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Paddy Sweeney, Shay Kavanaugh & Sean McGuinness in September, 2009



## The Dublin City Ramblers

*Christmas in Ireland Dinner Dance*

*6:30 pm Wednesday, December 2nd*

*The Rusty Pelican 3201 Rickenbacker Causeway*

**Upcoming.....**

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| Nov. 22 | Social: Maurice Grondin's Home, 2355 S. Miami Ave. Miami  |
| Dec. 2  | Dublin City Ramblers, Rusty Pelican, Rickenbacker Causeway  |
| Dec 10  | SFES Board Meeting, Miami Yacht Club, MacArthur Cswy.   |
| Jan 3   | Celtic Cultural Series: <i>Galway Bay</i> with author Mary Pat Kelly<br>at 4:00 pm, JohnMartins, 253 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables |

## We Visit a Special Private Home on Miami Avenue on Sunday November 22

Maurice Grondin will host our next Social starting at 5:30pm, Sunday November 22 at his lovely home at 2355 S. Miami Avenue. His home is on the southeast (bay) side of Miami Avenue, about 2 blocks north of the entrance to Rickenbacker Causeway. We may have a green flag out and parking is on the street. This is the third time that Maurice has opened his home to the Emeralds, and so it promises to be a fun evening of good conversation and a variety of food and beverages.

To assist our host who will supply the entree, we ask that you bring a side dish or some crudities, perhaps something that recalls Old Ireland. Please call 305-949-8400 and leave a voice message with your name, the number in your party who will be attending, and the side dish(es) that you will be bringing.

## The Dublin City Ramblers Return!

Our Christmas in Ireland Dinner Dance will feature the Dublin City Ramblers at the Rusty Pelican on Rickenbacker Causeway. Invitations will be mailed out shortly. Ticket prices have been reduced to \$50 for a lovely buffet and this world-class entertainment. Valet parking is available and there is a cash bar. For Dinner/Dance tickets, reservations and tables, call Mary Ann Kerr at 305-251-6208. Make out your checks to "South Florida Emerald Society" and mail to South Florida Emerald Society, c/o Mrs. Mary Ann Kerr, 8305 SW 169 Terrace, Palmetto Bay FL 33157.

Erin Ashley, Chair, says that those who attended last December will vouch that this will be a grand time—think about rounding up a table of 8 of family and friends! To be successful, every Emerald needs to buy at least a Dinner/Dance ticket and two books of raffle tickets; we need to sell at least 500 raffle chances. Two books of raffle tickets have been mailed to all Emeralds. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Prizes are: a \$1,500 voucher for Air Lingus airfare and —through the efforts and donations of our native Dubliner Ann McShane—

- Two nights at Clanard Court Hotel, Dublin Road, Athy, Co. Kildare, 50 miles from the Dublin Airport ;
- 200 Euro Voucher for a stay at Clontarf Castle, Castle Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3;
- Round-trip airfare on Air Canada, wherever they fly and a
- Helicopter ride over the Grand Canyon.

Returns on raffle tickets may be made out to "South Florida Emerald Society" and returned to South Florida Emerald Society, PO Box 836225, Miami FL 33283-6225

## *The St. Patrick's Day Committee, In c.*

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.

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Message from President Janice McKay:

Our next SPDC meeting will be at **6:30 pm Monday December 7 at the Elks Club, Sunset and 103 Avenue**. Come join us. Think about becoming a chair - or co-chair of one of the committees. Like to know what's going on? - think about taking the Secretary position on the SPDC. Please call **Janice McKay** (305-256-0233)

**Jeff Bailey** (305-520-8626) wants you to be thinking about your ad for the Festival Book. The Website is ([www.EmeraldSocietySFL.com](http://www.EmeraldSocietySFL.com)) and look for Festival Book for ad information.

**Judi Sherry** (305-271-2750) has set out a deadline of January 1 for budding authors. If you are interested in writing an Irish or Ireland-related article for publication in the Festival Book, please call Judi and discuss your proposal. (No travelogues, please).

Oh! and it may be a sign of the times but we only took in \$160 while we were volunteering at "Shop for a Cause" at Macy's at the Falls on Saturday Oct. 17, from 10am to 3pm. We made \$900 in 2007 and \$600 in 2008.

**Mark your calendars for Saturday March 13, 2010 2**

**Celtic Cultural Series on Sunday, January  
3, 2010: Galway Bay by Mary Pat Kelly**

Author Mary Pat Kelly's story is based on her own great-great-grandmother Honora Kelly who escaped with her family from the Great Starvation of 1840's Ireland and helped turn Chicago from a frontier town into the City of the Century. She is awed by the strength and resilience of her ancestors, who were forced from their homes and who turned the tragedy of exile into triumph by simply surviving. Listen as Honora and Michael Kelly, their children and all the characters in *Galway Bay* come alive for you as they have for Mary Pat.

As an author and filmmaker, Mary Pat Kelly has told various stories connected to Ireland including her award-winning PBS documentaries and accompanying books. She has worked in Hollywood as a screenwriter for Paramount and Columbia Pictures and in New York City as an associate producer with *Good Morning America* and *Saturday Night Live*.

The presentation will commence at 4:00 pm at JohnMartin's Irish Restaurant, Tipperary (Upstairs) Room, 253 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables. Parking is available on Miracle Mile and at the City parking garage behind the restaurant.

**Oh! What a Good Time Was Had at the Hurricane Bar!**

On Thursday October 22, the Emeralds traveled to Joe and Linda Healey's Hurricane Bar in Miami Springs. Among the Emeralds and their guests were: **Richard Welch, Bill O'Brien, Jon Lindeman, Erin Ashley, Melissa O'Rourke, Jacque O'Rourke, George Donohue, Pat Donohue, Chris Kelley, Sean and Thelma Hayes, Ann McShane, Danny Murphy, Charles and Mary Anne Nichols, Dan Kelly, James and Barbara Worth, Ernie Raynor, Phyllis McSweeney Lane, Carroll and Billy Cameron, Tom (51 years an Emerald) Flynn, Ed and Gloria Cooke, Dan and Dolores Fitzgerald, Jay Love (who brought shepherd's pie), Sean Glynn and our hosts Joe and Linda Healey.**



**Poetry Corner**

Our distinguished speaker at the Celtic Cultural Series, Pat McCarthy, while lecturing on James Joyce's *Dubliners* also brought up Joyce's poetry. While Joyce's (1882-1941) poetry is often either long and satiric or short and saccharine, we would like to bring one of his poems which, like Goldilocks said, is just right. Joyce imagines himself asleep, in a nightmare, cringing in fear, seeking solace from a bedmate. Note the colors—black armour, blinding flame, green hair, but also the sounds—army charging, thunder of horses, fluttering whips, whirling laughter, clanging clanging as an anvil, shouting by the shore. And Joyce reacts—moans in his sleep, why have you left me alone? *I Hear an Army* was first published in 1907 as the last poem in *Chamber Music*.

**I Hear an Army Charging Upon the Land**

I hear an army charging upon the land,  
And the thunder of horses plunging, foam about  
their knees:  
Arrogant, in black armour, behind them stand,  
Disdaining the reins, with fluttering whips, the  
charioteers.

They cry unto the night their battle-name:  
I moan in sleep when I hear afar their whirling  
laughter.  
They cleave the gloom of dreams, a blinding  
flame,  
Clanging, clanging upon the heart as upon an  
anvil.

They come shaking in triumph their long,  
green hair:  
They come out of the sea and run shouting by  
the shore.  
My heart, have you no wisdom thus to despair?  
My love, my love, my love, why have you left me  
alone?

**James Joyce**

## **December Emerald Board Meeting**

The next Board meetings will be at the Miami Yacht Club on Watson Island on the MacArthur Causeway. The date for the delayed November meeting will be **Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 pm**. The December meeting has likewise been delayed until **Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 pm**. Attendance of all Board members is expected and all members are welcome to attend. Our *Uachtaran* **Oliver Kerr** has admonished all Board members to respect the dignity of, and to share fellowship and courtesy with, all Board members.

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## **Forty-One Emeralds Hear *Committee Room***

Pat McCarthy, PhD, Chair of the English Department at the University of Miami, presented James Joyce's story *Ivy Day in the Committee Room* at the last Celtic Cultural Series event. In the story, the characters enter and leave the committee room on Election Day. Like viewing a carousel, after each new character enters-and-leaves, the remaining two gossip about the one who just left. How Joyce appreciates the Irish love of gossip while at the same time disclosing a sense of betrayal! Professor McCarthy never has failed to entertain his audiences.