



The Tartan News

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Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania

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Recent Events

The Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania has been busy over the past few months. Many of you reading this newsletter have been present at one or more of the following events.

Summer picnic: More than 30 people gathered for good fellowship and food on July 10 at Lower Allen Township Park in Mechanicsburg.

McLain Games: The Society had our tent in a prime location among the clans and in front of one of the main music and dance stages. Our Bonnie Knees contest was again a featured event. You may see a picture of the winner with board member Jen Gardner on our website. Thank you to all of the members who worked in the tent and provided information and shortbread to people who stopped.

Covenanter Scottish Festival: The week after McLain we were at another Scottish Festival, this time in Lancaster County. This is the third year for this festival (and our second year as a participant) and it allows us to visit with potential members a little outside our normal area. Thank you again to those who helped with our tent.

The board of directors is always seeking new ways to promote our Society. If you know of events you may want to recommend, please let someone on the board know. You may contact me at scotsocietycpa@gmail.com.

Please see the next events we have scheduled elsewhere in the newsletter. We are all encouraged to attend whatever we can and to bring friends.

Ken

Charlie Zahm and Tad Marks Concert

Scottish Society friends and many time performers at our Burns Night Suppers, Charlie Zahm and Tad Marks will be performing a special concert in Dillsburg on Sunday, November 13. Scottish Society member Mark Hagenbuch is coordinating the concert for the Dillsburg Art Council. This will be a great chance to see and listen to these acclaimed performers.

Location: Old Monaghan Church
15 E. Church Street, Dillsburg, PA

Date: Sunday, November 13, 2016

Time: 2:00 PM

Cost: \$15.00 at the door or in advance. To order tickets in advance, please call Mark Hagenbuch at 717-802-1540.

Parking: Behind the Dollar General store on Baltimore Street

The church easily seats 100 people and the acoustics have been described as wonderful. Make your reservations as soon as you can.

New Scottish Society Members

David and Shannon Smith

Clan Donald

Clan Donald, or *MacDhòmhnaill* in Scottish Gaelic, traces its history to the 12th century. The clan's namesake was Domhnall, a grandson of Somerled through the latter's son Ranald. A powerful ruler of Gaelic-Norse ancestry, Somerled was King of the Isles from 1158 to 1164. His sons and their descendants inherited rule of the Isles after his death during an uprising against Malcolm IV, King of Scotland.

At the time of Domhnall's death in the mid-13th century, Clan Donald controlled vast areas of land, extending from the Isles to Ardnamurchan and Kintyre on the mainland. This territory continued to increase with time. Due to their vast landholdings and immense military power, Clan Donald has been involved in many important events in Scottish history. During Robert the Bruce's war with England, Clan Donald forces, led by Domhnall's grandson Angus Og MacDonald, fought with him at the Battle of Bannockburn, which is widely considered to be Robert the Bruce's most overwhelming victory against England. Since its founding, Clan Donald has remained a powerful, and widespread, clan.

Today Clan Donald is one of the largest clans in the world. Along with those still in Scotland, huge groups of MacDonalds immigrated to North America during the 19th and 20th centuries, and members of Clan Donald can now be found all over the world. The clan is led by the High Council of Clan Donald, which is composed of the chiefs of the five major branches of Clan Donald: MacDonald of MacDonald (who is the current High Chief of Clan Donald), MacDonell of Glengarry, MacDonnell of Antrim, MacDonald of Clanranald, and MacDonald of Sleat. The other branches of Clan Donald are MacDonald of Islay, MacDonald of Keppoch, MacAlister, MacDonald of Ardnamurchan, MacDonald of Lochalsh, MacDonald of Glencoe, MacDonald of Dunnyveg, and MacDonald of Largie. Traditionally, Clan



Clan Donald's crest

Donald's rival clans were Clan Campbell and, for the 15th and 16th centuries, Clan Stewart. Clan Donald's allies were Clan Cameron and, for the 17th and 18th centuries, Clan Stewart. There are over 150 septs, or surnames, that fall under Clan Donald.

The current Lord MacDonald, High Chief of MacDonald of MacDonald, is Godfrey James MacDonald. His wife, Lady Claire MacDonald is an author who has written more than ten cookbooks, including *The Scottish Food Bible*, *Scottish Cookery*, and *Lifting the Lid: A Life at Kinloch*

Lodge, Skye. Her books have introduced Scottish recipes to many around the world. Lord and Lady MacDonald live at Kinloch Lodge on the Isle of Skye. Part of the clan's ancestral lands, Kinloch Lodge is now part of the Clan Donald Lands Trust which holds about 20,000 acres on the Isle of Skye for use by all members of Clan Donald. Also part of the Clan Donald Lands Trust is the Clan Donald Skye Visitor Centre. Located on the grounds of Armadale Castle, the visitor center includes a museum about Clan Donald and life in the Highlands of Scotland.

For more information about Clan Donald in the United States, please visit <http://www.clan-donald-usa.org/>.

Submitted by society member Mary Millage



Clan Donald's modern tartan

Scottish Society Upcoming Events

October 30, 2016 Kirkin' of the Tartans

Christ Presbyterian Church,
421 Deerfield Rd., Camp Hill
11:00 AM service

Shortly after the defeat of the followers of Bonnie Prince Charlie at the Battle of Culloden in 1745, the "Act for the Abolition and Proscription of Highland Dress" was passed by the British Parliament. Among the provisions was the banning of the wearing of highland clothes and the plaid. Bagpipes also fell silent. The highlanders partially maintained their loyalty to family and clan by hiding pieces of tartan, often under other clothing, and bringing them into the Kirk (church) to be blessed.

We hope you will join us, bring a piece of your family tartan to be blessed openly, and invite friends who may have an interest in Scottish history to come with you. Please be at the church by 10:45 in order to gather for the procession into the sanctuary. After the church service we will provide shortbread during the fellowship time when we will be able to meet congregation members. Anyone who wishes to contribute shortbread is encouraged to do so.

November 15, 2016 St. Andrews Dinner Potluck

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

6:15 PM

According to legend, in 832 A.D., Angus Fergus led an outnumbered army of Picts and Scots into battle against the Angles. The legend says that while engaged in prayer on the eve of battle, Angus vowed that if granted victory, he would appoint Saint Andrew as the Patron Saint of Scotland. They were victorious and Angus honored his pledge. The white saltire set against a blue background is said to have been adopted as Scotland's national flag on the basis of this legend.

Please join us for a potluck dinner to commemorate this designation. The Society will provide the main course and beverages. Everyone who is able is requested to bring a favorite Scottish dish to share. There will be musical entertainment by Justin Cook and friends.

January 28, 2017 Burns Dinner

Radisson Penn Harris, 1150
Camp Hill By-Pass, Camp Hill
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, 2017. All Society members are encouraged to attend and bring friends with you. Musical entertainment will be provided by Cormorant's Fancy. Bagpipe music, Address to a Haggis, the Immortal Memory, and toasts to the lads and lassies will be presented by various Society members.

Menu options: Nut encrusted salmon, braised beef, vegetarian

Price: \$35.00, children (under 18) \$17.50.

The reservation form will be available on the Society website shortly and will be included in our next newsletter.

The Scottish Society Board of Directors for 2016-2017

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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, 2016 - June 30, 2017 \$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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2016—2017 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE! PLEASE MAIL THEM!

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