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Dear Fellow Emeralds,

2020 – An exciting new year. After all, it is the year **2020!** Hopefully, the holiday break gave you a chance to relax, recharge and reconnect with family and friends. These are the times that memories are made of. It helps us to add more balance into our lives and our connections to others do add value to our lives. Chances are you spent the week off celebrating your heritage, traditions and customs, and this can quite often bring us to our happy place. The end result is that we are ready to take on our busy lives and work within the NYCDOE and forge ahead in **2020**.

Now what? Let's create more opportunities to reconnect with others that share the same heritage, customs and traditions and not wait until the next school holiday or vacation! The power is within all of us to create the experiences that add value into our lives. At this time, I am asking you to consider this as a new years' resolution. Attend more events or gatherings with those who share and enjoy celebrating the same history, culture and traditions as you. Consider joining and becoming involved with professional organizations as a way to connect with others that understand your vocation, your passion and your calling – education. Now, what if there was an organization that can combine your profession with culture, tradition and networking? There is, it is the **NYCDOE Emerald Society!** **An organization that honors tradition, culture, and professional accomplishment!**

February 4 - Meet & Greet. Join us at Frankie and Johnnie's Pine Restaurant. 1913 Bronxdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. There will be food, drinks and opportunities to meet other Emeralds from around the city. Options to pay are \$32 through Eventbrite, \$35 check mailed to the Emerald Society, address above, or \$40 at the door.

March 13 – Annual Scholarship Gala. The traditional NYCDOE Emerald Society gala will continue at Terrace on the Park. First, we will recognize the efforts of our scholarship winners! In addition, we will honor the efforts of those going beyond on a daily basis in our city schools, and of course, enjoy the sights and sounds of Irish tradition.

Show your support! Attached are a membership application, the Scholarship Awards notice, and the subscription blank for the 2020 Journal. Please, share this information with your colleagues, encourage them to join and support the NYCDOE Emerald Society and meet our Irish brothers and sisters who work to educate our City!

The Journal – It is a way to show the honorees that you support them, appreciate them and the great work they have done for our great City! In addition, the funds raised will support future scholarship winners, please consider purchasing a journal ad to the men and women that are deserving of receiving the recognition in **2020!**

At each event, we want to extend one hundred thousand welcomes to you, or Céad míle fáilte! We have many new initiatives and activities planned and hope that you will consider joining us, to celebrate and preserve the Irish culture, develop a sense of fellowship, benevolence and honor our accomplishments. Applying for membership and reserving tickets to our events can be done by sending a check through the mail or online via Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/emeralds-meet-greet-tickets-89393336877>

I look forward to seeing and welcoming all of you at the events in **2020!**

Sincerely,

Donna McGuire
President

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