

The Thistle

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President's Message

Don't miss a word of this Newsletter!

Since I have had the honor of serving as your President, I have been very pleased to have seen progress in many areas our Society. Despite the unfortunate passing of several endearing members, I have been encouraged by a substantial increase in new membership, all of which seem to be very supportive of our events such as our annual Burns Supper, which was even better than last year. Our active members continue to offer great ideas for activities that we can do as a Society, charged to encourage Scottish Culture. Some of those ideas include increased programmed meetings, supporting educational events sponsored by the Celtic Cultural Alliance, introducing higher quality clothing, pins and other items with the "Scottish Society of the Lehigh Valley" insignia, and Society organized trips to Scotland for the Summer of 2009 (perhaps we may see the paving stone we purchased for The Culloden Battlefield Memorial Project new Visitor Centre, on the Culloden Walk due to be completed in September 2008).

Don't miss our upcoming events!! Details are in this Newsletter and flyers including:

Movie Night at our own Vice Presidents Home. Last year's Movie Night was a great success.

The 'Burns Wake' **LVSCOTS Picnic**. Lots of fun! Wear your LVSCOTS T-shirt. For those of you who have not yet acquired one, they will be available at the picnic. (I can't promise that there won't be pointing and snickering if you don't have one.)

I encourage support for the **Green Lane 9th Annual Scottish-Irish Festival and Highland Games**, September 5th, 6th and 7th, 2008. check out their web site www.glpsifestival.org (see the link on www.lvscots.org). We may yet have a booth down there if we can get some member power.

We will be looking to have a great **kick-off meeting/party** prior to this years **Celtic Fest**.

Thanks to all. Hope to see you soon.

Tadd M Kehler, President
Scottish Society of the Lehigh Valley

Green Lane Scottish/Irish Festival and Highland Games September 5, 6 and 7, 2008

The Green Lane Festival is one of the largest Scottish Irish Festivals in Eastern Pennsylvania, and the only event of its type that is totally FREE: no admission fees, no seating fees for any performances and no parking fees. Many members of the Scottish Society have been attending this festival every year and all speak very highly of it and have encouraged other members to attend. Society member Gladys Lessig will once again be selling her beautiful paintings at her booth, Thistles Galore. Many of you have seen her work at our annual Burns Suppers where she donated paintings to benefit our Highland Auction

The Scottish Society would again like to participate in this year's festival by marching in the Parade of Tartans on Saturday at 8:45 am. We hope to have a good contingent of kilted and tartan-clad members to represent our Society. We would also like to have a booth at the festival this year. It would be much like the one we have at the Celtic Classic and would require Society members to be available to meet and greet festival guests. If you would like to march in the parade or help to staff the booth, please contact Tadd Kehler at 610-419-0295. For additional information or directions visit the festival website glpsifestival.org. A sign-up sheet will be available at Movie Night and the Summer Picnic – **we hope we can count on our members to help represent our Society.**

Burn's Supper 2008

Another wonderful evening was enjoyed by all who attended the 34th Annual Robert Burns Supper at BarnHouse Village on January 26, 2008.

The BarnHouse came through again with their sumptuous family-style feast including their famous "to-die-for" trifle for dessert. Pipe Major James B. Ruhf started the festivities by piping in the Haggis and Society member Elizabeth Brandl again set the tone for the evening with her Scottish brogue as she recited To a Haggis and stabbed the "*Great chieftain o' the puddin'-race*". Vice President Dave reminded us of the reason for the celebration as he regaled us with the Immortal Memory and Royce and Jeri Seifert offered the Toasts to the Lassies and Laddies. The newly-named Highland Auction was once again a big success and a huge Thank-You goes out to everyone who donated items. New member John Hossack was the very happy winner of the evening's grand prize – a claymore! Musical entertainment for the evening was provided by Buskars who also played during the cocktail hour, a short dancing program was presented by the Scottish Country Dancers and several members read their favorite Burns selections.

RCN filmed the evening for future use as a short community spotlight program. Society member Conrad Clark obtained some of this footage and has put together a short DVD of the highlights of the evening. If you would like to borrow this DVD, please contact one of the Society officers.

We're all looking forward to next year's Supper which will be held on January 24, 2009. Mark your calendars NOW and watch for more details.

Get'em While They Last!

"Official" Scottish Society T-shirts are still available in all sizes (M-3XL). The shirts are available in St. Andrew's blue or Thistle purple and each sport our Society logo in white. They are on sale for \$10.00 each.

Our Summer Picnic is on the horizon – wouldn't it be great if we all wore our shirts!

Contact President Tadd if you'd like to get one of your very own.

Join the "Best Dressed" crowd and get yours while they last.

Annual Summer Picnic

Saturday, August 16, 2008

2:00pm to 7:00pm

Allentown Rose Garden, Pavilion #1

See the enclosed yellow flyer for details and to make reservations. Remember – the picnic is FREE to all Society Members and guests are welcome for \$5.00 each.

Join the fun and make your reservations soon!

Maybe Ron will make his famous butterscotch pudding again – hint, hint!

In Memory

It is with deep sadness that we mourn the passing of two of our Society members.

Clair A. Carbonell

Clair Angela Carbonell, 77, died April 13, 2008 in the VNA Hospice of St. Luke's. She was the widow of Rodrigo Tabor Carbonell. Clair worked as a clerk in the disbursement office at Willow Grove Naval Air Station for many years prior to retiring in 1994. She was passionate about Native American culture and history and worked at the Museum of Indian Culture in Allentown for many years. She is survived by two daughters, three sons, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Clair was a faithful and enthusiastic member of the Scottish Society and her smiling face and genuine love of Scotland will be missed at our monthly meetings. A memorial contribution in Clair's memory was made by the Society to the Museum of Indian Culture.

Hugh T. Sutherland, former Society President

Hugh T. Sutherland, 83, passed away April 13, 2008 at home. He was the loving husband of 59 years to Ruth (Crabtree) Sutherland. Hugh was born in Philadelphia and retired in 1991 after 24 years at Lehigh University's Fritz Engineering laboratory. He previously worked for Bethlehem Steel Homer Research Laboratory, the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia and he was a former radio announcer for WBYO in Boyertown. He served as past president of the Allentown Rescue Mission, the Lehigh Valley Scottish Society and the Bethlehem Palette Club. He was a member of the Torch Club, the St. Luke's Singers and a men's choral group, Summer Harmony. Hugh is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, and seven grandchildren. He served the Society well as President and we could always count on seeing him at our annual Burn's Supper. A contribution was made by the Society in Hugh's memory to the VNA Hospice of St. Luke's.

Welcome New Members

The Scottish Society of the Lehigh Valley recognizes new members:

Elaine Anderson of Easton, PA

Ed White of Allentown, PA

Paul N. Ritter III of Bethlehem, PA

Brian Shannon and family of Bethlehem, PA

If you, or someone you know, would like to become a member of our Society please contact our Secretary, Alice Clark, or visit our website: www.lvscots.org.

Second Annual Outdoor Scottish Movie Night

The Hot Scots

staring the Three Stooges

and

The Edge of the World

staring John Laurie, Belle Chrystall, Eric Berry, Finlay Currie, Niall MacGinnis
and Michael Powell and filmed entirely on the Shetland Islands.

Join us under the stars for our second annual Outdoor Scottish Movie Night. It will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2008 (weather permitting) starting at 8pm at the home of Dave and Lynne Ambrose. Popcorn, snacks and soda will be provided; please BYOB if you so desire.

- July 19, 2008.....**Graeme Park Scottish Heritage Festival**
 Graeme Park, Horsham, PA 215-343-0965 for information
- July 26, 2008.....**Scottish Outdoor Movie Night**
 LV Scottish Society www.lvscots.org or 610-837-9250 for details
- August 16, 2008**LV Scottish Society Summer Picnic**
 Allentown Rose Garden, Pavilion #1 www.lvscots.org for details
- September 5 - 7 , 2008.....**Green Lane Park Scottish Irish Festival**
 Green Lane Park, Green Lane, PA <http://glpsifestival.org> for details
- September 17, 2008.....**Three Irish Tenors**
 Colonial Theater, Phoenixville, PA 610-917-1228 for details
- September 19 - 20, 2008.....**Scottish Fling**
 PA Renaissance Faire, Manheim, PA www.parenaissancefaire.com for details
- September 26 - 28, 2008**Celtic Classic Highland Games and Festival**
 Bethlehem, PA www.celticfest.org for details

Olivet United Presbyterian Church
 1151 Northampton St. Easton, PA
Sunday, July 20, 2008 10:00 AM

The purpose of our Scottish Communion Service is to celebrate our common Presbyterian Heritage that arose from Scotland and more importantly to offer praise and thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ for the blessings we share with Christians around the world regardless of their ancestry. We welcome all believers, regardless of their background and ancestry and all others interested in learning more about the love of God revealed through Jesus Christ to celebrate with us."

Please visit Olivet's website, <http://www.olivetupc.org/ScottishCommunion.html> for more information about this unique event.
There is also a link to this website from www.lvscots.org.

