

### **A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

Happy Fall to all our SSI members, friends, family and fellow guests. It is time to break out the fall gear as the leaves are changing, the temperatures are getting colder and the seasonal fun events are happening everywhere around the state. The end of the year is winding down which means changes are coming for the society leading into 2024 and we cannot wait for what will come in the next year. We are working hard behind the scenes to update the main society website and other items that will be beneficial to the society as a whole. Please remember that membership dues need to be paid as they do not roll over each year - it helps us see who is still active with the society currently.

The month of October was a great one as we brought back the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival for the first time since the pandemic hit a couple years ago. The event gave us an overwhelming sense of accomplishment as we worked hard to get this event back up and running. From being at a new venue to bringing back all the things you wanted in the games & festival back up to the forefront. We want to say THANK YOU to our games co-chairs Greg Bowers and Rebecca Lawson, the games committee, the volunteers who helped out throughout the event, all of the food/drink/item vendors who came to sell product, clan tents, sponsors, our entertainment groups and the games team/participants who brought the games to life. Also, we want to extend another THANK YOU to Marion County Fairgrounds for allowing us to have the event on their grounds. To say that we are working on plans, changes and adjustments for next year's event is already in the

### **Learn How to Speak Scottish Gaelic:**

*fómhar*

Fall Season



**MEETING DETAILS:** THIS MONTH IS THE ANNUAL SSI ST. ANDREWS DINNER EVENT. THERE WILL BE NO MONTHLY MEETING UNLESS YOU HAVE PAID FOR THE DINNER.

December Meeting: Keep in mind the monthly meetings moving forward will be the return of the BUFFET. If you are interested in helping with the meat dish - please reach out to the board.

We are looking for members attending the meeting to bring a side dish. Please bring a dish from the category based on the first letter of your last name with at least 3 servings per attending family member:

A-G --- Dessert  
H-M --- Veggie/Casserole  
N-Z --- Salad

Meat Dish: TBA in December

NOTE: If you are interested in helping out with the meat dish, please be aware you will be reimbursed by the board (up to \$100.00 for the dish).

We will ask if you are a member to please do the donation of \$5.00 and guests will be \$7.00. First time guests do not need to pay - after your first visit, you will need to pay the guest fee. If you have not paid your dues, please make sure you do so in

works. If you have any suggestions or comments you would like to contribute, please let the board know and we will make sure it is forwarded to our co-chairs.

For those who may not know, our current SSI Treasurer Dan Patton and his wife Jane announced recently that they will be moving to the east coast to be closer to family. We appreciate the dedication they have given to SSI as members of the society along with being dancers in the Indy RSCD. As of this edition, Dan Patton has stepped down from his duties for the remainder of the year and fellow SSI member Risa Stockton will now be the active treasurer for 2023, moving into 2024. The board appreciates Risa stepping up to assist in this position - we are ready to help out if needed to make this transition easy. Speaking of transitions, we are looking for anyone interested to apply to be a possible member of the SSI Board of Trustees for the 2024 year. Nominations are taking place now and the elections will occur during the SSI St. Andrews Dinner on 11/11. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone, please email our election chair Kathy Hohman (khohmanst@aol.com).

At this time, do not hesitate to reach out to our board if you have any questions or if you want your ideas heard. With the weather and seasons changing, please stay safe and healthy. Thank you! Slainte!

~ Sarah Rae  
2023 Board of Trustee Member, Newsletter Editor

**Next Meeting: Saturday, November 11th 2023**

**\*\*This is the SSI St. Andrews Dinner event. Only those who paid for the dinner are to attend. There will be NO monthly meeting this month.**

**PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:**

- No new members to mention in this

person or at the welcome table.

The monthly meetings take place every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Meetings start at 7:00pm and then the presentation will begin at 8:00pm.

\*\*Special events for the year will be on a Saturday.

All updates in regards to monthly meetings will be announced each month in the newsletter and on our social media sites.

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## NOTICES FROM THE BOARD



### **\*\*MEMBERSHIP REVIEW\*\***

The board advises that membership renewal of the yearly dues for SSI must be taken care of during the year. You can pay for your yearly membership online through the website or payments can be made in person with a form at our in-person meetings - we will have forms available to complete. Please make sure you pay your dues!

### **\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*\***

As the buffet returns to the society meetings each month, we are looking for volunteers to help supply the meat dish - along with volunteers to supply an appetizer station during social hour. If you are wanting to volunteer - there will be sign up sheets set up at the welcome table at the Latvian Center during the monthly meetings. You can also email [indyscot@gmail.com](mailto:indyscot@gmail.com) to express your interest.

### **\*\*50/50 RAFFLE IS COMING BACK\*\***

We are working on bringing back the 50/50 raffle for our monthly meetings after the board of trustees unanimously agreed to have it return. The money donated for the raffle will go towards the future events SSI will partake in and/or to help fund those events.

### **\*\*ASSISTANCE IN MEETING SET-UPS / CLEAN-UPS\*\***

With the assistance of the Board of Trustees, we will need help with set up of the meetings along with the clean up at the end. If you see one of the board members getting things ready or needing help cleaning up, feel free to step in and help out. Everyone needs to pitch in and assist.



**\*\*INDY  
ROYAL  
SCOTTISH  
COUNTRY  
DANCING  
UPDATES\*\***

We have some updates regarding the Indy RSCD for this issue of the newsletter.

Many thanks to the SSI members who attended our first Ceilidh dance on October 21st! It was a lot of fun and a huge success. Barry Levitt and Bernadette Lange did a superior job in managing and teaching dances. We danced to the live music of the excellent Turano's and dance our very own original "Hand Faster" Scottish country dance written by Bernadette herself. In fact, it was danced in public for the very first time. Let's just say we really know how to throw a Ceilidh!

As you may or may not know, Dan and I are moving. As of 10/25, Barry Levitt will know be managing the group effective as of this edition. He will manage the group moving forward along with Bernadette Lange (a certified Scottish country dance instructor), James & Heidi Horton, and subject matter expert Sue Gaebler. They can be reached at [INDYRSCD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:INDYRSCD@GMAIL.COM). One of them will be providing updated information for the monthly SSI newsletter. It has been a lot of fun. Thank you!

- Jane Patton



**INTERESTED  
IN BEING AN  
SSI BOARD  
MEMBER IN  
2024?**

At this time, we are searching for people who would like to service on the SSI Board of Trustees for the 2024 year. You will be expected to attend a board meeting once a month and to attend activities sponsored by SSI. If you are interested, please email [indyscot@gmail.com](mailto:indyscot@gmail.com) if you would like more information. If you are interested in putting your name up for nomination, please email Kathy Hohman ([khohmanst@aol.com](mailto:khohmanst@aol.com)). Thank you!



### **WHISKY BOTTLES NEEDED**

Per request of SSI board member Kathy Hohman, we are needing or looking for anyone who might have empty whisky bottles to use for decorations for the February 2024 meeting. If you have some available, please bring those bottles to the December holiday meeting next month. Thank you!



Robin Jarrett, Deneice Jarrett, Steven Johnson, Rick Blacklidge and Jeff Kestin represented the Scottish Society of Indianapolis and all things Scottish with a booth at the Riverside Intermediate School - International Fair on Thursday, October 5th. Deneice, a former sixth grade teacher at Riverside, was invited back to host a Scottish booth at the festival which had



been cancelled the last three years to the pandemic. Fair goers enjoyed tasting shortbread and learning about Scotland's history, landmarks, symbols and traditions while Jeff delighted the crowd with bagpipe tunes.



## MEETING RECAP - October 2023: The Jacobite Uprising with SSI Historian

Carson Smith

We got to learn some great history and facts regarding one of the Jacobite Uprisings in the county of Scotland. Our SSI Historian and member Carson Smith gave a detailed presentation about the rising. Here are some small facts - The Jacobite Rebellions were a series of uprisings aimed at restoring James VII of the House of Stuart and his successors to the throne of Great Britain during the 17th and 18th centuries. The rebellions commenced when James VII fled England, and the Dutch Protestant William of Orange and Mary II assumed the monarchy. There were several uprisings that occurred and one of the more famous ones was the uprising that took place in 1745 and later led to the Battle of Culloden.

The board would like to thank Carson Smith for a wonderful presentation. It was detailed and so interesting - we always appreciate his presentations.



NEXT MEETING/EVENT -  
November 2023 - SSI St.  
Andrews Dinner and  
Elections

For the month of November, SSI will NOT have a monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 8th. Instead, we will have our annual SSI St. Andrews Dinner which will take place on Saturday, November 11th. The location will be in the Roosevelt Room at the Ft. Harrison State Park Inn which is at 5830 N. Post Rd. in Lawrence, IN. During the dinner, we will have an agenda for what will be discussed and done during this event - along with elections for 2024 SSI Board of Trustees.

Social Hour - Cash Bar - Hors o'euvres will be served between 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Dinner and the agenda for the event will be promptly after. We look forward to seeing you all then.

\*\*Please be aware only PAID DINNER attendees are able to come to the dinner that Saturday. The Inn already has the number for who will be attending. No additional numbers or dinner requests will be accepted at this time. Thank you!



**COMING IN DECEMBER 2023 - SSI Holiday  
Gathering with Celtic Rain**

Come celebrate the end of another year with the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. This meeting is all about holiday cheer and great times. As a tradition for this meeting, we welcome our good friends and performers of the band Celtic Rain. We hope you call come to enjoy the wintertime and holiday spirit to wrap up 2023 right. This meeting is set to take place on Wednesday, Decembe 11th.

**SSI 2023 MEETINGS - WHAT IS COMING UP?**

*Note: Subjects/Topics are subject to change.*

- November 11th, 2023 - SSI St. Andrews Dinner at Ft. Harrison State Park Inn in the Roosevelt Room (this event is on a Saturday)
- December 2023 - SSI Holiday Gathering with Celtic Rain

\*\*If you would like to present or have a topic that would be good for our monthly presentations, please reach out to the board at [indyscot@gmail.com](mailto:indyscot@gmail.com).

We will advise if the meeting topic will change via an update email or through the SSI social

media. If you are interested in presenting a topic during the 2024 year next year, please reach out to the board members and we will discuss. Thank you!

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