

# NEWS FROM THE HOUSE of SCOTLAND

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

Balboa Park, San Diego, California 92101

September 2010

## Highlights from the August Meeting:

### August Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Graham McGruer, John McColly, David McSwain and Archie McAllister all have birthdays in August. Liz Beaty, daughter of Dianne Schultz, has a birthday this month. Kristi and John Keith celebrate their wedding anniversary in August. Susan Andrews and Steve Knight are engaged and are running off to Gretna Green to be married on September 13. We wish them many happy years together.

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

**Pipe Band Report:** There was no Pipe Band report.

**HPR Report:** Jim Scrimgeour reports that Emma Connelly, from House of Ireland, is the new Queen of Queens. The August Ladies' Auxiliary Luncheon is a tea to be held on the lawn on August 11, at 12:30 P.M. The cost is \$3.00.

**Old Business:** Graham moderated.

**Hosting:** Holly reports that David McSwain and Eva McCatty are hosting today. Arya volunteered to host with Melissa and Andrew Keith on August 15 and Virginia Anderson and Don Stewart are hosting on August 22. Holly is going to contact Jack White to remind him of the Pipe Band's obligation to host during the month of October.

**Housekeeping:** Steve didn't have anything to report for housekeeping. He did remind everyone to contact either John McColly or Virginia Anderson if there was a need for supplies during September.

**Other Old Business:** Nancy Ross reports that the King's Inn will not allow us to serve any

leftover beer of Scotch from December Nights at our Christmas party this year. Because the King's Inn has not raised prices this year, they would like us to buy our libations from the house bar at the party. Cherie reports that the new vendor for our House of Scotland polo shirts works with men's sizes only, she will bring a couple of North County Scots polo shirts to the next meeting so that we can compare sizes. She also reports that the price for tee shirts for sale has not yet been determined. The vendor would not be able to reproduce the drawing of the cottage on shirts because the drawing is too complicated. We could get a printed logo that copies the one on the polo shirts. There will be additional discussion about the shirts at a future meeting

**New Business:** Graham moderated

**New Members:** Connie Malear was attending her second meeting as a prospective new member. A vote was taken on her membership and she will be notified by mail of her acceptance.

**Other New Business:** Jim Scrimgeour reminded everyone that the cottage must be open for a full four hours each Sunday. That time must fall between the hours of Noon and 5:00 P.M. He also said that HPR is planning a special observance of September 11 and invited everyone to come. Dianne donated bookmarks made from an old photo of our caber with our web site information printed down the length of the bookmark. The bookmarks can be given to visitors but don't just leave them where people can help themselves.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.


Respectfully submitted

Dianne Schultz, Secretary

## Upcoming Events

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- Sep. 12** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
  - Oct. 3** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
  - Oct. 8-10** Seaside Highland Games
  - Oct. 24** HOS Lawn Program
  - Nov. 14** HOS Meeting, 11:30 am
  - Dec. 3 & 4** December Nights
  - Dec. 11** HOS Christmas Party

## Hosting

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- Sep. 5 McGruer Clan
  - Sep. 12 Open
  - Sep. 19 Andy & Melissa Keith
  - Sep. 26 Bob & Sharon Maxton

**If you plan to attend the meeting on 9/12 this is a great day to host, since you'll be in the park anyway! Please call Holly at (619) 287-7812 if you can host.**



## 9/11 Memorial Service

The House of USA is sponsoring a memorial service at 5:30 pm on 9/11. The service will take place on the HPR stage. Notify Arya Z. if you would like to help organize this event.

## House Officers

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| President: | Graham McGruer    | (619) 425-3454 |
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## Hearth of the Kitchen

### Caramel Apple Crisp



#### Ingredients:

- 3 cups old-fashioned oats
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ cups packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 cup cold butter
- 8 cups thinly sliced peeled tart apples
- 1 package (14 ounces) caramels, halved
- 1 cup apple cider (divided)

#### Method:

In a large bowl, combine the oats, flour, brown sugar and cinnamon; cut in butter until crumbly. Press half of the mixture into a greased 13" X 9" X 2" baking dish. Layer with half of the apples and caramels and 1 cup oat mixture; repeat layers. Pour ½ cup cider over top.

Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 30 minutes. Drizzle with remaining cider; bake 15-20 minutes longer or until apples are tender.

Yield: 12-14 servings

Recipe from Aug. & Sep. 2006, *Taste of Home Magazine*

## Gaelic Giggles

A man owned a small farm in Scotland . The Scottish Internal Revenue determined he was not paying proper wages to his staff and sent an investigator out to interview him.

"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them!", demanded the investigator.

"Well," replied the farmer, "there's my farm hand who's been with me for three years. I pay him \$200 a week plus free room and board.

"The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$150 per week plus free room and board."

"Then there's the halfwit. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 a week. He pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of whiskey every Saturday night. He also sleeps with my wife occasionally."

"That's the guy I want to talk to ...the halfwit!" said the agent.

"That would be me," replied the farmer.