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The Bluegrass Highlanders

This newly formed group in Lexington has had two very successful events so far, and the next one is in August. A Scottish Dinner and Social Gathering of the Clans on Friday, August 27th, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. is being planned. The evening will include a social hour, Scottish dinner, and entertainment. The venue is the historic Bell House in Lexington. Tickets are \$15.00. Reservations and information call Bill Gordon, president at 606 276-2674, e-mail: WHG1225@AOL.com, or Bluegrass Highlanders, PO Box 22772, Henry Clay Station, Lexington, KY 40522.

Columbus, Indiana Games Wrap

This year's Highland Games at Mill Race Park, Columbus, IN was a tremendous success! More passersby visited our Society tent than ever before despite the very hot temperatures. Winner of the Society trophy for Premier Dancer was Erin Short. Saturday was busy with the athletic events, dance competition and music programs.

Sunday began with the Kirkin' and at noon, a parade of the tartans. The afternoon was almost as busy as Saturday. Thanks to all those who volunteered to help at the tent.

Board Makes Appointments

The Board of Directors has completed the appointments set by the Society's Manual of Operations.

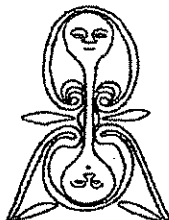
Rupert Furgerson will be our historian/archivist. He will compile and organize documents, photos, and other materials that stretch over the life of the Society.

Ken McCollough will be our Chaplain. His first task will be preparing the Kirkin' o' the Tartan service. He welcomes any members who wish to help.

June Wallace will handle our "sunshine" duties—sending cards, offering the Society's good wishes or condolences when members are ill, or have a marriage, or some other important event occurs. Please give her a call with the news.

Welcome New Members

Lonnie Ater and Bonnie Megenity have just joined the Society, on July 27 at the general meeting. Congratulations to both and we are so very happy to have you as members.



August Birthdays

Dorothy W. Wood, Laura Anne Doll, Mariah Roseberry, Joy Belland Linda Wells celebrate their birthdays this month. Happy Birthday!

Annual Yard Sale

Are you ready for the yard sale? It is scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 1999 from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the home of June Wallace, 6705 Outer Loop, Louisville, KY. Your Society needs volunteers to help with the sale. Please sign up to help. Contact Hardin Gregg at 451-7065 (email jgregg@aye.net) or Gary Schweitzer at 423-0699 (email MMFlurrie@aol.com). Our Burns Night Celebration depends on the proceeds of this sale. Thanks.

Scotch Ale Tasting

The Scottish Historical Heritage Group presents a Scotch Ale Tasting program for all members interested. The event is planned for Sunday, August 22, 1999 at Rich O's Public House located at 3312 Plaza Drive, New Albany, IN, at 6:00 p.m.

The tasting will cost \$6.00 per person. Reservations are required (phone Patty Hughes at 945-7601).

The program will be presented by the owner, Roger Baylor, who will give a short talk on the different types of ales from Scotland. There will be 8 or 9 ales for tasting.

You may want to stay for dinner (at extra cost). Rich O's is normally closed on Sunday, so this is a special night just for our society.

Directions: Take I65 North to I265 West. Take 2nd exit onto Grantline Road. At top of ramp turn Left at 3rd traffic light. Turn Left between Kroger and Pizza Ht. Plaza Drive makes a "Y". Rich O's is located in the "Y".

Pool Party

Jack and Angie Bowling will host their annual pool party for Scottish Society members at their home, 2805 Ralph Avenue, Louisville, KY, on August 28, 1999 from 4:00 p.m. until ????. Please bring a dish. Brats and dogs, tea and lemonade will be provided. Join in for fun in the sun.

Call Jack or Angie at 447-0046 for more information.

State Fair & Louisville Pipe Band

The Louisville Pipe Band will perform in the South Wing at the Kentucky State Fair on August 21, 1999, at 4:00 p.m.

Support our pipers by joining in. Admission is free, only a parking fee is required. Be entertained in a grand manner by our own Louisville Pipe Band members.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1999

Monday, August 2 - Book Club at Liz Copeland's, Fenley Ave
Saturday, August 7 - Annual SSL Yard Sale, June Wallaces, 6705 Outer Loop, Louisville, KY, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 10 - SSL Board Meeting, Strathmoor Presbyterian Church 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 21 - Louisville Pipe Band performs at the KY State Fair, South Wing, 4:00 p.m. free show
Tuesday, August 24 - SSL Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Program: "Scottish Border Collies" presented by David McCreath
Saturday, August 28 - Annual Pool Party, at the home of Jack & Angie Bowling, 2805 Ralph Avenue, Louisville, KY, 4:00 p.m. to ?
Monday, September 6 - Book Club at Liz Copeland's
Saturday, September 11, 1999, Western Kentucky Highland Festival, Carson Park, Paducah, Kentucky
Tuesday, September 14 - SSL Board Meeting, Strathmoor Presbyterian Church 7:30 p.m.
Friday, September 17 - Corn Island Festival, call Pat Schweitzer at 423-0699 for details.
Tuesday, September 21 - SSL Monthly Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Program: "Ladies from Hell, Part II"
presented by Frank Beavin

President's Comments

Some out-of-town travel meant that I missed the Society's membership meetings in May and June. The latter trip was part of the work I do at the Presbyterian Center. The May trip was one planned for eight or nine months; one of my sons and I moved him from Texas to Alaska and we drove all the way. It was a great trip.

Among the interesting facts I learned was that Scottish folks were very much involved in the Klondyke gold rush. It is said that, in the bitter winters as folks crossed the mountain passes, you could tell the Scots by their tartan tams. A Scot named McAuley was the first mayor of Dawson Creek, BC, which later became the starting point of the Alaska Highway. In 1900, Alexander McKenzie, another Scot, arrived in Nome, AK, and started a fraudulent scheme to grab rich strikes away from the miners. Robert Service left a lucrative banking job in Glasgow to join the gold rush, and became one of its major authors—one piece alone, "The Shooting of Dan McGrew," made him over a half million dollars.

Scots have a strong tradition of affecting how history happens, sometimes for ill, more often for good. Yet many folks in Louisville don't know there is a Scottish Society that celebrates those contributions. Watch for plans the Board is making to increase our publicity; better yet, join us in letting Louisville know what a rich and enjoyable history we have.

A thought for the day

"A man o' words, but no o' deeds,
is like a garden fu' o' weeds"

A quick Gaelic Lesson

Ciamar a tha sibh?
(Kimmer uh ha shiv)
How are you?

Tha mi gu math.
(Ha mee goo mah)
I am fine.

Famous Battles of Scotland

The Battle of Falkirk, 22 July 1298

King Edward of England continued to suppress the Scots. The year following the Scot victory over the English at Stirling Bridge (1297), Edward again raised his army, too large for William Wallace to oppose in the field. Wallace mustered all the strength he could-- an army said to number 30,000-- and marched to Falkirk. If he was to check Edward, this was the place to do it. If the English were to break through, there would be no stopping them. The field of battle was marshy and the English cavalry mired down in the boggy terrain. The Scot pikemen fashioned 18 foot pikes and impaled the charging horses, breaking their charge. Wallace's army fought their best, but were defeated. Betrayed and defeated, Wallace was captured. Edward, in barbaric custom, had Wallace hanged, drawn and quartered. His remains were put on public display throughout England, as warning to not oppose King Edward. This was a black day for the Scots.

Tour of Scotland Planned

A tour of Scotland is planned for Louisville Scottish Society members in the summer of the year 2000. Our own Annie Bolger has put together a grand tour for us from June 10 to June 19.

The tour features 8 nights in good quality hotels, a tour of Glasgow, the Ballachulish area, Nairn, Perth, and Edinburgh.

We will cruise Loch Lomond, visit Eilean Donan Castle, Hector Russell Kiltmaker, Balmoral Castle Scone Palace, Glenlivet Distillery, St. Andrews castle and Cathedral, and Edinburgh Castle.

Our ground guides will help us understand the history and features of each stop we will visit.

Cost of the trip will be about \$1896.00, and includes all airfare (except for Louisville to Baltimore), breakfasts and dinners, accommodations, baggage transfers and entrances to the several sites we will visit. Lunches are ours, and tipping of our guides is recommended. There will be time to shop.

A valid passport is required. Deposits are due by August 11, 1999. For more information, call Annie at 1-800-747-2522.

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Minutes of July 27th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by David McCreath, President. Ted McGill served as temporary Secretary. Patty Hughes, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$8,595.46. Report of the Board meeting noted the appointment of Rupert Furgerson, Historian, Ken McCulloch, Chaplain, and June Wallace, "sunshine" chair; Carolyn Marret will give leadership to publicity; Burns Night will be held at The Olmstead Building on the Masonic Home campus.

Hardin Gregg introduced new member Lonnie Atter. Pat Schweitzer announced Sheila Stewart, a Scottish story teller, will be a part of the Corn Island Festival September 17.

Patty Hughes invited all to an ale-tasting August 22 at Richel's Public House, New Albany.

Jack and Angie Bowling will have a pool party for the SSL on August 28, beginning at 4:00pm

Annie Bolger announced plans for a SSL trip to Scotland, and described the customized tour. Cost will be \$1872, plus plane fare to Baltimore and insurance. Limit will be 40 persons. Early sign-up is needed. The meeting was closed and broke for refreshments.