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Join the Big Parade!



Bob Mayer, Oliver Kerr, Sean Glynn and Noel Stillings march in the 2013 Parade

For the 27th year, Emeralds will march in the Key Biscayne Parade. Join us, with your children and grandchildren. Show them what a real 4th of July Parade is. Be sure and get through the toll booths on the Rickenbacker Causeway by 9:30am ahead of the parade floats. Continue on Crandon Boulevard and turn right at the traffic light at Harbor Drive and park at St. Agnes Church. Meet with all the Emeralds there under the big tree for the pre-parade continental brunch, refreshments and *craic*. Prepare to march at 11:00 in white shorts, green shirts, sunscreen and hats, proudly carrying our Emerald banner and the flags of the United States and Ireland. We hope Past President Tom Flynn will have recuperated and be able to sponsor Emeralds at the cash bar at the Key Biscayne (continued on page 2)

Upcoming:

Thur July 4 9am 4th of July Parade, St. Agnes Church, 100 Harbor Dr KB

Thur July 11 6:30pm SFES Board of Directors Meeting, MYC
July TBD SFES Social Listen for BIGMOUTH

August No Socials No Meetings No Newsletter

Thur Sept 5 6:30pm SFES Board of Directors Meeting, MYC
Fri Sept 13 Halfway to St. Patrick's Pub Crawl

4th of July Parade (Cntd from Page 1)

Yacht Club following the Parade. Please call Billy or Carroll Cameron at (305) 232-2015 –carrollcameron@comcast.net–this weekend if you plan to attend so that they may more accurately order all the tableware, substantials, and refreshments (screwdrivers) that may be required. Who has the Irish and U.S. flags?

Halfway to St. Patrick's Day

Mary Gerhardt announced that the pub crawl is scheduled for Friday September 13.



June Social- Waxy's on the River

Only a few Emeralds were able to withstand the lure of the HEAT game and join together at Waxy's on Thursday June 20. Among those attending were: **Bill Owens** and his daughter **Anna-Louise Mucci**, **Paul Reilly** and his son **Sean**, **Barbara** and **Joe McManus**, **Ann Eustace**, **Blair Brogan**, **Amy Law**, **Megan Walsh** and **Bill O'Brien**. The Emeralds especially enjoyed the hors d'oeuvres and drink tickets, supplied gratis.



Emeralds Attend Marlins Game Saturday June 15

By the time the Emeralds were seated, the Marlins already trailed the St. Louis Cardinals 5-0 and went on to lose the game. But **Chris** and **Stephanie Kelly**, **Hugh** and **Erin Ryan** and **kid-dies**, **Paul** and **Sean Reilly**, **Jim Weber**, **Ann Eustace** and **Amy Law** and friends enjoyed the game, ignoring the score.

Emeralds Celebrate Bloomsday

Continuing the weekend, noted fiddler **James Kelly** performed before 30 at the Saturday afternoon tea at the Coral Gables Branch Library. On Sunday June 16, Bloomsday was observed at Books & Books and JohnMartins by 33 Emeralds and guests including **Mary Ann** and **Oliver Kerr**, **Joe** and **Barbara McManus** and **Noel Stillings**, **Ed** and **Gloria Cooke**, **Bill O'Brien**, **Carroll** and **Billy Cameron**, **Megan Walsh**, **Charlie** and **Mary Ann Nichols** and that outstanding Joycian orator, **Doug Yoder** and spouse **Margaret** and their son.

Do We Want a St. Patrick's Day Festival?

At a meeting Thursday June 6 at the Miami Yacht Club, chaired by Charles Davis and Hugh Ryan, the following questions were asked:

- Do we want a St. Patrick's Day Festival?
- Can we have a Festival in 2014?
- Who wants to work on a 2014 Festival?
- Who is our audience?

Following the discussion, the tentative organization was outlined; however Charles Davis stressed that there was no commitment to an actual festival without a demonstrated commitment of Emerald volunteers.

The present officers of the St. Patrick's Day Committee are: Charles Davis, President; Rosemary Hart, Vice President; John Doherty, Treasurer and Clodagh Michel, Secretary.

Charles Davis agreed to Chair a Festival, if held.

TENTATIVE ORGANIZATION

Position	Volunteer
1. Bar Chairman	
2. Entertainment Coordntr	Hugh Ryan
3. Ad Sales Coordinator	Bill O'Brien
4. Soda Bread Chairman	
5. Volunteers Chairman	Sean Hayes
6. Site Coordinator	
7. Vendor Chairman	Rosemary Hart?
8. Festival Book Chairman	Judi Tierney Sherry
9. Publicity Chairman	
10. Miss Colleen Pageant C.	
11. Information Booth C.	
12. Grants Chairman	Noel McManus Stillings

Hugh Ryan and other Emeralds will directly contact other members to volunteer for the vacant positions (above). Please give Hugh's request your consideration.

Poetry Corner

An Irish Airman Foresees His Death

William Butler Yeats (1865-1939)

A young Irish pilot, flying for the British Royal Air Corps, reviews his divided loyalties as he contemplates death. Yeats wrote this shortly after World War I when Ireland was still part of the British Empire.

I know that I shall meet my fate
Somewhere among the clouds above;
Those that I fight I do not hate,
Those that I guard I do not love;
My county is Kiltartan Cross,
My countrymen Kiltartan's poor,

No likely end could bring them loss
Or leave them happier than before.
Nor law, nor duty bade me fight,
Nor public men, nor cheering crowds,
A lonely impulse of delight
Drove to this tumult in the clouds;
I balanced all, brought all to mind,
The years to come seemed waste of breath,
A waste of breath the years behind
In balance with this life, this death.

July and September Board Meetings

The Board of Directors will meet at **6:30pm Thursday July 11 and Thursday September 5** at the Miami Yacht Club and may be followed by a discussion of the St. Patrick's Festival. All Emeralds are welcome.

Christmas in Ireland

Kassie Doyle would welcome any ideas about a venue

Health and Welfare

Mary Ann Kerr, Tom Flynn, John Sorgie, and **Dan Fitzgerald** are all recuperating. **Mary Ann Kerr** had a superb prognosis.

New Arrival

Erin Lynn Sieber is a new mother. Congratulations to Erin and spouse, **TD**.

Last Chance! Directory and Dues

Membership Chair **Sean Hayes**, and **Ann Eustace** are planning a 2013-14 Membership Directory. For a business card-size ad, send your card and \$25 to the address below. The deadline is July 1 both for ads and to get your dues in to appear in the Directory. Send your dues to the address below.

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