

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year to all our SSI members, friends, family and fellow guests. We hoped you enjoyed your time with family, friends and loved ones.

The board has been working hard behind the scenes and updates are being made for 2024. Here is what we are working on:

**We are working hard behind the scenes to update the main society website - we are hoping to have the updates done by the end of the month.

**The games committee for the Indianapolis Highland Games & Festival is already under way and are getting plans set for the event later this fall. More details and information will be provided with upcoming meetings

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. **Per review of the board, all membership dues for the year 2024 will be due on January 31th, 2024. You can pay for the fees in person at the next monthly meeting or online via SSI website.

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. 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:

Learn How to Speak Scottish Gaelic:

Bliadhna Mhath Ùr

Happy New Year



MEETING DETAILS:

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

Meat Dish: TBA

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.

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

~ Sarah Rae
2024 Board of Trustee Member, Newsletter
Editor

**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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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: January, January
10th, 2023**

PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:

- Marianne Jordan
- Paul Cloyd
- Thomas & Theresa Nihiser
- Sarah & Kelly Crosse
- Rodney Hammons

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. Keep in mind that membership dues for 2024 will be due in full on January 31st. 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. 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 and information 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! We give best wishes to Dan and Jane Patton - for those who may not know, they will be moving to the east coast to be closer to family. We are excited for them and we wish them the best in their next chapter.

Moving forward with this organization, Barry Levitt will now be managing the group. He will co-manage the group moving forward along with Bernadette Lange (a certified Scottish country dance instructor), James & Heidi Horton, and subject matter expert Sue Gaebler.

If you are interested in joining the group or even coming to a dance session - you can reach the organization in these two ways - one is email: IndyRSCD@gmail.com or the other is by phone #317-426-1656. The group meets Monday evenings during the month - they start at 7:00pm and like to finish up around 8:30pm.

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UPDATES



If you are interested in being a part of the games committee or wanting to give your ideas of how we should shape the event this fall, the next meeting will be taking place on Saturday, January 20th at 10:00 AM. The location will be at McCallister's off of 96th and Meridian St.



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 - December 2023: SSI Holiday Party with Celtic Rain

The month of December was about celebrating the holidays and spending it with the ones we love and care about. The SSI had our annual holiday party gathering last month and it was a pleasant event. We had

good food, drinks and conversations. We were also entertained by our local band Celtic Rain - who performed a great set of songs and included holiday songs as well. The board would like to thank all of those who came to attend this holiday gathering and to Celtic Rain for providing the live music - it was a wonderful evening and a great way to end the 2023 year.



NEXT MEETING/EVENT - January 2024 - Burns Dinner Lite

Time to start off the new year right. In tradition of the month of January, the SSI will celebrate the life and immortal memory of the Scottish writer and poet Robert Burns. We will discuss some history of this Scottish figure, have some toasts and also some readings from his works. We might even have a haggis too. This meeting is set to take place on Wednesday, January 10th.

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.

SSI 2023 MEETINGS - WHAT IS COMING UP?

Note: Subjects/Topics are subject to change.

- January 10th, 2024 - Burns Dinner Lite with SSI
- ** January 26th, 2024 - Indianapolis Scottish Rite: Robert Burns Dinner at 6:30pm (please check their website for more information as this is a paid/ticketed event)
- February 14th, 2024 - Whisky Tasting with Elite Beverages
- March 13th, 2024 - Demonstrations and Dancing with the Indy RSCD

**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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