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In adhering to the COVID-19 guidelines, all Emerald social activities have been curtailed. We encourage everyone to keep in touch with one another. We wish you and your loved one's health and safety. Thank you for being a member as we manage through this time together.

No events in August—No Newsletter in August

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Key Biscayne 4th of July Parade

Hello past participants!

The Key Biscayne 4th of July Parade is still happening. It's going to be a little different this year due to the pandemic, but here's what's up:

1. There won't be a stage and a main place to congregate like in past years. Instead, we will drive around the island trying to visit as many people as possible.
2. It will be vehicles only. No walking groups or walking alongside vehicles. No horses. This will allow us to keep the pace up and keep a distance.
3. It's a maximum of 10 people per group, per county distancing guidelines. We encourage you to only group up with people that you have been exposed to already, such as family.
4. We ask that you not get close to any spectators. Keep your distance, please
5. We won't stop. It will be a continuously moving parade, hopefully at a steady pace.
6. That's the gist of it. If you've got a vehicle and you want to decorate it to celebrate, please sign up at <https://kb4.org/signup>

If you have any questions feel free to ask. info@kb4.org

Please tell your friends. Hope to see you there!

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

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John & Noreen Cunningham

The St. Patrick's Day Committee will convene shortly via ZOOM for a wrap-up of the (cancelled) 2020 Festival.

1st ZOOM Social on Wednesday June 17

Our ZOOM social was a lot of fun. Although we only had 12 attendees, it was good to see everyone. We spent time talking with each other, then we had Irish American Trivia. Everyone learned a lot about Irish American contributions to our country. We all won—but the winner of the evening was John Doherty. A gift will be sent to John.

Due to the corona pandemic, we will look toward another ZOOM social like this one, **tentatively at 7pm, Wednesday July 22.** I will send out an advance notice to our list.

Mark Donnelly

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To all South Florida Emerald Society members :

-the board members hope you are staying safe and want you to know that if you're in need of any assistance you can contact us at 305-596-9995.

-While we still find ourselves in self quarantine, the SFES 2020 -21 board has been active in multiple areas.

-The board of directors have been conducting weekly Zoom meetings which have been very productive in developing our future plans, building up our membership, and participating in the South East Counsel General of Ireland (Atlanta /Miami) meetings.

-We want to send a big shout out to **Noel** for the keeping up the ES Facebook page and encourage all members to post on the site.

-The ES web site committee is almost completed with the new and improved WEB SITE and will be announcing its launch date soon. **Ann Eustace** has been fantastic in leading the redesign of the web site and keeping the work within budget.

-Our membership is growing thanks to **Katie Schultz** & **Ann Sorgie**. They both have put in a lot of time prepping and mailing out the membership packages. Many thanks to Ann for the making the calls to our past members and reinstating many.

-We need everyone to be creative and ask yourself "What can I do help build up the SF Emerald Society to become the best yet?" and get involved. We need your support.!

-BI' curamach - Be safe!

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Sláinte!

David Donnelly President

P.S. A big Happy 90th Birthday to Ed Cooke -Emerald President in 2002-03!

Poetry Corner

This month, to mark the 4th of July, we would like to call your attention to George M. Cohan, an Irish-American, who was the “father” of American musical theater. Cohan was born in Providence, RI in 1878 of Irish parents and died in 1942, his funeral was held at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in NYC. But more to our point, Cohan wrote three patriotic songs which are remembered and still sung today; the chorus parts are below. In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt recognized Cohan’s contribution in composing *Over There* by awarding him the Congressional Gold Medal. On late-night TV, you can still see Jimmy Cagney portraying Cohan in *Yankee Doodle Dandy*(1942).

Yankee Doodle Dandy

I’m a Yankee Doodle Dandy,
A Yankee Doodle, do or die;
A real live nephew of my Uncle Sam’s,
Born on the Fourth of July.
I’ve got a Yankee Doodle sweetheart,
She’s my Yankee Doodle joy.
Yankee Doodle came to London,
Just to ride the ponies,
I am the Yankee Doodle Boy.

You’re a Grand Old Flag

You’re a grand old flag,
You’re a high-flying flag,
And forever in peace may you wave.
You’re the emblem of
The land I love,
The home of the free and the brave.
Ev’ry heart beats true
Under Red, White and Blue,
Where there’s never a boast or brag.
But should auld acquaintance be forgot,
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.

Only in Ireland...



Fianna Fáil leader Micheál Martin waves to the gathered media after being elected Taoiseach at the Convention Centre on June 27, 2020 in Dublin, Ireland.

As you may recall, the February elections in Ireland left the three main political parties in a virtual tie: *Sinn Féin* 24.5%, *Fianna Fail* 22.2% and *Fine Gael* 21% (counting 1st preference vote). For the ensuing five months, the leaders of the parties have talked...and talked...and talked while Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Leo Varadkar served as caretaker.

On June 26, all three parties came to a compromise and voted to resolve their differences by having government-in-sequential-stages. On June 27, Micheál Martin of *Fianna Fail* was appointed as Taoiseach and formed a new government. The parties agreed that in December 2022, Leo Varadkar of *Fine Gael* would again serve as Taoiseach.

Fianna Fàil no longer appears able to maintain the broad, cross-class social base that underpinned its long success. *Sinn Féin* has decisively captured its urban, working-class vote. *Fine Gael* is the voice of big business and large agriculture, landlords, and the upper middle classes.

— From *Jacobin July 1.2020*

Congratulations to These Recent Grads!

- ◆ **Delaney Davis**, graduated from Florida State University
- ◆ **Cailin Donnelly**, graduated from Florida Atlantic University
- ◆ **Lauren Eustace**, accepted at University of North Carolina MBA Program
- ◆ **Erin McManus**, graduated from Cypress Bay High School,
admitted to the University of Florida
- ◆ **Chara McManus**, admitted to Florida Atlantic University

Miami Yacht Club

4th of July Cook-Out

Miami Yacht Club is hosting a 4th of July cook-out starting at 1PM to the grand finale. You will be watching the fireworks from Miami, Miami Beach, North Miami Beach, Bayside

Emerald Society members are welcome to participate in the Miami Yacht Club Cook-out @ \$16 per plate minus your Emerald Society discount

Ribs, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Family lunches & cold drinks

Location: Miami Yacht Club 1001 MacArthur Causeway

<https://www.miamiyachtclub.com> - 305-377-9877

Protective Mask & Social Distancing is required

Mark Donnelly Social Chairman
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Patronize our Friends!

- Prime rib night is back at **Scully's Tavern** on Wednesdays! In order to accommodate orders and COVID compliance, reservations are preferred. 305-271-7404
- Stop by the **Auld Dubliner** and enjoy some pints, drink specials, craic, and Dave Higgins' Shepherd's Pie. Full Irish breakfast is available from 10am -2pm on Saturday and Sunday. Yum! 91 NW 1st St, Miami, FL 33128
- **Shane Stephens** is the outgoing Consulate General of Ireland (Atlanta). We wish Shane well in his next endeavor. Thank you, Shane, for your support of the South Florida Emerald Society and the Irish Community! Here is the link to the June Newsletter of the Irish Consulate: <https://www.dfa.ie/irish-consulate/atlanta/news-and-events/news-archive/june-2020newsletter.html>
- The website committee has begun the "revamping" of the Emerald Society website. Stay tuned .

Ann Eustace, Secretary

**4th of July Message from Comm. Eileen Higgins
District 5, Miami-Dade County**



Dear Fellow Emeralds:

This year, celebrating Independence Day has taken on a new meaning as we continue to deal with a public health crisis in our community. This holiday is not as much about the fireworks or the barbeques, but about doing what we can to slow the spread of the virus in our community.

As we celebrate the Fourth of July, I encourage you to reflect on the resiliency of our community and our country. Throughout this pandemic, we have seen our frontline workers make selfless sacrifices to keep our residents safe. Our neighbors and community organizations have stepped up to help those in need. Whether it be volunteering at a food distribution, checking in on your older loved ones, or simply staying home as much as possible, everyone is doing their part. Now more than ever, we must acknowledge that America's heroes are all around us. To our first responders, grocery store employees, and frontline workers, thank you.

There is a lot that still must be done - and it starts with us.

Times like these remind me of what can happen when we come together to serve. It gives me hope that when called upon, even in tough times, our community will step up to help those in need. So while we traditionally love to celebrate surrounded by our friends and families, please celebrate this July 4th safely and within the comfort of your own home. We must continue to take every safety precaution so we can move forward and live as a community. The safest thing to do is to practice social distancing, wear your masks, and wash your hands frequently.

Please know that my office is here to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have. Contact us at 305-375-5924 or District5@miamidade.gov.

LEADERBOARD 2020

Place	Emerald	# of New Members
1	David Donnelly	3
2.	John and Noreen Cunningham	1
2.	Mark Donnelly	1
2.	Chris Kelley	1
2.	Ann McShane	1



Need more Information on SF Emeralds Society happenings? follow SFES now on twitter - Its easy to join and get tweets from the Irish communities @SFemeraldsmiami