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**Hello Everyone!**

It has been a very busy few months for us and I want to bring you up to date. I know we have many snow birds that don't get to participate in our events. This year's NYC Saint Patrick's Day Parade was one of the best we've ever been involved with. The weather was drop dead gorgeous and we had a large contingent of about 300 marching up 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The men and women looked great and the Pipe Band was excellent as usual. Our Irishman of the Year Jerry Gilmore was enjoying every minute of the march. Our fellowship afterwards was well attended and a good time was had by all.

We held our 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Dinner Dance at the West Lake Inn. A capacity crowd was in attendance and everything went very well. The feedback was positive and our Honorees' that night had a great time. Jerry Gilmore was our Irishman of the Year for 2009, Jim O'Leary received our Tom Finn Memorial Service Award and Emergency Service Officer Frank Rendon and his partner David Katzen were this years Medal of Valor Award winners. They weren't the only winners that night.

**Dinner Dance Raffle Winners:**

Ken Valentine 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$1000

Michael (John) Fives 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$500

Janet Oswald 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Irish Crystal

Chris Cusimano 4<sup>th</sup> Prize -Dinner for 4 @ The Irish Coffee Pub

**Meeting and Picnic-** As the weather warms we all can look forward to our next events. We sincerely hope you can join us. Our last meeting before the summer break will be at Molly Malone's in Bay Shore, Thursday night June 11<sup>th</sup>. There are no meetings scheduled during the summer; however we will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Picnic to be held on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Commack Fire HQ grounds on Jericho Tpke. Starting time will be 12 Noon and will end at 5 PM. Rain or Shine is the order for the day. Reservations are a must and the cost is only \$10 for a single member and \$20 for your whole immediate family. If you are interested and we hope you are, please call Bob Bogen at 631-831-9479 or Glenn Kirkpatrick 516-527-5657. We will have our summer bash raffle drawing that afternoon as well. Reservations are a **MUST**, no walk - ins will be permitted and we have a 200 person limit.

**Summer Raffle-** Jim O'Leary is running a \$100 summer raffle again this year. The proceeds will go to the Emerald Society but also to pay for the Pipe Bands' transportation to Washington DC next May. Our Pipe Band will be the host band at the National Police Memorial Service to honor our own departed Police Officer Glenn Ciano. This Emerald Society will make sure they have the funds necessary to

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participate in this special event. If the monies permit I hope to have a bus going down there as well for members. When you receive your chance in the mail please remember this before you would ever think of throwing it away. Your support is greatly appreciated. Who knows if you will be one of the lucky winners? There are many cash prizes.

The Grand prize is for \$10,000; second prize is \$2,500; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is for \$1,000; 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> prizes will be \$500 and 6 thru 10 prizes are \$100 each. Contact your precinct Emerald Society delegate if you need a chance or email Jim O'Leary @ [edward2201@optonline.net](mailto:edward2201@optonline.net)

**Wounded Warrior Soldier Ride-** Last year the Emerald Society was a Patriot Level Sponsor of this worthy organization. That means our donation was greater than \$1000. At our recent May meeting we had a tremendous member response to kick off this year's donation. We again will ask our members at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting @ Molly Malones in Bay Shore to contribute to this worthy cause. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to help and contribute, please send a check made out to the Wounded Warriors Project and we in turn will put it towards the total contribution. The wounded warrior's project aids severely injured service men and women who courageously face a long and arduous rehabilitation. Our donation will be presented at a reception Wednesday July 23, 2009 at the American Airpower Museum in Farmingdale. Thank you for your help.

**Cape Cod Irish Village-** Mike Homan has made arrangements for another great weekend to be held at the Irish Village in Cape Cod this October. The dates are Oct. 16, 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> (Fri, Sat & Sun). The cost is \$123 a person or \$246 per couple. This includes all taxes. The price also includes 1 banquet Dinner and 2 Breakfasts. They provide entertainment in the afternoon and evening. (They have only 30 rooms reserved for us). To make a reservation call 508-771-0100 and mention SCPOES. Their web site is [www.capecod-irishvillage.com](http://www.capecod-irishvillage.com)

**Saratoga-** A day at the races has been planned for Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at Saratoga Race Track in upstate NY. This one day adventure was great fun last year and Brendan O'Hara has agreed to run this year's trip as well. The bus will leave the south H. Lee Dennison Bldg. parking lot in Hauppauge at 7 AM sharp. You will be provided a continental breakfast. The return home will be after the 8<sup>th</sup> race around 5PM. Food and drink are provided for the ride home. The entrance fee into the track is included, all for only \$50. per person.(the same as last year) You may bring a small cooler of adult beverages into the track for yourself as well. Contact Brendan O'Hara @ 516-647-9140 to make reservations.

**Celtic Festivals-** This year there are multiple festivals in the tri-state area. Shawnee Mountain East Stroudsburg, Pa. will be having a Celtic Festival on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The Connecticut Irish Festival in North Haven, Ct. will also be having their festival on the same dates. The fabulous Wolfe Tones will be playing on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9 P.M. Hunter Mountain N.Y. will have a Celtic Festival on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. They have an awesome mass pipe band ceremony on the last day. Nassau County AOH Feis will be held September 20<sup>th</sup> Hempstead Harbor Beach Park, Port Washington. Step Dancing, Pipe Band Competition and more. Get in touch with your Irish roots and visit one of these events over the summer. Report back to me on what you thought about them.

Go n-éirí leat!  
All the Best!

*Dan*

Dan Murphy