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President's Corner, February 2018 – February 1

As Burns would put it, “the best laid plans...” don't always work out. The Southern Yacht Club was forced to cancel Burns Night due to low water pressure brought on by the terrible cold spell we've been experiencing. It has been rescheduled for February 17th, same time, same place, same food. Wendy and family and Virginia contacted all involved after the Yacht Club confirmed the cancellation the afternoon of the event, and Wendy is working to confirm reservations and cancellations. If you have not responded yet, please do so ASAP so that numbers can be confirmed and those who now are able to attend may do so. If you find you can now attend and want to make a reservation for the new date, contact Wendy immediately so she can let you know if there is space. Thank you to Wendy and Virginia, Dowager Urquhart of Urquhart for all their hard work in re-organizing this function.

I received a thank-you note from the Southeast Louisiana War Veterans Home in Reserve for the over 180 Christmas cards we signed at the Christmas Party. We hope the cards brought the residents a bit of cheer during the holiday time.

We look forward to our 44th Annual Burns Night, rescheduled for February 17th. Remember our general meetings will resume in February, and our first meeting for 2018 will take place a scant three days after Burns Night because of the new date. Glenn Raby has been having a great time doing research on his talk, and we think you will be quite enchanted with his presentation!

Virginia, Wendy & Bob have set the program for our April Special Presentation (see upcoming events) and we will begin rehearsing in February. More on that as plans firm up.

Hae a guid day! Christyn

Dues are OVERDUE!:

Our fiscal year runs from September to June, so dues are now overdue. An updated list from Treasurer Louis Greer was attached to the January newsletter e-mail or included with the posted newsletter. If you are one of our “tardy” members, we hope you have taken care of your dues. If not, you can either bring your dues to the February meeting or send dues to

Treasurer Louis Greer at 747 West William David Parkway, Metairie, LA 70005. Thanks to those who have already paid.

Upcoming Scheduled CSoNO Meetings / Events:

Saturday, February 17, 2018 – Burns Night Dinner (NOTE: NEW DATE!): 7:00 PM is the cocktail kick-off hour at the Southern Yacht Club. The new deadline for any new reservations is February 10th. Wendy Grubb is handling the reservations while Virginia, Dowager Urquhart of Urquhart is making all the arrangements. Please contact one of these two ladies if you have any questions. It's going to be a lovely night and we look forward to seeing all of you there!

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – Monthly Meeting:

7:00-9:00 PM at the Christopher Room located at 6254 Vicksburg Street. Program: Member Glenn Raby will draw on his many years of professional and hobbyist experience to present a program on the geologic and fossil make-up of Scotland. Come find out why Glenn was the guide of choice for visitors to Chimney Rock Archaeological Site when he supervised it for the San Juan National Forest.

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 – Monthly Meeting:

7:00-9:00 PM at the Christopher Room located at 6254 Vicksburg Street. Program: TBD

Nominating committee to be formed this month. We need volunteers who are familiar with the membership to consider serving on this very important committee. Just to confirm, I will not be able to stand as President for another term, so please consider how you can serve the Society by being a member of the Board of Directors, and please say “yes” if you are contacted by the Nomination Committee. Better still, volunteer before you are asked!!!!

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 – Monthly Meeting:

7:00-9:00 PM at the Christopher Room located at 6254 Vicksburg Street. Program: Dress rehearsal for Tartan Day Presentation

Nominating committee presents slate of officers for 2018-20.

Sunday, April 29, 2018 – Special Presentation:

Tartan Day performance at Trinity Episcopal Church located at 1329 Jackson Avenue. More details forthcoming in the new year!

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 – Monthly Meeting:

7:00-9:00 PM at the Christopher Room located at 6254 Vicksburg Street. Program: Treasurer Louis Greer will present “Musicians of Scottish Descent” Annual General Meeting and Election

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.

Michael and I ask for your prayers and good thoughts as he has transitioned to Hospice care this month. He did not respond to the latest treatment designed to slow down or stop the spread of cancer, so his oncologist made the decision to suspend all treatment and Hospice will direct his palliative care. At this point, I do not know if we will be able to attend Burns Night, but we hope to see all of you there.

Membership Directory, Newsletter and Website

The membership directory was sent out to all members either by e-mail or post. Please continue to update it as notices are given. **This directory is for our use only**, so please do not share it with any other people or organizations!

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

After completing my term as President in June, I will no longer be Newsletter Editor, so we need someone to step forward to take over this task. Again, consider your talents and if writing is one of the things you enjoy, please volunteer your services.

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

Committees

If you are interested in any of these activities or have information for them, contact the following:

Membership: Wayne Gordon

Website: Scott Bond

Sunshine: Vilma Pinero

Publicity: Cathie Groh-Tamasi/Ren Alexander

CCCC Movie Group: Louie Greer

Refreshments: T. Diemer/Trudy Burkart

Other Upcoming Events

Scottish Country Dancing – held at Carrollton United Methodist Church at Freret and S. Carrollton on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM. Contact Wendy Grubb at (504) 866-2220 or wgrubb52@gmail.com. Scottish Country Dancing will be suspended until after Mardi Gras because of parade route conflicts, resuming February 16th if all goes well. Check with Wendy after Mardi Gras to make sure that class will meet.

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

Our very own Scotsman, **Derek Ewart**, will be presenting a talk at the first Monday History Lecture Series meetings at Nunez Community College in Chalmette in April. His topic centers around who Abraham Lincoln was and what he stood for. You might be surprised at what his research has turned up! We'll give more information and directions as we get closer to the date.

Speaking of Derek, he sent me an image of the UK Google site on St. Andrew's Day that his brother had sent to him and I attach it below. Those of you receiving the printed copy of the newsletter, this image was in a nice sky blue, like the Saltire flag of Scotland. Look for iconic images of Scotland's symbolism, flora and fauna (and monsters!), industry and wild landscape. Enjoy!

