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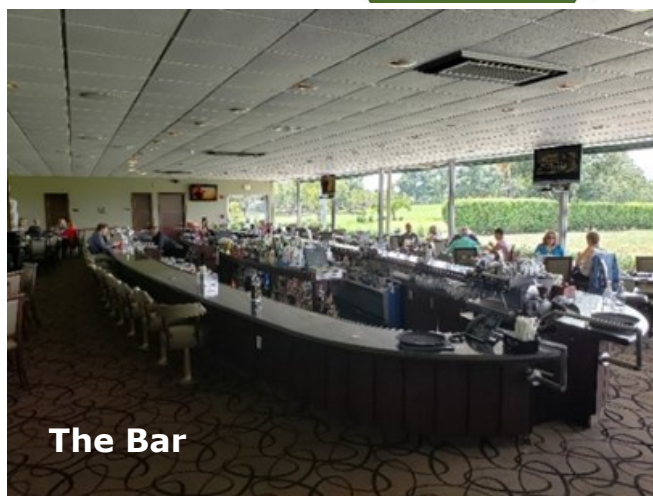
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Miami Shores Country Club



The Bar



The Greens

10000 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami Shores FL 33138 Phone: 305 795 2360

Friday July 23 6pm-?

Resuming our socials, bring your best liver, game, putter and ball to participate in the Put-Put and Driving contests. Be prepared to greet other Emeralds for boisterous conversation. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres.

Directions: just drive out Biscayne Boulevard to NE 100th Street-or-from I-95, exit east on 95th St., ease left onto Grand Concourse, then almost immediately ease right onto 96th St., turn left at Biscayne Boulevard to the Country Club. Parking is ample.

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In adhering to the COVID-19 guidelines, please wear a mask and maintain social distance, as we resume Emerald social activities. Thank you for being a member as we manage through this time together.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

South Florida Emerald Society



Approximately 35 Emeralds enjoyed the festivities at The Auld Dubliner, opposite the Courthouse in downtown Miami on Saturday night, June 19th. They shared in the hors d'oeuvres, beverages and music—and the special Covid 19 shots served at the bar. Among those attending were: **Catherine McManus, Howard Cohen, Noel McManus Stillings, Kim and Sarah McManus Nielsen, Mark and Claire Donnelly, David and Sharon Donnelly, Johnette Hardiman, Ann Eustace, Roselyn Smith, Donald and Tracy Harrington, Sean Ferrall, Maureen Hickey, Paul Reilly, Judi Sherry, and Chris and (Happy Birthday) Stephanie Kelley.**

Irene Dotson won the 50/50 (\$200).

“A Kerryman’s opinion means nothing to a Dubliner” —David Higgins, Proprietor

Health and Welfare—Judi T. Sherry

Katie Schultz continues to recover from her second foot surgery.

Condolences to Debbie and Brian Scarry on the death of Debbie’s father, Howard. R.I.P.

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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St. Patrick’s Day Committee, Inc. is working with Amazon so that purchases made through the Amazon app will fund the St. Patrick’s efforts. If you are using your smartphone, here is instructions on how to program the Amazon app to direct funds to St. Patrick’s.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "St Patricks Day Committee Inc" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app .

Remember the Hurricane Bar in Miami Springs? **Joe and Linda Healey**, former owners, have been living at the Palace in Kendall for the past year. Linda fell and broke 3 vertebrae and is unable to drive.

They miss the Emeralds; please call/write:
 Joe and Linda Healey
 The Palace Kendall,
 11215 SW 84th St. Apt #221
 Miami FL 33173
 Joe’s cell is 305 778 8233
 His email: jlhealeycane@bellsouth.net

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Welcome Emeralds:

Our goal is to resume in-person social events. We enjoyed a "Shamrock Summer Social" at The Auld Dubliner June 19th. And looking forward to golf games at the Miami Shores Country Club July 23rd. I've been talking with the German American Social Club, 11919 SW 56th St., Miami about participating in their Oktoberfest. But who will step up and volunteer their time to chair our Pub Crawl? And we will do our annual Tropical Celtic Christmas Fest at Mike's at the Venetia in downtown Miami in December.



Please check out our WEBSITE www.emerald societysfl.com. Ann Eustace and her Committee are anxious to hear of your feedback. Contact Ann at ann.eustace@gmail.com.

July Events:

July 1 ZOOM Board Meeting. 7:00pm.

July 4. 4th of July Parade. 11am Crandon Blvd. Key Biscayne

July 23 Miami Shores Country Club

August Events: None- Recess

Slainte!

Mark Donnelly President

Answer the Phone!

There was a man in New York who made a practice of visiting Catholic churches all over the world, where he found phones which were supposed to connect to Heaven. The only problem was that the cost of the call was \$10,000. He got to Ireland, and there was the phone. But the call was free. He asked the Pastor how the call was \$10,000 everywhere else and free here. The Pastor answered: "My son, you are in Ireland now—it is a local call".

The Lonely Bartender

An Irishman goes into a bar and orders three whiskeys.

The Bartender asks: "Would it be better if I put all three shots in one glass?"

The Irishman replies: "No! I have two brothers back at home in Ireland, so every time I come into a pub, I order a shot for them both"

The following week, the Irishman orders two whiskeys.

The Bartender asks: "Did something happen to one of your brothers?"

"Oh no" replies the Irishman. "I just decided to quit drinking!"

Poetry Corner

Seamus Heaney (1939-2013) points out that his skill is writing —insread of using a spade to work as his forefathers did, he uses a pen.

Digging

Between my finger and my thumb
The squat pen rests; snug as a gun.

Under my window, a clean rasping sound
When the spade sinks into gravelly ground:
My father, digging. I look down.

Till his straining rump among the flowerbeds
Bends low, comes up twenty years away
Stooping in rhythm through potato drills
Where he was digging.

The coarse boot nestled on the lug, the shaft
Against the inside knee was levered firmly.
He rooted out tall tops, buried the bright edge deep
To scatter new potatoes that we picked,
Loving their cool hardness in our hands.

By God, the old man could handle a spade.
Just like his old man.

My grandfather cut more turf in a day
Than any other man on Toner's bog.
Once I carried him milk in a bottle
Corked sloppily with paper. He straightened up
To drink it, then fell to right away
Nicking and slicing neatly, heaving sods
Over his shoulder, going down and down
For the good turf. Digging.

The cold smell of potato mould, the squelch and slap
Of soggy peat, the curt cuts of an edge
Through living roots awoken in my head.
But I've no spade to follow men like them.

Between my finger and my thumb
The squat pen rests.
I'll dig with it.

-Seamus Heaney

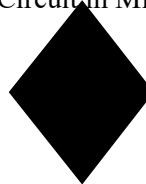
June Graduates

Grace Harrington has graduated from the University of Miami with a dual major in Political Science and Religious Studies. Grace has been awarded a full scholarship at Boston University School of Theology for graduate studies toward a Masters Degree in Theological Studies with a specialization in Texts and Traditions.



Donny Harrington graduated high school from TERRA Environmental Research Institute and has been accepted at University of Miami College of Engineering to study Computer Engineering in the fall. —Don and Tracy Harrington

Catherine McManus received a post-graduate degree LLM in Taxation with a specialization in Estate Planning from Boston University School of Law. She is an attorney with the Florida 11th Judicial Circuit in Miami.



Northern Ireland is Coming to an End

June 30, 2021

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — It was meant to be a year of celebration.

But Northern Ireland, created in 1921 when Britain carved six counties out of Ireland's northeast, is not enjoying its centenary. Its most ardent upholders, the unionists who believe that the place they call "our wee country" is and must forever remain an intrinsic part of the United Kingdom, are in utter disarray. Their largest party has ousted two leaders within a matter of weeks, while an angry minority has taken to the streets waving flags and threatening violence. And the British government, in resolving Brexit, placed a new border in the Irish Sea.

It's harsh reward for what Northern Ireland's first prime minister, James Craig, called "the most loyal part of Great Britain." But the Protestant statelet is not what it was. Well on its way to having a Catholic majority, the country's once dominant political force — unionism — now finds itself out of step with the community that traditionally gave it uncritical support. And for all his talk of the territorial integrity of the United Kingdom, Prime Minister Boris Johnson has made clear his government would cheerfully ditch this last little fragment of Britain's empire if it continues to complicate Brexit...

The writing is on the wall. While the process by which Ireland could become unified is complicated and fraught, one thing seems certain: There isn't going to be a second centenary for Northern Ireland. It might not even last another decade.

The Catholic minority, known as nationalists because they aspired to be reunited with the rest of Ireland, had no such expectations. For 50 years, unionism dominated the state, instituting a comprehensive system of discrimination in housing, education, employment and voting. Sectarianism was state policy — Protestants were instructed by their leaders to distrust and exclude Catholics, who were outnumbered two to one — and the police force was armed. Britain turned a blind eye, as did the Republic of Ireland.

But discontent among nationalists inevitably built, finding form in the late 1960s in a civil

campaign that aimed to secure basic rights for the Catholic minority. Outraged, the unionist state reacted by attempting to beat peaceful protesters off the streets. The British Army, whose intervention quickly showed itself to be on the side of unionism, was confronted by the Irish Republican Army, which responded with its own brutal and sectarian campaign. In 1972 the British government suspended the regime in Belfast and placed Northern Ireland under its direct rule.

For almost three decades, the conflict raged. Around 4,000 people, out of a population of fewer than 2 million, were killed; communities were torn apart. In 1998, the Good Friday Agreement brought an end to the violence and inaugurated a power-sharing executive, in which parties representing the two main communities operate in mandatory coalition. It was ratified by 70 percent of people in a referendum. The war was over.

The arrangement stumbled along for close to two decades, never fully working yet crucially keeping the peace. ... And when the Conservative government settled Brexit with a protocol that established a border for goods between Northern Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom, it effectively acknowledged the province as a place apart.

Nor can unionists count on the votes of Protestants. As a society, Northern Ireland has become more secular, more tolerant of diversity, less insular.... The constitutional issue of whether Northern Ireland is Irish or British does not preoccupy them. They are open to persuasion.

Unionism is on the wane. According to a recent poll, support for the Democratic Unionist Party has slumped to 16 percent, with Sinn Fein, the party that emerged from the I.R.A. and whose fundamental aim is to achieve a united Ireland, well ahead at 25 percent. The next elections, due in less than a year, could see Sinn Fein take the post of first minister for the first time, in what would be a symbolically momentous development.

What's more, Sinn Fein is surging ahead in polls in the Irish Republic and may enter government after the next elections in 2025. While around 50 percent of Northern Irish voters back remaining in the United Kingdom, support for Irish unity is growing. Though by no means imminent, that goal has never seemed closer.

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Northern Ireland....

Against this backdrop, some unionists have sunk into resentment. Men in balaclavas, Union Jacks in their fists, have taken to the streets to express their grievances. But it's clear that most Protestants, like the rest of Northern Ireland's populace, deplore talk of a return to violence. They want normal politics instead.

And if unionism cannot deliver it, a growing number of them are tentatively contemplating what for previous generations was unthinkable: that a unified Ireland might not actually be the end of the world.

—**By Susan McKay** Ms. McKay is an Irish journalist who writes extensively about the politics and culture of Northern Ireland for the New York Times

TRAVEL

The best Irish pubs in Chicago.

- 1. Fado Irish Pub**, 100 Grand Ave. (Near North) Top Irish pub. (312) 836-0066
- 2. Lizzie McNeill's Irish Pub**, 400 N. McGlurg Ct. Streeterville, on the Chicago River.
(312) 467-1992.
- 3. D4 Irish Pub & Café**, 345 E. Ohio (Streeterville) Named after Dublin's premier ZIP Code.
(312) 624-8385

- 4. The Berghoff**, 17 W. Adams. (Loop) German-American since 1898 . (312) 427-3170
- 5. Shinnick's Pub**, 3758 S. Union. (Bridgeport) Opened in 1890 for the 1893 Columbian Exposition. (773) 376-3525
- 6. The Green Mill**, 4802 N. Broadway. (Uptown) Al Capone's favorite joint and featured in *The Untouchables*. (773) 878-5552