

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello to our members, friends and family of the SSI. We are close to halfway through the year of 2023. We have been busy with our society with lining up new presentations, working on the games/festival this year and much more. The society is continuing to monitor and to make sure our membership grows, so please ensure that you pay for your membership dues.

The games committee for this year's games and festival are continuing their work behind the scenes with sponsorships and the layouts of the event as a whole. We are pleased to announce the website for the 2023 Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival is up and running - along with tickets now on sale. Please check out the website here along with links to volunteer if interested along with ticketing information on coming to the event: <https://indyscotgamesandfest.com/>.

It has been confirmed that SSI is looking for a new treasurer for the 2024 year. Dan Patton who has been our treasurer the last couple of years announces he will be stepping down after this year. The treasurer position is important to our society - this position is responsible for reports, deposits, membership and several other items. We need a backup for this role along with a few other officer positions in the board of trustees at this time. If you are interested or have an interest in being treasurer or want more details about this or other officer positions in the board, please let us know via email.

At this time, do not hesitate to reach out to our board if you have any questions or if

Learn How to Speak Scottish Gaelic:

grian-stad samhraidh

Summer Solstice



MEETING DETAILS: 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

Appetizer Table: TBA
Meat Dish: TBA

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 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

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: Wednesday June 14th, 2023

PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:

- No new members to announce at this time

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 to express your interest.



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

announced each month in the newsletter and on our social media sites.

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SOCIAL MEDIA:

For more articles, updates on events and more - Like and follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/indyscot.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/771893283583992>

It's a busy and fun summer ahead for the Indy Scottish Country Dancers! June begins our dances around Scotland. We will choose dances from different Scotland locations and dancing our way around Scotland. July is free dance donation month. We normally ask for a \$5.00 donation to offset the cost of the Latvian Community Center. But this July and potentially August, we are waving that fee. In August, we will start prep a bit for the Indianapolis Highland Games on September 30th. We will dance several demo dances. We hope to see you there. There are several other fun events in the planning stages for your Scottish Country Dancers (and you!) and when I have more information, I will share it. For now, I have a bit of a tease... do you like to Ceilidh dance? Please email IndyRSCD@gmail.com for more information. Thank you. - Jane Patton



**INTERESTED
IN HELPING
WITH 2023**

INDIANAPOLIS HIGHLAND SCOTTISH GAMES & FESTIVAL?

If anyone is interested in volunteering, heading up a committee or wanting to put your thoughts to this event for next year, please reach out to SSI games co-chair representatives Greg Bowers (ogunquit@gmail.com) or Rebecca Lawson (vessel7productions@gmail.com) for more information. Meetings are currently being set up and will take place monthly unless noted otherwise - **the next games meeting will be on Saturday, June 24th at McAlister's off of 96th and Meridian St. at 10:30AM.** If you would like to be on the email list in getting information about the games, please reach out to Greg or Rebecca. Thanks!



UPCOMING EVENTS AND FESTIVALS IN INDIANA / SURROUNDING STATES

Kilt Nights with SSI

***Next date for Kilt Game is being determined at this time.

June 23-24 - Ohio Scotland Games

August 4-5 - St. Andrews Society of Scotland Highland Games

August 14-15 - Evansville Highland Games

September 22-23 - Indy Irish Fest

***SSI does have a booth here - volunteers needed (details to come soon)

October 7-8 - Feast of the Hunters Moon



Meeting Recap - May 2023 - Scottish Immigration with Bruce Buchanan

For the month of May, we dived into a different

type of Scottish immigration - the history of a family well known in the state of Indiana. Our presenter was Bruce Buchanan of the Buchanan group. Now, this family has been involved in creating a diversified funeral business, but there is more to this family than what is seen on the surface. In

fact, this family has Scottish roots. Bruce provided more details about his family history and how the Buchanan ancestors came from Scotland and discussed their roots.

The board would like to thank Bruce Buchanan for coming to SSI and giving us a wonderful presentation.



NEXT MONTH - JUNE 2023 MEETING: Celtic Motion

For the first time with SSI, we are inviting a fellow dance troupe in Indiana. Celtic Motion is an Irish Dance Ensemble that is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to the enjoyment, perfection and performance of traditional Irish step dancing with a unique flair. This meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, June 14th, 2023.

Meetings take place at the Latvian Community Center. Social hour will be before 7:00pm with announcements following shortly after. Information about what to bring for the buffet will be provided in the next newsletter. Presentation will start around 8:00pm or earlier if needed. The board will announce any changes prior to the slated meeting.



COMING IN
JULY -
History of
the Ulster
Scots

Coming in the month of July, we will be discussing an ethnic group of people. These individuals descend largely from Scottish and northern English settlers who settled in the north of Ireland

in the 17th century. One of our SSI Board Members, Armand Hayes will be discussing some history of the Ulster Scots. This meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 12th, 2023.

SSI 2023 MEETINGS - WHAT IS COMING UP?

Note: Subjects/Topics are subject to change.

- June 2023 - Performance and History of Celtic Motion
- July 2023 - History of Ulster Scots with Armand Hayes
- August 12th 2023 - SSI Summer Celebration with Picnic/Silent Auction (this event is on a Saturday)
- September 2023 - Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival on Saturday, September 30th (presentation may not occur, TBD at this time)
- October 2023 - A Presentation from SSI Historian Carson Smith
- November 2023 - SSI St. Andrews Dinner
- December 2023 - SSI Holiday Gathering

**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.

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 2023 year, please reach out to the board members and we will discuss. Thank you!

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