



# EMERALD CLUB NEWSLETTER

December 2016

## A Message from Paul C. Foley– Emerald Club President

Dear Emerald Club Supporter,

On Saturday March 11, 2017, the Emerald Club will celebrate its 60th Annual Gala at the Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston. In recognition of this outstanding achievement, the Club will forego granting individual awards this year and we will dedicate the night to all Club members, past and present, that have made the Club what it is today.



It is rare that a local Club, such as ours, would endure and shine for as long as we have. Our mission is simple, our meetings are quick, and our craic is mighty– clearly this and a charitable heart are the keys to our success. Clearly this and your support, and the support and involvement of your children, are the only ways that we will continue our success for many generations to come.

You can expect that, in the weeks to come, you will receive several communications from your friends on the 2017 Emerald Club Board. You will receive an invitation with an RSVP to the 2017 Gala, and we hope that you will join us. You will likely also receive a phone call or a personalized letter from one of your friends on the 2017 Board, to make sure that you will join us and that you'll bring your kids too. You should then receive the information for this year's Grand Raffle to ensure that when you come to the Gala, your money does as well!

In the meantime, we will be hard at work to ensure that the night will be full of friends and memories, old and new. If you have stories or photos to share please send them to me at [pcfoley@gmail.com](mailto:pcfoley@gmail.com). We are hoping that through the tales of the past we can create a night for all to remember and a night to light our future for years to come. In the meantime, *love and joy come to you and to you our friendship too and may God bless you and bring you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

Yours in friendship and charity,

Paul C. Foley, President

# A Message from President Elect Caitlin Lubelczyk

I don't know where to begin. First and foremost I have to acknowledge the person who encouraged me to join the Emerald Club several years ago, my father, Ralph 'Bud' Sargent. Bud has been a member of the Emerald Club for many years, and is also a past president. Bud's tenure as a board member recently ended (after my election... I think it's a coincidence) but I know that he'll still continue to be a huge supporter of our club in the years to come. As I said to the ladies at the tea this year, I fondly remember attending the ladies tea as a little girl with my mom, not really understanding exactly what the Emerald Club was, but I remember having a really fun time. As I got older I would attend the Galas, and performed with my band for a few years as well.

In 2013 I joined the Board of Directors, and have had the pleasure of serving under two remarkable presidents. In 2014 I was elected as Secretary, and this past summer I was nominated and elected as the incoming president, an honor that I just can't put into words. I am excited to lead the club through 2019, and I hope that our current board members don't go anywhere because I couldn't wish for a better team beside me. A few of us recently attended the annual Christmas Mass at the Mercy Centre. Not only was it a beautiful reminder of why we are here, and why we work so hard to raise funds for this incredible institution, but it was also so nice to see that the size of the choir has almost tripled due to the popularity of the Music and Arts therapy program that they are offering at the Centre. The program is able to survive and thrive in large part due to the profits from our annual holiday tea. So if you have attended the tea in the last couple of years, thank you. I hope that you will continue to support us in years to come. I could go on and on, but I'm still just the PEOTEC, so I'll just say thank you, thank you to Paul & Bill, and thank you to my fellow board members, I'm looking forward to the coming years.

Sincerely,  
Cait



## **Emerald Club Board Of Directors**

### Executive Board

Paul Foley (President)  
Bill Sex (Past President)  
Daniel Donovan (Treasurer)  
Cait Sargent Lubelczyk (Secretary & President Elect)  
Tim O'Malley (Financial Secretary)  
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### Board Members

Peg Buzzell	Michael P. Lyons
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Patrick Crowley	Brendan Moran
William Fay	Stephen Mills
Wicky Gareau	Jen Robert
Kevin Gould	Robert Spellane
Phil Lahey, IV	Sheila White
William Looney	

## **Thank You From the Holiday Tea Committee**



Thank you to everyone who attended the Ladies Holiday Tea this year! We haven't added up all of the numbers yet, but it's looking like we were able to raise close to \$10,000 this year! A special thank you to all of our wonderful vendors, our photographer Deb Pentecost who donated her services for the day, and to the Worcester Jazz Collective for providing our holiday soundtrack for the day! If you weren't able to attend please join us next year and keep an eye out this summer for a Save-The-Date! We've already started making plans for some new and exciting new ideas for the 2017 tea! Thank you again!!!

-Cait, Wicky, Jen, Peg, Ann-Marie, & Sheila



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Join us for our annual Saint Patrick's Day Gala on **Saturday, March 11th 2017** at Wachusett Country Club, mark your calendars and help us celebrate 60 years of Emerald Club history!

Also- If you're interested in purchasing your Grand Raffle Ticket you can do that today! Tickets are \$60, and The Grand Prize is \$10,000. Email Pat Crowley at [pc@hfctax.com](mailto:pc@hfctax.com) to buy your ticket today!

