

NEWS FROM THE HOUSE of SCOTLAND

“Sgeoil nan Taigh”: Scots-Gaelic for
“News From The House”

Balboa Park, San Diego, California 92101

February 2010

Highlights from the January Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by President Graham McGruer at 11:35 A.M. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries: Jim Scrimgeour celebrates his birthday on January 3. Claire Hoffmann's birthday is January 8. Dani McGruer is turning 25 on January 17. Dianne Schultz's birthday is January 20.

Prayers and Remembrances: A moment's silence was observed for that member's of our military serving in harm's way.

Queen's Report: There was no Queen's report. Taylor Wilson, daughter of Amy Tennyson and Jerry Wilson, is joining the Queens Organization as House of Scotland's Queen. She will be participating in the HPR Installation of Officers later this month.

Hosting: Hosting Holly needs HELP!!

Upcoming events:

The Queen Mary Highland Games are February 13 & 14 in Long Beach. The North County Scots' Casino Night is March 20 at the Vista Masonic Temple. The price is \$15.00 if purchased in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Details for this event are also in the newsletter.

Faucet & filter: Claire Hoffmann reports that a new faucet for the kitchen sink would cost approximately \$54 and a faucet mounted water filter would be \$38.99. The replacement filters cost \$51.99 for a box of six filters. The issue of replacing the faucet was tabled until a future meeting so that

information can be obtained on the cost of having a plumber install the faucet.

Other Old Business: Nancy Ross thanked both the Pipe Band and the Ceilidh Band for their participation in the Christmas Party. The 2010 Christmas Party is scheduled for December 11.

New Business: Graham moderated

New Members: Prospective new members attending their first meeting include James C Logan, who is the new Vice President of the Clan Logan Society; Rachel Bridges, who is interested in Scottish culture; and Joseph Fendrick and Stephen Ghio. Joseph and Stephen are members of North County Scots and they have decided to also join House of Scotland.

New Queens' Representative: As noted under "Queen's Report, Taylor Wilson is now representing us in the Queens Organization. She will need a crown and sash for the HPR Officers Installation.

Other New Business: Bill Simpson, who is a member of a Sherlock Holmes Club, says the group is looking for new members. Anyone interested can talk to Bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.
Respectfully submitted
Dianne Schultz, Secretary

Reminder: Membership dues of \$7 are due! Most members have already paid their dues. If you have not, you can mail them to Cherie McGruer at 65 E. Shasta Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910. Please make checks payable to the House of Scotland. Thank you.

Upcoming Events



- Feb. 13 & 14** Queen Mary Highland Games
Feb. 14 HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
Mar. 14 HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
Mar. 7 Band of the Irish Guards/Royal Regiment of Scotland
Mar. 20 NCS Casino Night
Apr. 3 Tartan Day
Dec. 11 HOS Christmas Party

Hosting

- Feb. 7 David McSwain & Kathy Kough
Feb. 14 Don Stewart, Evah Allen, and the Wilson Family (Queens' Hosting Day)
Feb. 21 **Open**
Feb. 28 Jim Scrimgeour & Maureen Bennett
Mar. 7 Nancy Ross, Claire Hoffmann, & Jesse McGhee

Please call Holly at (619) 287-7812 if you can host.

Haiti Relief

Send your thoughts for safe travel for Virginia Anderson. She left on January 30 to help the victims of Haiti.

Learn to Curl

Curl San Diego is offering curling clinics on Monday, February 15, from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm and Saturday, February 27, from 8 pm – 10:30 pm. People of all ability levels are encouraged to attend. Anyone can learn the basics and begin enjoying the game their first time out.

Remember, all you need is clean non-open-toed shoes and clothes you can move in. Curl San Diego has the brooms and siders for free use. The clinics are \$20 per person, cash or check only. Contact Elliot for more info at elliott@curlsandiego.org.



CASINO NIGHT



March 20, 2010
6 pm – 10 pm

Come and join in some high-rolling, high-action fun!

Play Black Jack, Craps, and Roulette; win tickets for a chance to win the bucket prizes.

We are looking for table sponsors. You or your business can sponsor a full table for \$200 or a partial table for either \$50 or \$100.

We are also looking for donors for bucket prizes and opportunity drawings.

Advance ticket sales are \$15 and will be available through March 10.

Tickets at the door will be \$20.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number of tickets: _____

Mail in ticket orders to: North County Scots,
P O Box 1953, Vista, CA 92085-1953

THANK YOU!

EVENT INFO

The Band of the Irish Guards/The Royal Regiment of Scotland,



March 7, 2010 2 pm

Experience the pomp and pageantry of one of the world's most famous and popular bands and regiments...a unique performance in the intimacy of the historic Balboa Theatre! Run time is approximately 2 hours, children must be at least 6 years of age to attend. Pricing: \$39, \$49, \$69 (includes \$2.50 Facility Fee). Discounts are

available for seniors, students, active military and groups of 10 or more.

More information can be found on line at www.sandiegotheatres.org/eventstickets/eventdetails.cfm?eventID=2152.

Thanks to Bill Simpson for providing this information.



San Diego Tartan Day

There's a wee bit o' Scot in everyone!

Seventh Annual Tartan Day/
San Diego Festival

Balboa Park, International Cottages
San Diego, CA

Saturday, April 3, 2010

Noon-4:00 PM FREE ADMISSION

The San Diego Tartan Day Steering Committee invites you to join a celebration of Scottish heritage -- and tartans, the national fabric and symbol of Scotland.

Explore displays by many Scottish organizations from all over Southern California, including individual Scottish clans.

Eat traditional Scottish fare, including bangers and wonderful desserts, at reasonable prices.

Enjoy music and dance from noon-4:00 PM featuring some of Southern California's most exciting Scottish entertainers, including pipers and dancers!

For more information, contact info@tartandaysd.org

Hearth of the Kitchen



Cream Cheese Pound Cake

Ingredients:

1 ½ cups butter, softened
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
3 cups sugar
6 eggs
2 tsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp. lemon extract
½ tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt

Method:

In large bowl, cream the butter, cream cheese, and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in extracts. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt; beat into creamed mixture until blended.

Pour into a greased and floured 10-in. fluted tube pan. Bake at 325° for 50-60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to wire rack to cool completely. Garnish with confectioner's sugar and strawberries

Yield: 16 servings

Recipe from *June/July 2009, Taste of Home Magazine*

Gaelic Giggles

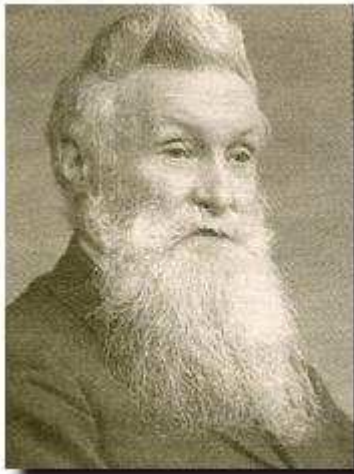
Dr. Watson had a patient who was both self-important and boring. One day, whilst a minor complaint was being dealt with, the patient said, "I've been invited to speak to the Rotary Club next week. The question is, what should I tell them?"

"Tell them you've got the flu," said Dr. Watson.

From: *Scottish Jokes, Lomond Books*

Famous Scots

- John Boyd Dunlop (1840-1921)



Born into a farming family in Dreghorn in Ayrshire, John Boyd Dunlop was a veterinary surgeon by profession, having qualified at Edinburgh Veterinary College (now part of Edinburgh

University) when he was only 19. He worked as a vet in Edinburgh for nearly ten years before moving to Belfast. He built up a large practise in Ireland but found the rough roads and the iron, wood or solid rubber wheels an uncomfortable way to travel. He experimented with his son's tricycle and in 1887 he came up with a design based on an inflated rubber tube and patented it the following year. This was not the first time someone had tried this - another Scot, Robert William Thomson had patented the idea in 1845 (though Dunlop was unaware of this).

He established what would become the Dunlop Rubber Company but had to fight and win a legal battle with Thomson. John Dunlop did not benefit much financially from his invention - he sold the patent and company name early on. Despite Thomson's earlier work, Dunlop is credited with the invention of the modern rubber tyre.

Dunlop retired to Dublin and died there in 1921.

- Sir David Brewster (1781-1868)

A child prodigy, David Brewster went to Edinburgh University at the age of 12. He had a lifelong interest in optics and invented the kaleidoscope and the lenticular stereoscope and introduced the photographers Hill and



Adamson to one another. He introduced Fresnel lenses into British lighthouses and wrote over 300 scientific papers and wrote a scientific biography of Isaac Newton. He played a major role in setting up the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Sir David Brewster is one of the Scots selected in the 19th century to be included in the "Hall of Heroes" in the Wallace National Monument at Stirling.

Both articles taken from:

<http://www.rampantscotland.com/famous/>

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