



NEWS FROM THE HOUSE of SCOTLAND

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

Balboa Park, San Diego, California 92101

February, 2013

Highlights from the February 10th Meeting:

Meeting was called to order by President Stephen Knight at 11:30 a.m.

Prayers & Remembrances: Beryl Clarke’s husband Trevor passed away Sunday, January 27, 2013. John Canino, Board of Directors for the San Diego Scottish Highland Games, passed away in January from cancer. (this is a correction from January’s minutes) Irene Naismith, long time member to the House of Scotland, just passed away. In honor of Irene Naismith, a letter, written by Hamish and Peggy Yuile, was read. The funeral was held on February 9th 2013.

Birthdays: Beryl Clarke birthday was February 2, 2013. David McSwain's sister, Lisa Belott, was February 10, 2013 and his father, Bill McSwain, was February 9, 2013.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the January Membership Meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer’s reports were read by Treasurer Cherie McGruer. All reports were approved.

Pipe Band Report: The pipe band report was given by Mandy Danielson. HOS Pipe Band has decided to forego the Queen Mary Highland Games this year. The band is learning new music and wanted to have a better presentation when competing. They will be competing at the Cosa Mesa Highland Games. HOS Pipe Band will also be performing on Tartan Day.

HPR Report: 1st Vice President, Courtney Wilson gave the HPR and Special President’s Meeting reports.

On January 24, 2013 HPR President held a

special meeting for all presidents of the International Cottages. The purpose of this meeting was “to get acquainted” along with a presentation on how to have an effective meeting and leadership skills. The speaker was none other than our Scott Montgomery.

HPR Meeting was held on February 3, 2013. The HPR budget was just discussed. The answering service – it was voted to cancel this service. A pin code lock versus a key lock for the kitchen door – discussed and tabled. Members of the executive board were nominated and voted to chair each of the subcommittees. Samples of the printed HPR directories and proofs were handed out. Full distribution of the HPR directories to all houses will be done in March– per James Strimgeour. The Food Manager has been renamed “Food Kitchen Safety Committee”. All new business was tabled until next month. The Judge overturned the lawsuit regarding the Plaza de Panama Project - new parking garage. Since there will be no construction “2013 Earth Day” will once again be hosted at Balboa Park. Beryl Clarke was voted as 2013 HPR Woman of the Year and Dr. Ali Kiran, from the House of Turkey, was voted as 2013 HPR Man of the Year.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

President Stephen Knight moderates.

Hosting: 2nd Vice President Kim Miller reports. It was reminded that all members should host 2 Sundays during 2013, if possible. Kim requested that if any host(ess) needing to switch or is sick to please contact her as soon as possible so that their Sunday can be covered.

Ceilidh Band Report: David McSwain reported on behalf of the band. The band practices every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. The band is planning to perform on Tartan Day. Piper,

Robert Burns, has been practicing with the band and they are “incorporating him into the fold.”

Housekeeping Report: Trustee James Logan reports. 3 artichoke plants were planted – when they grow to full bloom they will look similar to the Scottish thistle. It was requested that some of the trash bags be kept in a lower area for easier access – and acknowledged and done.

HOS Queen's Report: Queen Christina reports. The Queens Lawn Program is scheduled for March 10, 2013 – the preparations are been finalized at this time. Queens community service projects will include Linda Vista Culture Fair and the MS Walk. Further information will follow as matters progress. Queen Christina presented a photograph from the Queen’s dinner and it will be placed on the mantle at the House of Scotland. As part of the requirements as being queen – Queen Christina will be hosting today.

Old Business: The HPR kitchen is almost done. The health inspectors need to certify the completion. New TV – voted for a 42” smart TV which will be placed over the fireplace for better review. It was also voted to purchase a DVD/VCR combo to have on the side. It was voted to purchase a poster display unit and to be placed on the inside wall of the front of the house. Movie night will resume in May on the first Friday of the month. It will be held at the house with our new television. As the result of the January questionnaire the 2013 events were discussed with group approval on - dinner theatre, Medieval Times, beer and whiskey tasting, and Scottish/Irish Concert. It was also agreed to invite other houses. The HOS official vote for location of Christmas Party is to keep it at the King’s Inn. Cherie will finalize the reservations for December 14, 2013. Replacement of the Canopy Tent was discussed and tabled for the March meeting so that additional information could be obtained on quality and pricing. .

New Business

Tartan Day: Jeanne McDougall reports. The Tartan Day Board has approved the design by Lochcarron, and the colors reflect many aspects of San Diego, including the flags of the city and county (red, grey, gold); the Pacific ocean and sky

(blues); the official native tree, the Torrey Pine (green); the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps (navy, red and gold); various land, sky and especially aquatic life, including birds, land mammals, whales, dolphins and seals (grey); and local major league sports teams (blues, gold, grey). The Board is very grateful to the House of Scotland members for supporting the design of the tartan and also the acquisition of the first bold (“piece”) of fabric). Cherie and Steve are also on the Board. Discussed and approved to donate \$500 towards the first bold of tartan. Orders can be made after approval. Voted to purchase the tartan for HOS for curtains and table cloths.

Audit Report: David McSwain reports – there has been no meeting scheduled at this time – matter tabled. New member to the committee is John Field.

New Members: Robert Ayers has attended his first meeting. He was born in El Cajon. He is a general contractor and offers to help in the house with his skills. Steven Knight advised that at once upon a time HOS gave out “New Member” folders. It was discussed and agreed to update – HOS history and hosting instructions.

St Patrick's Day Party: Cherie McGruer advised that a St Patrick’s Day Party is being held at her church. Tickets are \$20 – a corn beef and cabbage dinner is being served; beer and wine are being sold separately. Phil and David Boroff will be playing Irish folk music. The event will be held on Saturday, March 16th, 2013.

Naismith Memorial Fund: In lieu of flowers for the funeral the family has requested to please make donations to the Naismith Memorial Fund. HOS voted to donate \$100 to the Naismith Memorial Fund. The House of Scotland Pipe Band also donated \$100 to the Naismith Memorial Fund.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:45

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Wilson Secretary.



Upcoming Events

- March 10** HPR Queens Lawn Program
- March 13** Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Columbia
- April 6** Tartan Day
- April 7** HPR Meeting
- April 10** Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Iran
- April** HOS Monthly Meeting
- May 5** HPR Meeting
- May 8** Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Italy
- May 12** HOS Monthly Meeting
- May 26** Food Fair, Balboa Park
- June 2** HPR Meeting
- June 9** HOS Monthly Meeting
- June 12** Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Austria
- July 7** HPR Meeting
- July 10** Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Czech-Slovak
- July 14** HOS Monthly Meeting
- August 4** HPR Meeting
- August 11** HOS Monthly Meeting
- August 14** Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Norway
- September 1** HPR Meeting
- September 8** HOS Monthly Meeting
- Sept 11** Balboa Park – Patriots Day
- Sept 11** Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Mexico
- October 6** HPR Meeting
- October 9** Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – France
- October 13** HOS Monthly Meeting
- November 3** HPR Meeting
- November 4** HPR “Sampler” Program
- November 10** HOS Monthly Meeting
- November 10** Veteran’s Day Memorial – Balboa Park
- November 13** Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Poland
- December 1** HPR Meeting
- December 6-7** December Nights
- December 8** NO HOS MONTHLY MEETING
- December 11** Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon - catered
- December 14** Christmas Party

HOSTING

- March 10 Melissa/Andrew Keith
- March 17 David McSwain/Kathy Kough
- March 24 OPEN
- March 31 James Logan/Susan Self
- April 7 Jeanne McDougall/Family
- April 14 OPEN
- April 21 EARTH DAY - HOUSE CLOSED
- April 28 Cherie/Graham McGruer
- If you can host, please call Heather at (215) 421-8383 or send an email to: scottie1956@aol.com.**

BERLY CLARKE
“2013 HPR WOMAN OF THE YEAR”

Congratulations Berly!

President Stephen Knight wrote to following to HPR:

Beryl Clarke is a member of the House of Scotland and has been a constant fixture when it comes to all things regarding the House of Pacific Relations and the International Cottages. Her involvement continues through the cottages, and has been extensively involved in the Ladies Auxiliary and the Dinner Dance.

Thank you Steve for writing to HPR on behalf of the members of the House of Scotland.

RESULTS OF JANUARY QUESTIONNAIRE 2013 EVENT IDEA

The following are the events and votes suggested:

March Pub Crawl	7
Medieval Times	6
Scots/Irish Concerts	13
Comedy Night	4
Summer Movies Nights	8
Dinner Cruise	5
Fish & Chip Nights	11
Day Trips	5
Tea Party	4
Whiskey, Beer, Scotch Tasting	9
Scavenger Hunt	4
Trip to Scotland	7
Trip to Nova Scotia	7
Weekend Cruise	5
Dinner Theatre	8
Baseball Game	6
Circus	1
Mystery Dinner Theatre	6
New Venue for Christmas Party	7
Trip to Las Vegas	1

If you were not in attendance at the January meeting and wish to participate in this questionnaire – please send your votes to Courtney Wilson.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARTY

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013

Congregational Church of La Jolla, located at
1216 Cave Street, La Jolla, CA 92037 – is

hosting a St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 16, 2013. Tickets are \$20.00. Cocktails at 6 p.m. and Dinner at 6:45 p.m. There will be Irish & Folk music - commence at 7 p.m. Music is by Phil and David Boroff. Beer and Wine will be sold separately.

For further information – please contact Cherie McGruer.

SAN DIEGO TARTAN

The significance of the colors of the San Diego Tartan:

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Further information will follow about the San Diego Tartan as things develop.

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