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Greetings from the Emerald Society:

I hope that your summer and fall was fun and enjoyable. The Society was very busy during the last few months.

In June the Annual Three Day Golf Outing was held at the Nevele Grande Resort. With the picture perfect weather, a "Grande" time was had by all. It was the first time that I had ever golfed. It was said that I was not too bad for a first time golfer. I suspect they have been less forthcoming with their honest opinion. Again, I would like to apologize to the other golphers that were behind or to the side, as I eagerly sent the small white ball in directions that could not be duplicated by the best of golphers. The event was well or-

ganized by Joe Keenan, Ed Connolly and Jay Gerrity. The staff at the Nevele was accommodating and pleasant as usual. I can't wait for next year. I promise I will try and practice at least once to avoid having to give out helmets as our souvenir.

On July 10, 2004 the Emeralds made the annual pilgrimage to the Mecca of baseball, Yankee Stadium. Old Timers Day was held under a backdrop of beautiful skies and jubilant fans. A tailgate party started the day and ended it as well. A great time was all but assured from the weather, the food and Yankees winning. Marybeth Colby, Brendan Nolan along with John and Chris Fitzgerald provided us with plenty of good food and cold beverage. The kids had a wonderful day and are looking forward to next year.

September was also a fun filled month. The Pipe Band held their Annual Memorial concert on 9/11. It was a wonderful evening at Town Hall as the Irish filled the streets and concert hall for this special event. The performances were outstanding and moving. A march was held after the finale to the "after party" at the Park Central New York Hotel. Congratulations to the band for such a successful and enjoyable evening.

The annual Run for Fun was held on September 18th in the Rockaway's. At least 60 runners braved the stormy weather for this event. The turnout was very good despite the wind and rain. The trophy ceremony was held at the Irish Circle. I want to congratulate Tim Black for his first place finish in the 19 and under category. Again this event was well organized by Brendan Dolan and Gary Rudolph.

In October the Annual Army Football Trip was held. About 100 of our members were in attendance. All were treated to a fantastic tailgate party and a win from the Army Team. George Anderson and Tim Black did a wonderful job organizing the trip. A grand time was had by all. Remember to book this one early next year. I apologize to those that were turned away, you missed a great day.

As the Holidays approach I wish everyone the best. I am looking forward to seeing as many members as possible at our upcoming events. The annual Ireland trip has been moved to the spring. I t will be held during Easter Week. I am sure it will be very enjoyable celebrating Easter in the Emerald Isle. We also have the Winter Weekend and Dinner Dance right around the corner.

If anyone has questions about the Society please feel free to give us a call, drop a letter or email us. Our board member email addresses are available on the Emerald Society website (www.nypdemeralds.com). Please take the time to visit the site. You can view all the photos from our past events and get the information on the upcoming events.

The membership cards for 2005 will be available at the beginning of December. I urge all members to return the membership application as soon as possible. With your help we can avoid a backlog of our system that usually occurs around February.

Fraternally, Mike Murphy

UPCOMING EMERALD EVENTS

November 1	Monthly Meeting – St. Andrews
December 6	Monthly Meeting – St. Andrews
<u>2005</u>	
January 3	Monthly Meeting – Brooklyn
January 15	HS Scholarship Exam
February 7	Monthly Meeting – St. Andrews
Feb 17-21	Winter Weekend
February 25	Dinner Dance – Leonards

RETIREES' CORNER

Retired PO Dennis McGowan, Bronx Task Force an Emerald Society Member and 20 year player on NYPD Football Team is fighting Multiple Sclerosis and confined to:

United Presbyterian Home 378 Syosset/Woodbury Road Woodbury, New York 11797 Graham Room 222 Phone: (516) 496-4891

He would love to hear from old friends!

ATTENTION DELEGATES

ALL DELEGATES – Please return all your unsold Emerald cards, as well as all the sold Emerald card money and applications to your Vice Presidents. Thank you.

Manhattan South is in need of an Emerald delegate for the 17th **Precinct**. If you are an Emerald member, work in the 17th Precinct and are interested in becoming an Emerald delegate, please contact Marianna Murray, Vice President Manhattan South at (718)745-0802.

Be sure to check out our brand new Website:

${\bf ``www.nypdemeralds.com''}$

EMERALD NEWSLETTER

Editor - Marianna Murray Co-Editor - George Anderson

Do you have information/pictures you would like to share with other members in the Emerald newsletter? Please hand deliver at a meeting or mail to Editor:

> Marianna Murray 369 73rd Street Brooklyn, New York 11209 (718) 745-0802

by the following due date to appear:

December 1

EMERALD ISLE

Congratulations to **Timothy Black**, MS Vice, on his recent promotion to Detective.

Best Wishes to Lieutenant Michael Rocco, 13th Precinct, on his recent retirement.

Best Wishes to Police Officer **Richard Shenton**, 84 Precinct, on his recent retirement.

Best Wishes to Police Officer Patrick Timoney, 72 Precinct, on his recent retirement.

Best Wishes to Police Officer Bobby Donnery, CRS/SSB, on his recent retirement. He now moves on to his next full time job, taking care of his 2 year old daughter, Brianna!

Congratulations and Best Wishes to PO Brian Murphy, 32 Precinct, who married Dana de la Garza on July 30. The ceremony was held at OLPH Church in Ozone Park and the Reception was at the Crest Hollow Country Club.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Sgt Danny Divers, 84 Precinct, and Det Anne (Howley) Divers, BSND, on the birth of their baby girl, Anne on April 20, 2004.

Get Well Wishes to Monsignor Martin Gerrity, who is recovering from recent hip replacement surgery.

Get Well Wishes to Patty Lyons, who is recovering from recent hip replacement surgery.

Get Well Wishes go out to Fran O'Leary.

Condolences to Police Officer Robert Scott, 5 Precinct, and his family on the recent passing of his father, Robert Scott.

Condolences to Det. **Donna Gibson**, OCID, and SPAA **Kathy Geraghty**, OMAP, on the recent passing of their mother, Bernadette Geraghty.

Congratulations to William McNeely, who became a grandfather two times back in 2003. William Francis McNeely was born to his son's wife on June 27 and Robert Zuono was born to his daughter on September 4.

Congratulations to PO Frank Stapleton, 1 Precinct, and his wife Joy, whose daughter Briana Nicole won three First Place Medals for Irish Step Dancing at the Peter Smith Feis in June in New Jersey.

Congratulations to Mary Guadagni, 63 Precinct, whose son Joseph graduated from Xaverian HS in June and is currently attending Yale University.

Winter

THE UNTOLD STORY

Submitted by Vincent J. Doherty

(Ret. President NYPD Emerald Society)

While we're all excited to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the NYPDES, how many of us know what really happened all those years ago? Can we truly appreciate how far our society has come without understanding its humble beginnings?

Years ago, Barney Devine of the old Mounted "B" told me the story of how the Emerald Society got started. It's a tale that few know, with an outcome that many have benefited from.

February 1953. A group of policewomen, led by Doris Burke, Lillian Reilly, Mary Paterson and E. Romancheck, joined forces to achieve an ambitious goal: the formation of an Irish-American Society within the Police Department.

The first step these amazing women took? They contacted a man named Richard Fay, then the president of the NYC Department of Sanitation Irish-American Society. Fay had helped form his society and had been down this road before. He gave them valuable advice and wished them luck – Fay knew the women had a lot of work ahead of them.

The women printed petitions and spent many long hours seeking out signatures of potential members. They collected signatures after the Saint Patrick's Day parade parties at the Mounted Dinner on 14th Street and 9th Avenue. A few weeks later, they collected signatures at the Holy Name Breakfast.

Collecting signatures and planning the future Emerald Society was a lot of work for the already busy policewomen. When they finally obtained a sufficient amount of signatures, they contacted Detective Henry Fitzgerald and Police Officer Barney Devine of the Mounted Unit "B".

The early meetings were modest affairs, held at the Prince George Hotel on 28th Street in Manhattan and in the backroom of the Troop "B" stable on West 12th Street. Later meetings took place at the Plaza Hotel on 59th Street.

It was in the Plaza Hotel that the society was officially formed with forty members present and voting. The Emerald Society had begun.

But as the society grew in strength, so did the opposition against it. Many in the police department thought the new society would threaten the already-existing societies. Henry Fitzgerald led the charge against these factions, fighting like a lion to preserve the fledgling society.

The Emerald Society grew more organized. Membership cards (Charters) were printed up. The cards were not yet numbered and were dated June 30, 1954. The original organizers signed the by-laws of the organization.

One of the most important laws? Organizers inserted a special clause into the constitution – for all times, from the first year to every year thereafter – at least one woman must serve on the Board of Officers.

And this is how the society has paid tribute to the legacy of those first few policewomen. Women who, armed with only their petitions and a dream, helped create the NYPDES fifty years ago.

Organization Incorporated before Judge S. Samuel DiFaco Justice of Supreme Court New York State on July 29, 1953. Signers: Harry S. Fitzgerald, Thomas F. McGuire, Joseph P. Meaney, Lillian Reilly, William F. Romancheck, Arthur J. Rogers, Charles Jackson, James B. Meehan, James Robert.

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WINTER WEEKEND

The Nevele Grand Hotel

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Mike Sheahan Band Rhode Island's The Guarda Band Tommy O'Callaghan & The Moonshiners Macaroni the Clown All Star Irish Dance Revue

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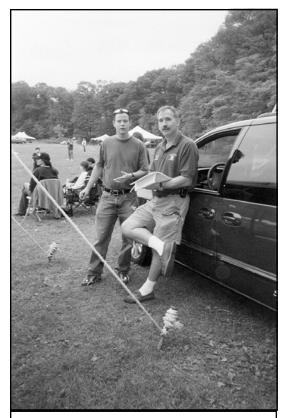
For Information, Call Tom Sullivan, Chairman (718) 967-9146

ARMY FOOTBALL GAME—WEST POINT—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2004

The NYPD Emerald Society Annual Army Football Game was held on Saturday October 9, 2004. The weather was fantastic, on a sun-filled autumn day. The historic grounds of the West Point Military Academy provided a most impressive venue, for the sights and the sounds of the gridiron. The Army Team played Cincinnati and defeated them in an action packed game. The final score was 48 to 29 in a high scoring battle. This was also the Army's first win at home in three years. (Army is convinced it was the luck of the Irish that brought them this win—so much so that they have invited us back to next year's game for free—NOT!)

The game was actually just part of a long fun-filled day, for our Emerald Society pigskin fans. Many members arrived early by charter bus, as others headed north by car, to the Hudson Valley. They all enjoyed a pre-game tailgate party and viewed a wonderful military parade, before heading into Michie Stadium. President Mike Murphy and Chairmen George Anderson and Timmy Black hosted the Emerald group of 100, and as always there was plenty of hospitality! Fans got an extra treat as Rosie Kelly organized an impromptu game of tag football! Also helping out were Past Presidents Joe Keenan and Eddie Connolly along with Board Officers Dennis Gallagher and Marianna Murray and Retirees V.P. Jack Borsare.

It was another great reason to belong, and participate, in an Emerald Society event! Next year's event is sure to be an early sellout, so if you would like to be on a contact list for next year's event, contact Chairman George Anderson.



Chairman George Anderson (right) talks over the day's festivities with Co-chairman Tim Black (left).



Emerald Bleacher Creatures Dennis Gallagher and wife Fran (center) pose for our lensman as Dennis McCarthy with son Dennis (left) and Joe McGrann with sister Pat (right) keep their eyes on football.

N.Y.P.D. EMERALD SOCIETY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION EXAM DATE: SATURDAY JANUARY 15, 2005, 0900 HOURS RAIN OR SHINE LOCATION: POLICE ACADEMY AUDITORIUM, 235 EAST 20th STREET

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2004-2005 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This application is for college student that have entered college as a freshman in September 2004.

The following are items that are necessary to be considered for the 2004-2005 Bennett College Scholarship.

- 1. Fill out application below.
- 2. Enclose two letters of recommendations from High School teachers.
- 3. Transcript of S.A.T. score at least 950.
- 4. Writing sample of 250 words or less, from the candidate, on any subject.
- 5. Be a full-time <u>Freshman</u> entering college in September, 2004 and carrying at least 12 credits per term.
- 6. Provide the completed form "Free Application for Federal Student Aid-School Year 2004-2005" from the U.S. Department of Education.
- 7. Indicate on application if the student will be living on campus or not.
- 8. Return the information requested by **December 01, 2004**

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General Membership - All Active and Retired members of the New York City Police Department

Charter Members - Any retired member who was an original member of the Society when it was founded in 1953 - (Not the year the member entered the NYCPD but the year the Society began)

Associate Members - All non-NYCPD Law Enforcement Officers as well as friends and family of General and Charter Members

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