

Official Newsletter -
Nov/Dec 2022
**END OF YEAR
EDITION**

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello to our members, friends and family of the SSI. It is almost the end of another wonderful year of this organization. There have been a lot of changes that have occurred this year. With the holidays coming around the corner, the 2022 board of trustees want to say thank you for all the support and contributions you have done this year - including attending our monthly meetings, various events that the SSI participates in, our Summer Celebration and St. Andrew's Dinner, and renewing your memberships. It is because of members like you and your support that keeps the Scottish Society of Indianapolis going strong. We have had some roadblocks in the last couple of years, but 2023 is going to be the start of new things to come.

After much consideration, I have decided to step away from the presidency after this year. I have learned so much from my board and it has been a wonderful experience. However, I will still be your editor for this newsletter giving you all the important information that revolves around the organization. At this time, I would like to present to you all your 2023 SSI Board of Trustees that will be in effect starting in January ---

President: Carter Keith

Trustees: Dan Patton, Paula Hardesty, Sarah Rae, Kathy Holman, Armand Hayes, Andy Thompson

Thank you again for a wonderful 2022 and prepare yourselves for a new view for SSI in 2023. At this time, do not hesitate to reach out to our board if you have any

Learn How to Speak Scottish Gaelic:

Saor-làithean sona

Happy Holidays



MEETING DETAILS: Keep in mind the monthly meetings moving forward will be the return of the BUFFET. The meat dish will be HAM - presented by Robin and Deneise Jarrett. 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 services per attending family member:

A-G --- Veggie/Casserole

G-M --- Salad

N-Z --- Desert

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.

We will have the technology for you to view the meeting at home if you still do not feel comfortable to be at the in-person meetings. We will have a Zoom link available. Check out the link in the newsletter to view.

The monthly meetings take place every 2nd Wednesday of the month. **Special events for the year will be on a Saturday.

All updates in regards to monthly meetings will be

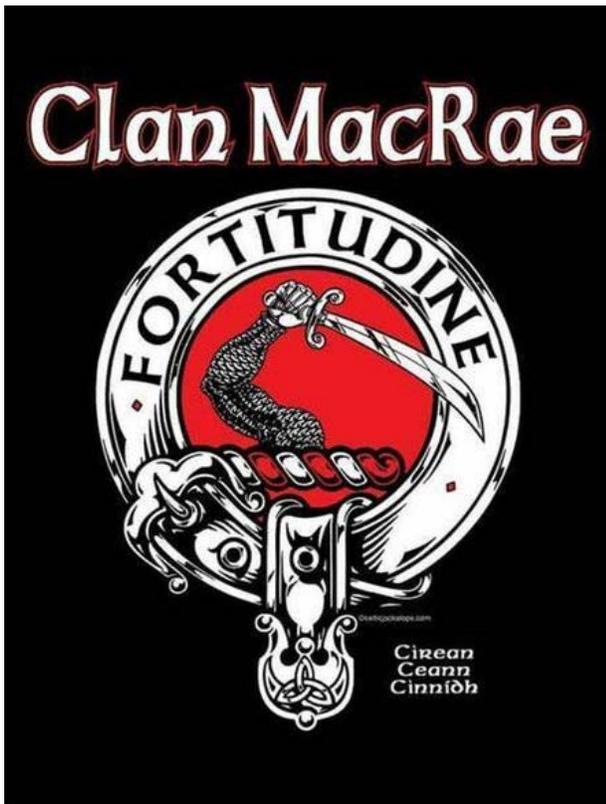
questions or if you want your ideas heard. Wishing all of you Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. Slainte!

~ Sarah Rae
2022 SSI President, Newsletter Editor



PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:

- Jessica Helmbold
- John and Mamarife Callendar
- Carla Koertge
- David McAfee
- Wendy Johnson
- Doug Keith



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

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

SSI 2022 Presidential Address from Sarah Rae

My Fellow Scots – Family, Friends, and
Guests:

The last couple of years have been changing times for the world we live in and that was true when it came to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis as an organization. We have gone through meetings online via Zoom and some events in person depending on the various circumstances. However, this year of 2022 gave us a clearing for the first time since the pandemic started. First, we returned to having in-person meetings after the first half the year was online virtually. It was wonderful seeing our members, guests and family return after being away for so long. With requirements changing every so often and finding ways to bring us all together again was difficult – but in the end we found a way. Huzzah! We had a variety of presentations and events this year to keep our society going. In January, we celebrated and had a good time learning about the history of Hogmanay with Dan and Jane Patton. February saw the society having a virtual whisky tasting with the assistance of Elite Beverages and Arnie Lewin – four distiller editions of whisky were sampled with chocolate. This organization returned to in-person meetings starting in March with Scottish country dancing with the Indy RSCD. The weather decided to cancel the April meeting, but spring was around the corner. May was all about Scottish dress with a great presentation by Carter Keith. We returned and learned more history of Skara Brae with the Hohmans in June. Music, history, and demonstration of The Sterling Code was given in July by SSI's poet laureate Samuel Lawson. We raised money and had a picnic with a silent auction for our summer celebration in August. We took a road trip back to Scotland with learning how to plan a grand trip with SSI Treasurer Emeritus Steven Johnson. A presentation of the Scottish Enlightenment was given by Mark Lawson. To round out the end of the year – we will have a holiday celebration with the return of the high demand buffet

with music by Celtic Rain. In between all the meetings, the SSI represented the organization well by participating the St. Patrick's Day parade, the Stand with Ukraine rally downtown, Indy Irish Fest and IUPUI International Festival. To say I have been blessed and honored to be one of a few women to hold the presidential role with this society is an understatement. I will admit this year contained some hard choices but with a wonderful Board of Trustees to support the decisions made this year, it made my role just a little easier. I would like to say some personal thank you to my board – Kathy Hohman and Paula Hardesty for working extremely hard behind the scenes to get this wonderful St. Andrew's Dinner set up, Dan Patton for calculating the numbers and making sure this society was moving in the right direction financially, Greg Bowers for his assistance on the IT items and stepping up to help get started with the return of the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival for 2023, Tom Wallace and Mark Lawson for their wonderful inputs behind the scenes and our "honorary board member" Vice President of Whisky Matt Douglass for helping me understand the ropes of the presidency and making sure I was comfortable with what needed to be done this year, along with goals that needed to be accomplished. As I move on from the president role, I believe the future of this organization will be in good hands for 2023 with the new president elect and their board of trustees. Here's to all my fellow Scots for all we have done, what we have and will later endure in life and here's to the wonderful organization that is the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. Thank you and God bless. Slainte!

Sarah Rae - 2022 SSI President
The Scottish Society of Indianapolis
The Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis

NOTICES FROM THE BOARD

****MEMBERSHIP
REVIEW -
UPDATE****



The board for 2022 has announced that we will be reinstating the renewal of the yearly dues for SSI memberships. We agreed that the time to come together in-person will be coming soon and this will be a driving focus to get all of us back together again. The renewal of the membership will also help keep this organization thriving with new interest and continuation. 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!

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

We have some new updates with our Scottish country dancing group. Please read all if interested in their news.

1) Indy Scottish Country Dancers are pleased to announce that Bernadette Land has joined our group. Bernadette has participated in our Monday night sessions off and on for the past few years. She is now permanently relocated to the Indianapolis area. Bernadette is a Certified Scottish Country Dance instructor. She completed her certification at St. Andrews in Scotland and has danced with the Little Rock Arkansas Scottish country dancers before joining us. As you know we dance for fun, but we also want to do our best when it comes to footwork and dance patterns. Welcome Bernadette! 2) Indy Scottish County Dances continue to meet most Mondays. We are still requiring full vaccinations, boosters and proof of vaccination to dance. If you would like more information or have any additional questions, please email Jane Patton at IndyRSCD@gmail.com.



**INTERESTED
IN HELPING
WITH 2023
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 chairman Greg Bowers (ogunquit@gmail.com) for more information. Meetings are currently being set up - **the next games meeting will be on December 17th at 10:30 AM at McCalister's Deli off of 96th and Meridian St.** If you would like to be on the email list in getting information about the games, please reach out to Greg. Thank you!



SSI SURVEY FOR THE ORGANIZATION

The board has release a Survey Monkey with questions that we would like you to give your opinions on. It will help us figure out plans and how to proceed with this organization in 2023. If you did not get an email about the survey, please reach out to Dan Patton at indyscot.treasurer@gmail.com.



NEW UPDATES - MEETING REQUIREMENTS **PLEASE READ**

In-person meetings are taking place now. The board has received several

suggestions and we have decided to implement new changes for the rest of the in-person meetings moving forward for the remainder of 2022.

- We will no longer be requiring proof of vaccination cards or marks. Feel free to wear a mask if you would like. If you as an individual are under the weather of any sort or are feeling or currently sick - we are requesting that you do not attend the meeting. Please stay at home and get better.
- The buffet is coming back! The board has unanimously voted that the food buffet will be coming back!. We will be having the buffet back in December for our holiday party. A meat dish is set and the board will be sending out the list of dishes members can bring in the next newsletter issue.
- There will be hand sanitizer available and there will be masks for sale if needed. They will be provided at the welcome table and the buffet table (coming in December).



NOVEMBER '22 EVENT RECAP: St. Andrew's Dinner

On November 12,
2022 - the Scottish

Society of Indianapolis had our annual St. Andrew's Dinner in downtown Indianapolis at the Murat Shiners. We had 50+ attendees join for the dinner. The attendees enjoyed the food - appetizers and dinner as a whole. At this event, we had six past/current SSI presidents who attended the dinner. There was music, speeches and wonderful conversation that happened during the evening. The board would like to thank all of the members and guests who joined us that evening. It was a great time and we are looking forward to planning another dinner for 2023, hoping for more attendees to join us for this traditional dinner.



Next Meeting - SSI
December Holiday
Celebration with Celtic Rain

If you are not attending the St. Andrew's Dinner this November - get ready to end the year right with the SSI. It will be nothing but fun times and holiday cheer as we celebrate the holidays with the amazing musical act of Celtic Rain. They always bring great music when they perform and from what we have been told, the full group will be ringing in the holiday as we have the last meeting of the year with music, conversation and good food with the buffet returning to the front line. Please come and join us to end 2022 with the SSI.

Meeting will be at the Latvian 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.

**If you are not attending the in-person meeting, but would like to watch the presentation or join the action - please click [here](#) or [here](#) for the Zoom meeting.

HOW TO JOIN AN ONLINE ZOOM MEETING - PLEASE READ ALL NOTED!

**Option 1: ZOOM ~ You do not have to a Zoom account to participate/attend a meeting. You will be prompted to download the software after you click on the meeting link. To fully participate, you will need a computer with a camera and a microphone. You can also join by using a smartphone app or calling in to the telephone number in the invitation. If you are needing more information about joining a meeting of any kind on Zoom, [click here](#) to check out detailed instructions.

**Option 2: SOCIAL MEDIA / FACEBOOK ~ The meeting will be live in broadcast on the new

Facebook group just for members of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. You can watch it while the meeting is going on or watch it after the meeting is over.

SSI 2022 MEETINGS - WHAT IS COMING UP?

Note: Subjects/Topics are subject to change.

- December 2022: Holiday Party with Celtic Rain

2023 EVENTS SO FAR (could be changed)

- January 2023 - Burns Night Lite with Readings
- February 2023 - Whisky Tastings with Elite Beverages
- March 2023 - Scottish Country Dancing with Indy RSCD
- April 2023 - Scots of the Titanic Part 2

We will advise if the meeting will be online or in-person each month - so the topic could change at the last minute. Thank you!

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