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ReJoyce Miami 2008-- Don't Miss This Emerald Tradition

It's here already! Bloomsday 2008! June 16th this year is a Monday. Join us for our sixth annual celebration of James Joyce's famous novel, *Ulysses*. The fun begins at Books & Books, 265 Aragon, at 5:30 p.m. with the Bloomsday proclamation by the City of Coral Gables. Then we will hear professional actors from Actors Playhouse read selections from *Ulysses*. At 7:00 p.m. we will then parade with flags, pipes and drums around the block to John Martins Restaurant, 253 Miracle Mile for a Bloomsday feast with a special menu, prices, music and readings. Make a day of it! Dress up in some vintage digs of the early 20th century, get out your old blackthorn walking stick, and let's have some fun at our last cultural event of the 2007-2008 season. Like to help? Call Oliver Kerr at 786-287-6146.

4th of July Parade at Key Biscayne--

Wave Both the American and Irish Flags!

- All Emeralds, family members, and friends are invited to join in the 49th Annual Key Biscayne Independence Day Parade. This delightful small-town American parade starts at 11:00 a.m. but you have to be through the Rickenbacker Causeway toll plaza by 9:00 a.m. because of the heavy Fourth traffic. Get out your green shirts and white shorts and join the Emeralds in this tradition--this is the Emeralds twenty-second year in marching in this parade. Carroll and Billy Cameron will start our traditional pre-parade continental breakfast and libations starting at 9:00 a.m., at St. Agnes Church, 100 Harbor Drive. To get to St. Agnes, turn right off Crandon Boulevard at the Shell Station-- the church is 200 feet down just past the 7-11 Store. Junior Emeralds will pass out candy at the parade by HANDING it to the children along the way. After the parade, we are all invited by member Tom Flynn to the Yacht Club for more libations--cash bar only please.

Upcoming.....

June 14

"Bloomsday"

**Tea @ Coral
Gables Library.**

June 16

"Bloomsday"

**itself @ Books
& Books and**

John Martins.

June 26

Social @ MYC.

**July 4 4th
of July Parade**

@ Key Biscayne.

July 10

**Emerald Board
of Directors**

**Meeting @
MYC.**

Cultural *Craic*

Here's run-down on what this book *Ulysses* is all about although you needn't have to know this to enjoy Bloomsday. It is the story of three Dubliners of lower middle class, Leopold Bloom, Stephen Dedalus, and Molly Bloom, and what they did and what they thought about on that one day, June 16, 1904. Their observations and thoughts were introduced by Joyce's new literary technique, stream-of-consciousness, which painted a very realistic picture of life in the city of Dublin. There's a parallel between the wanderings of the Greek hero, Ulysses, and Bloom's daylong walk around Dublin. And at the end of this special literary feast, you'll hear the ending of *Ulysses*--the famed affirmation of Molly Bloom's soliloquy--"Yes I said yes I will Yes."

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For the last few years the Coral Gables Library, 3442 Segovia, has hosted a Bloomsday tea with proper teacups and snacks, including Mary Ann's famous Irish soda bread. This year it will be on the Saturday prior, June 14, at 2:00 p.m. with Irish music and, of course, some readings from Joyce.

An Emerald Is Golden

An Irish *slainte* to our congenial member, Tom Flynn who is the **first** Emerald to hit the **FIFTY YEAR** membership mark--Tom joined the Emeralds in **1958**. When he was Emerald President later in 1986, he made arrangements for the Emeralds to march in the Fourth of July Key Biscayne Parade. This grand tradition is now in our **22nd year!** You can't miss this memorable tradition this Fourth. Join us and as Tom Flynn says, "Up the Irish".

June Social Meeting

The June Social Meeting will be at the Miami Yacht Club, the accommodating host of our monthly board meetings. Join us for drinks and snacks by the waters edge on **June 26, 2008**, at **6:30 p.m.** Just drive east on the MacArthur Causeway, follow the signs to Parrot Jungle Island by turning off the Causeway to the right. You then make 2 horseshoe turns and heading east pass by the Parrot Jungle parking garage and go behind it by taking two lefts. Continue a

half block and you'll approach the white picket gate for the Miami Yacht Club. Tell the voice box that you are an Emerald and sesame-- the gate will open! You have to see it to believe that this lovely old corner of Miami still prospers in the shadow of our new downtown.

Installation Dinner

At the Installation Dinner at Parrot Jungle Island on May 21st, the Lord Mayor of Coral Gables, Emerald Donald Slesnick, officially installed the new officers and directors, as listed on the front page. Thirty-two new Emeralds who joined in the past year were welcomed and those highlighted received their pins:

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| Erin Ashley | Debbie Khoury |
| Barbara Bonard | David L. Kinney |
| Kevin Brown | Caro Kinsella |
| Josephine Burke | Phyllis Lane |
| Cathleen Charles | Harold Mackenzie |
| Charles Daley | Harry A. Magee |
| Charlie Davis | John Marcheret |
| William A. Davis, Jr | Sean Pickett |
| Nancy Famulari | Dickson Prew |
| Robert V. Fitzsimmons | Glen Ringer |
| Gaea Garrity | Hugh Ryan |
| Sean Glynn | Sharif Salem |
| James Gookin | Susan Snook |
| Ginny Hunter | Diane Ward |
| Mark Jamieson | Yolanda "Yoli" |
| Audrey Kaye | Woodbridge |
| Mary Catherine | |
| "Mickey" Wheeler | |

These Emeralds are already making their mark: Charlie Davis is incoming St. Pat's Veep, Yoli Woodbridge is the new St. Pat's Secretary, Hugh Ryan is incoming Emerald Secretary, Sean Pickett designs our St. Patrick's Day Festival Book covers, and Erin Ashley helps Mary Gearhardt with the 50-50. If you have not received your Emerald pin, approach our new Prez, amiable *Taoiseach* (T-shock) Oliver Kerr at our August social and he will bestow the honor.

In his inaugural address, Oliver stressed the importance of and needed support for the Celtic Cultural Series.

Installation Dinner (Continued)

Key Emeralds were recognized with Outstanding Service Awards for their contributions in time and talent over the years: Mary Ann Kerr (First Lady), Billy Cameron, Jack and Dorothy Thomson, Lou Clark, Bill Gregory and Edward Stanton Cooke, the latter who for the first time ever was at a loss for words. Note that to be eligible, these recipients could not be on the current Board.

We thank and sincerely appreciate the performance of The Police and Pipe Corps of Florida, sponsored by FOP 5, Broward County. They performed gratis through the good offices of MB Detective Rose Redruello and Emerald Judi Sherry. We hope to see these Pipers again on the 4th.

In Memoriam

As we mark Memorial Day, we pause and recall all who sacrificed to preserve our way of life and especially we extend condolences to the families of two Emeralds who were veterans.

Charles V. Panettiere, 72, died peacefully May 8 at home in Tamarac. Chuck was served as Emerald President in 1987-88 and was a Parade Chairman. A memorial celebration will be held at Tommy's Las Olas, 1103 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, on Saturday, June 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. Please **RSVP by June 14** by calling 954-572-4169 or email tpahome@bellsouth.net May he rest in peace.

Dr. Robert "Bob" Turk, 84 died peacefully on May 30. He had taught at Miami- Dade (Community) College for a total of 39 years. May he rest in peace.

Emerald E-Mail List To Be Controlled

By direction of the Emerald Board of Directors on May 1, Administrator John Doherty will be the only person able to send e-mails to the entire SFES list. Of course, Emeralds can continue to send individual e-mails to members.

We Might Miss You!

Are your Emerald dues current? Work has begun on the 2008-2009 Emerald Directory for active

members whose dues are current. Check your listing on the website or in the current directory to make sure that we have the correct address, phone numbers, and email addresses. Report changes to Carroll Cameron cameronc@bellsouth.net or John Doherty dohertyjohn@bellsouth.net. Mail your check! Report your changes ASAP! Time is running out!

Welcome New Members

At the June 5 Board meeting, the following new members were approved:

Desmond Lyons James O'Neill
of Dublin and Key Biscayne of Dublin Ireland

Mary Ellen George
of Coral Gables

Celtic Cultural Series: The Poetry of Seamus Heaney

On Sunday May 4, Amanda Tucker, U of M, discussed the poetry of Nobel Prize winning Irish poet, Seamus Heaney, before 40 Emeralds and guests at John Martin's Upstairs Tipperary Room.

As this eighth season of the Celtic Cultural Series concludes this month with Bloomsday, a salute and round of applause are owing John and Dorothy Kane, who chaired the Series this season, and through their diligence and foresight, brought it to a whole new level of excellence.

We are looking forward to next season, John

The St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.

The St. Patrick's Day Committee is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organization affiliated with the South Florida Emerald Society, which, in turn, is a 501 (c) 7 organization in the IRS code. We are devoting a separate section of the newsletter to the activities conducted under the umbrella of this Committee.

At the Annual Meeting held at the Miami Yacht Club on April 16 the following Officers were elected and assumed office:

President: Janice McKay
Vice President: Charlie Davis
Treasurer: John Doherty
Secretary: Yolanda (Yoli)
 Woodbridge
Historian (left open)

Immediate Past President: Joe McManus

The St. Patrick's Day Festival last March 15 was successful, socially and financially.

July Emerald Board Meeting

The July Board meeting will be at the Miami Yacht Club on Watson Island on the McArthur Causeway on **Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.**

Attendance of all Board members is expected and members are welcome to attend. It's right behind Parrot Jungle Island on MacArthur Causeway. Following the previous directions, just identify yourself as an Emerald at the entrance gate and you can enter.

Health and Welfare

We ask for your prayers and best wishes for former presidents **Michael O'Connor and Peter O'Connell**, and **Gary Tomeny and John Hourihan** who are ill and need our prayers and good wishes. We wish them a speedy recovery and a return to joining us again in our activities.

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