



**Monthly Newsletter - December  
2019  
\*\*NEW YEAR EDITION\*\***

**A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

Happy New Year and Happy Hogmanay! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and new year. 2020 is upon us and we have made some great progress with upcoming events and even meetings for the year. We would like to welcome the new members of the Board of Trustees for 2020. We have some shoes to fill in with three of our wonderful members have stepped down and we thank you Robin, Steven and Elizabeth for their services. The board has elements set up that will take effect this year. Confirmations and agreements have been made for this year's 11th Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival in October, along with the St. Andrew's Dinner in November. Those will be discussed at upcoming meetings and newsletters. Since we have met our goal in regards to raising money for the IUPUI scholarship, the board is doing research to get a plaque to place downtown on the circle in honor of Fanny Vandergriff whose husband of course was Robert Louis Stevenson. This is a work in progress and changes might be made. There is nothing else that needs to be noted at this time. We hope our organization can continue and prosper as it is currently. Thank you and have a wonderful month of January. ~ Sarah Rae, 2020 SSI Trustee Member/Presidential Assistant & Newsletter Editor

**PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:**

- NO NEW MEMBERS AT THIS TIME

**NOTICES FROM THE BOARD**

*Board of Trustees:*

**Learn How to Speak  
Scottish Gaelic:**

*hogmanay sona*

Happy New Year



**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. Special events will be announced and maybe at other venues.

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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: Salads

McD-Z: Desserts

[Click Here for Dish Schedule](#)

**SOCIAL MEDIA:**

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

~ A reminder of who the members of the Board this year are the following: Matt



Douglass - President, Sarah Rae - Presidential Assistant / Newsletter Editor, Karen Couch - Secretary, Michael Kilgore - Treasurer, Tom Wallace - Social Media Advisor, James Tobia - Games Chairman, Kathy Holman - Chairman of Educational Outreach and Robert McKim - Board Member Job TBA. We are excited to serve you all this year. Please keep an eye out on social media for updates and the newsletter for any additional information one of us might have in the near future.

~ Some Games/Festival Updates: The 11th annual games/festival will be taking place again at German Park this year. We are looking for a new location in 2021 at this time, so more updates on this will be coming soon. Also, festival vendors are starting to come in and inquiries about being vendors are occurring at this time. Some may be returning and some will not be invited back.

*General Information:*

~ The Board of Trustees will have lapel pins that will be available for purchase for a donation of \$3.00.

~ The IUPUI Festival will be taking place on February 27th from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. We will need volunteers to assist with the SSI booth at the festival. More details to come on this.

**2019 Meetings/Event Recap**

Here is a recap of the meetings and events that took place in 2019:

- ~ January: Burns Night Dinner "Lite"
- ~ February: A Night of Whisky Tastings
- ~ March: Scottish County Dancing
- ~ April: A Travelogue of a Scotland Trip
- ~ May: Scottish Arts and Artists
- ~ June: How to Research Family with Genealogy
- ~ July: Skara Brae
- ~ August: SSI Summer Celebration
- ~ September: Fanny Vandergriff, the wife of Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson
- ~ October: 10th Annual Scottish

Games/Festival; Outlander in Scottish History  
~ November: SSI St. Andrew's Dinner  
~ December: Holiday Party & Concert with Celtic Rain



## January Meeting - Robert Burns Dinner "Lite Edition"

Robert Burns or should we say Rabbie Burns is perhaps one of the most decorated Scottish poets in history. He is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland and is celebrated worldwide. He is the best known of the poets who have written in the Scots language, although much of his writing is also in English and a light Scots dialect accessible to an audience beyond Scotland. Each month of January, we celebrate his life and poetry in a special dinner called the Burns Night. As a tradition in the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, we will be doing a Burns Supper Night, but a lite edition of the usual dinner. At the upcoming meeting to start of 2020, the dinner will take place with toasts, poem readings and even haggis. You don't want to miss this tradition with SSI.

The meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 at the Latican Center. Please check out the Facebook page for more updates and a reminder will be going out closer to the event. We look forward to seeing you all there. Thanks!



## DECEMBER MEETING RECAP: Holiday Dinner and Music from Celtic Rain

It was the holiday season with the new year approaching and this meeting was

just a party with gathering of friends, family, members and guests galore. We celebrated the upcoming holiday and the last meeting of the 2019 season. Besides the conversations, dinner and exchanging of gifts, we were entertained by music presented by Celtic Rain. Have to say we had a full house this evening and it is much appreciated. Thank you for Celtic Rain for a wonderful performance of music, both modern and traditional Christmas tunes. It was an entertaining evening and a great way to end 2019 with the SSI. And thank you to all the members, guests and friends who attended. Here's to a blessed, prosperous 2020 and a memorable 2019. Slainte!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8th - Burns Night Lite

February 12th - Whiskey Tasting Event

March 11th - Scottish Country Dinner

October 10th - 11th Annual Scottish Highland Games and Festival

November 14th - SSI St. Andrew's Dinner

Additional meeting topics and events TBA

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## COMING SOON TO THE NEWSLETTER

Upcoming meeting topics for the 2020 season

More posts and updates are coming to the SSI Facebook Page

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