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Oh, What a Great Day for the Irish!

While these are scenes from the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ft. Lauderdale on Saturday March 9, they were duplicated throughout South Florida in Hollywood, Delray Beach and West Palm Beach that weekend. To see the crowds lining the streets, the sea of green, the pipe-and-drum corps, the bands, and the Irish flag flying together with the Stars-and-Stripes, was heart-warming, patriotic and encouraging to those of us who are looking forward to a resurgence of a demonstration of Irish tradition here in Miami and Coral Gables.



April Social at Titanic

Paul Reilly, our Social Chair, will lead us to a different venue on Thursday, April 18. The Titanic Pub and Brewery, 5813 Ponce de Leon Blvd, (305) 667-2537, is located adjacent to the UM Baseball Stadium in Coral Gables. The Titanic deliberately has an industrial and marine appearance similar to that of a steam engine room of a huge ocean liner and features six signature brews on tap. Directions from the intersection of Red Road/S. Dixie: north on Red Road, turn right onto Levante, right onto San Amaro and right onto Ponce to your destination.

Upcoming:

- Thursday Apr 18 6pm Social, Titanic Pub and Brewery, 5813 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Coral Gables.
- Sunday Apr 21 4pm Celtic Cultural Series, *John O'Donohue, His Life His Books and Irish Mystical Poetry*, Speaker: Kate O'Mara, JohnMartins, Coral Gables
- Monday April 22 (for Dinner with author Tim Pat Coogan see page 2)

Thursday May 2 6:30pm SFES Board of Directors Meeting, MiamiYacht Club, Watson Island, M'Arthur Cswy

Celtic Cultural Series

Sponsored by the South Florida Emerald Society

Ed Cooke– Founder and Chairman

4pm, Sunday, April 21, 2013

PROGRAM

4:00pm Half-hour of Irish song, poetry and Celtic culture

John O'Donohue (1956-2008)

His Life, His Books and His Mystical Irish Poetry

John O'Donohue was an Irish poet, author and Hegelian philosopher. He was a native Irish speaker and as an author is best known for popularizing Celtic spirituality.

From Anam Cara, p 17, his most notable work:

“When you cease to fear your solitude, a new creativity awakens in you. Your forgotten or neglected wealth begins to reveal itself. You come home to yourself and learn to rest within. Thoughts are our inner senses. Infused with silence and solitude, they bring out the mystery of inner landscape”

To accompany the 50-minute DVD, our speaker is **Kate O'Mara**, from Dania Beach, who is from the production team that flew to Ireland to photograph the Irish landscapes used as background for the DVD. A travelogue for some—for others, an opportunity to catch up on what you missed in college literature.

5:45pm Adjournment.

Emerald Society Members: Free Visitors and guests: donations will be gratefully accepted...

Meet the Author on Monday April 22

The Irish writer **Tim Pat Coogan** will discuss his new book “The Famine Plot” at 6pm at Books & Books. Following that talk, all Emeralds and guests are invited to join the author Tim Pat Coogan for a Dutch-Treat dinner at JohnMartins, 253 Miracle Mile, CG. Sponsored by the Irish Unity Foundation, Dade Chapter. **Reservations are a must**, RSVP by calling **Ed Cooke** at 305 576 8462 by Friday April 19.

“To perpetuate the glories of the Gaelic culture

and to record the history of the descendants of Ireland...”

COPPs have Successful Convocation

The Council of Past Presidents (COPPs) of the Emerald Society met at the Key Biscayne Yacht Club on March 12, under the sponsorship of Commodore **Tom Flynn** and chaired by **Ed Cooke**. Of the 21 past presidents, 12 attended: **Wayne Olivie '72, Tom Flynn '86, Chris Kelley '88 '11, Don Harrington Jr '91, John Kane '93, Bob Meyer '96, Bill Gregory '99, Tom Dunn '01 '04, Ed Cooke '02, Carroll Cameron '05, Joe McManus '06 and Oliver Kerr '08 '09**, together with their spouses. Emerald President **Hugh Ryan** presented his agenda for breathing new life into the St. Patrick's Day Festival.

Past Presidents commended **Mike Shelow** (Venetia) and **Joe Healey** (Hurricane Bar) for their civic patriotism and Irish generosity shown to the Wounded Warriors Caravan, who were traveling from North Miami Beach to Cape Florida Park. **Linda Healey** and **Norma Shelow** also attended. Let's put this Caravan on our Emerald's schedule!

Celtic Spirituality at Celtic Cultural Series

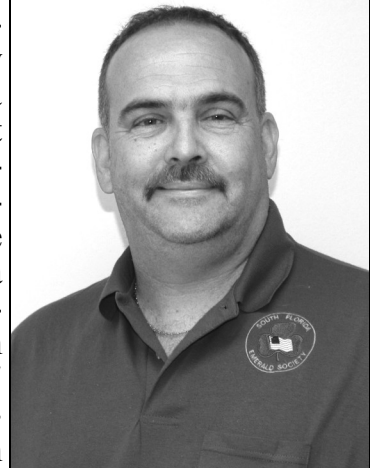
Rev. Megan Smith, Associate Pastor, Coral Gables Congregational United Church of Christ, discussed Celtic spirituality before a select group of Emeralds and guests at JohnMartin's on March 10. Contrary to expectations, Emeralds and guests were accommodated in the 2nd floor Tipperary Room.

Future Events

- **Judi Tierney** Sherry announced that the **Installation Banquet** will be held at Jungle Island on Wednesday, May 22.
- **Mary Gerhardt** announced that the **Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl** is scheduled for Friday, September 13.

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 is, in turn, a 501 (c) 7 fraternal organization in the IRS Code.



Charlie Davis, President

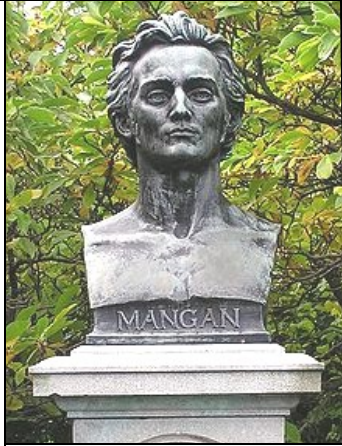
Following the cancellation of the 2013 Festival, election of officers will be held in the coming months; current officers are: Charlie Davis, John Doherty, Clodagh Michel and Rosemary Hart.

New Membership Chair

Much of the April Board meeting was spent discussing the decline in membership of the Emerald Society. Around 61 Emeralds have not paid their yearly dues, which following the loss of 35 members last year, means a potential loss of almost 100 members in two years. **Sean Hayes**, 1st Vice President, has now assumed the Membership chair. If your friends have not decided to renew their membership, please call them and encourage them to re-up.

Poetry Corner

James Clarence Mangan, 1803-1849, a Dublin native, was the first of a long line of suffering, downtrodden Irish poets who undertook to write in English. Here he personifies Ireland as Kathaleen and wishes for a savior to rescue her from oppression.



Memorial bust of Mangan, St. Stephen's Park, Dublin
—Wikipedia

Kathaleen Ny-Houlahan

LONG they pine in weary woe - the nobles of our land -
Long they wander to and fro, proscribed, alas! and banned;
Feastless, houseless, altarless, they bear the exie's brand,
But their hope is in the coming-to of Kathaleen Ny-Houlahan.

Think not her a ghastly hag, too hideous to be seen;
Call her not unseemly names, our matchless Kathaleen;
Young she is, and fair she is, and would be crowned a queen,
Were the king's son at home here with Kathaleen Ny-Houlahan.

Sweet and mild would look her face - Oh! none so sweet and mild -
Could she crush the foes by whom her beauty is reviled;
Woolen plaids would grace herself and robes of silk her child,
If the king's son were living here with Kathaleen Ny-Houlahan.

Sore disgrace it is to see the Arbitress of thrones
Vassal to a Saxoneen of cold and hapless bones!
Bitter anguish wrings our souls - with heavy sighs and groans
We wait the Young Deliverer of Kathaleen Ny-Houlahan.

Let us pray to Him who holds life's issues in His hands,
Him who formed the mighty globe, with all his thousand lands;
Girding them with sea and mountains, rivers deep, and strands,
To cast a look of pity upon Kathaleen Ny-Houlahan.

He, who over sands and waves led Israel along -
He who fed, with heavenly bread, that chosen tribe and throng;
He who stood by Moses when his foes were fierce and strong,
May He show forth His might in saving Kathaleen NyHoulahan

-James Clarence Mangan



Donald F. Harrington Sr., Donald F. Harrington Jr., and Donald F. "Donny" Harrington III

Harrington Honored as Life Member

Donald F. Harrington's Irish heritage stemmed from his maternal grandmother who was born in Elphin, County Roscommon, Ireland. He was President of the Emerald Society in 1976-77. In 1978, as a founding member of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Harrington served as legal liaison with the City of Miami to arrange for parade permits and various licenses necessary for the first St. Patrick's Day Parade held on Flagler Street in downtown Miami. and was a member of the Order of the Leprechaun.. He has since served on the Board and Parade Committee for decades. In March, the Board granted Harrington the honor of Life membership in recognition of his longtime support of the Emerald Society, the Parade Committee and the South Florida Irish Community.(see page 5)

Helen's Quiz
(Answers on Page 6)

1. Which Irish writer is the only person to have won both the Nobel Prize and an Academy Award?
2. How many people worldwide claim Irish ancestry?
3. What breakfast food did the Irish introduce to America?
4. What is the other title of the song "Danny Boy"?
5. On what river does the city of Cork stand? **4**

Condolences

Judge Donald F. Harrington

(also see page 4)

Don Harrington Sr., 83, passed away peacefully on April 1, 2013. He was the beloved husband of Nancy Overton for 56 years. He was the loving father of Donald Jr. (Tracy) and the caring grand-father of Grace and Donald III. . Don was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio and graduated from Western Reserve University with a BBA degree and later received his LLB, LLM, and JD degrees from Cleveland-Marshall Law School; he was Assistant Editor of the Law Review. He served as a Judge of the Industrial Claims Courts in Miami and at Large. He served for many years as legal counsel representing the P.B.A. and F.O.P. In 2011 he was honored by The Florida Bar Association for having served 50 years as an attorney in Florida. Don was very proud of his Irish heritage , his ancestral ties to County Roscommon, and his dual Irish citizenship. Don served as the Exalted Ruler of the Coral Gables Elks Lodge #1676. Don served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. On the ship going to Korea, the Army found out that he could type and he was immediately repositioned to serve as company clerk in Nuremberg, Germany and was part of the American peace-keeping force during the Occupation of Germany after World War II. He was active in several veterans' groups, including the VFW. Don was especially proud of the fact that he had joined the American Legion Post #1 in Paris, France while stationed in Germany.

Condolences to his wife Nancy, Don Jr. and Tracy, and grandchildren Grace and Donald III.

R.I.P.

(Excerpted from the Miami Herald, April 4, 2013)

Funeral Services

Emeralds—Wear your Green!

Friday, April 5th / 5 to 8 PM -
Visitation at Stanfill Funeral Home located at:
10545 South Dixie Highway
Miami Florida 33156

Saturday, April 6th from 11 AM to 12 PM -
Funeral service at Central Presbyterian Church
located at: 12455 S.W. 104th Street
Miami Florida 33186

Reception immediately following church service at:
South Miami / Coral Gables Elk's Lodge
6304 S.W. 78th Street
South Miami Florida 33143



Throughout 2013, Ireland is opening its arms to hundreds of thousands of friends and family from all over the world, calling them home to gatherings in villages, towns and cities. Communities throughout Ireland are showcasing and sharing the very best of Irish culture, tradition, business, sport, fighting spirit and the uniquely Irish sense of humor.

The Gathering Ireland 2013 provides the perfect excuse to reach out to those who have moved away, their relatives, friends and descendants, and invite them home.

<http://www.thegatheringireland.com/>

May Board Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet at **6:30pm Thursday May 2** at the Miami Yacht Club. All Emeralds are welcome.

Dues

John Doherty has mailed 2013 dues invoices to all members; only 95 members have paid. If you have not paid, please send your check to the address below.

Health and Welfare

Mary Ann Kerr is recuperating at Baptist Hospital. **Maurice Grondin** is up and around

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Answers to Helen's Quiz (page 4)

1. George Bernard Shaw
2. 70 million people
3. Oatmeal
4. "Londonderry Air"
5. The River Lee

May you have the hindsight to know where you've been

The foresight to know where you're going

And the insight to know when you're going too far.