



Editor's Comments

Madainn mhath, or welcome, to the second newsletter of the year! I hope our pot luck last month has helped to ease everyone back into action. Although, with the wide selection of food, I'm surprised we didn't have more people napping!

For those of you that missed out, look out for our next pot luck in November, when we will be celebrating Saint Andrew. And if you attend our October meeting, you'll be able to pick up some Scottish recipes to try out at this event. We're eagerly awaiting the mystery dishes.

As you all know, we are still looking for a new permanent home and are welcome to any suggestions put forward. In determining this, the committee has to take into account cost, consistency for booking dates, easy accessibility, and kitchen facilities. Of course, some of us may also want a bar!! So, if you have any ideas, please pass them on to our scouting committee.

Tapadh Leibh (Thank you)

Derek

Society's Forty- Sixth Year Off To Rousing Start

Twenty-six members of the Caledonian Society of New Orleans spent a convivial afternoon on Sunday, Sept 16th reminiscing, enjoying superb food, and learning about new events in the coming year. They were welcomed by this year's President, Bob Grubb who graciously hosted the event with his wife, Wendy at their Cohn St home in uptown New Orleans. Bob thanked all who brought their delicious dishes, which included: two soups, numerous dips and chips, fried catfish, shrimp creole, and delicious desserts, to mention but a few of the delicacies which were available for sampling. Present were a mix of new and familiar faces. Especially welcome were newer members Ysonde and Tim Hobbs, returning member, Leonora Dowell, and Life Emeritus members Hattie Fraser

and Ribby Fergusson. With more events on Sunday afternoons this year, we hope to see familiar faces who haven't been attending the night meetings. We did miss the presence of several regulars who were unable to attend due to end of summer plans.

A survey of members present was undertaken by the historian. Each member was asked to state their three most favorite activities of the Society. The tally showed four events tied for First Place. These were: Socializing & Pot Luck Dinners, Christmas Party & Games, Annual Burns Dinner, End of Year Party with Mini Games. Who said Scots don't like a good party? Not anyone in this group.

Challenging for second place were the monthly meetings programs and Scottish Music and Dancing. A few suggested more Clan oriented programs, and the revival of the old Christmas Ceilidh format.

Wendy Grubb requested that anyone having photographs from the early years of the 70's and 80's bring them to a future meeting so they can be scanned and returned. Historian, Virginia Urquhart and a committee are attempting to reconstruct that period due to a loss of official material during hurricane Katrina.

Material for sponsoring tents and awards at the March 30-31, 2019 LA Highland Games and Celtic Festival in Gonzales, at The Lamar Dixon Facility were made available to those interested.

Upcoming CSoNO Scheduled Meetings / Events

Meeting place

Our search goes on for a permanent home for our meetings. If you have a suggestion, please contact Virginia, Christyn or Bob.

Tuesday, October 16 2018 – Monthly Meeting
6:30-8:30pm at the Wally Pontiff Playground, 1521 Palm St., Metairie. The meeting will be held in one of the gym's meeting rooms. They have a no

alcohol policy, but we won't ask what's in your flask!

Speaker - Jim Gunter (New Orleans Strathspey and Reel Society).

Program - "Fiddling styles and differences in Scotland, Ireland, North America."

Synopsis - Describing and defining traditional Scottish/Irish fiddle music and by extension, North American traditional music. There will be comments on the origin of the music and the particular types of tunes. How do we know these tunes? The introduction of the fiddle/violin to the regions in question. The Music: The earliest printed collections of secular music and discussion of the influence of dance on the music and music on the dance. Tune types and regional styles will be discussed. Scotland, Ireland, and North American will be covered in varying levels of detail. Other items of interest regarding the history of traditional music and playing of the same will include anecdotal comments on: Burning of fiddles and pipes, Accordions on the Isle of Lewis, Flutes in Ulster, Psalm singing and tunes.

Sunday, November 18 2018 – Monthly Meeting

2:00-6:00pm, Venue TBC. Please note that this will be another pot luck. We will be handing out some Scottish recipes at the October meeting, giving you a chance to prepare a traditional dish – if you're brave enough!

Program – A Celebration Of St. Andrews Day. **(Scottish Gaelic: *Là Naomh Anndrais*)**

Although thought to have originated with Malcolm III(1058-1093), the Scottish Government has only recently recognised this as a Bank Holiday.



Sunday, December 2 2018 – Christmas Ceilidh

2:00-6:00pm, Venue TBA. It's the Christmas party, so you're welcome to bring a festive dish and have fun! Soft drinks will be provided for you.

Member and Society News

If you have any member news to include in the newsletter, please let Christyn Elliott know at her e-mail address or home phone number so that she can

pass the information on to Derek for the next newsletter in the fall.

Due Are Due!!

Our fiscal year runs from September to June, so dues are now due. Family membership is \$25, single membership is \$20, and full-time college students below the age of 26 may join for \$10. Send dues to Treasurer Wendy Grubb at 8131 Cohn St., New Orleans, LA 70118. Thanks to those who sent in their dues at the end of summer or at the Pot-Luck Dinner in September.

The following joined the CSO NO at the end of the last fiscal year or during the summer, and **do not** owe dues for the 2018-19 Fiscal year:

John & Jan Batty
Michael Lucinda Greer
Tim & Ysonde Hobbs
Drew & Julie Jardine
Amy Sandridge / Bill Renaudin
Duchess Simon

New Members

The CSO NO warmly welcomes our newest members, who joined the Society in August and September.

Drew and Julie Jardine are residents of Mandeville and claim membership to the Jardine Clan. Drew is with the Historic New Orleans Collection and had and Julie are involved in a Mardi Gras Krewe as well as other social organizations in the city. They are interested in Scottish heraldry, genealogy/DNA, travel and culinary arts. We are thrilled to have them join us and look forward to getting to know them better!

Returning Members

Ruben and Louise Saenz and their lovely children (Ruben, Starling and Corinne) are well known to many of us. Louise's parents, Jim and Ribby Fergusson, were charter members and Louise can sort of claim being a charter member since Ribby was pregnant with her at the founding of the CSO NO! We watched Louise grow up and she was in the second generation of award-winning Highland Dancer, going on to teach the third and

fourth generation of dancers. We are so pleased they they have decided to rejoin the Society. Louise is currently spearheading the organization of the Louisiana Highland Games & Celtic Festival for 2019.

Membership Directory, Newsletter and Website

Please continue to notify Christyn Elliott of any directory information changes. **This directory is for our use only**, so please do not share it with any other people or organizations! A new directory will come out in the fall with the start of our 47th year.

CSoNO members receive the newsletter by e-mail or post. A complimentary e-mail newsletter is sent to interested non-members. If you know some-one who would like to receive it please send their contact information to Derek Ewart for inclusion in the courtesy e-mail group.

The Society has an excellent website maintained by Scott Bond. He does an amazing job, so be sure to take a look!

Committees

New committee chairs will be named once the incoming officers begin at the end of summer. Christyn Elliott will be Membership Chairman as she will be keeping up the directory for the Society.

Interesting Information

Did you know that Scotland doesn't have an official National Anthem? Through the years, we have tried out a different tunes, including "Scotland The Brave". However, more recently, we have stuck with "Flower Of Scotland" as our unofficial, official anthem!

The song was written by Roy Williamson of the Corries and refers to Robert The Bruce' victory over the English at Bannockburn in 1314. This was a resounding victory, and helped us maintain cement self rule until signing the Act Of The Union in 1707.

Even to this day we enjoy singing this – especially when we play England at any sporting event. I hope you enjoy the words.

"Flower Of Scotland"

*O Flower of Scotland,
When will we see
Your like again,
That fought and died for,
Your wee bit Hill and Glen,
And stood against him ('gainst who?),
Proud Edward's Army,
And sent him homeward,
To think again.*

*The Hills are bare now,
And Autumn leaves
lie thick and still,
O'er land that is lost now,
Which those so dearly held,
That stood against him ('gainst who?),
Proud Edward's Army,
And sent him homeward,
To think again.*

*Those days are past now,
And in the past
they must remain,
But we can still rise now,
And be the nation again,
That stood against him (against who?),
Proud Edward's Army,
And sent him homeward,
To think again.*

Newsletter, Website & Facebook

CSoNO members receive the newsletter by e-mail or post. A complimentary e-mail newsletter is also sent to non-members who have expressed an interest, so if you know of someone who would be interested in receiving our newsletter by e-mail, please send their information for inclusion in the courtesy e-mail group. All mass e-mails are sent to recipients "bcc" for privacy.

The Society also has a website with many links, resources, and gallery pictures for everything Scottish!

(<http://www.caledoniansocietyofneworleans.com/>)



Did you also know we have a Facebook page? Look for us under "Caledonian Society Of New Orleans", and hit the like button to follow us.

Upcoming Events

Scottish Country Dancing – Contact Wendy Grubb at (504) 866-2220 or wgrubb52@gmail.com for an updated schedule for the fall. Classes are on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM at Carrollton United Methodist Church on the corner of S. Carrollton and Freret – enter by Freret St. side door.

Pipes and Drums of New Orleans (P&DofNO) is the oldest pipe band in south Louisiana. Operating under P&DofNO as the performing band is the Kilts of Many Colours.

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS) started the the new year in September. The RSCDS normally meets on Fridays at the Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church. If interested, please contact Wendy Grubb (wgrubb52@gmail.com).

2019 Robert Burns Supper. We are actively recruiting committee members. Please contact Virginia (clanurquhart2@att.net) or Bob Grubb (rgrubb6@gmail.com) Get involved please.

The Caledonian Society of Baton Rouge still has many exciting events planned. Check out their website at: www.csbr.org

Other Upcoming Events

In addition to our regular monthly meeting, October has some extra events which members may wish to attend.

Sunday, October 7th from 5 to 6 pm

Enjoy sometime member, Hugh Robertson, MD, baritone and Vicki Fisk, soprano, with Albinas Prizintas as accompanist in a program as featured guest artists in the Trinity Church Artist Series in the church at 1929 Jackson Ave. New Orleans, LA 70130, between Prytania and Magazine Sts. Event is free to the public.

Monday October 8th

Virginia Dowager Urquhart of Urquhart will be the speaker at the St. Andrew's Society monthly meeting at Andrea's Restaurant 3100 19th St. Metairie, La. 70002 off Causeway on Ridgelake. **Activity begins at 5:30pm, lecture at 6:30.** The

topic is The World Wide St. Andrew's Societies and the original 1800's early New Orleans Society, its reorganization as a State Society in the 1980's and its future.

Sunday October 28, 10:30am

Ending the Month at **St. Charles Ave Presbyterian Church corner State, for the Kirking of the Tartan** during the Annual Heritage Sunday 10:30 am Service. Be sure to proudly wear your tartan.

MS Celtic Music Festival & Highland Games

The games will return to The Harrison County Fairgrounds in Gulfport on November 10-11. Tickets are \$10 for adults, with discounts for military and seniors, with children aged 12 and under getting free admission. The gates open at 9am both days, but the heavy athletics only takes place on the Sunday.

There are plenty of activities and events for all the family, from jousting to unicorn rides! And if you're really lucky, you may see our very own Rick McConnell in his full tartan attire – just like last year! We highly recommend and encourage our members to make it along. If you are interested and need to find a ride share, please let us know and we can find who else may be travelling there by car.

The Highland Games of Louisiana will take place on March 30-31, 2019 and will be hosted by the Lamar Dixon Expo Center. Not only will the CSoNO have a presence there with a tent, but we will also be sponsoring the Caber Toss and two piping champions. A volunteer coordinator and volunteers are needed to help with the weekend's activities. We will be happy for whatever you can do to help, whether it be two hours or a full day. If you are interested, then please contact one of our committee members.

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(until next month!)