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Happy New Year

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello to our members, friends and family of the SSI. Wishing all of you a happy new year! We are now in the year of 2023. The new board of trustees have been working hard behind the scenes to get things set up for the year - those items include monthly meetings, prepping for the return of the Indianapolis Scottish Games & Festival. Please make sure to check out our social media and the newsletter for all updates and information that pertain to this organization for new things and changes that will be coming this year.

At this time, I would like to present to you all your 2023 SSI Board of Trustees, along with your 2023 Games Chairs for the event that is working to be set up later this year. Please familiarize yourself with these members that will work to make this year a good one for SSI.

President: Carter Keith

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

Games Chairs: Greg Bowers, Rebecca Lawson

It was a wonderful 2022 and we are looking forward to what will come in this year of 2023. 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:



MEETING DETAILS: Keep in mind the monthly meetings moving forward will be the return of the BUFFET. The meat dish for the month of January is set. 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 services per attending family member:

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

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. Meetings start at 7:00pm and then the presentation will begin at 8:00pm.

- Jessica Helmbold
- John & Marife Callender
- Carla Koertge

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 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****

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

**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.

[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>

of vaccination to dance. The group meets almost every Monday of the month - unless cancellations are announced. If you would like more information, would like to be a part of the emails 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 January 21st 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 or would like to express your opinions for the future of the organization, 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 in any way, are feeling or currently sick 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 (coming in December).

Meeting
Recap - SSI
December



Holiday Celebration with Celtic Rain

The last month of the year 2022 ended with a celebration. It was nothing but fun times and holiday cheer as we celebrated the holidays with the amazing musical act of Celtic Rain. They always bring great music when they perform and the atmosphere was just holiday fun. We had the return of the buffet with food and desserts - we even brought out some of the good whisky for purchase. The night as a whole was a great time and it was a perfect way to end the year.

The board would like to thank Celtic Rain for coming in to perform a musical set for the society - it really put everyone in the holiday mood. Thank you to all of our members and guests who joined us that evening - it was a great time.



NEXT MEETING: January 2023 - Burns Dinner Lite with Burns Readings

To start the 2023 year, the Scottish Society of Indianapolis will be having our traditional Burns Dinner - Lite edition. This one is different from the one that is downtown at the Scottish Rite - we are not associated with that organization's event. We will have food and toasts in honor of the Scottish poet Robert Burns. There will even be some readings of some of Burn's

infamous works during the night.

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 2023 MEETINGS - WHAT IS COMING UP?

Note: Subjects/Topics are subject to change.

- January 2023 - Burns Night Lite with Readings by Samuel Lawson
- 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

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!