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Editor's Comments

Madainn mhath,

(maden va - welcome)

November is here and not only is it time for Thanksgiving, it's also time to celebrate Scotland's Patron Saint - Andrew. We'll also be having our annual Christmas Ceilidh soon, with the Burns Supper just round the corner in 2019. There will be many events coming up in the next few months, both from the Caledonian Society and other similar organizations, so make sure you mark everything in your calendars!

In case you missed last month's meeting, we had a very informative - and musical - presentation from Jim Gunter regarding differing fiddling styles. We thank him for his thorough research which gave everyone present a good idea of the development of fiddle music as it moved to the Americas.

The Kirkin' O' the Tartan took place last month at the St Charles Ave Presbyterian Church as part of the Annual Heritage Sunday. There was a large presence of the Society, while the Kilts Of Many Colors were piping outside. We thank everyone who was involved in continuing to make this a success and look forward to next year for more of the same!

We are moving closer to finally securing a permanent location for our monthly meetings but, as said before, if you know of any location that meets the requirements then please pass on your suggestions to Bob, Christyn, or Virginia.

Tapadh Leibh

(Tapadh leat - Thank you)

Derek

Upcoming CSoNO Scheduled Meetings / Events

Sunday, November 18 2018 - Monthly Meeting
2:00-6:00pm, Venue - Carrollton United Methodist Church, 921 Carrollton Ave, New Orleans.

This is a pot luck dinner combined with a program. Virginia had passed out some Scottish recipes for the braver among us to try for this event.

Speaker - John Batty

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 sing, dance and bring a festive dish. 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.

Dues Are Due!!

Although Scots are reputed to be frugal with money, we'd prefer this to be one occasion where they're not. Family membership is only \$25, while single membership is \$20, and full-time college students below the age of 26 may join for \$10. This may not seem like much, but these dues help the Society carry on the work that has gone on for the last 46 years. Send dues to Treasurer Wendy Grubb at 8131 Cohn St., New Orleans, LA 70118.

Flowers Of The Forest

The Caledonian Society of New Orleans bids a heartfelt Godspeed to two of our members who have completed long and fulfilling life's journeys.

Georgia Roundtree Capshaw left this life in June when she passed peacefully in her sleep after living a very full life, according to her son, Ben Capshaw. She came to us in the fall of 2010, listing her vocation as "Living my new adventure in New Orleans." And live her new adventure she did, as we got to know her at CSoNO meetings and events, including Burns Night. Georgia was a member of the DAR, DBE, and Kappa Delta Sorority, and learned of us at the Highland Games of Louisiana in Jackson, LA. She was affiliated with Clans Baird, Keith and McKee. Georgia was born in Tallulah, Louisiana and played a very important part in the lives of her family and the many others with whom she came in contact for almost 98 years. Georgia was granted Life Emeritus status with the CSoNO in 2016 and is fondly remembered as a kind and gracious lady who enjoyed art, genealogy, bridge, New Orleans food, and history.

Philip Vernon Graham joined the Caledonian Society in 2015 on a family application with his daughter AnnCatherine Graham and her former husband, Charlie Morse. All three had served in the US Navy with Philip and Charlie learning excellent culinary skills as cooks during their service. Philip then went on to join the NO Fire Department, again served in the Navy in Korea, returned and retired from the Fire Department, then had a second career in Louisiana Public Safety as a Law Administrator. He was an active member of the American Legion and VFW, as well as an accomplished dancer known for his wit and love of jokes. Philip and Charlie shared their culinary skills with us on several memorable occasions as they prepared meals for the Society. Philip's failing health and the passing of AnnCatherine (known to her father as Phyllis, her given name) caused Philip and Charlie to limit their activities, but they kept in touch periodically as Charlie did a magnificent job of taking care of Philip as his health declined. Philip passed away in his sleep on October 16 at the Louisiana Veterans Home in Reserve at the age of 90.

The Caledonian Society of New Orleans offers our condolences to the Capshaw family on the loss of their mother, and to Charlie Morse and the Whitson family on the loss of Philip. We feel privileged to have had them as members and they will be remembered at a "Flowers of the Forest" ceremony at our annual Burns Night in January, 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.

Newsletter, Website & Facebook

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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? Why not check it out? Look for us under "Caledonian Society Of New Orleans", and hit the likebutton to follow us.

Upcoming Events

Scottish Country Dancing

The New Orleans Scottish Country Dance Group holds its classes on Friday evenings from 7:00 PM until 8:30pm at Carrollton United Methodist Church on the corner of S. Carrollton and Freret – enter by Freret St. side door. For information, please call or text 504.957.0251.

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.

2019 Robert Burns Supper

Our annual Burns Supper will again be held at the Southern Yacht Club on January 19th, 2019. The time and cost for the event is still to be announced, so make sure you keep reading any announcements when they are sent. We are actively recruiting committee members. If you are interested, please contact Virginia (clanurquhart2@att.net) or Bob Grubb (rgrubb6@gmail.com). While the previous committees have always done a wonderful job, I'm sure they'd appreciate some fresh blood!

Other Events

The **English Speaking Union** will be celebrating its 100th year anniversary here in New Orleans with a convention from November 16-19. To help celebrate the anniversary, there will be a public event at the Orpheum evening of November 17. General Admission tickets are now available on the LPO website or through the ESU website at www.esuus.org/neworleans/about/rach-and-bach/ From their website -

RACH AND BACH GALA CONCERT

"MEASURE UP!"

In musical notation, a measure is a way of organizing the written music into small sections which correspond to a specific number of beats in each of these sections or measures. There are 1373 combined measures (total) in the two piano concertos being played at ESU's gala concert: Bach's Piano Concerto No. 5 in F Minor and Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2.

The Caledonian Society of Baton Rouge (check out their website at: www.csbr.org), is hosting a St Andrew Christmas Luncheon at Houmas House, 40136 LA-942, Darrow LA. Time and cost are still to be announced. They will be having their own Burns Supper on January 26th at the LSU Rural Life Museum, 4560 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge. The time and cost are also still to be announced.

The **CSBR Scottish Cultural Study Coterie** will begin monthly meetings in January 2019. Meetings will be the 4th Wednesday of every month until May. Time and location TBA.

MS Celtic Music Festival & Highland Games

The games will return to The Harrison County Fairgrounds in Gulfport this weekend, 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! There will also be live music from Seven Nations, with food and drink available. 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.

www.mshighlandsandislands.org

The Caledonian Broadsword Academy of Baton Rouge holds lessons every Tuesday evening at 7:00 at the Broadmoor Presbyterian Church Gym. An active group in the Baton Rouge area that is dedicated to the study and practice of Scottish martial arts, particularly the Basket hilt broadsword, historically known as the Claymore (or "great sword"). Please look at their website <http://www.csbr.org/claymorepage.htm> or you can also check out their Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/318868152937/>

The **Celtic Fest Mississippi** takes place on March 29 & 30, 2019 at the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum. Just west of I-55 at 1150 Lakeland Dr., Jackson, Mississippi - Celtic Music, Story Telling, & Dance. See: <http://celticfestms.org/> for more details

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. Find out more information about the event by going to their website <https://www.lahgcf.com>, or check out their Facebook page at the following - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lahgcf.friends/>

April 12, 13, 14, 2019 will see the **Arkansas Scottish Festival** take place at Lyon College, Batesville, Arkansas. If interested, please check out their website for more information. See: <https://www.lyon.edu/arkansas-scottish-festival>

Just For Fun

We've decided to add some fun to the end of the newsletter. If you made it this far, we're now going to test your knowledge of all things Scotland! There will be no prizes for guessing correctly, except for bragging rights at the next meeting. The correct answers will be shown in next month's newsletter. Here we go!

1. The Glasgow School of Art building is often considered the masterpiece of which famous architect?
2. At the Highland Games, in the tossing the caber event what type of tree is a caber usually made from?
3. Which declaration was written in 1320 and proclaimed Scotland's status as an independent sovereign state?
4. What is Scotland's national animal?
5. Edinburgh Old Town and New Town, The Heart of Neolithic Orkney, and New Lanark are three of the six World Heritage Sites in Scotland; can you name the other three?

Good luck with the questions, and start researching for next month's questions, as we may make them a little trickier than these ones!

We hope you have enjoyed this month's newsletter. If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see, then please send me an email to shawfield27@gmail.com.

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