



President's Corner, March 2018 – April 1

Happy Easter to you all:

I don't know if I've ever told anyone in the CSoNO, but I really loathe April Fool's Day, although I think in a newsletter in the past I gave the origins of it. Anyway, since Easter happened to fall on that day and I am writing the newsletter, I wanted to assure you that I don't do April Fool's Day jokes so there's not one in the newsletter.

We had a Board of Directors' meeting on March 18th and reported on it at the March meeting. Major business items covered upcoming plans for Tartan Day, the need to revive and revisit the Cameron Gamble Scholarship fund, the Louisiana Highland Games (now scheduled for March 30-31, 2019 with place TBD), possible changes to our meeting place (that issue is resolved until the summer), and the selection of a nominating committee (Bob Grubb, Virginia Urquhart of Urquhart, and Lance von Uhde).

The March meeting was absolutely fabulous, and Glenn Raby did a stunning job in presenting the past, present and future of Scotland's geology. We were all shocked to learn that what became Scotland started out near the South Pole, then traveled up and down that side of the Earth, eventually crashing into what became England and Wales and seeking its present spot. In a very long time from now, Scotland will end up very near the North Pole. Quite a journey for that intrepid little country – far further than our ancestors made when they left it for a new world. Thanks to all who once again brought a wonderful repast and the fellowship was splendid.

April is now upon us, which brings Tartan Day (April 6th), so be sure to wear some tartan on that day! The Board of Directors will be setting up our usual Tartan Day display on this Tuesday, April 3rd at the East Jefferson Library on W. Napoleon, so be sure to stop by in the next two weeks to see it. Thanks to T. Diemer for arranging that again this year. On April 29th, the special presentation on which Virginia, Wendy, and others have been working so hard will be taking place. We'll get a preview of that at our April meeting, which is also the day our Nominating Committee (Bob Grubb, Virginia Urquhart of Urquhart and Lance von Uhde)

will present the slate of officers. See more details on all these events in the "Upcoming Events" column.

Also, don't forget CSoNO member Derek Ewart's lecture on Lincoln at the Nunez Community College Lecture Series on April 9th. Details are in the "Other Upcoming Events" column.

Spring is kicking in and we hope to see a lot of you out and about at the various functions!

Hae a guid day,
Christyn

Dues are OVERDUE!:

Our fiscal year runs from September to June, so dues are now overdue. Please remember that you cannot vote in the upcoming election in May if you have not paid your dues for this year. You can either bring your dues to the April meeting or send them to Treasurer Louis Greer at 747 West William David Parkway, Metairie, LA 70005. Thanks to those who have paid since the last reminder.

Upcoming CSoNO Scheduled Meetings / Events:

Tuesday, April 3 – Sunday, April 15 – Tartan Day Display at East Jefferson Regional Library: Our display will be in the entryway case and possibly other places in the library. Stop by to visit it.

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 – Monthly Meeting:

7:00-9:00 PM at the Christopher Room located at 6254 Vicksburg Street. Program: Preview of Tartan Day Presentation on April 29th.

Nominating committee presents slate of officers for 2018-20 and nominations will be taken from the floor. You must have the nominee's approval to put forth a name. Once that is done, nominations will be closed and announced in the May newsletter prior to the May meeting. Voting will take place at the May meeting unless it is requested at the April meeting and approved by a majority of the members attending that the Society send out a mailed ballot. Several of our present officers are stepping down, so we need volunteers!!!! If you are interested in serving as an officer of the CSoNO, please contact Bob Grubb, Virginia Urquhart of Urquhart, or Lance von Uhde as soon as possible.

Sunday, April 29, 2018 – Special Presentation:

Tartan Day performance at Trinity Episcopal Church located at 1329 Jackson Avenue. The Presentation will be from 5:00 – 6:00 PM and will feature the New Orleans Strathspey & Reel Society, songs sung by Hugh Robertson, a song by the Saenz children, Rick McConnell presenting Burns' *Address to the Haggis*, Pipes and Drums of New Orleans, Scottish Country Dancing and Auld Lang Syne. Admission is free.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 – Monthly Meeting:

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

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. If I've missed any Society member news lately, I apologize and hope you will remind me so that I can include it in the next newsletter.

Membership Directory, Newsletter and Website

Please continue to notify me of any directory information changes. **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 know someone who would like to receive it please send their contact information to me for inclusion in the courtesy e-mail group

Thanks to Derek Ewart, who has agreed to take over the newsletter at the end of my term. I am deeply grateful to him for stepping forward!

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

April 6th – International Tartan Day – since we have several other things planned for the month of April, we don't have any special events planned on that day but be sure to wear some tartan to show your Scottish pride (or come to dancing that evening in a kilt)!

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 for an updated schedule for April.

April 9th – Nunez Community College History Lecture Series: will present the seventh lecture of the season entitled, "**Re-examining Lincoln: What We Think We Know and What We Don't**" with speaker Derek Ewart. The lecture will begin at 7:00 PM with the usual reception starting at 6:30 PM. Description from Nunez Com. Col. Producer: *Abraham Lincoln is not the man we were taught he was. Mr. Ewart will take a look at Lincoln's speeches and writings on slavery, some of his opinions on the African slaves and their role within the Union, and will also touch on his suspension of the writ of habeas corpus and his disregard of the Constitution during his presidency. We will also examine his main aim in The War Between The States regarding the preservation of the Union at any cost.*

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June 23 – St. Andrew Society of Louisiana Whiskey Tasting – details will be forthcoming at a later date. Bob Grubb is the liason for the CSoNO with St. Andrew Society.

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