



President's Corner, Aug/Sept 2018

Welcome all, to the new year of the Caledonian Society Of New Orleans. As we enter our 47th year, our mission remains the same – celebrate all things Scottish, and to give those unfortunate souls who don't know about Scotland, the knowledge and information they need to see what makes our country so special and unique!

Our thanks go to Christyn for, once again, hosting the end of year party. There was a great turn out, and we appreciate the members of the Strathspey and Reel Society for providing the musical and dancing entertainment.

This year sees the return of the Highland Games Of Louisiana, after a one year hiatus. With the Games taking place in March, we should see better weather and a larger attendance. Like you, we can't wait for march to arrive!

Every year, we attempt to confirm all our meetings programs for the Society as early as possible. However, it is not always possible. If you have a program you would like to present, or would like to see a particular topic, then please let us know to allow the Board as much time to review these suggestions. Please don't be shy, as we are happy for anyone interested to step in front of the mic!



This year we have hitched up our tent and are looking for a new permanent venue. While the committee is in the process of finding our new

home, we urge all of our members to help in this process.

I look forward to seeing y'all at the pot luck dinner.

Bob

Upcoming CSoNO Scheduled Meetings / Events

Meeting place

We are actively looking for a new "permanent" meeting place for the Society. We felt we needed to find another place due to the rise in rental cost of the Christopher Room. The Wally Pontiff Playground in one of the gym's meeting room is an attempt towards that objective. Virginia and Christyn are the search committee and were instrumental in getting the Wally Pontiff Playground gym's meeting room. If you have a suggestion, please contact Virginia, Christyn or Bob.

Sunday, September 16 2018 - Pot-Luck Dinner

Our first meeting back will be held at 8131 Cohn Street, New Orleans. This is our pot luck dinner, so please bring your favorite dish. This will start at 2 pm and will end at around 6 pm (or until the last person departs!). We will have soft drinks and ice but no beer. Tents will be setup in the back, so please bring a chair.

Sunday, 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. No alcohol is their rule but if you need to have a dram of scotch, please bring your flask. Program – The Different Sounds Of Celtic Fiddling, speaker Jim Gunter (New Orleans Strathspey and Reel Society).

Sunday, November 18 2018 – Monthly Meeting

2:00-6:00pm, Venue TBA. Please note that this will be another pot luck, so again, please bring your favorite dish – or try a new one, we are all willing guinea pigs! We will have soft drinks and ice, but no beer. Program – A Celebration Of St. Andrews Day.

Saint Andrew's Day (Scottish Gaelic: *Là Naomh*



Anndrais) is the feast day of Saint Andrew. It is celebrated on 30 November, and is Scotland's official

national day. It is thought to have originated during the rule of Malcolm III(1058-1093), but the Scottish Government has only recently given this day recognition as a Bank Holiday, allowing businesses to give their staff the day off.

Scotland is not the only country to celebrate Saint Andrew. It has also been a national holiday in Romania since 2015. Saint Andrew is represented in the New Testament to be the disciple who introduced his brother, the Apostle Peter, to Jesus as the Messiah. He is the patron saint of Cyprus, Scotland, Greece, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, San Andres Island (Colombia), Saint Andrew (Barbados) and Tenerife.

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.

Flowers Of The Forest

We sadly bid goodbye to longtime member John Zeller, who passed away on July 8, 2018 and offer sincere condolences to Beverly and the family in their loss. John was a sweet and gentle soul who had great impact on those around him, especially at his church and as a professor at Loyola Law School and his work with the Louisiana Federal Counsel for the IRS. His membership in the CSoNO, Pete Fountain's Half-Fast Walking Club and Thoth all showed his fun side and great sense of humor. He valiantly sought to live life to the fullest during his long fight with cancer, and he will be greatly missed. A private family funeral was held in July.

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.

Diane Schwartz called to say that Rolla is currently bedridden and they haven't been able to participate in CSoNO activities for some time. They send greetings to the Society and ask that we please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time. They will continue to

keep up with the Society through the courtesy e-mail newsletter. We certainly will continue to think of them in this difficult time.

As some of you know, member Judi Dauterive has been making frequent trips to Scotland in the past year during the long illness of her father, Digby Sinclair. We were saddened to hear from her that Mr. Sinclair had recently passed away. Please keep Judi, Neville, and the family in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time.

New Members

The CSoNO warmly welcomes our newest members, who joined the Society during the summer hiatus:

John and Jan Batty come to us through connections with the St. Andrew Society of Louisiana. John is a lecturer at Tulane University and Jan is a writer. Although they claim no particular clan affiliation, they are interested in heraldry and travel. John is a native New Orleanian whereas Jan is originally from Memphis and they make their home in Metairie.

Duchess Simon is a very familiar face to many of us as she is a musician with the New Orleans Strathspey & Reel Society, playing the whistle and other instruments. She has participated in many festivals and gatherings with the group and loves to watch anything Scottish. She claims Clan Donnachaidh and is married to David.

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

The new committee has been elected and is looking forward to the new challenges the new year brings in. We would like to give a round of thanks to ALL the past presidents and their Boards for their hard work and effort put in to ensure the Society sees it's 47th year in 2018.

Again, the new officers for 2018-20 are:

President - Bob Grubb

Vice-President - Louis Greer

Secretary - Trudy Burkart

Treasurer - Wendy Grubb

Parliamentarian - Lance von Uhde

Historian - Virginia Dowager Urquhart of Urquhart

Members at Large - T. Diemer I,

Connie Rodriguez

Immediate Past President - Christyn Elliott
(non-voting BUT certainly want their input)

Newsletter Editor – Derek Ewart

Publicity – Myra Ewart

If you have anything newsworthy, please send it to Derek and or Myra, so that they can include in the newsletter.

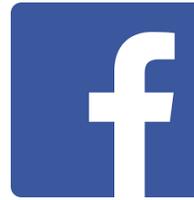
New committee chairs will be named once the incoming officers begin at the end of summer. Christyn Elliott will be Membership Chairman as she will be keeping up the directory for the Society.

Newsletter, Website & Facebook

CSO NO 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.

Other Upcoming Events

Friday, September 7 – Danny O’Flaherty “Meet & Greet” at Esplanade Studios 8:00 PM

Member Danny O’Flaherty will be in New Orleans on Friday, Sept. 7 to launch his new CD project. This is a meet & greet occasion (Danny will not be performing) and a chance to hear the CD and meet the artists involved. Please read the announcement below and come support one of our own! The studio is located at 2540 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119 (former Third Presbyterian Church) on the River side of Esplanade between N. Dorgenois St. and N. Broad Street.

Changes

Danny O’Flaherty’s New CD

“I hope you can join me on Friday, September 7, 2018 @ 8 pm at Esplanade Studios in New Orleans for my first public appearance in over 3 years.”

On Friday, September 7, 2018 at 8 pm, Danny O’Flaherty, the multi-talented singer, songwriter, and storyteller, will host a “Meet the Artist” event at the Esplanade Studios New Orleans. Danny will share the stories behind the “Changes” project and sign CDs as songs from the album fill the studio. Joining Danny is the Visitation of Our Lady Children’s Choir, Marrero, LA. Co-writers with Danny O’Flaherty are Khaetidawne Quirk, Virginia Ackley, Rowan Moon, Michael Robinson, Ted Walker, Bob Zentz, Don McClennan, and Henry Codner. The album was produced by Misha Kashkashishvili and recorded at Esplanade Studios.

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.

The St Andrew Society of New Orleans is active again. The St Andrew Society will hold its 4th event on **Saturday, September 15** – “Scotch Whisky Cocktail Tasting” starting at 7:00 PM. Cost is \$35 per person and the event is sponsored by Pernod Richard USA. If interested, please contact

John Batty - jrbatty888@att.net

Andrew Weir - AWeir@alhamco.net

or Bob Grubb – rgrubb6@gmail.com

They will also be sharing our tent at the Louisiana Highland Games and Celtic Festival, to be held at the Lamar-Dixon Convention Center, Gonzales, Louisiana on March 30-31, 2019.

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) will starting 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

The Highland Games of Louisiana will take place on March 30-31, 2019 and the Core Committee is hard at work planning the event. Please continue to support their efforts through volunteering and membership.

National Medicare Education Week takes place September 15-21, and member Derek Ewart will be hosting two educational events at the Rosa F. Keller Library on September 20th (6:00-7:00pm) and September 21st (10:30-11:30am). Spaces are limited as they will be taking place in the classroom. If you or a friend want to know more before your Medicare Annual Enrollment Period, please come along to find out more.