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Summer Solstice

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello to our members, friends and family of the SSI. We are close to halfway through the year of 2023. We have been busy with our society with lining up new presentations, working on the games/festival this year and much more. The society is continuing to monitor and to make sure our membership grows, so please ensure that you pay for your membership dues - they do not roll over each year. You can pay for the dues online via the SSI website, through mailing your check/form to the organization mailbox or in person at the monthly meetings.

The games committee for this year's games and festival are continuing their work behind the scenes with sponsorships and the layouts of the event as a whole. We are pleased to announce the website for the 2023 Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival is up and running - along with tickets now on sale. Please check out the website here along with links to volunteer if interested along with ticketing information on coming to the event: <https://indyscotgamesandfest.com/>.

It has been confirmed that SSI is looking for a new treasurer for the 2024 year. Dan Patton who has been our treasurer the last couple of years announces he will be stepping down after this year. The treasurer position is important to our society - this position is responsible for reports, deposits, membership and several other items. We need a backup for this role along with a few other officer positions in the board of trustees at this time. If you are interested or have an interest in being treasurer or want more details about this or other officer positions in the board, please let us know



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

Appetizer Table: Armand Hayes
Meat Dish: Risa Stockton

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

via email.

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
2023 Board of Trustee Member, Newsletter Editor

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

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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>

**Next Meeting: Wednesday July 12th,
2023**

PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:

- AJ Mildenberg

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. 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.

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****

Come join us for our July Free Dance Month. We dance most Monday evenings at the Latvian Community Center. We start at 7:00pm and wrap up around 8:30pm so there's still time to enjoy summer sunsets. Please email IndyRSCD@gmail.com for more information. Thank you. - Jane Patton



INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH 2023

INDIANAPOLIS SCOTTISH HIGHLAND 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 co-chair representatives Greg Bowers (ogunquit@gmail.com) or Rebecca Lawson (vessel7productions@gmail.com) for more information. Meetings are currently being set up and will take place monthly unless noted otherwise - **the next games meeting will be coming up on a Saturday later in July - information will be provided in another email blast and also on the social media sites.** If you would like to be on the email list in getting information about the games, please reach out to Greg or Rebecca. Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENT



SPONSORS NEEDED FOR 2023

INDIANAPOLIS SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL

Every major event or festival cannot be done without the backing of the organization, especially without the help of sponsors. We are looking for donations, companies and organizations to help be a sponsor at the 2023 Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival. There are a variety of tiers of how you can be a sponsor at the games. If you are interested in donating and/or becoming a sponsor for this event, please reach out to the following representatives: Wendy Johnson (wjohnson2000@comcast.net), Greg Bowers (ogunquit@gmail.com) or Rebecca Lawson (vessel7productions@gmail.com). They will provide a form that will be need to be completed and turned in.



**UPCOMING EVENTS AND
FESTIVALS IN INDIANA /**

SURROUNDING STATES

Kilt Nights with SSI

***Next date for Kilt Night will be on July 22nd at Primeval Brewing in Noblesville, IN from 7-10pm. Volunteers are needed for these events, please arrive at 6:30pm. Please wear Scottish attire if possible.

August 4-5 - St. Andrews Society of Scotland Highland Games

August 14-15 - Evansville Highland Games

August 31 - Cultural Diversity Fair at Indiana War Memorial - event is being promoted by the National Guard.

**Volunteers are needed for this event - need to hand out brochures and promoting the upcoming games/festival.

October 7-8 - Feast of the Hunters Moon

Note: The Indy Irish Fest has been CANCELLED this year. This was confirmed and announced by the organization.



MEETING RECAP - June 2023 - Celtic Motion

For the month of June, the SSI welcomed for the first time the dance troupe Celtic Motion. Celtic Motion Irish Dance Ensemble is an Indianapolis-based not-for-profit organization of adults dedicated to the enjoyment, perfection, and performance of traditional Irish step dancing with a progressive flair. The group performed various Irish dances during the evening. The group even allow some participation from those who attended to do some ceildh style dances.

The board would like to thank Celtic Motion for joining us for a wonderful presentation of various dances to entertain the audience for the evening. If you are interesting in supporting this organization or becoming a member, please check out their website at <https://www.celticmotion.org/>.



NEXT MONTHLY MEETING - JULY 2023 - History of the Ulster

Scots

Coming next month, we will be discussing an ethnic group of people. These individuals descend largely from Scottish and northern English settlers who settled in the north of Ireland in the 17th century. One of our SSI Board Members, Armand Hayes will be discussing some history of the Ulster Scots. This meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 12th, 2023.

Meetings take place at the Latvian Community 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.



COMING IN AUGUST 2023 - SSI Summer Celebration

On Saturday, August 12 - the SSI will be having our annual Summer Celebration at the Latvian Community Center. We will have a picnic along with a silent auction. For the silent auction, we are looking for donations, baskets and/or items that are Scottish themed. Money raised from the auction will go towards the Scottish Highland Games/Festival taking place in September. More details and information will be released in the next newsletter.

SSI 2023 MEETINGS - WHAT IS COMING UP?

Note: Subjects/Topics are subject to change.

- July 2023 - History of Ulster Scots with Armand Hayes

- August 12th 2023 - SSI Summer Celebration with Picnic/Silent Auction (this event is on a Saturday)
- September 2023 - Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival on Saturday, September 30th (presentation may not occur, TBD at this time)
- October 2023 - A Presentation from SSI Historian Carson Smith
- November 2023 - SSI St. Andrews Dinner at Ft. Harrison State Park Inn
- December 2023 - SSI Holiday Gathering with Celtic Rain

**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 2023 year, please reach out to the board members and we will discuss. Thank you!

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