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Janet Abell in front of the Eilean Donan Castle, Scotland

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THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF LOUISVILLE

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The Society offers exposure to Scottish heritage and preserves, enhances and fosters pride in our Scottish ancestry.

The Society sponsors local and regional activities and is a nonsectarian organization with no religious or political affiliation.



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Eilean Donan Castle, picture taken on Janet Abell's trip to Scotland

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President Wilson's Remarks, August 23, 2022

Hello everyone! It has been a very busy September this year. Finally, it seems that people are getting out to events and getting on with life.

It was good to see so many people at the September membership meeting. It was great! We even had a new face, as James Graham learned of our meetings at one of our events and came to check us out. Thank you, James, we are always glad to see new people at our meetings.

We have some upcoming events in the near future, so remember to check out the newsletter and the Facebook page, The Scottish Society of Louisville.

Take care, and I hope to see you at one of our events, and certainly at the October membership meeting.

SSL Membership Minutes

Program and Education Commissioner Robbin Goodin introduced our speaker, Judy Stubbs. Judy is an SSL member and a retired teacher from JCPS, having taught for 29 years. During her career as a teacher she presented new curriculum to teachers during their required inservice meetings in Language Arts and Chemistry. She also presented curriculum on both of these subjects to teachers in the Catholic School system.

After receiving her degree in Marriage and Family Therapy, she also worked as a Marriage and Family Therapist, and a Supervisor of people working towards licensure for 25 years in her second vocation. While working as a Marriage and Family Therapist, she established her private practice-Horizons Unlimited. Judy has three Master's Degrees: M.Ed., M.Div., & M.A.M.F.T. Judy is now retired from both careers.

Judy reports that she selected this book while researching her own ancestry. The authors have identified her Scottish Clan Leslie as one of many who they researched as Jewish. Judy was raised a Christian and nothing about Jewish life and faith was talked about in her family. She now knows of the "Crypto-Jewish" practices that her ancestors believed. Her formal name, Judith, is a Hebrew name. Judy continues to read and learn about her ancestry, knowing now that most likely her father was an Ashkenazi Jew, and her mother, a Leslie, was a Sephardic Jew.

Judy's presentation is titled: "The Early Years of Jewish Scotland." It is based on the book: When Scotland Was Jewish: DNA Evidence, Archeology, Analysis of Migrations, and Public and Family Show Twelfth Century Semitic Roots, by Elizabeth Caldwell Hirschman and Donald N. Yates. McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, Jefferson, North Carolina, and London. (2007.)

The authors suggest that there are mistakes in the way Scottish society is viewed. They believe that, from the 11th century on, Jews were an important part of Scottish society as they immigrated from France and Spain to England, Scotland, and Ireland.

The authors primarily used DNA research, family crests, oil portraits, cemetery rubbings and records, and other records to support their position. They believe there has been a strong Jewish influence on Scottish society.

English officials suppressed Jewish practices for centuries. DNA testing proved that there was evidence of connections to the Mediterranean and the Middle East, and with modern-day practicing Jews. Using portraits of famous Scots, they found distinctive physical characteristics of Jewish populations in many Scots.

The authors believe that no one was aware of these Jewish influences because early Jews were forced to practice their religion and significant Jewish cultural activities in secret. This secret form of their faith was called Crypto-Judaism.

The authors found that the Stuarts considered themselves to be Davidic, or Jewish, and several other clans have connections to Jewish DNA and culture. These include Stuarts, Leslies, Campbells, Bruce, McAllisters, Caldwell, Kennedy, Sands/Sanders, Alexander, Cowan and others who came after 1350.

The authors found that with a wave of Europea settlers, some Jewish settlers came to England around 1100 from France. They often became assimilated into the general population, some even becoming practicing Christians. Jews in England lived difficult lives at the whim of the King. Around 1600 the King of England ordered that Jews be expelled if they would not convert. About 16,000 Jews left for Scotland or Ireland at this time.

Jews had many valuable skills, such as metal work, mining, medical practitioners, sailors, scholars in literature, writing and math, accountants, printers, watch makers, and jewelers. Once in Scotland, they did not try to hide their Jewish culture or religion, and were generally accepted as valuable members of society.

The Knights Templar and Free Masons became influential for 300 years during the Crusades. They started as militia groups, but gradually became huge wealthy organizations. The authors believe that countless Jewish families were involved in the administration of this great wealth as clerks and administrators.

The port of Aberdeen, Scotland had direct shipping channels to many European countries, and the city became very wealthy because of that. The authors believe that all trade was dominated by Jews. They found evidence in Aberdeen in burial customs and symbols of a large Jewish population. Judy included quite a few pictures of Jewish symbols in churchyards, on buildings, and on family crests.

Much more information is included in the book, but Judy ran out of time. She recommended calling Carmicheal's Book Store to order the book if anyone is interested in following up on her report.

Jack Bowling asked if there is any more research along these lines, but Judy did not know. She said if anyone finds more research, she would like to know so she can expand her own reading in this area.

(Judy ran out of time to finish her presentation, but sent me the end of her talk, which I have included here.)

The authors stated that though the Spanish Inquisition was meant to destroy Jewish culture and religious practices, it had the opposite effect. Jews spread throughout Europe, notably in Holland, France, England, Scotland, Germany, and Switzerland. The authors believe this is what triggered the Protestant Reformation in Europe.

She pointed out that Sir Walter Scott, who was a publisher in Edinburgh who promoted Scottish culture. He was an author of the Waverly Novels, an historian, lawyer, judge and a clerk in the highest court in Scotland. His family was closely related to the Stewarts, Leslies, Frasers, and Campbells, who all had some Jewish background. Scott's book <u>Ivanhoe</u> has several Jewish characters and shows how Jewish people fit into the local culture.

Judy states that there are many Jewish people currently living in Scotland. The Glasgow area is home to the largest Jewish community in Scotland. She says there are 4 synagogues in Glasgow, as well as other religious, welfare, and social organizations. Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Tayside, Fife and Dundee have Jewish communities as well.

The book Judy read is When Scotland Was Jewish: DNA Evidence, Archeology, Analysis of Migrations, and Public and Family Show Twelfth Century Semitic Roots, by Elizabeth Caldwell Hirschman and Donald N. Yates. McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, Jefferson, North Carolina, and London. (2007.)

President Wilson thanked Judy for her presentation, which suggests new areas of study into Scottish heritage.

He announced our break for refreshments and socializing, which we are always glad to participate in! Many members brought goodies for us to snack on, even some persimmon cookies. It was strictly pitch-in this month, since Hospitality Commissioner Melissa Ingram was unable to attend.

Scottish Society of Louisville Business Meeting

Mr. Wilson started the business meeting at 8:20pm. He asked if there were any guests in attendance, and James Graham introduced himself. He said he had spoken to Regional Celtic Commissioner Jack Bowling at Eminence, KY, and decided to come to the meeting to find out more about us. Mr. Wilson thanked him for coming, and said he hoped he might consider joining us. James expressed an interest, and Mr. Wilson provided him with membership materials.

Mr. Wilson asked if anyone still needs a lanyard, and Susan Lucas said she has not received one yet. Acting Membership Commissioner Holley Holland said she will get one to her.

Mr. Wilson read the October birthday list, and several were present.

Vice President Dianne Holland told us that there have been no new applications for funds from the Heritage Fund, and she believes it is mostly because some events are not taking place yet.

SSL Business Meeting, cont.

Ms. Holland reminded us to bring peanut butter to the Dinner and Auction in November. We are donating it to Highland Community Ministries for their food pantry.

She asked for volunteers to set up and put away chairs and tables for the November meeting at Strathmoor Church, and to help decorate tables for the dinner. She also reminded us that the dinner is a potluck, and to bring a dish for 10 to 12 people.

Ms. Holland will be handing out little bags of candy to the members. A bit of trivia ensued coupled with a smattering of McBeths, Double double toil and trouble and the meaning of Samheim (SAW-wen in Gaelic). Samheim is a Scottish pagan festival held during harvest time and celebrated by hunting the stag, jumping the broom, carving tatties and guising. This today is known as Halloween. So, come and celebrate by wearing a Halloween hat and maybe a little guising. A small gift will be presented for best hat. Let's have fun!















SSL Business Meeting, cont.

Treasurer Cheri Eskridge wrote 2 checks last month, and there were no deposits. She said the Heritage Fund is unchanged.

Secretary Linda Wilson reported that 27 people attended the meeting. She is also the Newsletter Editor, and asked members to get any articles, announcements, or pictures for the newsletter in to her by October 1, if possible, since the member meeting is late in the month. Members can email her at scotsoflou@gmail.com or tomatoladyone@yahoo.com.

Regional Celtic Report by Jack Bowling

September was a very busy month with 3 events in a row. September 3rd was WorldFest on the Belvedere. We had 14 members who helped in our booth and marched in the parade. We were right behind the Louisville Pipe Band and just in front of the mayor. We looked great with flags flying high!!

The second event on September 10th was the Columbus Scottish Festival. It was a "hot" day and we were busy. In all, we had 12 members helping. It looks like Columbus is back. "Great".

The third event was the Eminence Central Kentucky Celtic Festival and Highland Games on September 17.

We had 8 members in our booth for the day. The weather was great with a nice breeze. It was a lot of fun. The SSL gave the Overall Athlete of the Day Award to Brian Ely of Carlisle KY. Congrats to Brian. The Eminence Festival is growing next year to a 2 day event with the National Heavy Athletic Games set.

Celtic Commissioner Jack Bowling, Overall Athlete Winner Brian Ely, and Vice President Dianne Holland at Eminence Central Kentucky Celtic Festival I would like to thank all our members for their participation in the events, from set up to take down, because without you we would not be able to take part in these events. Thanks again.

Unfortunately, we were unable to agree on set up and take down times for the Southern Indiana Renaissance Faire Celtic Fling event. It would require us to go on 3 separate days for a one day event. We hope to check out the Celtic Fling in hopes of participating in the future. We will let you know what we find out.

Remember to let me know of any Celtic events that we may be interested in.

Regional Celtic Photos by Jack Bowling and Robbin Goodin





Robbin and Steve Goodin at the Clan Hay tent, Eminence Central Kentucky Celtic Festival

Interested individuals at the Clan Hay tent at the Eminence Central Kentucky Celtic Festival





Heavy Athletic Event at the Eminence Central Kentucky Celtic Festival



Clan Hay and SSL tents at Eminence Central Kentucky Celtic Festival, Judy Stubbs and Angie Bowling at work







Photos from the Columbus, IN Highland Games, above are the competition fields, a pipe band, and at left are our own Dot Scott and Robbin Goodin



The Pig & Tasty Food Truck at the Columbus, IN Highland Games was well attended!

Judy Stubbs working at the SSL tent at the Columbus, IN Highland Bames





Scottish Society members getting flags for the WorldFest event in Louisville, KY on September 3, 2022; Shannon Faveur, Judy Stubbs, Shawn McLeod, Pat Schweitzer, Gary Schweitzer, Robbin Goodin, and Jack Bowling

The Scottish Society of Louisville tables at WorldFest on the Belvedere in Louisville, KY, manned by Jack Bowling and Pat Schweitzer





Preparing for the WorldFest parade.







Above, Gary Schweitzer, far right Robbin Goodin, and to the left, Jack Bowling at the SSL tables at Worldfest on the Belvedere.

Southern Indiana Renaissance Faire Celtic Fling

THE CELTIC FLING WILL BE HELD AT BIRDSELL CASTLE, 6900 CARR ROAD,
CHARLESTOWN, IN 47111. THE FAIRE WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 15-16
AND ON 22-23. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK OUT THEIR WEBSITE AT

https://www.renaissancefairindiana.com/celtic-fling-october-2022.



Acting Membership Report by Holley Holland

Acting Membership Commissioner Holley Holland let us know that we have gotten several new members from the events that Jack has set up for the SSL. They need to be approved by the Board before the membership votes on them. Holley will get lanyards to those who need them.

Member At Large Report by Pat Schweitzer

Member At Large Pat Schweitzer let us know about helpful programs for those of us working on our family genealogy. The Louisville Genealogy Society website contains lots of useful information and recorded programs. Just search for https://kylgs.org.

Electronic Services Report by Damien Burns

Electronic Services Commissioner Damien Burns had nothing new to report.

Program and Education Report by Robbin Goodin



Fall greetings everyone. A lovely way to start the season off.

September is always a very busy season for the SSL. World Fest in Louisville, The Columbus IN Games then the Central Kentucky Highland Games in Eminence, KY. SO much fun!! And next year we hear that the Eminence Games will be a 2 day event! Very excited to hear more as details develop!!

And then there are the programs for the general membership.

In September, SSL member Judy Stubbs presented material she gleaned from her reading of the book When Scotland Was Jewish. A fascinating topic and something to mull over. The book is by Elizabeth Caldwell Hirschman and Donald N. Yates. Through reading it and doing her other research Judy has found out that some of her relatives were Jewish and Scottish. I find that so interesting, and have always felt like there was a Jewish line in my family as well, though I have yet to find it. Thank you Judy for all your hard work putting together this presentation. It is always a lot of work preparing and presenting and we appreciate your efforts.

Be sure to come to next months 4th Tuesday, general, in-person meeting when the presenter will be Mandy Dick. She will be regaling us with Scottish Ghost stories. A spooky evening for sure:)

Then in November we will be back at Strathmoor Presbyterian Church for our dinner —auction. The dinner is a potluck, the auction raises money for our scholarship through the SSL Heritage Fund, and we traditionally bring Peanut Butter to give away to a food bank. This year again it will be Highland Community Ministries.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Robbin also reminded us that we need lots of volunteers to set up tables and chairs, take them down, and clean up afterwards for the November Potluck Dinner and Auction at Strathmoor Church.

We will also need volunteers for Burns' Night, which will be held at Woodhaven Country Club on January 28th, 2023. We need volunteers to help set up and take down the decorations for Burns' Night. The staff at Woodhaven will take care of the tables and chairs, we only need to decorate the tables.

(The entire list of programs for 2022 is on page 18)

REMEMBER THAT FOR EVERY 2 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TIME YOU PUT IN FOR THE SSL, YOU RECEIVE A CHANCE IN THE DRAWING FOR A FREE BURNS' NIGHT TICKET!

Scottish Society of Louisville 2022 Programs

By Programs & Education Commissioner Robbin Goodin

January: Scottish Dancing Lessons with Don and Kathy Corson (Covid cancelled) This became Member's Night Out, virtual.

February: Alan Hay—Smugglers of NE Scotland, virtual only at 6:00pm.

March: Eletions and Mindy MacIntosh,
Outlander Botanist, in-person at CCUM at
7:00pm.

April: Swearing in of new commissioners at Haggis Night! In-person at Strathmoor Church, 2201 Hawthorne Ave, Louisville, KY 40205 at 6:00pm. Casual dressy, kilts encouraged.

May: William Leslie presents about the Clan Leslie Collection at the McLaughton Library, Ontario, Canada. Virtual at CCUM at 7:00pm.

June: Jim Hughes and Arch Cunningham present the Scottish Trivia Game! In person at CCUM at 7:00pm.

July: The Right Honorable The Lord Lyon—
Speaking about The Court of the Lord Lyon, virtual only at 6:00pm.

August: Glen Taul presents "The Life of Dr. Ephraim McDowell". Virtual only at 7:00pm.

September: Judy Stubbs presents "The Early Years of Jewish Scotland". In person at CCUM at 7:00pm.

October: Mandy Dick presents Scottish Ghost Stories in person at CCUM at 7:00pm.

November: Dinner and Auction at Strathmoor Church, in person at 6:00pm.

December: No membership meeting.
Enjoy the Holidays!



Kirkings

Judy Stubbs is handling our kirkings this year, and started her report by thanking Jim Hughes for his many years of service to the SSL handling this job. Many of our members really enjoy participating in kirkings, and we appreciate the opportunity to do this.

- 1. Sunday, October 30-Okolona Presbyterian Church in Louisville & bring a dish for the Potluck luncheon. Be there no later than 10:30 am.
- 2. Sunday, November 13-St. Paul's Episcopal Church in New Albany, IN. A reception follows in the Carriage House. Be there no later than 9:45 am.
- 3. Wednesday, November 30-Feast of St. Andrews, The Brotherhood of the Episcopal Church. Reception follows. Location and time TBD.

If you want to participate by carrying a flag or by joining the congregation, please contact Judy at i.stubbs100@gmail.com or call at 502-541-7753 to let her know so she will know how many flags and flag holders to bring. She also needs to let the churches know how many of our members will be attending. Most include lunch, and need to know how much food to prepare. Notice that Okolona Presbyterian Church is potluck, so attendees need to bring a dish for lunch.

Hope to see you there!

WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR 30TH ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION THIS YEAR!

BRING ANY USABLE ITEMS (IN GOOD CONDITION) ON THE NIGHT OF THE AUCTION, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT STRATHMOOR CHURCH.

IF YOU WANT TO BRING A THEMED BASKET, ROBBIN GOODIN HAS SEVERAL BASKETS YOU CAN USE. YOU CAN PICK UP A BASKET AT THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING, OR CONTACT

HER AT SCOTSOFLOU@GMAIL.COM.



LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!

DON'T FORGET THE PEANUT BUTTER



October 2022

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Kirking at Okolona Presbyterian						

October Birthdays—Jenny Elliott 2, Wayne Mains 2, Jason Goodin 4, Abby McLeod 4, Dan Bailie 6, Gary Schweitzer 11, Peter Matallana 18, Linda Wilson 18, Debra Walker 19, Cheri Eskridge 20

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7 Election Day	8 SSL Board Meeting	9	10	11	12
Kirking at St Paul's Episcopal	14	15	16	17	18	19
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
20	21	SSL Member Dinner & Auction	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29	30 Kirking at			
			Louisville Episcopal			

November Birthdays- Judith Bennitt 8, Susan Osborn 8, Dianne Holland 12, Sam Bracken 14, Jennifer McLeod 17, Becky Johnson 19, Jyll Stuart 21, Mary Cunningham 25, Jack Bowling 26

Celtic Organizations in our Area

Ancient Order of Hibernians

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Louisville Pipe Band

www.louisvilleirish.com/

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www.irishkyana.org www.Mcclahanirishdance.com

www.caledoniansociety.org

Columbus Scottish Festival

www.scottishfestival.org/

KY Highland Renaissance Festival

www.kyrenfaire.com

Ohio Valley Celtic Society

Steve Thomas

Contact our Cheer Person

If you are aware of an illness, family death, or any other such situation a member is facing, please contact our Cheer person, Jean Hughes, by calling her at (502)438-9811.

Ongoing Events

The Louisville Pipe Band meets from 2-5 on Sundays at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, 2233 Woodbourne Ave, Louisville, KY 40205. Contact the band at info@louisvillepipeband.org or visit www.louisvillepipeband.org.

The Louisville Fire & Rescue Pipes & Drums meet from 6-8pm on Tuesday evenings at the Frazier International History Museum, 829 West Main St. in Louisville. Contact Carolyn Cook at (502)551-2732, or visit www.lfrbgpipes.org.

Change of Address and other Information

Help us keep our records updated! Changes to your address, telephone, and so on, should be sent to the Scottish Society of Louisville, Commissioner of Member Services, PO Box 32248, Louisville, KY 40232 or email Holley Holland at scotsoflou@gmail.com.

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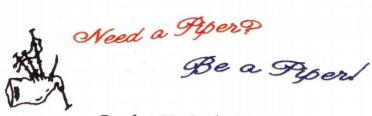
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Information For Our New Members

Welcome to our new members. Coming into a new group can be a little scary, but know that if you have any questions, just ask. The people in the SSL are some of the friendliest you would ever want to meet. Here is a little bit of information to get you started:

- Read the newsletter and the website. All upcoming events will be listed both places. If you want more information, you can contact any of the board members.
- All meetings will have a business meeting, some time to socialize, and a program.
- January/February brings our Burns' Night Dinner. You won't want to miss this! There will be food, drink, raffles, entertainment, and an all-around good time.
- May starts our "Event" season. The Society sets up a booth at many local and state Scottish and Celtic events, and even a couple of out-of-state events. Don't be afraid, jump on in and help us in our booth. It's not hard, and everyone will help. It is a great way to get to know some of the members and recruit new members.
- November is a really fun meeting. We have a dinner and an auction. Members will be informed of what type of dish to bring according to their last name. The auction is so much fun. Everyone is asked to bring at least one item to donate. Now, you will find that a lot of the items are things you would love to have, but some are "White Elephants" that circulate among the members. Proceeds benefit the Heritage Fund, which helps promote Celtic relat-

Heritage Fund

The Heritage Fund Committee is accepting applications for the dispersal of scholarship funds. The Fund helps support the efforts of SSL members to pursue studies of the many different aspects of Celtic culture, which may include music (piping, drumming, fiddling, etc.), art (dancing, weaving, etc.) language (Gaelic) and athletics (Highland Games). This fund can also support a person's interest in an educational program or project that furthers the understanding of Scottish culture and history.

Scottish Society members in good standing can apply for funds or can sponsor non-members for scholarships.

The application form and guidelines can be picked up at the monthly SSL meetings from the Heritage Fund Committee Chairperson, Dianne Holland, or by email at scotsoflou@gmail.com.

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Life Membership

Our Society offers a Life Membership Program. You can atain this status by paying a one-time membership fee of 10 times the current dues rate. At this time, a single life membership is \$240, and a family life membership is \$360.

Please see the Membership Commissioner, Holley Holland, or for more details email her at scotsoflou@gmail.com. All new life members are acknowledged at the Burns' Night Gala.