Greetings to all:

Well..another Summer gone by in a flash! I hope everyone had a great Summer and lots of fun. We are quickly moving into our Fall season and here is some of the news.....

<u>Moonlight Cruise:</u> The second sailing of our Emerald flagship, the Lauren Christie from the Bay Shore Marina was even better than the first and a fabulous time was had by all. Many thanks to John Brunkard, Nick Aspromgos, Mike Homan, and Kathleen Lubey, for their hard work in making it a huge success.

Scholarships: Inside the Fall Newsletter mailing, you will find the applications for the regular, and Fr. Jim Kissane scholarships your Society gives out each year to qualified dependents of our members. The drawing will be at our December meeting. Please return applications in the long envelope provided.

Children's Christmas Party: The annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at St. Joseph's in Ronkonkoma from 12 noon to 4pm. The cost is \$35 per family. Because of the great demand for this event, attendance is limited to members and their families. Reserve early by retuning the reservation form included in the mailing, or contacting George and Marie Hunt at (631) 981-3369. Please include the names of the Adults in each family, # of adults, # of boys (12 and under) and their ages, # of girls (12 and under) and their ages. This information is important so Santa knows what gifts to bring.

<u>Holiday Raffle:</u> Also included in this mailing is a ticket for our "300 Club Holiday Raffle." Please take the time to send back the raffle stub and payment in the small envelope provided. The proceeds from this raffle help fund the Society's many charitable works and activities throughout the year. The odds are great and the payoffs are too. Winners will be drawn at the December meeting.

50th Anniversary: 2017 marks the 50th Anniversary of our Emerald Society and in addition to a very special Anniversary Dinner Dance, the Society has several other special events (to be announced) planned to celebrate this milestone. Once again I am asking anyone who has memorabilia that we could "borrow" to include in our celebration, or ideas for events, please contact a Board Member.

<u>Keeping the Tradition Alive:</u> We would like to see some of our newer members become more involved in the organization. The future is in your hands! If you have any ideas on activities you would like to see the Society involved in...let us know.

Upcoming Meetings: The remaining meetings for 2016 are as follows:

October 13: Napper Tandy's, Smithtown November 10: Lily Flanagan's, Babylon December 8: Shandon Court, East Islip

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