

August 25, 2005

Dear Friends of the Emerald Society,

The Emerald Society of Minnesota will be hosting our annual Ron Ryan Jr. Memorial Charity Golf Tournament and Pig Roast on Monday, September 12th 2005.

The money raised from this event will benefit the Children's Program of Northern Ireland. For over thirty years this organization has brought kids from Northern Ireland to Minnesota each summer, placing them with a host family for six weeks. Though the fighting has calmed in recent years in Northern Ireland, the goal remains much the same: to give Irish kids a break from the sectarian struggles and perhaps teach lessons in tolerance. More than five thousand students have participated since 1973 most of them age ten or eleven. The Emerald Society also assists our own members who wish to host a child from Northern Ireland.

Last year, with the help of our generous hole sponsors and players, we were able to raise nearly \$4000. This year, with your help we hope to surpass that amount.

We have two categories for our hole sponsors:

As a benefactor with a \$300 donation you will receive recognition at the golf course, pig roast, and the Emerald Society newsletter. You will also receive a one year complimentary membership to our organization and an attractive plaque.

With a \$200 donation, you will receive recognition at the golf course, pig roast, and newsletter and receive an attractive plaque.

All donors are invited along with their guest to join us at the pig roast. The pig roast starts at 2 PM at Wabun Park in Minneapolis. Also, everyone is welcome to play golf with us at Hiawatha Golf Course in Minneapolis. (Golf Tournament entry fee is separate from donation.)

We feel that this is an extremely worthwhile cause and would be very grateful for your support. Please also note that the Emerald Society of Minnesota is a 501c organization and your donation is tax deductible.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 612-861-2260. Please make checks payable to "Emerald Society" and mail to P.O. Box 4423 St. Paul, MN 55104.

Sincerely,

Jack Davy
Vice President
Emerald Society of Minnesota