



NEWS FROM THE HOUSE of SCOTLAND

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

Balboa Park, San Diego, California 92101

May 2010

Highlights from the April Meeting:

April Birthdays and Anniversaries: Drew Schultz, son of Dianne Schultz, has a birthday on April 14th (he and Jack Benny are now the same age) and Josh Beaty, Dianne's grandson, will be 13 on April 21st.

Prayers and Remembrances: Louisa Lawson, a life member and former president of House of Scotland, passed away on March 31, 2010. A moment's silent prayer was observed for Louisa and for those members of our Armed Services who are in harm's way.

Pipe Band Report: There was no Pipe Band report.

HPR Report: There was no HPR report. The HPR meeting is today, having been moved from Easter Sunday.

Old Business: Graham moderated.

Hosting: Holly needs people to host the first two Sundays in May.

Upcoming events:

- The HPR International Food Fair is Sunday, May 30, 2010, from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Volunteers are needed to serve food both outside and in the cottage. We also need desserts to sell. You can also sign up at the May membership meeting.
- The San Diego Highland Games are Saturday, June 26, and Sunday June 27, 2010. Dianne has volunteered to coordinate the House of Scotland booth again this year. Volunteers will be needed to help staff the booth. Cherie McGruer made the suggestion that we buy a second quarter-page ad in the Games program advertising our Lawn Program. The members voted to purchase that additional ad and also to rent a tent for

the games rather than to take our tent. The members voted to close the cottage on the Sunday of the games. A letter will go to HPR advising of the closing. The members also voted to take the Caber to the games this year. There will be professional caber tossers at this year's event.

- The Tannahill Weavers will be performing in San Diego on Sunday, July 18, at the same venue where the Battlefield Band appeared last year. Information can be obtained by going to www.acousticmusicsandiego.com. The Tannahill Weavers are a long established Scottish traditional music group.

Facebook: Cherie McGruer suggested that we set up a House of Scotland Facebook page. That way people can become fans of House of Scotland on Facebook and we can share information on upcoming events. Since there is no cost to set up the Facebook page, everyone agreed that it was a good idea.

Tartan Day: The profit from Tartan Day was approximately \$600. All the food and desserts were sold by about 2:00 PM. Next year additional meat pies and bangers will be ordered, with the House of Scotland being willing to buy any leftover pies, and the North County Scots taking any leftover bangers.

Other Old Business: There was no other old business.

New Business: Graham moderated

New Members: Andrew Keith (and two young daughters) attended his first meeting as a prospective new member. His wife, Melissa, will also be joining although she had to work today. Andrew and his father are native San Diegans. Andrew's parents are also interested in Joining House of Scotland.

Other New Business: Graham reports that Robert Burns and Delphine Malone are attempting to organize some kind of wake or gathering to honor the passing of Louisa Lawson. If something is organized, the information will be passed along to the House.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Dianne Schultz, Secretary



Upcoming Events

- May 9** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- May 12** Ladies' Auxiliary Catered Luncheon
- May 15** NCS "The Supper Club"
Cabaret Show
- May 23** Food Fair
- May 28-30** Brigadoon
- Jun. 13** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Jun. 26-27** SD Scottish Highland Games
- July 11** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- July 18** The Tannahill Weavers
- Aug. 8** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Sep. 12** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Oct. 10** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Oct. 24** HOS Lawn Program
- Nov. 14** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
- Dec. 11** HOS Christmas Party

Hosting

- May 2 David McSwain
- May 9 OPEN
- May 16 Joni Rossi & Doris Greeson
- May 23 Joni Rossi & Doris Greeson
- May 30 Food Fair

Please call Holly at (619) 287-7812 if you can host. Thank you to all who have volunteered to host so far!



In Memory:

Ian Sinclair, President of the House of Scotland in 1995 & 2000 passed away in late February.
Louisa Lawson, President of the House of Scotland from 1985-1994, passed away on March 31 at the age of 88.
Gwenda's mother passed away on April 1, 2010.

Brigadoon

May 28-30, 2010

Music by Frederick Loewe

Book and Lyrics by Alan Jay lerner

Two New Yorkers, Tommy and Jeff, on a hunting trip to Scotland, lose their way and stumble into the village of *Brigadoon*, a village which comes into being for only one day in each century. The villagers have gathered in the market place to sell their wares and to discuss the final wedding preparations of Jeannie MacLaren and the boyish Charlie Dalrymple. Tommy encounters the lovely Fiona and Jeff becomes entangled with the boisterous Meg Brockie as the fate of *Brigadoon* is threatened by Harry Beaton, Jeannie's rejected suitor. Audiences have delighted in the whimsical loveliness of the highlands, the superb choreography and lilting score of such classics as *Almost Like Being in Love*, *The Heather on the Hill*, *There But for You Go I*, *Come to Me*, *Bend to Me* and *My Mother's Wedding Day*. Bring the whole family for a "bonny" day in the Highlands.

For tickets and info, please visit www.artcenter.org or call 1-800-988-4253. Prices are \$40-65. Group discounts are available.

AMSDconcerts presents The Tannahill Weavers, Sunday, July 18 at 7:30 pm. The Tannahill Weavers are one of Scotland's premier traditional bands. Their diverse repertoire spans the centuries with fire-driven instrumentals, topical songs, and original ballads and lullabies. Their music demonstrates to old and young alike the rich musical heritage of the Celtic people.

The Tannahills have that unique combination of traditional melodies, driving rhythmic accompaniment, and rich vocals that make their performances unforgettable. Over the years the Tannies have been international trailblazers for Scottish music, and their tight harmonies and powerful, inventive arrangements have won them fans from beyond the folk and Celtic music scenes. They are firmly established as one of the premier groups on the concert stage. From reflective ballads to foot-stomping reels and jigs, the variety and range of the material they perform is matched only by their enthusiasm and lively Celtic spirits.

Tickets are \$20/*\$45 *Dinner package

Tickets can be purchased on line at AMSDconcerts.com. Venue is 4650 Mansfield Street, San Diego, CA 92116. Questions? Call (619) 303-8176.

Hearth of the Kitchen



Raspberry Oatmeal Bars

Ingredients:

1 pkg. (18 ¼ oz.) yellow cake mix
2 ½ cups quick-cooking oats
¾ cup butter, melted
1 jar (12 oz.) seedless raspberry preserves
1 Tbsp. water

Method:

In a large bowl, combine the dry cake mix, oats, and butter until crumbly. Press 3 cups of the crumb mixture into a greased 13" X 9" baking pan. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Cool on a wire rack for 5 minutes.

In a small bowl, stir preserves and water until blended. Spread over crust. Sprinkle with remaining crumb mixture. Bake for 25-28 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on a wire rack. Cut into bars.

Yield: 2 dozen

Recipe from *Sep./Oct. 2009, Taste of Home Magazine, Simple & Delicious*

Nutrition Facts: 1 bar equals 202 calories, 8 g fat (4 g saturatedfat), 15 mg cholesterol, 181 mg sodium, 32 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 2 g protein. **Diabetic Exchanges:** 2 starch, 1 fat.

Garlic Giggles

A young couple from the Isle of Mull went to Edinburgh to be married by the registrar.

“Your name?” he asked the man.

“Donald Maclean.”

“And yours?” he asked the girl.

“Shona MacLean.”

“Any connection”

Shona blushed bright red.

“Only once,” she said, “and we was engaged already.”

From: Scottish Jokes, Lomond Books

The North County Scots will be featuring “The Supper Club”



A Cabaret Show to be held on May 15.

Pre-sale tickets are \$15 or \$20 at the door.

You can purchase tickets from Cherie at the next meeting.

Social hour ~ 6 pm

Show ~ 7 pm

Join us for this fun and exciting new event.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number of tickets: _____

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

About “The Supper Club”

Since 2005, this cabaret-style vocal performance group has been providing quality entertainment for San Diego residents and visitors. For two summers “The Supper Club” was the resident entertainment troupe at Café Lautrec of La Jolla. Other engagements have included everything from a talent show at The Torrey Pines Christian Church to high society galas at The Westgate Hotel. Our repertoire includes popular standards, musical theater and specialty comic songs. “The Supper Club” features the saucy and delicious vocal talents of Nicole Mullet, Skyler Dennon and Rick Hernandez; with piano and additional vocals expertly served up by Sylvia Lorraine Hartman. Each performer is a well-seasoned local favorite.

Church of Scotland ministers 'to be cut'

Church of Scotland ministers could be cut under plans to reduce the Kirk's £5.7m deficit.

About 25 ministers a year would be cut over a four-year period under the restructuring plans put forward by the Ministries Council.

The Kirk hopes this measure, and the "almost unprecedented" plan to train church members to lead services, would help balance the books by 2014.

The plans will be considered by the Kirk's General Assembly next month.

The wages of ministers have been a major contributor to the deficit, which has built up since the last restructuring in 2003.

'Completely unsustainable'

The Church of Scotland said after that reorganisation, it expected that the number of ministers - 800 at the time - would remain fairly static.

However, there are now about 1,000 ministers and the Kirk said the deficit was "completely unsustainable".

Rev Graham Finch, convenor of the Ministries' Council, said: "During the early years of the recession there was a very sharp fall in the church's reserves, of about 20%.

"We brought it to the attention of the General Assembly last year and said proposals would be brought forward to cut the deficit."

He admitted the church "probably should have acted sooner", but he added that the institution "moves slowly".

Aside from ministers retiring and "natural wastage", the Kirk said it also wanted to cut the numbers of ministers by 25 a year, until 2014.

It said it would put a cap on the numbers joining from other denominations, to between 5 and 10 across the country.

It is also going to move away from a "one minister, one parish" format to some ministers effectively working part-time.

'Preaching pool'

The church said the emphasis would be on providing the Sunday sermon, but the cleric could work elsewhere during the weekdays.

It hoped these flexible working conditions could, as well as saving money, also help increase the number of female ministers, who currently make up just a fifth of parish ministers.

The Kirk said it was also exploring ways to "tap into a wider range of the talent of the Kirk's membership", by training ordinary people to lead services on a monthly basis.

It said it hoped to create "special ministers" in the same way that the police service created special constables.

A pilot training scheme for a locally ordained ministry is to begin in Caithness after the summer.

The Ministries Council said the Kirk could have a "substantial part-time preaching pool" within a few years if the scheme was to be successful, and training would then be rolled out nationwide.

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