

NEWS FROM THE HOUSE of SCOTLAND

“Sgeoil nan Taigh”: Scots-Gaelic for
“News From The House”

Balboa Park, San Diego, California 92101

March 2011

Highlights from the February Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Knight at 11:30 A.M. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Beryl Clarke has a birthday in February. Happy birthday, Beryl.

Prayers and Remembrances: President Steve Knight called for a moment's silence for those members of our military who are serving in harm's way.

Pipe Band Report: Mandy Danielson, the Pipe Band's bass drummer and treasurer, gave the band report. She again thanked the members of House of Scotland for our contribution towards their purchase of concert chanters, which they have purchased. The band is working on new music and has decided not to attend the Queen Mary Scottish Festival.

HPR Report: Jim Scrimgeour and Steve Knight gave the report. HPR has begun a series of events that they are calling SATURDAY@THELAWN. The events will feature entertainment on the HPR stage. The programs will require a permit from the city for each event. It is unclear if a separate fee will need to be paid for each Saturday. It was pointed out that one of the Saturdays proposed is April 2, 2011, which is Tartan Day. Jim Scrimgeour reports that HPR will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on Saturday, May 28, at the Organ Pavilion. The individual cottages are invited to set up booths for that event. Lapel pins featuring the HPR logo and 75th anniversary have been ordered. The anniversary celebration is the day before the International Food Fair.

Old Business: Steve moderates.

Upcoming events: Tartan Day is Saturday, April 2, 2011. The celebration will take place on the lawn in front of the Cottages. Cherie McGruer is in charge of the food service part of the program and Jean McDougall is in charge of the entertainment. There will be a sign-up sheet available at the March meeting as well as information of the times for the event.

Housekeeping: Members were again reminded to let the trustees know if we are low on supplies. Please don't wait until we are completely out of something. Those people hosting on February 6 had to borrow cups from the House of England. Thank you House of England.

Audit Committee: The Audit Committee completed the audit of the House books on January 13 and no errors were found. The audit of the Pipe Band books will be done today.

New Business: Steve moderates.

New Members: Linda Stolliker, who is also a member of House of Ireland, was attending her second meeting as a prospective new member of House of Scotland. A vote was taken on her membership. She will be notified by mail of her acceptance.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30
Respectfully submitted
Dianne Schultz, Secretary



Upcoming Events

- Mar. 13** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Mar. 19** NCS Casino Night
- Mar. 19** Saturday at the Lawn
- Mar. 19** Celtic Festival
- Apr. 2** Tartan Day, 11 am – 4 pm
- Apr. 10** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Apr. 16** Saturday at the Lawn
- Apr. 16-17** Las Vegas Highland Games
- Apr. 30** Saturday at the Lawn
- May 8** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- May 28** HPR 75th Anniversary Celebration
- May 29** Food Fair

Hosting

- Mar. 5 & 6 The McGruer Clan
- Mar. 13 Dianne Schultz & Melissa Keith
- Mar. 20 Andy & Melissa Keith
- Mar. 27 Joni Greeson & Joni Rossi
- Apr. 3 Jeanne McDougall & Maureen Bennett
- Apr. 10 OPEN
- Apr. 17 Earth Day

If you can host, please call Melissa at (619) 206-6478 or send an email to: MKeith@missionbayhilton.com. Editor's

Note: Members please note that Melissa is hosting twice in the month of March and has already hosted once in February. Please sign up to host!

HPR 75th Anniversary

If you would like to participate in the HPR's 75th Anniversary celebrations by hosting the cottage on a Saturday, please let Steve Knight know. The McGruers are hosting on Saturday, March 5 and will let you know at the HOS Meeting on March 13 how things went.

Available Saturdays are: March 19, April 16, April 30.

Hearth of the Kitchen



Almond Pear-Apple Crumble

Ingredients:

- 3 medium pears, peeled and sliced
- 2 medium apples, peeled and sliced
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 1/3 cup pear nectar
- 1/2 tsp almond extract
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar

TOPPING:

- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 2 Tbsp. cold butter
- 3 Tbsp. sliced almonds

Method:

1. In a large bowl, combine pears and apples. In a small bowl, combine the cornstarch, pear nectar, and extract; stir until smooth. Stir in brown sugar until blended. Drizzle over pear mixture and stir gently to coat. Transfer to a 11" X 7" X 2" baking dish coated with cooking spray.
2. For topping, in a small bowl, combine the flour, oats, brown sugar, and salt. Cut in butter until crumbly; stir in almonds. Sprinkle over fruit mixture.
3. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 35-40 minutes or until fruit is tender. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Nutrition facts: 1 serving equals 247 calories, 6 g fat (3 gr saturated fat), 10 cholesterol, 86 mg sodium, 49 g carbohydrate, 4 g fiber, 2 g protein.

Recipe from *October/November 2008, Taste of Home Healthy Cooking Magazine*

Luxury Whisky Tour

October 9-19, 2011

House of Scotland Member Ray Pearson will be your Tour Leader on this 11 day trip. The tour begins in Glasgow and circles clockwise through parts of The Lowlands, Western and Northern Highlands, the Kintyre Peninsula, and Islay before ending in Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh. For more information on this tour go to www.whiskytastings.com. (Note: trip is limited to 20 people.)



San Diego Tartan Day



There's a wee bit o' Scot in everyone

Eighth Annual Tartan Day/San Diego Festival

Balboa Park, International Cottages
San Diego, CA
Saturday, April 2, 2011

11 am – 4 pm **FREE ADMISSION**

The San Diego Tartan Day Steering Committee invites you to join a celebration of Scottish heritage – and tartans, the national fabric and symbol of Scotland.

And you can find your own tartan too, at the
Scottish Clan & Tartan Information Center

Explore displays by many Scottish organizations from
all over
Southern California, including individual Scottish
clans

Eat traditional Scottish fare, including the world's best
bangers, and mouthwatering home baked desserts, all
at reasonable prices

Enjoy music and dance from 11 am – 4 pm featuring
some of
Southern California's most exciting Scottish
entertainers,
including pipers and dancers!
Brian Caldwell of Highland Way
House of Scotland Ceilidh Band
House of Scotland Pipe Band
San Diego School of Highland Dancing
and a reunion of the Westlin Weavers (most of them)

For more information, contact info@tartandaysd.com
or call (619) 425-3454

Thanks to these wonderful Scottish organizations!

House of Scotland
San Diego Burns Club
42nd Black Watch Highland Society
San Diego Scottish Highland Games
Scottish Clan & Tartan Information Center
St. Andrew Society of San Diego
North County Scots
Clans of the Highlands
SD School of Highland Dancing

Scotland's influence on the USA

Scotland's ties with the United States date back to the founding of the USA. Scots and those of Scottish descent have helped shape the history of America in profound ways. Here are ten things Scotland has given the USA.

1. The US Navy

John Paul Jones (1747 - 1792) is famous in the United States as the 'Father of the American Navy'. A gardener's son from Kirkbean, Kircudbrightshire, Jones went to sea at the age of 13 and went on to become America's first naval hero in the American Revolutionary War.

2. The voice of Mickey Mouse

You might be surprised to learn that the world's most famous mouse was voiced for almost 40 years by a Dundonian. Jimmy MacDonald (1906 - 1991), who became a Disney sound effects wizard, was chosen by Walt Disney to provide the voice of his most well-known creation Mickey Mouse in 1947.

3. National Parks

Dunbar-born John Muir emigrated with his family, aged 11, in 1849 to rural Wisconsin, USA. Muir had developed an early passion for the natural world, and pursued these interests across the Atlantic where he fell in love with the wilderness. He is credited with starting the national park movement in America - including Yosemite and the Grand Canyon. Muir has been voted 'Most Famous Californian of all Time', appeared on two US postage stamps and has dozens of places named after him. Muir died in Los Angeles on December 24, 1914.

Scotland and America

4. At least 33 Presidents

Of the 43 men who have served as President, an astonishing 33 have been of either Scottish or Ulster-Scots descent. This includes George Washington, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton. According to genealogists, current president Barack Obama's ancestry can be traced back to William the Lion who ruled Scotland from 1165 to 1214.

5. American icon Uncle Sam

'Uncle Sam', who is famously depicted on patriotic recruiting posters, is a national icon in the United States. The original 'Uncle Sam' is said to be Sam Wilson, a food business operator in New York, whose parents came from Greenock in Scotland. Wilson supplied meat to the US Army during the 1812 War

and it was joked at the time that the 'U.S.' stamped on the crates stood for 'Uncle Sam', in reference to Wilson.

6. Thousands of its place names

Many locations in America were nostalgically named after the places Scottish immigrants had left behind. There are eight Aberdeens, eight Edinburghs, seven Glasgows and eight places simply known as Scotland in the United States today. In addition, many places are named after Scottish clan names with areas named Campbell, Cameron, Crawford and Douglas throughout the USA.

Scots American connections

7. The Man on the Moon

Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, took a scrap of Armstrong tartan with him on his historic space flight of 1969, in tribute to his ancestors from Langholm, now in Dumfries and Galloway. The astronaut was made a freeman of Langholm when he visited in 1972. Armstrong's fellow-moonwalker, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, also boasts Scottish antecedents.

8. Buick

Buick is the one of the most famous brand names in the motor industry and is stamped on more than 25 million cars in the USA. The car is named after David Dunbar Buick, a plumber from Arbroath, who emigrated to the USA in 1856 and went on to set up the Buick Motor Company.

9. The Private Eye

Glaswegian Allan Pinkerton founded the world's most well-known detective agency in Chicago in 1850. He became famous when he foiled a plot to assassinate President-Elect Abraham Lincoln. The distinctive Pinkerton agency logo, the All-Seeing Eye, inspired the phrase 'Private Eye'. A major crime-fighting force, the Pinkerton Agency and its methods are thought to have inspired the FBI.

10. Elvis Presley

Elvis Presley's roots can apparently be traced back to a village in Aberdeenshire. The musical icon is descended from Andrew Presley, who emigrated to North Carolina in 1745. Scotland was the location for The King's only visit to the UK, a brief landing at Prestwick Airport in 1960.

From: <http://www.scotland.org/features/item/scotlands-influence-on-the-usa/>

Gaelic Giggles

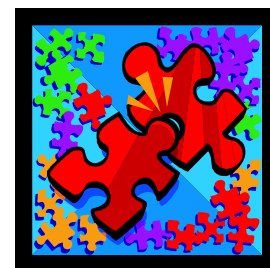
Hector and Hamish went into their local pub in great good humour and ordered two large whiskies.

"Are you lads celebrating something?" asked the barman.

"We certainly are," said Hector. "We've just finished a jigsaw puzzle in record time. A hundred pieces it had and it only took us six months."

"Six months? But that's quite a long while," said the barman.

"Not at all," said Hamish. "It said on the box, three to five years."



From: *Scottish Jokes*, Lomond Books

25th San Diego Celtic Festival March 19, 2011

Highland Dance competition
in the Recital Hall, Balboa Park.

There will be dancing from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm with live pipe music. Dancers will compete in classifications and age groups. The dances will be the Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Triubhas, Reel, and Irish Jig.

There will be a \$5.00 donation at the door for adults. The event is co sponsored by the Naismith Academy of Highland. Come and enjoy a Fling for the day.

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