

Official Newsletter -
January 2022

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Happy 2022 to all of our SSI members, family, friends and associates. This year is looking to a positive one with great change and an outlook of opportunities ahead. We are thankful to all of you who continue to support this society. The board is working on all for 2022 and trying to make things come to fruition.

Please familiarize yourself with the SSI Board of Trustees for 2022: Sarah Rae (president/newsletter editor), Dan Patton (trustee/treasurer), Paula Hardesty (trustee/secretary), Kathy Hohman (trustee/outreach/election chair), Greg Bowers (trustee/IT assistance), Mark Lawson (trustee) and Tom Wallace (trustee). Our 2021 SSI president Matt Douglass will be assisting Sarah while transitioning into the presidential role for next year - he is also our Vice President of Whisky.

At this time, the board has a sound plan with meetings for next year. The board will make the decision each month if we will have in-person meetings that month or if we will have our remote Zoom meetings like before. The announcements will be made on our social media sites and here on the newsletter. We will continue to move in a direction we believe will be beneficial to all of our membership as health and safety are our top priority in keeping all in good spirits.

Thank you for the support and staying with this organization during these hard times. Stay healthy, stay safe. Slainte!

~ Sarah Rae
2022 SSI President, Newsletter Editor

Learn How to Speak Scottish Gaelic:

bliadhna mhath ur

Happy New Year



MEETING DETAILS: With the in-flux of cases and changes with the COVID-19 pandemic, the February 2022 meeting will be a VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING. Please review information on the newsletter in how to join the meeting online. The monthly meetings take place every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

All updates in regards to monthly meetings will be announced each month in the newsletter and on our social media sites.

[Click Here to Check Out Website](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA:

For more articles, updates on events and more - Like and follow us on Facebook

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

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

PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:

- No new members this month

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 once we meet in person (keep an eye out through the social media, newsletter and email blasts on this matter).



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

Get ready because the Indy RSCD are back having their Scottish Country dancing sessions. The sessions have been happening on most Monday evenings since August 2021 at the Latvian Center. All levels of dancers are welcome. All dances are walked and practiced before music is added. Per request of their leadership and fellow dancers, they are requesting that all dancers who attend must be fully vaccinated and must have their vaccination card for proof. There will be hand sanitizer available for all attendees. If you are sick or possibly under the weather, please do not come and stay at home. Masks are optional if you wish to wear them but they are not required. If you would like more information, please email the group at IndyRSCD@gmail.com.

****SEEKING TREASURER IN-TRAINING****

We have had some changes with some plans regarding the SSI Board of Trustees. Dan Patton - our current treasurer - and his wife will not be moving to the east coast as originally planned at this time. However, Dan would like to train someone to be a treasurer possible in the next term for 2023 or even as

a secondary. Anyone who is interested in learning about this position or even wanting to experience the tasks done as Treasurer, please reach out to the board or Dan Patton directly (indyscot.treasurer@gmail.com) as we would like to have a backup on the board.



2022 IN-PERSON MEETINGS - REQUIREMENTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

To all who have been waiting patiently for our organization to gather again - we are happy to announce that we will be resuming in-person meetings will start again sometime in 2022. The meetings will depend on the board's decision and we will be watching all updates in the media, statistics as a whole in making those decisions. The board has made some requirements and set regulations we will expect moving forward until we believe it will be safe to resume as normal.

- The board will need to see proof of your vaccination card when you come to the meetings (this can be the physical card or a photo of the card). We will be checking for them at the door before you enter. Signs advising this will be at the door before you are checked in.
- All members, guests and/or any attendee must wear a mask during the entire meeting - no exceptions unless you are eating or drinking.
- The meetings will be a "bring your own food/drink" situation. No food or drink is to be shared, unless you feel comfortable sharing with the people you sit with at the table. That will be at

your discretion.

- There will be hand sanitizer and additional masks for everyone if needed. They will be provided at the tables and at the welcome table.
- If you as an individual are under the weather of any sort or feeling/currently sick - we are requesting that you do not attend the meeting. Please stay at home and get better.

Note: As of January 2022, the Board of Trustees have unanimous confirmed that we will not be allowing any type of exemptions (medical or religious). Vaccination cards must be presented or we will ask you to leave and not attend the meeting.

If you are not able to abide by these new updates or requests, please be aware the board may deny you entry to the meetings. Our main priority is making sure everyone who attends the meetings/events are healthy and safe moving forward. Progress is being made but it is not the time to bring guards down. If you have any additional suggestions, please reach out to the board and let us know. Again, in-person meetings are important to continue with our organization but we want to be smart about how to proceed at this time. Thank you.



JANUARY '22 VIRTUAL MEETING RECAP - History of Hogmanay

Hogmanay and its
festivities

surrounding the holiday are well known in Scotland but some do not know the extent of how loved this holiday is. SSI members Dan and Jane Patton talked about this event with all the flare, style and entertainment that goes on. Having been to Scotland during this holiday, they discussed everything from the history, the traditions and even the parties that go on over the various days. Let's just say it is never boring. It made everyone who participated in the meeting is wanting to go

to Scotland or even go back to experience this for themselves. And there were some hilarious moments in between with pictures and allegories.

The Board would like to thank Dan and Jane Patton for a fun presentation on Hogmanay. We hope that all have or had a great new year and that 2022 is a good one.



Next Meeting - FEBRUARY '22 VIRTUAL MEETING

This month is always a tradition. It was a big hit last year so we are doing it once again. With the assistance of Matthew Douglass, our SSI Vice President of Whisky and Arnie Lewin of Elite Beverages - we will be having a virtual whisky tasting from a selection of whiskeys along with chocolates to enjoy.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

THIS NOTICE WILL BE SENT OUT IN A SEPARATE EMAIL AS WELL We will be maxing this tasting to 20 people. There will be four whiskeys being sampled along with two types of chocolate to enjoy. If you wish to participate, we will need your name - home address - a good phone number for contact. Our SSI board will be delivering the tasting package to your homes and they will be dropped off on your porch so no contact is made. If you want to join in the tasting, please respond to the SSI President Sarah Rae (indyscot@gmail.com OR twilightgirl@att.net) and SSI VP of Whiskey Matthew Douglass (mattdoug@gmail.com) if you want to participate. Please make sure you give all

the necessary items if you want to be on the tasting list. **Please respond no later than Friday, February 4th. We will be delivering the tasting packages that weekend.**

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 9th at 7:30pm for social hour and the presentation will be promptly at 8:00pm. 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.



NOTE: ALL CURRENT MEMBERS in the SSI that have a membership, you will receive a link for the upcoming meeting. The link will be in an email with the invitation that will sent 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. If you are not a current member or would like to invite a guest to join, please reply to the email with the newsletter so the link can be forwarded to you directly. Thank you.

SSI 2022 MEETINGS - WHAT IS COMING UP?

Note: Subjects/Topics are subject to change.

- February 2022: **Virtual** Whisky Tasting with Arnie Lewin
- March 2022: **If in-person:** Scottish Country Dancing with the Indianapolis RSCD / **If virtual:** A fun history of Scottish Country Dance from Dan & Jane Patton
- April 2022: History of the Titanic Scots - Part 2 from Debbie Lyle Owens
- May 2022: Scottish Dress with Carter Keith
- August 2022: SSI Summer Celebration Picnic

We are looking for topics or presentations to flush out the 2022 year - looking for presenters for the months of June, July, September thru December. If you are interested in giving a presentation for the society, please notify a board member so the topic can be discussed. 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!