

The Green Line
A publication of the Florida Irish-American Society
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A message from our President:

I wish all of our members a Happy and Healthy New Year for 2010. We have added twenty new members since summer 2009. We welcome them and invite them to become active in their club.

We start a new year that is going to be filled with many activities and events. Of course, Wednesday's lunches at your Club will be continued which have been very actively attended during 2009. I thank you for your participation. We will have our first cocktail party of 2010 on January 24th, featuring the auction of the print "Do Your Duty, Boys". This will be followed by our premier event "The Emerald Ball" on January 31st at the Vero Beach Yacht Club. I hope to see you all at both of these events. On February 10th we are having the Inaugural Past Presidents' Appreciation Dinner to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions and dedication of our members during the past year.

We are having an "Early Bird" FREE Dinner on February 28th for all dues paying members who have paid their 2010 dues by January 31st. This will be a spaghetti and meat sauce dinner with all the trimmings. This important new event will be followed by the Annual St. Patrick's Parade, Annual St. Patrick's Show and Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance during March 2010. We are encouraging our members and friends to don their Sunday best outfits for our St. Patrick's Show to honor the performing artists who will have come to entertain us. I ask you to "talk up" these St. Patrick events to your friends and neighbors. We would like to fill the Vero Beach Performing Arts Center to the roof.

We are thankful to have our galloping gourmet chefs (Winnie and Roy Thompson) back from the southern hemisphere relaxed and refreshed for a new year of food fun loving times.

Larry White, President

It is time for payment of your 2010 Membership Dues (\$50 p.p.) Checks payable to FIAS should be mailed to: **The Florida Irish-American Society, P.O. Box 5151, Vero Beach, Fl., 32960.** Payment by Jan. 31 will entitle you to a free ticket to the **Feb. 28th Early Bird Spaghetti Dinner** (salad, spaghetti w/meat sauce, Italian bread, dessert, coffe and tea). **There will be a cash bar.**

The Green Line has a new look thanks to the efforts of **Derek Thompson** and **Sean Thompson** in creating and securing sponsorship an advertising circular. We urge members to patronize those businesses which have placed ads therein. If you know of anyone who wishes to advertise in the circular or on the placemats used at the club, please **Contact Derek Thompson (408-0503 or sportsmystery@yahoo.com).**

You can read **The Green Line** on line - irishclubverobeach.com

Your written nominations for **Irish Person(s) of the Year** must be received by the Board of Directors before the **Feb. 3 Board Meeting**. Nominations may be sent to the Florida Irish-American Society, Post Office Box 5151, Vero Beach, Fl. 32960.

Wednesday Lunch with live music is still a major weekly FIAS attraction. The clubhouse opens at 11 a.m.; lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE: THE COST OF LUNCH IS \$6 P.P.** Dancing to the live music of the **Keynotes/Notables** is until 3 p.m. There are several tables reserved for FIAS members. We thank **Roy & Winnie Thompson** for their faithful preparation of lunch on most Wednesdays. **Please consider volunteering to do a lunch.** We are offering **2 for 1 drinks FOR MEMBERS ONLY** at Wednesday lunch.

It's not too soon to start thinking about that special something for your Valentine. Consider giving gifts from the exceptional collection of Celtic things at **Betty & Noel Cochrane's Irish Treasures Shop (923 Azalea Lane (beachside); your FIAS membership earns you a 10% discount;** or a handmade Irish sweater or poncho or tam crafted by **Connie Elliott** who makes these and other items to order. **You can reach her at 564-8769.** Or perhaps, a beautiful bauble from the grand collection of **John Michael Matthews' Fine Jewelry** at **645 Beachland Blvd. (JohnMatthewsJewelry.com)**

Kitchen Managers Winnie & Roy Thompson and Dee Marco ask that people label with dates and contents, any items put in the refrigerators. Leftovers should be taken home by those who prepare meals. Those using the kitchen are asked to wipe down when finished, and remove all garbage. Note items that need replenishing on the list posted on the refrigerator.

The decorations in the clubhouse are meant for the enjoyment of everyone; we ask that you do not take decorative items home unless directed to do so. Before leaving the clubhouse, please dispose of any glasses, bottles, etc. on your table.

Derek Thompson is asking for volunteers to help him in selling tickets for the March 13 show featuring Tony Kenny. Derek can be reached at 567-7164 or sportsmystery@yahoo.com.

Our thanks to Mac O'Grady who donated \$200 towards the purchase of rest room handicap bars.

Happy January Birthdays to: Nancy Charsoodian, Don Cowan, Ruth Gargiulo, Patricia McGee, Denis Monahan, Rosemary O'Bryan, Betty Rollins, Marge Young. Anniversary people are: Bart & Jackie McDonnell; Chad & Mary Thompson.

Congratulations to Ginny Thorne who won the 50/50 at the Dec. 10 Membership Meeting.

Derek Thompson has made an arrangement with Sam's Club, whereby FIAS members who join or renew their membership in Sam's Club on Members' Day (Jan. 19 – from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.) will receive a \$10 gift card. This offer lasts until Feb. 28. You will need a certificate which may be obtained from Derek at the clubhouse on Wed. afternoons.

The Nov. 29th Founders' Cocktail Party hosted by John & Maureen Gatins provided us with a terrific trip "down Memory Lane" thanks to John's narrative of the history of FIAS. Ginny Thorne gave us an Irish Blessing and performances by Bill Corbett, Peg Kelleher, Pauline Quigley, and Warren Carrier's story telling made for a fun and festive fete. Roger Larson at the keyboard gave us marvelous music for listening or dancing and Glenn Morris' labors at the bar assured that our glasses were filled. A mouthwatering array of hors d'oeuvres was followed by a special cake bearing shamrocks and the hues of the Irish Tricolor. Many thanks to John & Maureen Gatins and all who helped make this a most delightful afternoon.

The clubhouse Christmas décor was truly a "beautiful sight": tables garbed in brilliant red tablecloths, with centerpieces of live red poinsettias and garlands of golden poinsettias; a sparkling Christmas tree glittered by the window. Our thanks for their decorating skills to Sally & Ed Johnson, Merry & Willis Clifford, Nancy & Chester Sealand & Heather Quigley.

The Dec. 19 Christmas Luncheon was a Yuletide treat. A wonderful luncheon of ham, salad, potatoes, beans Marie's home made bread, and a bevy of desserts was served by Chairman Maria White, with the assistance of Ed & Sally Johnson, Willis & Merry Clifford, Janet Mericle, Susie Erhardt, Alyce & Jeannie Passerelli, and Chef Anthony Cervone. Glenn Morris & Derek Thompson kept us filled with holiday cheer and Mrs. Santa (Nancy Sealand) candy canes to all. Nancy & Chester Sealand also gathered up for distribution the gifts brought by FIASers for underprivileged children. Congratulations to Karl Steene who won the 50/50.

A Cocktail Party and Auction will be held on Jan. 24th from 4 – 6:30 p.m. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre or covered dish (with contents labeled, please). There will be an auction of the print "Do Your Duty, Boys" of Thomas Francis Meagher and the 69th "Fighting Irish" Regiment of NYC. The print is currently hanging in the clubhouse for your viewing pleasure. The proceeds of the auction will go to pay down our club's remaining mortgage. The first ten women who bid on the print will be awarded a ticket to be redeemed for a dance at the Emerald Ball on Jan. 31st.

It's almost time for the most elegant of FIAS events, the January 31st Emerald Ball at the Vero Beach Yacht Club, chaired by Bart & Jackie McDonnell. Tickets for this gala evening which will feature scrumptious hors d'oeuvres during the cash bar cocktail hour, the VBYC's famous prime rib of beef, or poached salmon, coffee and dessert, and dancing to the lilting and lively music of the Salty Dogs, are \$55 p.p. There will be a raffle for an elegant piece of jewelry generously donated by John Michael Matthews' Fine Jewelry. If you wish to reserve a full table you must bring the full amount at the time of ticket purchase. Choice of entrée should be made at time of ticket purchase. You may

obtain tickets from **Bart** at the clubhouse on Wed, afternoons or by calling him at 234-3758. Please note that the doors of the Vero Beach Yacht Club will not open until **6 p.m.** on Jan. 31.

Tickets are available for the March 13th Irish Show featuring Tony Kenny, The Celtic Knight Dancers and the Rondeau Dancers. Tickets for reserved seating at the Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center are **\$20 and \$25** and may be obtained by contacting **Derek Thompson (567-1460 or sportsmystery@yahoo.com)**

Nancy Sealand is chairing a Past Presidents' Appreciation Dinner/Dance on Friday, Feb. 26. The event will feature live music, **Roy & Winnie Thompson's** yummy prime rib of beef, scalloped potatoes, salad, beans, dessert. Tickets are **\$18** for members; **\$20** for nonmembers and may be obtained from **Nancy (231-0662)**. **Nancy** is collecting humorous stories about past FIAS Presidents; if you have any to share, give her a call.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 14	Membership meeting followed by Social Hour	4 p.m.
Jan. 24	Cocktail Party & Auction	4 – 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Emerald Ball at Vero Beach Yacht Club	
	Doors open	6 p.m
	Cocktail hour (cash bar) w/hors d'oeuvres	6 – 7 p.m.
	Dinner	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	Board Meeting	2 p.m.
Feb. 11	Membership Meeting followed by Social Hour	4 p.m.
Feb. 18 26	Past Presidents' Appreciation Dinner	
	Clubhouse opens	4:30 p.m.
	Dinner	6 p.m.
	Dancing	7 – 9:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	FREE Early Bird Dinner paid up members only	4 p.m.

The Florida Irish American Society, Inc.

Nineteenth Annual Emerald Ball

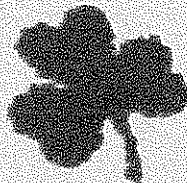
Sunday, January 31, 2010



Vero Beach Yacht Club
3601 Rio Vista Blvd.
Vero Beach, Florida
(772-231-2211)



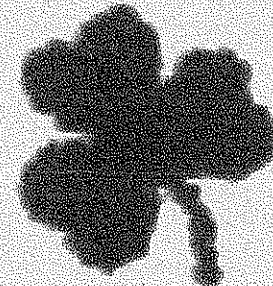
Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m.
Dinner at 7 p.m.
...Menu...



Soup and Salad
Prime Rib of Beef or Poached Salmon
Coffee and Dessert

Music by the "Salty Dogs"
\$55.00 Donation

Black Tie Optional



DOORS WILL NOT OPEN BEFORE 6 P.M.

For information and tickets call Bart McDonnell
(772)234-3758