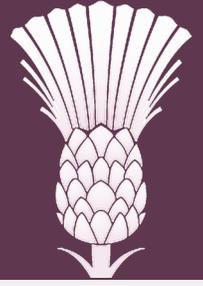


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Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania

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SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING

BUSINESS, FOOD AND EDUCATION

WHEN: Tuesday, April 25, 2017
TIME: 6:15 pm
WHERE: Camp Hill Presbyterian Church
101 North 23rd Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011

At the 2017 Annual Meeting, "business" is just part of the night.

- Come ahead of the meal time and chat with friends old and new!
- Bring your favorite Scottish dish to share. We are asking that you bring something based upon the following using the first letter of your last name as the guide.
 - A-H Salads and vegetable sides
 - I-Q Casseroles or other sides
 - R-Z Desserts
- The Society will provide the main course.
- Business meeting: brief reports by President and Treasurer, nomination and election of Officers and Board, discussion of future plans and ideas.
- Program: Dr. Juliette Tolay will speak about the EU, Brexit, and its implications for Scotland.

BURNS SUPPER 2017

The Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania held another successful Burns Supper on January 28. The 109 attending guests enjoyed not only a full course, Scottish-themed meal, but also the traditional ceremonies of our Society Piper, Bill Gable, leading the procession of board members, the inspiring Address to a Haggis presented by Mark Hagenbuch, toasts to our national leaders by John Goodrich, the Immortal Memory to Burns by Society Chaplin Heather Sigler, and toasts to the lads and lassies by Bucky Nelson.

Two tartan banners were dedicated at the supper and we thank those making the donations.

Clan MacGillivray was donated by Paul May
Pennsylvania Tartan – anonymous donor

These events were followed by a wonderful music performance by the local Celtic band Cormorant's Fancy. Most of the members of the band are members of our Society, making the performance of mostly traditional Scottish music even more meaningful. They also led us in the circle of friendship with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

We want to again thank our sponsors for Burns -- L.B. Smith Ford and Mercury of Lemoyne and the West Shore Rotary Club. We ask that you support these donors with your patronage, for their assistance helps make possible a reasonably priced event that honors Scotland's most renowned poet and promotes the culture and history of Scottish Americans in our region.

In 2018 The Burns Night Supper will be held on January 28, once again at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill. Please place the event on your calendar and start thinking now about who you want to invite to enjoy our most festive evening.

BREXIT BASICS

What is Brexit and what does it mean for the United Kingdom? Following are some of the basics of Brexit.

Definition: Shorthand way of saying the UK is leaving the European Union. Combination of the words Britain and exit.

Trigger: A referendum vote on June 23, 2016 to decide whether the UK should leave or remain in the EU. Leave won by 51.9% to 48.1% with 71.8% of eligible voters voting.

Vote by Country: England 53.4% to leave; Wales 52.5% to leave; Northern Ireland 55.8% to remain; Scotland 62.0% to remain

Change in UK Government: Prime Minister David Cameron (Conservative party) who was against leaving the EU resigned on the day of the referendum. New Prime Minister is Theresa May (Conservative Party), the former home secretary, who was also against leaving. Mrs. May has never been viewed as a strong enthusiast of the EU.

European Union: Economic and political partnership involving 28 European countries begun after WW II to foster economic cooperation. It has grown to become a single market allowing people and goods to move among member states as if the states were one country. The common currency, the euro, is used by 19 of the member countries but not by the UK.

Article 50: A plan for any country that wishes to exit the EU. Created as part of the Treaty of Lisbon, an agreement signed by all EU states and which became law in 2009. Prior to this treaty there was no formal mechanism for a country to leave the EU. The exiting country cannot take part in internal EU discussions about its departure.

Brexit Announcement: On March 29, 2017 PM May sent a letter to EU council president Donald Tusk formally invoking Article 50.

Departure Date: Article 50 gives the EU and the UK two years to reach an agreement on the terms of the split meaning the UK is scheduled to leave the EU on March 29, 2019. The date may be

extended if all 28 members agree. Unknown how long negotiations will take. Terms of exit will have to be agreed to by 27 national parliaments. EU law stands in the UK until it ceases being a member of the EU and the UK will continue to abide by EU treaties and laws but will not be allowed to participate in decision making of the EU.

Great Repeal Bill: UK government will enact a bill to end the primacy of EU law in the UK. Expectation is the bill will incorporate all EU legislation into UK law in one lump, after which the UK government will decide over time which parts to keep.

Post Brexit Trade: The UK is not intending to stay in the EU's single market. The EU and the UK want trade to continue but PM May wants a new customs union where countries agree not to impose tariffs on each other's goods and have a common tariff on goods coming in from elsewhere.

Scotland: In the first independence vote in September 2014, 55% of Scottish voters wanted to remain in the UK. As part of the UK, Scotland will leave the EU with Brexit. Nicola Sturgeon, Scotland's First Minister, has pledged to do everything she can to keep Scotland in the EU and the single market. She, with Scottish parliament backing, has asked the UK for permission for a second independence from the UK referendum to be held between the autumn of 2018 and spring 2019. If independence is achieved Scotland could apply to become a member of the EU. Theresa May has said this is not the time for an independence vote.

Northern Ireland: Some, including Sinn Fein, have called for a referendum on leaving the UK. Question of what happens if an independence vote is successful. Could Northern Ireland join the Republic of Ireland or become part of another existing EU member country?

Primary source of information for this article: BBC News, March 30, 2017. "Brexit: All you need to know about the UK leaving the EU" by Alex Hunt and Brian Wheeler

RECENT CONCERT

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church hosted a Charlie Zahm and Tad Marks concert on March 19. Many of our Society members attended and I believe everyone enjoyed the music.

If you learn of future events you think might be of interest to our Society members, please let someone on the board know or send an e-mail message to scotsocietycpa@gmail.com.

UPCOMING 2017 EVENTS

Scottish Society Summer Picnic

July 30, 2:00 – 6:00 PM

Lower Allen Township Park, Mechanicsburg

After very successful picnics the past two summers, we will be returning to the same location for our summer 2017 picnic. More details will be shared later but put it on your calendars now.

McLain Festival—September 2

The 23rd annual games and music festival will be held in Carlisle, PA on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. The Society will have a tent.

Covenanter Scottish Festival—September 9

The Society will also have a tent at the 4th annual festival in Quarryville, PA.

SOCIETY EMAIL LIST

From time to time, the Society sends email “blasts” to the membership. Usually, these are reminders about coming events. For example, there was a blast before the Burns Supper.

IF YOU DID NOT GET THAT EMAIL, to be added to the “Blast” list, please send an email to: scotsocietycpa@gmail.com.

NOMINATIONS

The vitality of the Society depends on the willingness of members to serve in leadership positions contributing ideas for the future of the Society. The Board meets about four to six times a year. If YOU are interested please talk to any other officer or Board member. OR: email President Ken at scotsocietycpa@gmail.com.

BURNS VIOLIN’S VOICE RESTORED

“A violin which Robert Burns is said to have danced to has sounded again this past Burns Night [at the Burns Big Birthday Bash at Burns Cottage] as it did in the 18th century, after the National Trust for Scotland [the charity which conserves and promotes Scotland’s heritage] had the piece restored to its original condition. The instrument is thought to have belonged to Burns’ tutor William Gregg and accompanied Robert Burns’ dance lessons at the Bachelors’ Club in Tarbolton. According to experts at the museum, around 1779 the adolescent Robert Burns began attending dance lessons.”

“The fiddle is a decorated baroque violin of provincial-type construction dating to the mid-18th century. It is made from pine, bird’s-eye maple and plain cut sycamore. It has now been repaired and restored and has been restrung with gut strings as it would have [been] originally.”

“The violin is part of the National Trust for Scotland’s collection at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum in Alloway.”

Source: The Scottish Banner, North American Edition, March 2017

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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