

# St. Patrick's Day Festival

## Showcasing Irish Tradition, Culture & Heritage

**Saturday, March 14 at Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle  
Park, Coral Gables, from Noon to 6PM**

March 2015  
Mi Na Marta

### The St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.

Charlie Davis, President &  
Festival Chair  
Rosemary Hart, Vice President  
John Doherty, Treasurer  
Clodagh Michel, Secretary

#### Committee

##### Members:

C.L. Conroy	Mary Ann Kerr
Ann Eustace	Bill O'Brien
Dan Fitzgerald	Jan Paris
Ed & Rosie Hart	Judi Tierney
John & Dorothy	Sherry
Kane	Noel McManus
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*Show you're IRISH,  
Wear your GREEN!*

*Thanks to the Miami-Dade County  
Department of Cultural Affairs and  
the Cultural Affairs Council, Mayor  
Carlos A. Gimenez, and the Board of  
County Commissioners.*

*Here's a big Irish "Thank You" to  
the County Commission who were  
instrumental in obtaining the County  
Showmobile.*

*Thanks also to our host city, the City  
of Coral Gables, Mayor Jim Cason and  
the Commissioners of the City, and  
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# ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL

The 36th Annual  
St. Patrick's Day Festival  
Saturday, March 14, 2015

From noon 'til 6:00 pm

Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park  
(2800 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables)

**FREE ADMISSION**

#### Entertainment

Miss Colleen Pageant; Peter Fuchs on  
keyboard; Irish Step Dancers from Breffni  
School of Irish Dance; Cool Ol' Dudes  
Band; The Patty Kelleghan Band;  
St. Andrews Pipe & Drum Band;  
Singer and harpist Triclanne  
Garrity with Avalon Band

#### Great Irish Food

Corned Beef & Cabbage/  
Shepherd's Pie, Authentic Irish Coffee,  
Soda Bread, Whiskey Cake, Other Great  
American & Ethnic Foods

#### Vendors Galore

Irish Arts & Crafts, Jewelry, T-shirts,  
Health Fair

#### Fun For Kids

Giant Slide, Rock Climbing, Merry-Go-Round,  
Bounce House

#### Full Service Bar

Irish & American Beer, spirits, soda, juice

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The St. Patrick's Day Festival is produced by the St. Patrick's Day Committee with the support of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners and with the support of the City of Coral Gables, The City Beautiful.

#### Upcoming.....

Mar 14 The 36th Annual St. Patrick's Day Festival, Fred B. Hartnett  
Ponce Circle Park, 2800 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables  
April 9 6:30pm SFES Board of Directors Meeting, Miami Yacht Club  
April 15/22/29 ? Social/Installation TBD



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## St. Pat's Timetable-March 14

	Time
Charlie Davis, Master of Ceremonies Peter Fuchs on Keyboard	12:00
Miss Colleen, Pageant for girls 4-14 The Breffni School of Irish Dance	1:30
Cool Ol' Dudes Band	2:15
The Paddy Kelleghan Band	3:00
The St. Andrew's Pipe and Drum Band	3:45
Avalon band with Singer and Harpist, Tricianne Garrihy	4:30
Irish and American National Anthems	6:00

## **St. Patrick's Day Festival 2015 Committees and Chairs**

* Festival Chair/ Entertainment Coordinator	Charlie Davis
* Bar Chair	Kevin Chin
* Ad Sales Coordinators	Bill O'Brien and Judi Tierney Sherry
* Soda Bread Chairs	Ann Eustace, Lauren Eustace, Brian Scarry
* Volunteers Chair	Johnette Hardiman
* Site Coordinator	Clodagh Michel
* Vendor Chair	Rosie Hart
* Festival Book Chair	Judi Tierney Sherry
* Publicity Chair	C.L. Conroy
* Miss Colleen Pageant Chair	Melissa Davis
* Information Booth Chair	Judi Tierney Sherry
* Grants Chair	Noel McManus Stillings
* Advertising	John Kane
* Site Cleanup	Sean Ferrell
* Emerald Society Host Booth/Membership	Sean Glynn & membership committee

## **Soda Bread Booth**

**How are your baking skills? Call Ann Eustace at 305 815 1232 if you can bake a few loaves of soda bread or whiskey cake. Call Ann if you can volunteer a few hours at the Soda Bread Booth.**

## *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.**

In the election held January 13, the following officers were re-elected: **Charlie Davis**, President; **Rosemarie Hart**, Vice President; **Clodagh Michel**, Secretary and **John P. Doherty**, Treasurer. **Chris Kelley** is the designated agent.



Charlie Davis, President

## **Wanted: Men.**

**Think about volunteering for an hour or two for light manual labor. Early at 7am: report to Charlie Davis to help set up rides, portalets, tables and chairs in the right locations. During the day, we need you for general maintenance, see Sean Ferrell. Later from 6-8pm, we need you to see Bill Gregory to take down/ put away. Recall that the City of Coral Gables expects the Park to be left in pristine condition.**

Our Festival book funds the Festival. Despite the difficult economic times, our Ad Committee worked very hard. At press time, 45 ads had been sold for \$11,000, well short of our goal. **Bill O'Brien**, incapacitated with knee surgery, and **Judi Tierney Sherry** deserve our congratulations for all their efforts. Grants Chair **Noel McManus Stillings** was instrumental in obtaining \$6000+ in grants from Metro Dade County and the City of Coral Gables. "Thank You" to all our advertisers who make the Festival possible. Thanks to all our volunteers who give so generously of their time. Show your appreciation by showing up and 2 congratulating them on Saturday.



## Poetry Corner

W.B. Yeats (1865-1939) here contemplates the situation of an Irish pilot, flying for the British RAF in WWI, against the German *Luftwaffe*, in the face of death.

### An Irish Airman Foresees His Death

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 country 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.

*William Butler Yeats*

## Emeralds Enjoyed Titanic on Feb.25

The February Social convened at the Titanic Brewery and Restaurant, next to the UM Baseball Stadium in Coral Gables. Over 30 Emeralds and guests attended, including: **Conor Hayes** (winner of the Best Irish Stew for 2015), **Johni Hardiman**, new member **Jim Weber** and his sponsor **Ann Eustace**, **Ann McShane**, **Jon Lindeman**, **Bill Owens**, **John and Dorothy Kane**, **Carroll Cameron**, **Mary Ann and Charlie Nichols**, **Judi Tierney Sherry**, **Mark Donnelly**, **Joe and Linda Healy**, **Clodagh and Jim Michel**, **Woodie Woodside Jr.**, **Woody Woodside Sr.** (50/50 Raffle winner), **Paul Reilly**, **Gerald and Helen Doyle**, **Megan Walsh**, **Sean Glynn**, **Chris Kelley**, **Mary Dennis**, **Dennis Sceance**, and **Noel McManus Stillings**. Our appreciation to Kevin Rusk, the owner.



## Irish Storytelling at the Coral Gables Branch Library on Saturday, February 28

**Rachel Batista** (at right) is discussing Irish storytelling with **Donald Harrington Jr.** and **Sean Glynn** in the Butterfly Garden at the Library. **Teresa Glynn** and **David Donnelly** are on the left. Rachel read from *The Names Upon the Harp* by Marie Heaney. Other listeners were: new member **Timothy O'Conner** with his grandson Cornelius and daughter, **Mark Donnelly** was with his son, Sean (who was the Pope in the King Mango Strut Parade) and **Sean Glynn's** sons Patrick and Kyle. This event was an effort of our Membership Committee to offer a family affair, much like our Irish Stew Contest in January. Thank you, Rachel.

## Emerald Election Results Are In!

At the March Board meeting, the Nominating Committee composed of Chair **Dan Fitzgerald**, **Chris Kelley** and **Judi Tierney Sherry** announced that the following Officers and 3-year Directors of the South Florida Emerald Society had been elected for 2015-16 and will be seated at the April Board meeting:

President: **Donald F. Harrington Jr.**

1st Vice President: **Sean Ferrell**

2nd Vice President: **Johnette Hardiman**

Treasurer: **John Doherty**

Historian: **Christopher P. Kelley**

Recording Secretary: **Kassandra C. "Kassie" Doyle Taylor**

Immediate Past President: **Hugh A. Ryan**

The following Directors were elected for three-year terms: **Richard Al-Imam**, **David Donnelly**, **Sean Hayes**, **Michael Lally**, **Paul Reilly**, and **Megan Walsh**.

Those Directors continuing to serve out their one-year terms are: **Blair Brogan**, **John P. Doherty**, **Kassandra "Kassie" Doyle**, **Ann Eustace**, and **William "Bill" O' Brien**. Those Directors continuing to serve out their two-year terms are: **Sean Glynn**, **Johnette Hardiman**, **Donald F. Harrington Jr.**, **Christopher P. Kelley** and **Mark Donnelly**.

Voting was conducted online through SurveyMonkey: 45 voted online while one mail ballot was received.

### Helen's Quiz

Helen Lennon has suggested that we have an Irish Quiz—so here it is.

1. When was St. Patrick born? 347, 562 or 741?
2. What is the minimum age requirement for an Irish president?
3. Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair spent many idyllic summer holidays in which Irish county?
4. The Edge from U2—what's his real name?
5. John Robert Gregg, from Co. Monaghan, was famous for inventing what?  
(answers on page 5)

## "Mr. Emerald" Dan Fitzgerald Resigns

At the March Board meeting, **Dan Fitzgerald** resigned after over 25 years on the Board, having served twice as Emerald President. After joining the Emeralds in 1978, he was the MC for the St. Patrick's Day Festival for many years. By profession an actor, he has appeared in television shows and commercials, and over 37 films, most recently in "In Her Shoes" starring Shirley MacClaine. We will miss you, Dan and Dolores.



Sincere appreciation for their service are extended to: **Joe McManus**, **Judi Tierney Sherry**, **Noel McManus Stillings** and **Richard C. Welch Jr.**, who are term-limited on the Board.

### New Members

Lets greet these new Emeralds:

- **Sharon Donnelly** is in marketing for Bacardi Ltd. Her paternal family are the McCormacks from Donegal; her maternal family are the Blacks from Kilkenny. Her sponsor: husband **David**; they have two children.
- **Matthew Eustace** is an executive with Progressive Insurance in Jacksonville. His paternal ancestors are from Co. Clare; his maternal ancestors are McDonoughs from Co. Mayo and Finnegan's from Sligo. Married to **Catherine**. His sponsor: his sister **Ann**.
- **Michael Garrison** is in the export business and lives in Pembroke Pines; his sponsor: **Mark Donnelly**
- **Rick Tobin's** Irish heritage is by way of Dublin and Clonmel; he is married to **Alex**. Sponsor: **Sean Ferrell**.

### Health and Welfare

**Bill O'Brien**, **Billy Cameron**, **Mary Ann Kerr** and **Gloria Cooke** (Ed Cooke's wife) are recuperating. **Dan Fitzgerald** is being hospitalized. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of them.

