



## South Florida Emerald Society

### April Committee Reports

The Board conducted their monthly meeting via ZOOM on Thursday April 8.

#### **Social Committee – Mark Donnelly**

See my message on p.3.

#### **WEBSITE Committee —Ann Eustace**

Ann Eustace and Consultant Justin Arrondo assisted by the Website Committee have completed the new WEBSITE [www.emeraldsocietysfl.com](http://www.emeraldsocietysfl.com). and urge you to try it out. Provide any feedback to Ann Eustace. A QR reader is up and running. This can be accessed through the QR reader app on your phone, then scanned and you will be directly connected to the website. It's that easy! We have a professional Zoom account.

#### **Treasurer– John P. Doherty**

Annual dues were payable January 1st. Renewals are \$25pp; new members are \$50 pp. Publication of a directory is contingent on the dues deadline.

#### **Membership-Katie O'Connor Schultz and Ann Goodrich Sorgie.**

Katie will organize a committee meeting to discuss the membership card distribution. See p. 3 for news of new members.

**Next Meeting: Thursday May 6 by ZOOM.**

**All Emerald social activities have been curtailed because of COVID-19. Thankyou for being a member as we manage through this time together.**

**Wash your Hands**

**Wear a Mask**

**Keep your Distance**

## *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

### **Health and Welfare—Judi T. Sherry**

Gloria Cooke would appreciate a phone call: (305) 576 -8462.

John Kane is doing well in Delray Beach. He enjoys playing pickleball with new friends and neighbors.

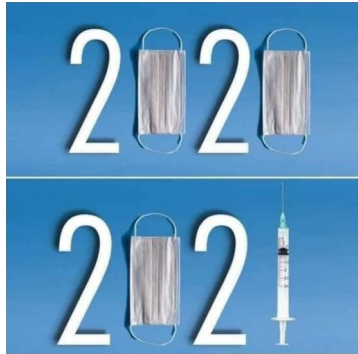
Bill O'Brien, who for years was our chief fundraiser for the St. Patrick's Day Festival, is now at Jackson Plaza Rehabilitation. Call Bill between 10 and 12 noon at (305) 347-3380; ask for William O'Brien in Room 421 and the staff will arrange the connection. Bill would like to hear from you.

Three Donnellys have just graduated from college: Sean and Chris from FIU and Connor from FSU. Congratulations!

Happy Birthday to Ann Eustace, Judi Tierney Sherry and Joe and Barbara McManus!

## South Florida Emerald Society

Welcome all Emeralds:



The good news is that we are on the mend and soon will be back to our normal lives and social events after the pandemic. Our goal is to resume in-person social events soon after September 1, 2021. Perhaps at the Miami Yacht Club coupled with an Installation Ceremony(?). I've also been talking with the German American Social Club, 11919 SW 56th St., Miami. (?) And thinking about our annual Tropical Celtic Christmas Fest at Mike's at the Venetia in downtown Miami (?)

The SFES board met this week by ZOOM. We discussed our objectives which are to resume our social events, to grow membership and increase usage of our WEBSITE. We encourage all members to refer to the calendar on the WEBSITE to learn of upcoming events.

Our Editors are introducing a new feature: Travel. Spotlight will start in May.

I would like to welcome Hugh Ryan, former President, to the Board; much appreciation to Maureen Hickey and my brother David, both past Presidents.

We invite everyone to become involved and seize the opportunity to network with other Emeralds while enjoying the camaraderie and fun!

*Slainte!*

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*Mark Donnelly*, President

### Meet These New Emeralds!

- **Tamme Irby Flood** is retired and lives in central Miami. Friends call her "Tamme". She has one child. Her Irish ancestors are on her mother's side. Her sponsor is David Donnelly.
- **Richard "Rick" Smith** is a retired police officer who lives in Boynton Beach. His spouse is Susan and they have 5 children. On his paternal side, his ancestors are Cantwells and McGearys from County Kilkenny; on his maternal side, his ancestors are Masons and Higgins. His sponsor is John Doherty.

## Poetry Corner

William Butler Yeats (1865-1939), one of the great English-language poets of the 20th century, received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1923. In *Fiddler*, an elderly man contemplates the end of his days and looks forward to Heaven.

### The Fiddler of Dooney

When I play on my fiddle in Dooney,  
Folk dance like a wave of the sea;  
My cousin is priest in Kilvarnet,  
My brother in Moharabuiee.

I passed my brother and cousin:  
They read in their books of prayer;  
I read in my book of songs  
I bought at the Sligo fair.

When we come at the end of time,  
To Peter sitting in state,  
He will smile on the three old spirits,  
But call me first through the gate;

For the good are always the merry,  
Save by an evil chance,  
And the merry love the fiddle  
And the merry love to dance:

And when the folk there spy me,  
They will all come up to me,  
With 'Here is the fiddler of Dooney!'  
And dance like a wave of the sea.  
—W.B.Yeats

## Rioting Grips Northern Ireland

“Dozens of police officers have been injured in more than a week of unrest in Northern Ireland, where anger over the effects of Brexit on the U.K. region is intersecting with crime and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

“...British and EU leaders...are anxious to prevent the delicate arrangements for managing trade between the bloc and its former member state from upsetting a hard-won peace in Northern Ireland that ended decades of violence.

“...the White House expressed concern...the administration joined the British, Irish and Northern Irish leaders in their calls for calm, and reasserted U.S. support for ‘a secure and prosperous Northern Ireland in which all communities have a voice and enjoy the gains of the hard-won peace,’

“Northern Irish politicians and analysts say the nightly rioting in mostly Protestant areas reflects resentment among pro-British unionists in Northern Ireland over what they perceive as a series of concessions to Irish nationalists, who want the region to break away from the U.K. and unite with the Republic of Ireland.

“Police were pelted with Molotov cocktails, masonry, bottles and fireworks during rioting Wednesday night in west Belfast...which spilled over into clashes between groups from Protestant and Catholic districts.

“Northern Ireland...is part of the U.K. but shares a 310-mile land border with Ireland, an EU member state.”

—Jason Douglas, April 9, 2021, *The Wall Street Journal*

**Two Irishmen were working in the public works department. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in.**

**After a while, one amazed onlooker said: "Why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?"**

**The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the lad who plants the trees called in sick." 😊**





## **Best Wishes**

Christopher Kelley and his daughter Sarah immediately prior to the vow renewal—repeating last September’s wedding ceremony wherein Sarah married her beloved Garrett. Chris and Stephanie Kelley observed that this pandemic sometimes alters our wedding customs.

## **Travel**

### **The best Irish pubs in New Orleans**

1. Boondock Saint, 731 Saint Peter St. —Across from Preservation Hall — (504) 525-4950
2. Erin Rose, 811 Conti St.—Steps from the eternal lug and slug of Bourbon Street—(504) 523-8619
3. Fahy's Irish Pub, 540 Burgundy St. —Located in the Lower French Quarter—(504) 586-9806
4. Finn McCool's Irish Pub, 3701 Banks St. —An Irish pub in Mid-City— (504) 486-9080
5. Markey's Bar, 640 Louisa St. —Serving the Bywater area— (504) 943-0785