local government for the Festival, renewing the applications for funding from Miami-Dade County, based on the anticipated one-day crowd size of 3,600.

Budget—Our Treasurer-John Doherty-faces the task of a budget of \$30,000 consisting of your donations, sponsors of the Festival Book and vendor fees. Expenses are considerable: fees/rentals due local government for Police, Fire/Rescue and waste removal, and rental of slides and climbing towers. Don Harrington is contemplating assuming his usual role of chief fundraiser, assisted by other Committee members. C. L. Conroy usually handles publicity.

Entertainment. Our President and Festival Chair—Charlie Davis—is quietly conversing with the Irish-American entertainers who have so enlivened our past Festivals, while Melisa Davis is counting the possible young Miss Colleens.

Vendors—Vice President Rosie Hart, and Bob Friedlander are visualizing would-be vendors.

Festival Book—Editor Judi Tierney Sherry is conjuring 30-40 pages of new narratives, Emerald features and history, traditional Irish lore, and loads of ads from sponsors like you.

Whiskey cake? Festival Booth? If you are interested in joining, contact any member.