

The Emerald Society shamrock news

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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

South Florida Emerald Society

February Committee Reports

The Board conducted their monthly meeting via ZOOM on Thursday February 4.

Social Committee – Mark Donnelly

ZOOM –Boom Trivia night
7-7:45pm Wednesday February 17. -
"Topic" What is "South Florida" ?????

Wait for instructions to connect.

Website Committee —Ann Eustace

Ann Eustace and Consultant Justin Arrondo assisted by the Website Committee present the new WEBSITE.

Nominating – Chris Kelley

The new officers and directors (see page 3) will assume office on that great day—March 17—and will be inaugurated in April.

Treasurer– John P. Doherty

Sixty-three members have paid their annual dues; 46 members have yet to pay their annual dues.

Health and Welfare—Judi T. Sherry

Gloria Cooke's Birthday was Jan. 27.. She's not feeling well, yet appreciated the Birthday phone call. I have also mailed her a Birthday card.

Sean Glynn reports that Teresa is still ill .

Chuck Daley and Sean Ferrell are recuperating.

John Kane is doing well in Delray Beach.

Bill O'Brien, who for years was our chief fundraiser for the St. Patrick's Day Festival, is now at Jackson Plaza Rehabilitation.

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
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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

AOH Calls For Special Envoy to Northern Ireland

In a major development, America's largest Irish organization, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, has thrown their clout behind peacemaker and former Congressman Bruce Morrison for the position of Special Envoy to Northern Ireland.

“Dear Michael O'Connor:

(Emerald President 2003-4)

I am asking for your assistance today. Please sign our petition asking President Biden to appoint a U.S. Special Envoy to Northern Ireland immediately.

Best,

Danny O'Connell

Ancient Order of Hibernians in America

(Look for Petition under IrishEcho)

South Florida Emerald Society

Emeralds:

It never is easy to good-bye so I will say it in Gaelic
" Slan sa Ghaidhlig "

This year was as crazy as it gets and had stopped the Emeralds Society cold in its tracks, starting with the cancellation of St. Patrick's Festival and then followed by the halting trying to keep the green flowing within the SF Celtic community—the Emerald Society board changed direction and started Zooming the board meetings; Zooming socials; streaming events — and best of all we created a new SF Emerald Society web site. (See front page) Raise your glasses for the Web Site committee for launching the new SFES web site. Thanks to all the 2020 board members for their help in turning this challenging year into a productive year and greet our new officers and directors. I will remain on the board as past president and contributing to the web site committee.



Slainte'

Up The Irish!

David Donnelly President

2021 SF Emerald Society 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



Poetry Corner

THE CURE OF TROY

Human beings suffer.
 They torture one another.
 They get hurt and get hard.
 No poem or play or song
 Can fully right a wrong
 Inflicted and endured.

History says, Don't hope
 On the side of the grave,
 But then, once in a lifetime
 The longed for tidal wave
 Of justice can rise up
 And hope and history rhyme.

So hope for a great sea- change
 On the far side of revenge.
 Believe that a further shore
 Is reachable from here.
 Believe in miracles.
 And cures and healing wells.

Call miracle self-healing,
 The utter self revealing
 Double-take of feeling.
 If there's fire on the mountain
 And lightening and storm
 And a god speaks from the sky

That means someone is hearing
 The outcry and the birth-cry
 Of new life at its term.
 It means once in a lifetime
 That justice can rise up
And hope and history rhyme.

by Seamus Heaney

President Biden's Love of Poet Seamus Heaney

“...In some of his most important speeches over the course of a long career, President Biden has repeatedly quoted the work of Seamus Heaney, an Irish, Nobel Prize-winning poet and playwright. And while Heaney's words—heavily influenced, and sometimes directly referencing, the Troubles—are good fodder for political addresses, and have been previously quoted by the likes of Bill Clinton, Biden's interest in Heaney goes deeper.

"My colleagues always kid me about quoting Irish poets all the time," he once said "They think I do it because I'm Irish. I do it because they're the best poets." He's also a fan of William Butler Yeats, dating back to the days when he used to recite Yeats' words in the mirror, working to overcome his stutter. But still, he's said that Heaney is his favorite.

The President-elect is so enamored with Heaney, in fact, that his daughter quoted the poet's words back to him when she learned that he'd join Obama's ticket. "She said, you know how you're always quoting Seamus Heaney about hope and history rhyming? And I said, yeah," Biden recalled in 2016. "She said, this is hope and history. I'm history, here's hope."

The particular passage his daughter was referencing is from *The Cure at Troy*, a 1991 play Heaney adapted from Sophocles..."

-Chloe Foussignes, *Town and Country*, January 19, 2021

President Biden's great-great-great grandfather Edward Blewitt was born in Ballina Ireland and emigrated to Scranton, Pa., just after the great Irish famine of 1845 to 1849.

Boy Scout Troop 10

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Don Harrington
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Rosa Hidalgo Treasurer

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Mentors:

William Solomon Life-Eagle

Jorge Borges Star-Life

Victor Trillo First-Star

Henry Hernandez, Angelo
Pineda Scout

-First Assistant Scoutmas-
ters:

John Beck

Jorge Borges

Jim Burry

Walter Conklin

Angelo Pineda

William Solomon

February 1, 2021

Hello,

My name is Donny Harrington and I am a candidate for the rank of Eagle Scout.

I have fulfilled all of my merit badge requirements, community service hours, and positions of responsibility. All I have left is my Eagle Scout Service Project.

I started Scouting in the 1st grade when I joined Cub Scout Pack 530 and later crossed over to Boy Scouts joining Troop 10 sponsored by Central Presbyterian Church. I am a senior at TERRA Environmental Research Institute and have decided that my Eagle project should benefit my high school. Since the students are not allowed inside the school buildings during lunch, I have decided that constructing benches to provide additional seating outdoors would benefit the students greatly.

Due to COVID-19, we are not able to do normal fundraising activities, so I am asking for financial contributions from my Troop, friends and family that will help me in raising the money needed to fund my project. The money raised will be used to purchase the lumber, hardware and miscellaneous supplies necessary to build at least four benches. Any financial donation you can make is greatly appreciated.

There are two ways in which you can help me raise the money needed to fund my Eagle Project:

(1) Send money via PayPal to Troop10
miami@gmail.com and reference Donny's Eagle Project, or (2) Mail a check made payable to BSA Troop 10 to our Troop Treasurer to the address below:

Rosa Hidalgo 7564 SW 191st Street Cutler Bay, FL 33157

- Please note on the check Memo Line "For Donny's Eagle Project" Thank you for supporting my Eagle Project.
- Sincerely, Donny Harrington, III Life Scout, Troop 10