

# The Tartan News

Summer 2016 Issue

Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania

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## 2016 – 2017 Board of Directors

At the spring annual meeting on May 3, 2016, the following officers and Board of Directors members were elected for a one year term.

President—Ken Millage  
Vice President—John Goodrich  
Treasurer—Dr. Jesse Weigel  
Secretary—Jen Gardner  
Chaplain—Heather Sigler  
Piper—Bill Gable

### Board Members

John Cameron  
Allen Gordon  
Fred Hait  
Bucky Lee Nelson  
Kathleen White  
Charlene Kemp Silvis, ex officio

Many thanks to all of these individuals who will be serving the Society for the coming year. Thank you also to Allen Gordon and Charlene Kemp Silvis for serving as the nominating committee.

The programs, events, and activities we coordinate or sponsor are meant to increase the awareness of the Scottish Society and to promote an interest in the history, traditions, and culture of Scotland and Scottish Americans in central Pennsylvania. The officers and board will meet its obligations but it is incumbent upon all of us to attend the events we can and to help build enthusiasm for the Society. Please remember to invite a friend to whatever events you attend.

## 2015 – 2016 Scottish Society Events

At the 2016 annual meeting, President Ken Millage listed the following events the Scottish Society sponsored or was involved with over the past year (since the 2015 annual meeting).

July .....Summer Picnic  
September ...McLain Celtic Festival  
September ...Covenanter Scottish Festival  
October .....Kirkin 'O the Tartan  
November ....St. Andrews Dinner  
January .....Burns Night Supper –  
Muskets of the Crown  
February .....Burns Night Supper –  
Scottish Society  
February .....Burns Celebration at Music  
Gettysburg  
April .....Scottish Dinner at the  
Kitchen Shoppe  
May .....Annual meeting

This has been a busy year with many opportunities for Society members to indulge their Scottish interests. The board is always looking for more events. Please let us know about events you have attended or other/new ones you would like us to consider.

## Clan Gunn Gets Chief

Well friends a wee bit on my trip to Scotland. I am sure that some know that my Clan Gunn has been without a hereditary Clan Chief for over two hundred and thirty some years. This was the reason for my trip.

About forty some years ago the Lord Lyons appointed Iain Alexander Gunn of Baniskirk as "Commander" of the Clan. Apparently he had done so well it was decided to make him Clan Chief. As our President of the Clan Society of North America thought enough to appoint me Commissioner I felt I should go. So on the 16th of April 2016, at Merchants Hall in Edinburgh Scotland, I was witness to the formal Investiture of our first Clan Chief in all those years.

First there was the Formal Presentation, which can be viewed on our site, [www.clangunnsociety.org](http://www.clangunnsociety.org), then the champagne meet and greet where personal presentations were made. You may see me presenting him with a Native American style hunting knife. The formal banquet was last, and very posh to say the least.

SSoCPA Board Member Bucky Nelson of Clan Gunn makes a presentation to the new Chief

All in all quite the experience, and to be there to witness such an historic occasion for our Clan. As some may be aware I had actually submitted a document to the now Clan Chief awhile back known as the Declaration of Manrent. This is basically an oath of loyalty, and is on file with the Clan in Scotland.

Now just a few words on my stay in Edinburgh. If you go to Scotland, take wash cloths. They never heard of such things. Some time back I had heard that Edinburgh was a dirty city. Sorry to report it is true. If you go on line and look at the Scott Monument it used to be an oatmeal color. Look at it now. Trash blowing about the streets. However there is a movement in process to clean things up.

Goot Luck!

I could rattle on about my experience there, but we are limited on space.

Good day all.

Bucky



## Upcoming Events

### **Scottish Society Summer Picnic**

July 10, 2016  
2:00 – 6:00 PM

Lower Allen Township Park,  
Mechanicsburg

After a very successful picnic last summer, we will be returning to the same location for our summer 2016 picnic. The Society will provide a meat dish and beverages. Please bring a picnic potluck dish to share. If you have favorite Scottish picnic fare to share, so much the better.

### **Two Mile House Tartan Stone Presentation**

July 17, 2016  
1:00 – 2:00 PM

Internationally known stone carver Frank Maurer will present a Scots-Irish heritage Tartan Stone to Cumberland County Historical Society at the Two Mile House (1189 Walnut Bottom Road in Carlisle, PA) and share the history of the stone and its Scots-Irish connections. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact the Historical Society to RSVP for this free event.

### **McLain Festival**

The McLain Festival will be held on Saturday, September 3, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Two Mile House (1189 Walnut Bottom Road) in Carlisle, PA. As we have for years, the Scottish Society will have our tent in a prime location. Please visit us and enjoy some shortbread. There will be multiple tents hosted by Society members. Many other clans will have their own tents so this is an opportunity to meet or reacquaint yourself with members of your own Scottish families. Enjoy a day of music, athletic games, dance, border collie demonstrations, food, and vendors selling Celtic merchandise.

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# Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania Membership Form

For additional information please go to: [www.pennscots.org](http://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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/Baking     | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing for Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Services |   |

**2016—2017 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE! PLEASE MAIL THEM!**



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