

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello to everyone! It has been quiet on the front with the SSI this year. I don't believe anyone thought that 2020 would go in the direction it has been going, but the Board of Trustees would like to say we miss seeing all of your wonderful faces during our events and probably the feelings are mutual on the other spectrum. The SSI is strong in its members and also aiming to continue keeping everyone safe, healthy and sound during the hardships of the pandemic.

As many of you know, we have been cancelling in-person meetings as it is still not safe at this time to gather as a group. We will be testing the waters with a virtual meeting in the month of September and will possibly continuing with this new process moving forward for the rest of the year. If you have a cool 15-20 minute presentation that is worth presenting to the SSI that involves Scottish life and culture, please let us know.

The Board of Trustees is discussing elements of the memberships for SSI for 2020 and placing a grace period for the paid memberships into 2021. This idea will be brought up in the virtual meeting and even in the next newsletter. We want our members to feel good about being in our organization and the continuous support this society has in the state of Indiana. Thank you for all you do in the world. Stay safe and stay healthy. Keep the Scottish spirit alive - slainte! Stay tuned for updates as they come along.

~ Sarah Rae, 2020 SSI Trustee
Member/Presidential Assistant & Newsletter Editor

PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:

- We do not have any new members to announce at this time. If you have anyone that is interested in joining SSI or receiving a newsletter from the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, please sign up at our website and also our Facebook pages for more information. Thank you!

NOTICES FROM THE BOARD

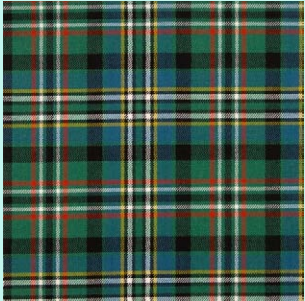
****2021 SSI BOARD ELECTIONS****
It has been a difficult



MEETING DETAILS: Due to the current pandemic of COVID-19, the SSI Board of Trustees advise that there will be NO IN-PERSON meetings and/or gatherings until further notice. Any updates will be announced in a timely manner through our newsletter as well as on social media. We want to keep our members safe and healthy until it is the right time to gather together once again. Thank you.
[Click Here to Check Out Website](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA:

For more articles, updates on events and more - Like and follow us on Facebook
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year and having a team behind the scenes to keep everything moving is something that we want to maintain. With that being said, we are looking for anyone interested in running or having an interest in being a member of the Board of Trustees for the SSI in 2021. At this time, we need some new blood to join our ranks. Also, our current treasurer Michael Kilgore has advised he will be stepping down from the position at the end of the year so we need someone good with numbers/figures to be the next treasurer. If you are interested in being involved behind the scenes of SSI and helping to continue making it a strong organization, please express your interest - your name will be sent over to our SSI Outreach board member Kathy Hohman.

UPCOMING EVENTS WITH SSI

Please keep in mind that due to the pandemic and the overall safety of all attendees, guests and members that we will not be having our Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival for 2020 in October. This announcement was made a few months ago. We are currently reviewing and making plans for setting the event for 2021. Many of you are also probably wondering about the St. Andrew's Dinner that takes place in November, along with announcing the nominees and/or candidates for the 2021 SSI Board of Trustees. At this time, this is a topic being discussed and will be reviewed in great detail with the Board of Trustees at our next monthly meeting. Keep in eye out for an announcement on that event later in September in the newsletter or on social media.



SEPTEMBER VIRTUAL MEETING

Since many of you are missing in seeing faces, the Board of Trustees will be hosting our 1st virtual meeting online via Zoom. This is a new platform we are trying and hope you can join us. For this meeting, SSI member Samuel Lawson will be speaking on the subject of Sir Walter Scott. It will be a great presentation and we hope you can tune in to watch. The meeting will be on September 9th, 2020 and this meeting online will begin at 8:00pm via Zoom or you are able to watch it on our new Facebook page - [click here](#) if you haven't joined the group yet. We would like you to participate also and let us know how you are all doing during this pandemic with being in quarantine, trying to remain safe. We want to know

that our members are good, bring some stories if you have any that you would possibly want to share. This will be a great time and new experience to delve into for the society.

HOW TO JOIN THE 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](#).

****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. [Click Here](#) to join the new Facebook group and/or watch the meeting from there.



NOTE: If you are interested in joining the meeting via Zoom on September 9th, 2020 - please respond in a reply email to the newsletter once received. Our newsletter editor/board member Sarah Rae and SSI Treasurer Emeritus Steven Johnson will add your name to the meeting list. You will receive an email with an invitation 24 hours before the Zoom meeting. Please note: You will not be allowed to share this link to others as we will be keeping record of how many members we have attending the meeting. If you have any questions about this, please let us know.

COMING SOON TO THE NEWSLETTER

Upcoming meeting topics for the 2020 season
More posts and updates are coming to the SSI Facebook Page