



NEWS FROM THE HOUSE of SCOTLAND

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

Balboa Park, San Diego, California 92101

March, 2013

Highlights from the March 10th Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Stephen Knight at 11:35 a.m. Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Prayers & Remembrances: Moment of silence was given to those serving in harms way.

Birthdays: Dianne Shultz’s grandson, Benjamin, will be 6. Janette McLintock, Arya Zeighamnia, and Melissa Keith birthdays are in March.

Secretary’s Report: Read by Secretary Heather Wilson, corrected and approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Read by Treasurer Cherie McGruer, and approved.

Pipe Band Report: Dennis Rogers reports. The band will be playing on Tartan Day. The band is currently working on a new competition set for this year. They will be competing at the Costa Mesa games on May 29, the Vista games in June, Pleasanton in September. If funds are available they will be other competitions. 4 members of the HOS Pipe Band went to San Bernardino and performed at the (Deputy) Jeremiah MacKay Memorial on February 21st. He was a pipe major for the Sheriff’s Department and was killed in the line of duty. Peggy Yuile was one of 10 pipers to play a solo during the processional. The band is looking into purchasing new kilts to replace the older ones – which are 25 years old. They will have 14 Kilts made with the San Diego Tartan – the cost is estimated at \$8,000. They will be

looking to be the first to wear our new tartan. HOS voted to donate \$1000 towards the new kilts.

HPR Report: The kitchen is 100% done with a grade A from the inspector. The kitchen will be locked from the hall and the outside with a pin lock. It was announce that there will be no electricity in the park from 9 a.m. on, but that announcement was amended to state 9 p.m. Directories were delivered. Ethnic Food Fair paperwork needs to be returned so we can serve food. Earth Day cottages are closed.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

President Stephen Knight moderates.

Hosting: Kim Miller passed around the hosting schedule and we are good until June.

Ceilidh Band Report: David McSwain stated that the band is planning on playing on Tartan Day. They have a potential wedding in June, and they are auditioning at their next practice by the bride and groom.

Housekeeping Report: James stated that he brought his vacuum and cleaned the house of all cobwebs. He also cleaned the chairs. Discussion was made whether to re-upholster or buy new chairs since our Queen Anne chairs are so old. Further investigation will occur. James also mentioned that we lost 2 rose bushes during our cold season. He replanted other more resilient bushes.

HOS Queen's Report: March 10th is the queen's lawn program and Christine will be reciting a Robert Burn poem. Since the uniforms are masculine looking Christine has

requested a formal tartan long kilt. Steve suggested getting a complete new sash with the kilted skirt. Gwenda Measel volunteered to purchase the full outfit for Christine.

Old Business:

Hall of Nations Kitchen: To use the HPR kitchen each cottage needs people to be certified. There will be brief training classes scheduled.

Food Handler Cards: Graham McGruer will hold classes/testing on Tartan Day at 9:00 a.m. and after the April HOS meeting for any member that does not have a card or needs to renew. Members need a food handler's card to serve food at any of our functions.

New Tent: Graham has been looking at a commercial tent for more durability. Motion and accepted to raise funds for new tent to \$250.00.

San Diego Tartan: The San Diego Tartan Day, a 501(c) (3) coalition of San Diego's Scottish fraternal organizations, has achieved registration of the San Diego tartan with the Scottish Register of Tartans, and will seek approval from the city and county of San Diego to achieve designation as a "district" tartan for San Diego. The copyright of the design of the tartan will be held by San Diego Tartan Day, Inc and will be used as away to raise money for this organization.

Tartan Day: Flyers were handed out and sign up sheet was passed around. The event will take place on April 6th in the park from 11am to 4pm. Permits and paperwork have been completed.

Audit Report: David McSwain advised that a meeting has not been completed – matter tabled until April.

New Business

Donation: James Baker passed away on February 13th. Julie advised that he wanted

to donate several items to the House of Scotland. This included one sword, 2 daggers, and a couple of knives, along with a Prince Charlie. Several clothes items were left for anyone that wanted them.

Upcoming Events: Wednesday – Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – hosted by Columbia; May 17 – first movie night at the House of Scotland; May 26 – Ethnic Food Fair

New Members: Robert Ayers was voted as an official member to the House of Scotland.

Lifetime Member: Beryl Clarke was voted and made an Honorary Lifetime Member.

Sponsorship: The House of Scotland received a letter from a young man who is inquiring assistance and sponsorship for his journey to Scotland under the Ambassadorship Program. Matter discussed by HOS members. Final decision to table matter until April – Steve to contact him and request if he would like to attend our April meeting and give a presentation. It will be discussed at that time whether HOS will sponsor him.

LICDS School Project: HOS members have agreed that since we have not receive communication from either the school or students HOS will no longer participate in project.

Meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
HEATHER WILSON, Secretary

HOSTING

April 7 Jeanne McDougal/Family
April 14 Steve/Susan Knight
April 21 EARTH DAY – HOS closed
April 28 Cherie/Graham McGruer
May 5 James Logan/Susan Self
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May 12 Melissa/Andrew Keith
May 19 Jeanne McDougall/Family

May 26 FOOD FAIR
 June 2 Beryl Clarke/Tim & Rhodylyn Danby
 June 9 OPEN
 June 16 James Logan/James Scrimgeour
 June 23 HIGHLAND GAMES
 June 30 John/Kristi Keith

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6 Tartan Day
April 7 HPR Meeting
April 10 Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Iran
April 14 HOS Monthly Meeting
April 14 Lawn Program – England
April 21 **Earth Day – no hosting today or lawn program**
April 28 Lawn Program - Italy
May 5 HPR Meeting
May 5 Lawn Program - Poland
May 8 Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Italy
May 12 HOS Monthly Meeting
May 12 Lawn Program – Norway
May 17 Movie Night/Pot Luck - at HOS
May 19 Lawn Program - Israel
May 26 Food Fair, Balboa Park
June 2 HPR Meeting
June 2 Lawn Program - Denmark
June 9 HOS Monthly Meeting
June 9 Lawn Program - Philippines
June 12 Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Austria
June 16 Lawn Program - Austria
June 22 – 23 40th Annual San Diego Scottish Highland Games
June 23 **House of Scotland – Closed**
June 23 Lawn Program – Sweden
June 30 Lawn Program - Argentina
July 7 HPR Meeting
July 7 Lawn Program - USA
July 10 Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Czech-Slovak
July 14 HOS Monthly Meeting
July 14 Lawn Program – France

July 19 Movie Night at HOS
July 21 Lawn Program – Columbia
July 28 Lawn Program - Lithuania
August 4 HPR Meeting
August 4 Lawn Program - Peru
August 11 HOS Monthly Meeting
August 14 Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Norway
August 16 Movie Night at HOS
August 18 Lawn Program - Hungary
August 25 Lawn Program - Palestine
September 1 HPR Meeting
September 1 Lawn Program - Ukraine
September 8 HOS Monthly Meeting
September 8 Lawn Program – Puerto Rico
Sept 11 Balboa Park – Patriots Day
Sept 11 Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – Mexico
September 15 Lawn Program – Finland
September 22 Lawn Program – Turkey
September 29 Lawn Program - China
October 6 HPR Meeting
October 6 Lawn Program - Germany
October 9 Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon – France
October 13 HOS Monthly Meeting
October 13 Lawn Program – Sprain
October 20 Lawn Program – Czech/Slovak
October 27 **HOS LAWN PROGRAM**
November 3 HPR Meeting
November 3 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

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CLASSES

The Royal Scottish County Dance Society has advised that new beginner dance classes will commence on April 8, 2013. Each class will be every Monday night from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 for 8 weeks.

Location is Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 203 which is the northeast corner of the building – upstairs.

Clothing and shoes should be comfortable and easy to move in. Most experienced dancers wear Ghillies, but they are not necessary for beginners. Ballet or jazz shoes are just as good. Flip-flops or sandals are a no-no.

For more information contact Amy Hoffman, Public Director. Website address is rscds-sandiego.org or facebook – [facebook.com/DanceScottishSanDiego](https://www.facebook.com/DanceScottishSanDiego)

[KITCHEN CORNER](#)

Sandra's Taste of Britain – February 2013

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“**Cooking is truly ‘art from the heart’**”

AH, VALENTINES DAY, no better way to reach the heart than my quote says than great food!

One of my most popular requests of a recipe, has been my Lavender Pound Cake. I made this up years ago, and it was so popular when I had the tea room. It is very easy, but do make sure that you get the dried lavender as pure as possible, I used to get it from England, but now use one of our local natural foods place. Also when getting the yogurt, don't use the low fat, low sugar etc, it really affects the taste. You want regular plain or vanilla yogurt, if you can find it lemon flavoured is also very good.

Lavender is one of my favourite herbs, wish I could grow it but it's just too hot in Florida,

however I can grow Rosemary, and that is the same family ... go figure!!

It is so versatile in use also, I use it a lot as an essential oil...very calming if sprinkled on a pillow ... or the old fashioned way of laying dried lavender in drawers and cupboards; I believe it also helped to resist moths ... it is popular in soaps and bath products....just a great herb. In cooking, I have had it with roast lamb, as rosemary is often used also, very nice taste. Also in teas, cookies, etc!

Anyway I hope you like my version, it also freezes very well

Lavender Pound Cake

2¼ cups all purpose flour
2 cups sugar
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp baking soda
3 eggs
2 sticks (1 cup) butter (do not substitute)
1 6-8- oz carton yogurt
2 Tbsp dried lavender

[Combine all the ingredients in a large bowl, blend at a low speed, then beat at medium speed about 3-5- minutes. Pour into lightly greased and floured bundt pan. Bake at 325 F for 60-70 minutes, test with cake tester.](#)

[Scotland Sets Date To Vote On Independence From UK](#)

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■ SCOTTISH leader Alex Salmond has set September 18, 2014, as the date for an independence referendum that could radically alter the shape of the United Kingdom, calling it a historic opportunity to create a better country.

Salmond announced the date of the long-awaited vote to the Scottish Parliament last

month, saying it would be a day when Scotland takes “responsibility for our country, when we are able to speak with our own voice, choose our own direction and contribute in our own distinct way.”

Salmond’s nationalist party wants Scots to become independent, ending more than 300 years of union with England. The Scottish leader argued that becoming a separate country would give Scotland a “new, more modern” relationship with other nations of the UK

“Next year, the choice facing the people is one of two futures. A ‘No’ vote means a future of governments we didn’t vote for, imposing cuts and policies we didn’t support. A ‘Yes’ vote means a future where we can be absolutely certain, 100 percent certain, that the people of Scotland will get the government they vote for,” he told parliament.

The British government is campaigning to keep Scotland in the United Kingdom, saying independence would create a deeply uncertain future.

Scotland and England united in 1707 to form Great Britain, but Scotland gained significant

autonomy after voting in 1997 to set up the Edinburgh-based Scottish Parliament, which has power over areas including education, health and justice. London retains control of defense, energy and foreign relations.

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