



The Tartan News

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Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania

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General Thoughts

We are in the busy time of the year for the Scottish Society. We had two events in September and have one in October and another one in November. All of this leads us to our largest activity, the Burns Night Supper in January. For many of us, that may not be enough Scottish stuff to keep us happy. To that end, I share the following information which has appeared in my Scottish Society email box over the last few weeks.

The Scottish Banner is offering a free three month trial of a digital version of the publication. The message I received says to go to: www.scottishbanner.com/sb40 and enter the coupon code: Banner40 to trial this service. The print edition is still available and members can subscribe to either print or digital at www.scottishbanner.com/subscribe.

Lochcarron of Scotland, primarily a purveyor of tartan clothing, has created an interactive battlefield map. The map details the Clan wars that took place across Scotland from the 12th to the 18th Centuries. An added feature is being able to filter battles by the different clans and by century. They provided the following link. <http://www.lochcarron.co.uk/scottish-clan-battles-map/> I do not know the scholarship behind their information but the website is interesting.

Please remember, the way we grow our Society is by sharing our interests in things Scottish, by attending our events, and by inviting friends to join us. I hope to see everyone at all of our upcoming events. Also, if you know of events that we are not participating in as a Society, please let me or one of the Board members know so we may investigate adding those events to our calendar.

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Recent Events

Scottish Society Summer Picnic

July 30, 2017



The weather was perfect for a Sunday afternoon in the park and those who came to Lower Allen Park on July 30 had a good time, shared good food, and had lots of enjoyable conversation. Chicken and drinks were provided by the Society while attendees brought many delicious dishes to share. You can see some of the earliest arriving attendees in the picture taken by member Bob Elfe.

McLain Festival

September 2, 2017

The weather for the McLain Festival was about as opposite to what we had for the picnic as you could get. Cold, rain, and wind from the remnants of hurricane Harvey caused mud on the ground and the need to have the sides of the tent be in use. Some performers chose not to perform if they were scheduled on the open stage in the glen while many attendees huddled under the canopy of the main tent to listen to the music. Our loyal members set up and worked the tent and many thanks go to those who were there.

McLain Festival (continued)

Long-time Scottish Society member, Jim Macdonald who passed away in May was remembered in the McLain program for his family's long-time support of the festival.

The Society will be back next September and we hope for the nicer weather we have normally experienced over the 23 years of the festival.

Celtic Craic Music Festival, 2017

September 9, 2017

Unlike our long association with the McLain Festival, the Society participated for the first time at the third annual Celtic Craic Music Festival. The event, sponsored by Capital Region Association of Irish and Celts (CRAIC) was mostly music, including bagpipes, and ended with a Campfire Ceilidh. Two stages were set, one for traditional music and dance and the second for Celtic rock music. For this event we had beautiful weather and were able to introduce ourselves to some potential new members. Bob Elfe once again provided the picture of this event showing member Graeme Goodsir.



Upcoming Events

The following events are the next ones on our current calendar.

Kirkin' O Tartan

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Service begins at 10:30 AM

Meet between 10:00 and 10:15 to gather for the processional.

All are welcome to attend and participate. As we have for the past several years, we are moving to a new location in order to spread awareness of the Society and of why we celebrate the Kirkin'. We will have shortbread to share with members of the congregation.

St. Andrews Dinner

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church
101 N. 23rd St., Camp Hill, PA 17011

Meeting begins at 6:15

Come early to meet friends, old and new

St. Andrews is the evening we recognize the patron saint of Scotland during a potluck dinner followed by some entertainment. Everyone who can bring a dish of your favorite Scottish food to share is encouraged to do so. The Society will provide a main entrée dish and beverages. For those who can bring a dish to share, the suggestion is to bring something in the following categories based upon the first letter of your last name.

A-H Desserts

I-Q Salads and vegetable sides

R-Z Casseroles or other sides

Burns Night Supper

January 27, 2018

Radisson Penn Harris

1150 Camp Hill By-Pass, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Social hour begins at 5:00 PM

Dinner begins at 6:15 PM

The Scottish Society's largest social event to celebrate the life, poetry, and music of Robert Burns will take place on the last Saturday of January, 2018. All Society members are encouraged to attend and bring friends with you. Musical entertainment will be provided by Charlie Zahm and Tad Marks. Bagpipe music, Address to a Haggis, the Immortal Memory, and toasts to the lads and lassies will be presented by various Society members. A raffle for Scottish items will be held.

Menu options and prices along with the reservation form will be available on the Society website shortly and will be included in our next newsletter.

Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania Membership Form

For additional information please go to: www.pennscots.org

To become a member of SSoCP, or to renew an existing membership, please complete and return this form with your payment to: SSoCP, PO Box 1006, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Membership Dues: July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 \$15 for individual membership

Please note if you are making a payment for the past year(s). \$20 for family membership

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ year(s) Individual Family Membership. (*Check one*)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

I am most interested in the following: (*Check ALL Areas of Interest*)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish Art/Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Bagpipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scottish Cuisine | <input type="checkbox"/> Local History | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning |
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2017—2018 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE! PLEASE MAIL THEM!

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