

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everyone! The middle of the year is around the corner and we have been working hard with the society in getting back to the regular normal. We are back with in-person meetings and we started off well with the return of seeing our organization back together after such a long period of time. We are happy to announce that we will be lifting the mask mandate so we can see an increase of attendance. Please check out the in-person meeting updates as there are a few more updates that the board has decided on.

Please be aware that the 2022 Indianapolis Scottish Games & Festival are cancelled for 2022. Please check the official announcement in the newsletter. Mark your calendars as the SSI Summer Picnic is coming on August 20, 2022 - we will have a silent auction. The board has agreed that the the funds raised at the silent auction would possibly be applied towards the 2023 SSI Festival and Games. If you are interested in donating a basket or even something to the silent auction, please reach out to Kathy Hohman. Please remember to pay for your membership renewals as they are due this year.

We are looking for anyone who is interested in giving a presentation this year for our monthly meetings. The topics can range from travel logs to Scotland, history of the Scottish culture, Scottish arts, etc. Something new and diverse is always welcomed here. Please reach out to a board member if you want to express your interest with a topic.

Reach out to our board if you have any



MEETING DETAILS: After careful review and unanimous vote by the board, the JUNE 2022 meeting will be the first IN-PERSON MEETING. We will ask if you are a member to please do the donation of \$5.00 and guests will be \$7.00. If you need to wear a mask and would like to purchase one - we will have masks for sale for \$1.00. Any guests coming must be aware of the requirements set for in-person meetings - please make sure it is passed along if you wish to have someone attend. If it is your first time coming to one of our meetings, no fee is owed.

Keep in mind there is NO BUFFET STYLE EATING until further notice. If you are bringing food, please ensure it is for you or if you want to share items with your table mates only.

We are working on the technology in case you are not able to attend or do not feel comfortable still of going to larger functions. We will have a Zoom link available. Keep an eye out for a email blast on this update.

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.

questions or if you want your ideas heard. 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

PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:

- No new members this month

UPCOMING EVENTS TO KEEP IN MIND

- International Festival will take place October 14-16, 2022 at the State Fairgrounds. Setup date would be October 13, 2022. We will need volunteers to assist with the SSI Booth. More details to come.
- SSI St. Andrews Dinner will take place on Saturday, November 12, 2022 at Murat Shriners in downtown Indianapolis. More details to come.

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 at our in-person meetings. Please make sure you pay your dues!

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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.

****OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
ABOUT 2022 SCOTTISH
HIGHLAND GAMES &
FESTIVAL****

This is an announcement in regards to the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival. After a long discussion and review by the SSI Board of Trustees and our current Games/Festival committee heads - it has been decided that the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival will not take place again this year. This was a difficult decision to make but it was for the best for the society that we hold off another year for this event. The decision was based on a lack of a suitable or confirmed location, volunteers had diminished, committee managers are needed along with training that needs to be provided. At this time, we are looking at a smaller even for 2023. If anyone is interesting in volunteering, heading up a committee or wanting to put your thoughts

to this event, please reach out to SSI board member and games chairman Greg Bowers for more information.



**IMPORTANT:
REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-
PERSON MEETINGS
UPDATE**

In-person meetings are taking place now. 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. NEW: If you have checked in before, you do not have to bring your vaccination card again - we will have a list of returning members/guests marked so you will be able to just come in.
- NEW: We will be lifting the mask mandate for all those who want to attend our in-person meetings. If you wish to wear a mask to feel comfortable and safe, that is absolutely fine.
- 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 no buffet style eating at any of the meetings

until further notice.

- There will be hand sanitizer and masks for sale 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 are 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 unanimously voted and have confirmed that we will not be allowing any type of exemptions (medical or religious). Vaccination cards must be presented for your first check-in at the meetings or we will ask you to leave.

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 continuous priority is to keep everyone safe and healthy. If you have any questions about this, please reach out to the board.



MAY '22 IN- PERSON MEETING RECAP: Scottish Dress for Men and Women

The Scottish attire for men and women has always been something that is refined and great to see. But,

what is the proper way to wear say a kilt or even a sash for a woman. Our former SSI president Carter Keith gave a presentation about Scottish dress for both men and women. Even a few of our members helped out in showing their Scottish attire for a demonstration. It was an intimate meeting but we learned a lot.

The board would like to thank Carter Keith for a great, detailed presentation. It was wonderful to see the proper dress code for both men and women in Scottish garb.



Next Meeting - JUNE '22 IN-PERSON MEETING: Return to Skara Brae (Orkney Islands)

This historical location is said to have been discovered in 1850 CE when an enormous storm struck Orkney and dispersed the sand and soil which had buried the site. But there is much more to this Scottish location and it will be revisited once again by those who have traveled to this site before. Our SSI board member Kathy Hohman and her husband Tom will be presenting a revised presentation of Skara Brae or the Orkney Islands.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 8th at 7:00pm for social hour/announcements and the presentation will begin promptly at 8:00pm or sooner. **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.



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.

- June 2022: A Revised Return to Skara Brae with Tom & Kathy Holman
- July 2022: *To Be Determined*
- August 2022: SSI Summer Celebration Picnic on August 20th
- September 2022: *To Be Determined*
- October 2022: *To Be Determined*
- November 2022: St. Andrews Dinner (more to come and announce)

We are looking for topics or presentations to flush out the 2022 year - looking for presenters for the months of 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!