

Official Newsletter -
February 2023

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello to our members, friends and family of the SSI. The new year has just started and already some wonderful things are happening behind the scenes. We are planning out the meeting topics for the year along with getting volunteer opportunities underway for some events. The new board is working hard behind the scenes and all the support from our new members, guests and others in the organization is truly noted. We are moving forward in a positive direction and hoping to see the trend move up for 2023. There are no new additional news to be mentioned - the month of January is about over and we move onto the month of February.

At this time, do not hesitate to reach out to our board if you have any questions or if you want your ideas heard. Thank you! Slainte!

~ Sarah Rae
2023 Board of Trustee Member, Newsletter Editor

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



Learn How to Speak Scottish Gaelic:

Bliadhna Mhath Ùr

Happy New Year



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 --- Salad
H-M --- Dessert
N-Z --- Veggie/Casserole

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

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SOCIAL MEDIA:

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. Also, we are looking for individuals to walk with the society during the St. Patrick's Day parade in March. 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****

The Indy RSCD are going strong into 2023. The group is still meeting almost every Monday during the month - unless noted otherwise. We are working on obtaining new information and updates from this amazing group at this time. if you are interested in being a part of the email list or have any questions, please send your interest to Jane Patton at IndyRSCD@gmail.com.

For more articles, updates on events and more - Like and follow us on Facebook
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**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 chairman Greg Bowers (ogunquit@gmail.com) for more information. Meetings are currently being set up - **the next games meeting will be coming in February - updates will be posted on our SSI Facebook page along with an email blast coming soon. The meetings will take place 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. Thanks!



ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE 2023 INDIANAPOLIS SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL

Time to get excited! The SSI Board of Trustees along with the Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis are happy to announce that the 2023 Indianapolis Highland Scottish Games & Festival will be officially back this year. The event will be taking place on September 30th - this time at a new venue. Thanks to the hard work of our games chairs Greg Bowers and Rebecca Lawson - the location will be at the Marion County Fairgrounds. The board made the unanimous vote on this matter after being presented the hard work, research and the number of volunteers / volunteer groups already in place. More details and information will be coming later.



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.

- 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 in any way, are feeling or currently sick and/or if you are showing to be positive for the current virus or respiratory illnesses that are flying around at this time, we also ask you to not attend the meetings to avoid further exposure to other members or guests. Please stay at home and get better.
- The buffet is back! The board has unanimously voted that the food buffet will be coming back! A meat dish will be set each month 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.



Meeting Recap - Burns Night Lite with Readings

The month of January 2023 started off in honoring Scotland beloved poet and writer Robert Burns.

We had a great buffet and then talked about Burns' history with the Toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns. We wrapped the evening up having a few poetry readings from some of our members - including the tale of the "Tam o' Shanter". It is called a Burns Night Lite for this reason and it was a good evening regardless.

The board would like to thank Steven Johnson for the Immortal Memory speech - it was beautifully spoken. The board would like to thank our Burns readers of the evening: Mark Lawson, Carson Smith and Samuel Lawson. It was a wonderful evening to honor and celebrate the life of Robert Burns. Thank

you to all who joined us that evening.



NEXT MEETING: February 2023 - Whisky Tastings & Chocolate with Elite Beverages

This is a tradition for the Scottish Society of Indianapolis each February during the year. The last couple of years for the whisky tastings have been virtually. This time, we are back in person to delight in some delicious whisky samplings. With the assistance of SSI VP of Whisky Matt Douglass, we welcome back Arnie Lewin from Elite Beverages to present six different whisky selections to our society and to enjoy in tasting them. We will also have chocolate to enjoy as well if inclined.

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.

SSI 2023 MEETINGS - WHAT IS COMING UP?

Note: Subjects/Topics are subject to change.

- February 2023 - Whisky Tasting with Elite Beverages/Arnie Lewin
- March 2023 - Scottish Country Dancing with Indy RSCD
- April 2023 - Scots of the Titanic Part 2 with Debbie Lyle Owens
- May 2023 - To Be Determined/Announced

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!