

# The Tartan News

Spring 2014 Issue

Scottish Society of Central Pennsylvania

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014

6:30 p.m.

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church  
101 N. 23rd Street

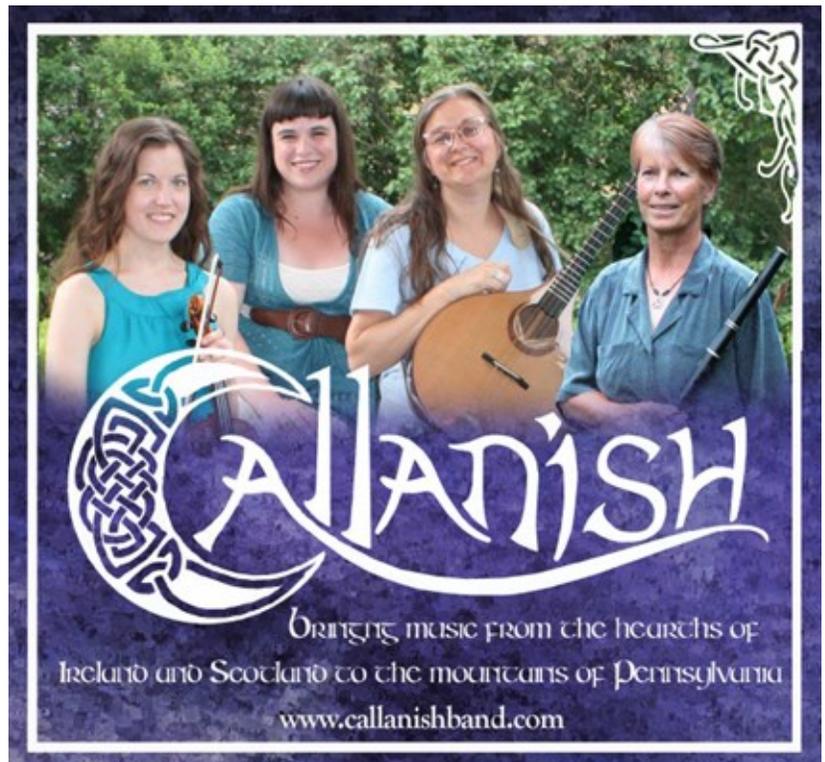
This evening will include the report of the Nominating Committee and the election of officers for the coming year. Performing this year will be the group, Callanish.

They come to us from the State College area and will be performing Scottish tunes on guitar, flute, whistles, concertina, drums, bouzouki, and bodhrans and with two part vocal harmony. The evening begins with dinner at 6:30 and those attending are asked to contribute a dish to share. Meat and cheese trays, bread, drinks, and all utensils will be provided. Please bring the following according to your last name.

A through E-----Appetizers/Snack Food

F through P-----Salads

Q through Z-----Desserts



## CLOSING THOUGHTS

As I end my three years of serving as President of the Scottish Society of Central PA, I would like to share some lessons I have learned, some suggestions I might make, and some accolades I would like to give. I ask for your understanding that not every good deed has room for mention here.

The main lesson I have learned is just how varied is our membership. I assumed that everyone was paying homage to their family heritage when they joined the Society. However, I have learned that people are with us who just love to visit Scotland, who love the music, who love the traditions, who love short bread and most especially, the Scotch! We have members who are experts on the poetry of Robert Burns and members who can recite Scottish battle history. I think we are so fortunate to have these people among us!

My suggestions would include that you invite your friends to join us in our activities. We strive to make our gatherings a fun.....and tasty!.....event every time we meet. The board has really been working on keeping events lively and not overly long. They have also sponsored presentations catering to specific age and/or interest groups such as those concerning genealogical research and those children's evenings at the library. A summer picnic is also in the planning stage. These events require membership participation, obviously, and if the Society is to maintain its vigor and grow, then the membership list must also grow. As in any organization, we lose members due to death, to moving from the area, and excessive work demands. If every member took it upon him or herself to bring in one new member, the organization would become stronger and perhaps additional interesting events could be on the calendar.

Another suggestion I would like to make is that everyone should contribute his or her talents whenever possible. The same people should not be expected to continue doing the same job year after year. If you have accounting skills, offer to serve a year or two as Treasurer. If you are good at organizing, offer to be the coordinator for one of the events. If you are good at public speaking and have a topic of interest, offer to do an evening seminar. If you have writing skills, send in an occasional article for The Tartan News or even offer to serve as its editor! Perhaps you could help tie the heather before the Burns or bake short bread or help with the tent at the McLain. This Society has not one paid position, so everyone is a volunteer, but it would be helpful for the volunteering to be spread around a wee bit!

The accolades I would like to give must go to those who, indeed, have given so much to see the Scottish Society thrive. Your officers do much "behind the scenes." John Goodrich makes all the Burns Night arrangements, John Cameron writes and sets up all our web site info, Dan Maresh serves as the in-house tartan expert and Mark Hagenbuch has for years been the expert on Scottish traditions. When he could not attend the Burns Dinner, we were all so grateful to Fred Hait for leading the "Ode to the Haggis." Dr. Jesse Weigel has served us so well as the Treasurer and keeps our finances straight. Jen Gardner has been the coordinator for our participation in the McLain Festival and Ken Millage has been the coordinator for the Annual Meeting. Roy MacDonald has kept us on track by providing our board meeting minutes and sending out reminders to everyone. John Melville is working on the summer picnic idea. Virginia Keister has written articles for the newsletter, the Rev. Dr. Sullivan has prayed for us all and goodness knows, Bill Gable has many times "tootled" for us! The membership owes these people a huge debt of gratitude.

And now I must express my own gratitude for the pleasure of having served as your President these past three years. I wish my successor well and will strive to be supportive as a board member "ex officio."

*Charlene Kemp Silvia*

## NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

The 1st Annual Tussey Mountain Celtic Festival will be happening June 7, 2014. The festival will most likely run from 3:00-9:00 pm, but they are still working out a few details. Celtic Fest will include performances by The Bastard Bearded Irish Men, Callanish and more. There will be festive games, food and beverages to fit the theme.

In preparation for Homecoming Scotland this summer, you may want to visit their website at: <http://www.visitscotland.com/en-us/see-do/homecoming-scotland-2014/>

Steven Roy Goodman, MS, JD, an educational consultant, has sent links to two 1/2 hour programs taped at the University of Aberdeen. The first concerns the Referendum for Scottish Independence and the second is about the university itself. The links are:

- HIGHER EDUCATION TODAY - Scottish Independence Referendum Debate featuring Dr. Stephen Watson and Professor Hugh Pennington: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4N-P-pInyk>
- HIGHER EDUCATION TODAY - University of Aberdeen with Professor Sir Ian Diamond and AUSA President Megan Dunn: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjMOF1EUHg>
- Get a free sample download of the new e-book entitled Local's e-Guide to Edinburgh at: <http://the.localsguideto.co.uk/>

## FLOWER OF THE FOREST

Ms. Gene Wallace, SSoCP member from Harrisburg, passed away on January 20, 2014. Gene was proud of her Scottish heritage, which led to a 20 year genealogy project that took her roots directly back to William Wallace.

### FAILTE A CHAIRDE!

(Gaelic: Welcome Friends!)

We welcome into our membership:  
Patricia A. Groft of Hanover, PA

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Members who were appointed and agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2013-2014 include:

Allen Gordon  
Dan Maresh  
D'Arcy Wagonhurst

### The Scottish Society of Central PA Board Members for 2013-2014

*President:* Charlene Kemp  
*Vice-President:* John Goodrich  
*Secretary:* Roy MacDonald  
*Treasurer:* Dr. Jesse Weigel  
*Chaplain:* Rev. Dr. Russell Sullivan

John Cameron  
Bill Gable  
Mark Hagenbuch  
Fred Hait  
Virginia Keister  
Dan Maresh  
John Melville  
Ken Millage  
Jen Gardner, ex-officio



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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, 2013 - June 30, 2014

\$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 |   |

**2013—2014 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE PAST DUE! PLEASE MAIL THEM!**