



EMERALD CLUB NEWSLETTER

August 2017

A Message from Caitlin S. Lubelczyk- Emerald Club President

Dear Friends,

I want to first and foremost thank you for all of your support during 2016/2017. We had several successful events and look forward to even more in the year to come. This year, we have a few new events lined up. Coming up on Saturday, September 16th the Emerald Club is a Presenting Sponsor for the WCET's **Real Deal Festival** being held at the Hibernian Cultural Centre at 19 Temple Street in Worcester from 11:00am until 3:30pm. This FREE event is an all inclusive, all day event that provides a safe, exciting, and supportive music festival environment for individuals with special needs. The Worcester Center for Expressive Therapies is providing the use of noise limiting head phones, and UV sunglasses as well. We are excited to team up with Kayla Daly and the WCET as they are the therapists that provide Music and Art Therapy at the Mercy Centre. They have always been extremely supportive of the Emerald Club, and we're proud to be a partner. Stop by the Emerald Club table that day and say hello!



On Friday, September 22nd we are bringing back the **Emerald Club Picnic** at the Mercy Centre. This year we will be welcoming Worcester PD, Worcester FD, Massachusetts State Police, The Worcester Bravehearts, Worcester County Sheriff's Department, and The Worcester Railers, as we celebrate the Mercy Centre and all of the adult services they offer. Come on up to Chester Street, meet these amazing Mercy Centre employees and the adults and young adults that they serve everyday, and enjoy lunch courtesy of The Broadway! We'll have music, dancing, games, and more!

Then on December 10th join us for our annual **Ladies Holiday "Tea"** at Cyprian Keyes. We're moving the tea up a couple weeks, and also changing locations this year! We hope that you will save your holiday shopping for some of our extraordinary vendors that we will have!

As you can see we're in for a busy year! We would love to see you at any or all of these great events! As always thank you for your support and I hope to see you soon!

All the best!

Cait

Save The Dates

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September 16th– 11:00am-3:30pm Real Deal Festival 2017– Hibernian Cultural Centre, 19 Temple Street, Worcester, MA– FREE

September 22nd- 11am-1pm: Emerald Club/Mercy Centre Picnic at The Mercy Centre

December 10th- Ladies Holiday Tea Cyprian Keys 12pm-4pm

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March 10th- St. Patrick's Day Gala Cyprian Keyes 6pm Cocktail Hour

Congratulations Sr. Mary Edward

First Shillelagh Gold Award Recipient

Sr. Mary Edward was the first woman to receive this prestigious award from the Emerald Club in 1987. As the longest living Shillelagh Award Recipient, she was honored at the Emerald Club Gala this year and was presented the first ever Golden Shillelagh Award.

Since 1960 when the doors opened at Mercy Centre, Sister Mary Edward was there for the celebration. As Principal and then Administrator, devoting her heart and soul to Mercy Centre. Sister was a strong presence at Mercy Centre for over forty-two years. She instilled values, acceptance, and inspired students and staff to work harder. Growth continued year after year under her leadership and the programs thrived. She was a strong presence, admired, respected and loved by all that came in contact with her. A pioneer of her time, a leader that never needed accolades, a mentor that dedicated her life to teaching.

Sister Mary Edward was admired, respected and loved by all that came in contact with her. The qualities that she possessed, inspired many people to be passionate about their work and committed to people with disabilities. The journey may be a struggle, although with resilience, hope, and prayers the outcome amounts to endless possibilities.

The Mercy Centre Service Award was established to pay tribute to a person who has demonstrated a strong commitment and goes above and beyond to make Mercy Centre a better place. In grateful appreciation for Sister Mary Edward and her years of service, love, support, and devotion, the Mercy Centre Service award will be dedicated in her honor. Beginning next year, the Mercy Centre Service Award will be named the Sr. Mary Edward Service Award and will be presented each year at the Emerald Club Gala to a person that exemplifies that same passion, love, and commitment. - Peg Buzzell



Dr. Michael Gareau & Sr. Mary Edward
Dr. Gareau is a former student of Sr. Mary Edward and also father to Katie Gareau, longtime member of the Mercy Centre,



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We will be voting on the open position of Secretary at our 9/11 Board meeting.

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