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The Kirking at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in New Albany, Indiana.

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THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF LOUISVILLE

Established in 1993 as a nonprofit organization to enrich the cultural lives of members in the Kentuckiana area.

The Society offers exposure to Scottish heritage and preserves, enhances and fosters pride in our Scottish ancestry.

The Society sponsors local and regional activities and is a nonsectarian organization with no religious or political affiliation.





President's Message

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. We all have so much to be thankful for and I for one am grateful for the Scottish Society of Louisville and the many friends we have made over the years. Our annual Scholarship auction was a great success. We don't have the final tally on it yet, but we will post it as soon as we do. Thanks to everyone for your donations and your purchases, and a special thanks to Anne (our hospitality commissioner) for cooking and coordinating the lovely dinner. Yum!

Now the holiday season is upon us. The turkey has been eaten, the leaves have been raked (well, maybe) and seasonal decorations are going up. The rush is on for getting that perfect gift. May I suggest tickets to Scotland's most beloved poet's birthday dinner? **The SSL's Burns' Dinner is the 25th of January, 2025. Details are in this newsletter.** We know the Scottish people are the most hospitable people in the world, and this would secure that your gift would be appreciated and remembered for a very long time.

Have a meaningful and enjoyable holiday season.

Gary



Reminders

1. Check out our Facebook page for any information about upcoming events.
2. Name of the SSL Facebook group "The Scottish Society of Louisville"
3. Our website can be found at scotsoflou.com.
4. To submit an announcement, article, etc. to the newsletter, please email to our newsletter editor, Linda Wilson, at tomatoladyone@yahoo.com. All articles, pictures, etc. should be sent to the editor by the 1st of the month. The newsletter is published about the 5th of the month.
5. Dues are due April 1st of each year. Please pay your dues to the Treasurer, Cheri Eskridge, pay online on the SSL website, or mail to Scottish Society of Louisville, PO Box 34758, Louisville, KY 40232.

Individual - \$25

Family - \$40



Once again it is time to set your sights on celebrating our Scottish heritage and traditions with a tribute to one of Scotland's most favorite and revered sons, the poet ROBERT BURNS (1759-1796). Join the festivities, including toasting, dining, bagpipes, and of course, HAGGIS!

Event details: Saturday, January 25, 2025 Doors and Bar open at 5:30 PM
Woodhaven Country Club, 7200 Woodhaven Road, Louisville
KY 40291 Price \$60.00 for members and \$65.00 for non-
members

Purchase your tickets online at <https://scotsoflou.com>
You may also order tickets via mail by sending payment to the
following address-
Scottish Society of Louisville,
PO Box 34758 Louisville KY 40232



JOIN US WHILE WE CELEBRATE SCOTLAND'S GREATEST POET

WITH BAGPIPES, KILTS, & SCOTCH!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Updated 2024 SSL Programs & Events

December 24 No General Meeting

January 25, 2025 Burns' Night Dinner



November Dinner/Auction at Strathmoor Presbyterian Church



Setting up for our dinner. We had a lovely feast with friends and SSL members!



November Dinner/Auction at Strathmoor Presbyterian Church





HELLO FELLOW MEMBERS

A HUGE BIG thank you to all that participated in our Annual Heritage Fund Scholarship Auction! To all those who brought items for the auctions, came early to set up, stayed late to clean up, helped in any other way...**We could not have done it without you.** Please continue to visit the businesses that donated so freely to our cause.

We raised approximately \$2161.00 after expenses. This money will provide financial support for studies in Bagpiping, Drumming, Art, Dancing, Harp, Gaelic Language and Highland Games Athletics. All of the things we have come to know and love.

The SSL was also able to contribute over 200 items of Peanut Butter, jelly and crackers to the Highland Community Ministries. HCM was so appreciative to receive the donations as their PB stock was down to almost nothing. Many thanks to all those who donated any of these much-needed items. We really do make a difference!

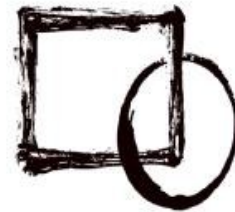
For any organization to sustain itself it needs PEOPLE, PURPOSE AND PASSION, and folks that contributed to this event demonstrated those qualities in spades.

Again, thanks to everyone that worked so hard to put this event together. If you couldn't make it this year please come next year and join in the fun!

Please join us for our monthly meetings, 4th Tuesdays of the month. January – November, and please bring a friend so we can continue to keep the Celtic spirit alive and well in our area.

Peace,
Robbin Goodin
Vice President

Business Donors to the Annual SSL Auction



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Kirking at Okolona Presbyterian Church, Sunday, Oct. 27



Kirking at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sunday, Nov. 17 & Luncheon Photos



Sweet Remembrances

Michael “Mick” John Anderson

/1951– 11/11/2024

Michael “Mick” John Anderson of Louisville, Ky, age 73, sadly passed away on November 11, 2024, due to a prolonged battle with Vascular Dementia. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, and daughter, Megan Anderson. Mick was a life member of the Scottish Society of Louisville.

A celebration of life will be held in his honor at Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church on December 6, 2024.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church, 311 Browns Lane, Louisville, Ky or your favorite dementia organization.



Carolyn Jean Sipes Abell

2/22/1928- 09/25/2024

Carolyn Jean Sipes Abell, age 96, died on September 25, 2024 at Jefferson Manor Rehabilitation. She passed away peacefully with family by her side.

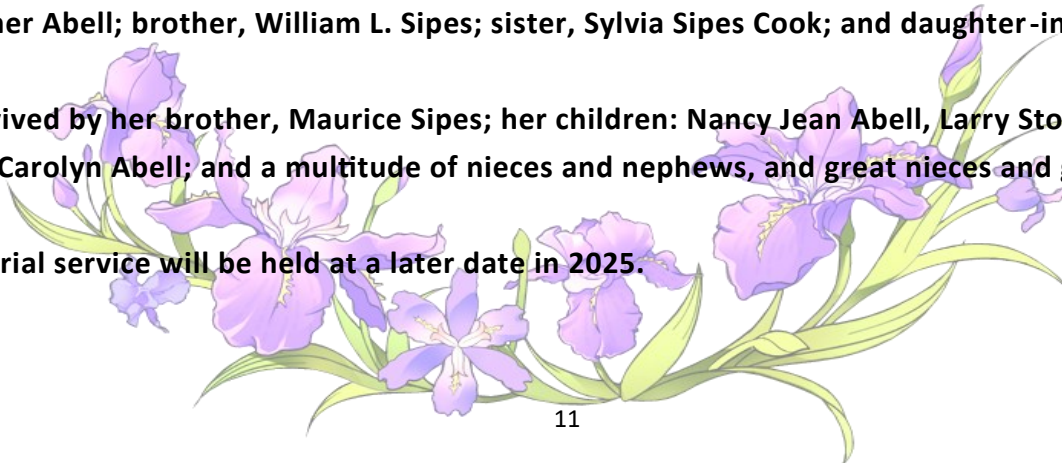
Jean was born in Meade County, KY on February 22, 1928. She graduated from Georgetown College in 1950 with a Bachelor of Arts. She moved to Louisville, KY where she was employed by the Jefferson Co. Public School system as an elementary school teacher for over 35 years.

She was deeply involved in her church, Deer Park Baptist Church, as an ordained Deacon, XYZ Coordinator, and church moderator. She enjoyed home DIY projects as well as sewing, including designing, making, and selling Barbie doll clothes. She also enjoyed watching college basketball, especially UofL and UK.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Ina Rose Ritchie Sipes; husband of 65 years, David Stoner Abell; brother, William L. Sipes; sister, Sylvia Sipes Cook; and daughter-in-law Ann Abell.

She is survived by her brother, Maurice Sipes; her children: Nancy Jean Abell, Larry Stoner Abell, and Janet Carolyn Abell; and a multitude of nieces and nephews, and great nieces and great nephews.

Her memorial service will be held at a later date in 2025.



December 2024



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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8	9	10 SSL Board Meeting 	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31	No membership meeting in December!			

January 2025



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 SSL Board Meeting 	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Burns' Night Dinner
26	27	28 Member Meeting 	29	30	31	