

Monthly Newsletter -
August 2019

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everyone! The board has been busy and so has the games committee for our upcoming event in October. Can you believe that August has come and gone? This means we are about 4 months out from the new year. Doesn't seem possible now does it? Summer is slowing leaving us and we will be back into fall. With that being said, there are a few notices that will need to go out. A letter was sent out about how to change your settings so you can get the newsletter every month moving forward. if you did not get it or are interested in getting the newsletter, please see a member of the Board. We have elections coming up for the 2020 Board of Trustees and also needing assistance/volunteering for the games & festival. Remember: If you volunteer for 2+ hours, you will get into the event for free. We are getting the future of the organization ready for new transitions and also will be moving to a new direction with the Board next year. More meetings with new subjects are down the road. If you are interested in seeing more items or even special things on the newsletter, please let me know. Our newsletter is getting recognized by other Scottish societies in the state, so we are doing well. Thank you for all the continuous support with this organization, we are truly blessed to have amazing members like you. Until then, slainte! ~ Sarah Rae, 2019 SSI Trustee Member, Newsletter Editor & Games Committee Member

~ IN MEMORIAM ~

For this month, we would like to honor the memory and service to one of our devoted members, Donna Mae Lawson. She passed away and traveled to the next life within the last month. Donna received the joint award for the Tommy Thompson Award with her husband Mark last November during the St. Andrews Dinner. She was a wonderful wife, mother, friend and member of the Society Society of

**Learn How to Speak
Scottish Gaelic:**

ràith an fhoghair
Autumn Season



MEETING DETAILS: The SSI meet the second Wednesday of most months at the Indianapolis Lativan Community Center 1008 W. 64th St. Indianapolis, IN 46260. Please be sure to bring our own plates, flatware and beverages. We request the following donations for the dinner - \$5.00 members; 1st time guests attending are free, then returning guests are \$7.00. A board selection of excellent single-malt Scotch whisky is available for \$4.00 a shot.

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MEETING AGENDA:

6:30pm Social Time

7:00pm Announcements and Pitch-In Dinner

8:00pm Program

DISH SCHEDULE THIS MONTH:

A-F ~ Veggie/Casserole

G-McC ~ Salad

McD-Z ~ Desserts

[Click Here for Dish Schedule](#)

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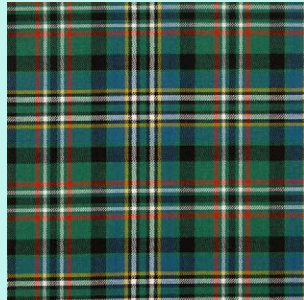
Indianapolis. She will be dearly missed. The SSI Board of Trustees would like to extend their thoughts, prayers and condolences to the Lawson Family.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:

- Sharon Kidwell
- Alan & Marsha Mertz
- Pamela Coates

NOTICES FROM THE BOARD

THE BOARD: At the recent board meeting, two proposed changes to the SSI By-Laws in Article III were passed.



This will need to be reviewed by the general public, the attendees at the next meeting in order to be voted on permanently at the meeting on October 9th. Please see below:

Article III: Officers and Duties: Section A: Officers "...Shall be considered having resigned from the board". Section E: Vacancies - "Appointments shall require a simple majority of the Board's approval". This is a complicated change, but one that will assist the board moving forward. Steven Johnson will present this information to all at the next meeting. Please be ready to make a vote so this can be updated with our organization's by-laws.

Steven Johnson, Treasurer --- Badges are available and will be made for members that want one. They are \$6.00 each. Please speak to me at the meeting or message the Board on Facebook for more information.

Sarah Rae, Board Member --- We are looking for new blood and interest to join the SSI Board of Trustees for next year. I sadly have to be the one to announce that our president, Robin Jarrett; secretary Elizabeth Hedges; and treasurer Steven Johnson will be departing the Board next year. They will still be continuous members of the SSI, but not in leadership roles. We appreciate all they have done in the last few years. Our VP of Whisky Matt Douglass is

currently active in the board until the end of the year to help fill in one of the positions. The current board members of Karen Couch, Tom Wallace and I will be back next year - all three positions for President, Secretary and Treasurer are open in 2020. We will also have a couple of additional spots for trustees to round out the board for motion passing. We have had one or two members interested in joining the Board of Trustees in 2020 - we thank those who have shown interest. Elections will be taking place very soon and we will making the official call at the St. Andrew's Dinner in November. We will need members to step up and join us in keeping the board active. If you are interested or want to know more about what the tasks or positions available include, please speak to a member of the board so we can explain. Thank you!



September Meeting - The Indianapolis Wife of Robert Louis Stevenson

There are many historical figures in the world and sometimes they can come from the state of Indiana. What is even more interesting is that one of them happens to have been the spouse of one of the greatest authors in literature. In our next meeting, speaker Sharon Butch Freeland will be discussing the life of

Fanny Vandegrift, who was the wife of Robert Louis Stevenson - the Scottish-born author who wrote the infamous story *Treasure Island* and *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*. This is a new, fascinating subject and one meeting that we hope you can join to explore the life of an amazing woman.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00pm at the Latican Center. Come and join us. Another announcement will be made on social media closer to that time.

FESTIVALS COMING UP

Indy Irish Festival in Downtown Indy on 9/13-9/15

Please be aware that the board is looking for volunteers to help at this event. We will need members to help promote the society at the festival. We will need two people for three hour shifts more during the weekend. A notice will posted on the society's Facebook page as well. Please see Matt Douglass if you are interested in helping out. We would definitely appreciate it. You can support SSI and also enjoy the festival when you are done with your duties. Again, see Matt or a board member if interested.

National Guard Int'l Festival 9/12

Plainfield International Festival 10/5*



AUGUST MEETING RECAP: 2019 SSI SUMMER EVENT

The meeting this month was all about the annual summer celebration. We had food, music, entertainment and even a silent auction. Even a meeting was happening within all this fun times. Also, we could not have asked for better weather than what we had. The food was brought by Rick Blackridge - everything was so good! We had about 65 attendees that attended the event. The silent auction selection was grand

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 11th - Sharon Butch Freeland "Fanny Vandegrift of Indianapolis, wife of *Treasure Island* author Robert Louis Stevenson"

October 9th - Last minute details for the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival // Sarah Rae and Company "Outlander in Historic Scotland"

October 12th - Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival [SATURDAY EVENT]

November 9th - SSI St. Andrew's Dinner [SATURDAY EVENING EVENT]; Information will be sent to members closer to this time.

December 11th - Darryl Frazier "History of Crown Hill"

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and there were many items that had bids on. All of the money for the summer celebration went to the IUPUI Scholarship fund. The final total for the even that went to the scholarship from the entrance donation, 50/50 raffle, silent auction and additional donations was \$1316.00. We are amazed at what this amazing organization can accomplish.

The board would like to say thank you to all the guests and members that attended; an extended thanks to those who donated items for the silent auction and a very special thanks to the members from the Fountain Trust Band & Pipes for the entertainment during the dinner. We appreciate all of you for coming.



**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 12**
GATES OPEN AT
8:30AM

**GERMAN PARK
8600 S. MERIDIAN ST.
INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

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We are officially live! Tickets are now on sale for this year's Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival. Check out the website on the promotion photo shown here. Also, make sure to like the [Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival](https://facebook.com/indyscotgamesandfest) page. We had great attendance last year and we are hoping to have that attendee number increase. Great stuff

is coming and get ready for some changes as well.



****MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE SIGN UP**** In order to get the festival running, we need volunteers. The sign up page for the volunteers is up and running. Please feel free to sign up for two shifts as they are two hours each. We will have another volunteer position available, but it is in the works. With the sign ups, this is first come first serve. Please share this information with others - the more volunteers the more support and work we will have to have accomplished. Here is the link to the Sign Up Genius volunteer page:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054BAEAD2BAAF58-2019>

The committee is looking for new members, new blood to help run the Games/Festival for next year. If we don't get volunteers or help for the Games/Festival in 2020, this special event may not happen next year. Please let a Board member or a Games Committee member know if you want to help or even are interested in keeping this annual tradition alive as it has become a staple in the fall festivals in Indiana. We would appreciate it. Thanks!

COMING UP IN THE NEXT / FUTURE NEWSLETTER(S)

Looking into an early-hour meeting AKA Family Night at SSI
Upcoming notices for elections for the 2020 SSI Board of Trustees
More posts and updates are coming to the SSI Facebook Page

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