

Monthly Newsletter -
November 2019
End of Year Edition

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello to one and all. We are a few weeks away from the holidays to be celebrated and then we will be welcoming the new year of 2020. Time sure has gone by so fast. First of all, I would like to say a special thank you to all of those members, friends and guests who have joined our little society and the praises for the newsletter. The board wanted to make this something wonderful for all to enjoy and it has been just an honor to present this to each and everyone of you. This will be the FINAL NEWSLETTER of the 2019 season. We will continue this into next year with the new board of trustees as the newsletter has gotten great results here in our group and even internationally like in New Zealand - I am serious on this one and the Board was shocked to hear this. This year in itself has been a success and it is from everyone who attended our meetings, those who volunteered at various events, individuals who served on the games committee, etc. The events and the next chapter for the 2020 season are shaping up nicely - more changes are coming to you soon and even some planning for our games/festival. Meetings for the new year have been set, even possible upgrades to some events. This year has been wonderful, so let's finish off this month on a high note. From all of us to you - we wish you a Merry Christmas - Happy Hanukkah - Happy Kwanzaa - and most of all a Happy New Year. Slante! ~ Sarah Rae, 2019 SSI Trustee Member & Newsletter Editor

PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:

- Chuck & Barbara Stevenson

Learn How to Speak Scottish Gaelic:

*Nollaig Chridheil agus
Bliadhna Mhath Ùr*

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year



MEETING DETAILS: The SSI meet the second Wednesday of most months at the Indianapolis Latvian Community Center 1008 W. 64th St. Indianapolis, IN 46260. Please be sure to bring our own plates, flatware and beverages. We request the following donations for the dinner - \$5.00 members; 1st time guests attending are free, then returning guests are \$7.00. A board selection of excellent single-malt Scotch whisky is available for \$4.00 a shot. Special events will be announced and maybe at other venues.

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MEETING AGENDA:

6:30pm Social Time

7:00pm Announcements and Pitch-In Dinner

8:00pm Program

DISH SCHEDULE THIS MONTH:

A-f Salads

G-McC: Desserts

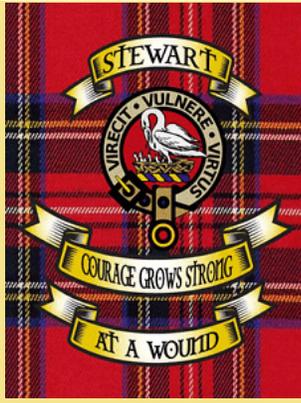
McD-Z: Veggie / Casserole

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**A CLOSING
SPEECH FROM
OUR
DEPARTING SSI
PRESIDENT:
ROBIN JARRETT**

Fellow Scots:

I wish to
congratulate the
Scottish Society of

Indianapolis, or maybe a better phrasing "the little Society that could" on achieving its goal of funding an endowment for Gaelic studies at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). In doing so, and with our matching funds provided by Indiana University Foundation, our little Society will be able to provide scholarship up to \$4500 dollars per year forever. What an amazing accomplishment, and I for one, could not be prouder of this achievement. There are so many to recognize in this endeavor: PE MacAllister and family as our primary sponsor for ten years and counting; Liz Goodfellow for helping organize our thoughts and executing our goal, the MacMath family for allowing us to use their family name; Lise and Deneice for successfully manning the helm of the festival for the last six years; Steven, Elizabeth, Andy and Mary who believed in the idea from the beginning; and lastly to the Society and all its members for making the Scottish Foundation MacMath Scholarship a reality. Huzzah!!

I offer congratulations to Lady Elizabeth Hedges on receiving 2019's Thomas H. "Tommy" Thompson Award for Excellence - well deserved Elizabeth! Congratulations are in order to Steven Johnson who was granted the title "Treasurer Emeritus" for his years of superb service to the Society.

Congratulations again to Elizabeth Hedges as the Board of Trustees bestowed the title "Secretary Emeritus" for her years of most excellent service and as the longest serving secretary to the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. Huzzah!

It has been a great honor to serve these last six years as your president. I've many memories that I will cherish. I've met many people including the Latvian Ambassador to the United States and Lord Mayor of

Indianapolis. I've attended many events: Grandfather Mountain, The 500 Festival Parade and as The Emcee of the Scottish Society of Louisville's Burns Celebration. Thank you all for your love and support over the past six years and the opportunity to serve as President of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. Huzzah!

Lastly, I offer congratulations to president elect Matthew Douglass, and the new board of trustees, and the best of luck to our new chairman of the games, James Tobia, as we move into a new and promising chapter.

I remain yours in service, Aye!
Robin

SSI NOTICES THIS MONTH

Board of Trustees:
The 2019 Board of Trustees would like to say a special thank you to our departing members: President



Robin Jarrett, Secretary Elizabeth Hedges and Treasurer Steven Johnson for all their hard work and leadership in the society for the last six years. It will be a hard transition without the three of you, but the returning members and new members of the board will work hard to continue the legacy you placed in this board, along with this organization. We would also like to bestow the gift of honorary emeritus to two of our departing members of the board - Lady Elizabeth Hedges "Secretary Emeritus" and Sir Steven Johnson "Treasurer Emeritus". Both of these members have served on the board for six years and it is only fitting that they receive this honor for the service on the board with SSI along with everything they have done with this amazing society. Thank you Elizabeth and Steven!

General Information:

- At our next meeting, the Board of Trustees will have some lapel pins that will be available for purchase for a donation of \$3.00.
- The IUPUI Festival will be taking place in February. We will need volunteers to assist with our booth at the festival. More details on this to come!



December Meeting - A Holiday Concert with Celtic Rain

Please note the change for this meeting: Originally, the SSI was going to host guest Darryl Frazier and we would hear the history of Crown Hill. However, due to unseen circumstances we are not able to have this guest at our event for this month's meeting. Instead, we will have another presentation that the board will get everyone into the spirits this month.

The holidays are meant to be shared with guests and people we consider our family. For many years, we have had music and entertainment for our last month for the SSI year. The music group Celtic Rain will be performing some classical holiday songs and maybe some of their repertoire to entertain the members and guests this upcoming meeting.

The meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, December 11th, 2019 at the Lativan Center. Please check out the Facebook page for more updates and a reminder of the meeting closer to the event. We look forward to seeing you there.



NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP: St. Andrew's Dinner 2019

The annual St. Andrew's Day dinner took place at the Ft. Harrison State Park Inn in Lawrence, IN and it was one that will be noted in the society's

books. There were many laughs, conversations, changes to be noted and those that will always be remembered. Our hostess of ceremonies, Kristy Stewart, put together a wonderful program. Kind words were spoken and there were some tears in the house. We were treated to beautiful music and some chants from our representative clans. Here are some main highlights from the meeting/event:

The 2019 Scottish Highland Festival and Games was a big success. The 10th year was the best year ever! James Tobia will be taking over as games chairman for next year, but Lise Douglass and Deneise Jarrett will assist in guiding our new chairman into the new chapter with the games/festival for 2020. Yes, we do have a date set for next year's event - mark on the calendar 10/10/2020.

We are averaging about 50 guests per each meeting / event each month. That is a great number, perhaps even a record.

We managed to hit our goal for funding an endowment for the scholarship and a check was presented to Liz Goodfellow and representatives from IUPUI / Indiana University.

SSI Board of Trustees for 2020

- Matthew Douglass: President
- Sarah Rae: Presidential Assistant / Newsletter Editor
- Karen Couch: Secretary
- Michael Kilgore: Treasurer
- Tom Wallace
- Kathy Holman
- Robert McKim
- James Tobia: Games Chairman

Order of the Unicorn Inductees

- Daniel Day
- Paula Jarrett

Tommy Thompson Award

- Elizabeth Hedges

Thank you to all who attended this event and had a great time. Congratulations to the new members of the board and the honorees that were bestowed awards this night. This dinner is always a great event and we are hoping to continue this tradition and we are looking into expanding the attendance, maybe even the venue for next year.

A Thank You Letter (from 11/18/2019)

Dear Society That Could,

Thank you for a wonderful time at St. Andrew's Dinner. The Scottish Society knows how to have a good time and recognize folks for their hard work. Pete Hunter and Thom and Mary Upton had a fabulous time. So much so, they were talking about it throughout the week as I saw them at other events and meetings.

Thank you also for creating the scholarship and raising the funds to endow it. It will be so exciting to award it next year. Please reserve your calendars for Saturday, April 25th from 2-5pm for the Celebration of Scholarship where we will present the inaugural scholarship. You can bring several representatives to escort the recipient(s) to the podium. We will send more details when we get a bit closer to the event.

Many, many thanks for your amazing dedication and passion to make the scholarship and so many other great things happen.

Liz Goodfellow
Executive Director of Advancement
IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NEXT YEAR IN 2020

January 8th -- Burns Night Lite
February 12th -- Whisky Tasting
March 11th -- Scottish Country Dancing
October 10th -- 11th Annual Scottish Highland Games & Festival
November 14th -- St. Andrew's Dinner

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COMING SOON TO THE NEWSLETTER

More posts and updates are coming to the SSI Facebook Page