



Official Newsletter
End of Year - 2023
Edition

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Happy Holidays to all our SSI members, friends, family and fellow guests. The holidays are just around the corner and so are the cold temperatures. We hope you enjoy this time with the ones you love and the ones you hold dear in your hearts. 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.

We want to thank our 2023 Board of Trustees for the hard work and commitment they put into the Scottish Society of Indianapolis this year. We wish those who are leaving the board the best wishes and thank you for all you have done this year or in years prior. After an unanimous vote from the membership at the SSI St. Andrews Dinner in November - moving into 2024, we have a new board that will continue to work and get this society to another level with preserving Scottish history, culture and everything in between. Here is your SSI Board of Trustees for 2024:

President: Carter Keith
Trustees: Greg Bowers, Linda Cassady,
Armand Hayes, Samuel Lawson, Sarah
Rae, Risa Stockton

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:**

Nollaig shona dhuit!

Merry Christmas



MEETING DETAILS:

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 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.

you want your ideas heard. With the weather and seasons changing, please stay safe and healthy. Happy Holiday to all. Thank you! Slainte!

~ Sarah Rae
2023 Board of Trustee Member, Newsletter Editor



SSI Board of Trustees for 2024 (from L to R): Greg Bowers, Armand Hayes, Carter Keith, Sarah Rae, Linda Cassady, Samuel Lawson, Risa Stockton

**Next Meeting: Wednesday,
December 13th, 2023**

PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:

- No new members to mention in this edition.

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

****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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SOCIAL MEDIA:

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



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. Please be aware you will be reimbursed for payment on the meat dish. You can also email 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. One of them will be providing updated information for the monthly SSI newsletter. It has been a lot of fun. Thank you!

- Jane Patton



WHISKY BOTTLES NEEDED

Per request of SSI 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!



Recipients of the 2023 Presidential Award for dedication and contributions to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis (from L to R): Paula Hardesty, Rebecca Lawson, Tom Hohman, Kathy Hohman, Greg Bowers



MEETING RECAP - November 2023: SSI St. Andrews Dinner and Board Elections

In the month of November, there might not have been a monthly meeting for the society, but we celebrated an annual tradition we hold each year at this time. The SSI St. Andrews Dinner took place on Saturday, November 11th at the Fort Harrison State Park Inn. We had a large attendance of members and guests join us for a wonderful evening. We had great food and drinks, interesting conversations and various updates about what happened this year for the society. We elected our new SSI Board of Trustees for 2024. Our president Carter Keith presented awards to some of our membership for their service to the society.



NEXT MEETING/EVENT - December 2023 - SSI Holiday Party 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, December 13th.

This event will take place at the Latvian Community Center. Social hour begins at 6:00pm with announcements and dinner beginning after 7:00pm. Presentation will start at 8:00pm.



NEW PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES COMING SOON FOR 2024.

UNTIL THEN, THE SOCIETY WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SSI 2023 MEETINGS - WHAT IS COMING UP?

Note: Subjects/Topics are subject to change.

- December 2023 - SSI Holiday Gathering with Celtic Rain
- January 2024 - Presentation TBA

**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 2024 year next year, please reach out to the board members and we will discuss. Thank you!

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