



The Bard

January, 2017

Tim Casey, Editor

From the President

“Nollaig Shona” (Gaelic) for Merry Christmas. Sorry several of you could not make the Christmas/Anniversary Party. You would have been impressed with the decorations. Dugout 54 really did a beautiful job.

The food was outstanding. It is Wisconsin and unfortunately, the weather is hard to predict.

It's hard to believe we are approaching 2017. I like to think of it as beginning a new chapter and you get to write the pages. This is my last 2 months as our ESW President. I really appreciate the honor and look forward to continuing being a very active member.

How many of you, are already thinking of your New Year Resolution?

A few of you will have a lot more time to think about it! We have three members who joined the ranks of retirement! Father Brennan, Del Canon and Mark Rooney! Please congratulate them, when you see them.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to your jobs, our respective communities and the Emerald Society.

Our fundraiser is fast approaching, Sunday, March 5 to be exact. We are waiting for the letter from COPS, I will apply for our Raffle license and we will work on getting the raffle fliers completed quickly. If you have connections to area businesses, we need donations for the Raffle. If you have any un-needed (is that a word?), decorative boxes, baskets, etc., we could use them to place raffle prizes. It would be wonderful if you could bring them to our next meeting on January 2, 2017.

Our next meeting is January 2, 2017. We will have a lot to discuss, and finalize for our fundraiser. We will need volunteers, don't try to hide, Julie and I will come knocking on your door! Ha-ha (You think I'm kidding?) I seriously appreciate your willingness to help. It wouldn't be possible to do it without everyone's help.

I will send out a list of open times, to volunteer, if those areas are not filled on Jan 2nd. Our support of COPS and Wounded Hearts is critical to their continued support of our law enforcement sisters and brothers. Please, continue to be generous with your time and donations. This is where the rubber meets the road and we can do the greatest good for our extended families in need.

A blessed and safe New Year to you all!

**Slainte,
CarolAnn**

ESW Movers and Shakers

Consider volunteering for a position on the ESW board or coordinator for some special project or function. Contact the Bard, if you have an interest.

From the Emerald Society Secretary

Please be sure that you are current on your \$25 annual dues. Thanks!

From Julie Smith

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the general meeting on Jan 2nd.

If you are able to volunteer for our fundraiser for COPS and Shielded Hearts, please do so. We need people for the setup of the building on Saturday March 4th from approximately 10 AM until we're done. The more there to help, the faster it'll go. Family members are most welcome to lend a hand. The doors open on Sunday, March 5th, and we need volunteers to come early and/or stay late. This is where I remind you that this is our mission as the Emerald Society of Wisconsin.

Signup sheets will be there for you, and we need persons at the entrance for the \$5 fee to enter, persons to sell raffle tickets, and other miscellaneous jobs. ANY help with setup before and/or cleanup afterward is desperately needed and graciously accepted. CarolAnn said she would bring me to knock on your door. She sounds serious. If you can't attend the meeting, please call and volunteer anyway. It is rumored that CarolAnn will sponsor a libation for those volunteers.

Dates to remember:

March 3 - Set up for our annual Fundraiser at ICHC

March 4 - Fundraiser Noon to 5PM at ICHC (we need ESW members to volunteer!)

March 11 - St Patrick's Day parades!!! Downtown and Bluemound Road.

May 2017 bring you many happy days.

Julie Smith

From your humble editor

Very few professions have been as assailed and maligned over the past few years as the American police officer. Detractors and critics often paint our nation's police officers as racist and brutal and the criminal justice system as systemically prejudiced. Innuendo and misinformation by the ultra-liberal press has become the standard. The public trust of fair and objective reporting has been turned into blatant support of those who would sell their power as politicians. Public service is almost non-existent outside of our profession. One area where law enforcement should reasonably expect a basic sense of solidarity and support has been sadly lacking. Obama's administration, from the White House down through the Department of Justice, has purposefully done more to undermine confidence in local law enforcement institutions than to uphold them. Radical Islam threatens our entire way of life in America. Stay with us, President Trump.

<https://www.supportingcops.org/>

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, January 2, 2017

Emerald Society Meeting

[Dugout 54](#), Milwaukee, WI

General Membership Meeting 1900 hours

Board of Directors Meeting 1800 hours

Monday, March 6, 2017

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General Membership Meeting 1900 hours

Board of Directors Meeting 1800 hours

Note: *All dates and times are subject to change*



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 2, 2017

[Dugout 54](#)

7:00 P.M

Board of Directors Meeting: 6:00 P.M.

Emerald Society of Wisconsin

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