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POTLUCK NOTICE

For the October meeting, since it is a potluck, we will set up the food beginning at 6:30 and we'll eat at 7:30 (so that the hot food stays hot).

Please bring a dish, according to your last name:

A – J – salad

K – N – main dish

O – Z – dessert

Please label your dish, especially if it contains something that might be an allergen (like peanuts), alcohol, or if it contains meat (for our vegetarians). We will provide beverages, as usual.

ENTERTAINMENT

Our October entertainment will be our own Bill McFadden, giving a presentation entitled "Charlie and Me", about Bonnie Prince Charlie and Bill's path of discovery of his Scottish heritage and his clan. Our November entertainment will be Annette Mentzer, who will give a talk on the history of the Kilt.



Philip, Susan and Bonnie at Enumclaw

SCOTTISH MYTHOLOGY

The Kelpie, or Scottish waterhorse - The kelpie is a supernatural water horse from Celtic folklore that is believed to haunt the rivers and lochs of Scotland and Ireland. Its hide was supposed to be black (though in some stories it was white), and sometimes appeared to be a lost pony, but can be identified by its constantly dripping mane. Its skin is like that of a seal, smooth, but is as cold as death when touched. The horse's appearance is strong, powerful, and breathtaking. Water horses are also known to transform into beautiful women in order to lure men into their traps, and vice versa. The kelpie is said to lure humans, especially children, into the water to drown and eat them. It performs this act by encouraging children to ride on its back. Once its victims fall into its trap, the kelpie's skin becomes adhesive and it bears them into the river, dragging them to the bottom of the water and devouring them - except the heart or liver. In Orkney a similar creature was called the nuggle, and in Shetland a similar creature was called the shoopiltee, the njogel, or the tangi. On the Isle of Man it is known as the cabbyl-ushtey (Manx Gaelic for "water horse,") or the glashtin. In Wales, a similar creature is known as the Ceffyl Dwr. It also appears in Scandinavian folklore where in Sweden, Norway, Island, the Faroe Islands, and in Ireland.

NEXT GATHERING
OCTOBER 15TH

SET-UP - 6:30 PM,
MEETING - 7:30 PM,
ENTERTAINMENT - 8:00 PM
TEA - 8:45 PM

A Letter from the Editor Diana Smith

I want to welcome everyone back after our summer hiatus. I hope you all had a great summer. A few members did turn out for Linda MacDonald-Lewis' presentation on Scottish history in September, and it was nice seeing you. I'm looking forward to everyone else coming to our October gathering and sharing our potluck and hearing Bill McFadden talk about Bonnie Prince Charlie. This summer the Caledonians were represented at the Highland Games in Enumclaw, July 31- Aug. 1. We had a good turn-out of volunteers and had a lot of fun. Caledonian members Lynda and Cliff Glaspey were the joint Chieftains of the Games. Our booth was visited by quite a few people and we even gained a few new members. Our June gathering and potluck was a lot of fun and we had some wonderful food! Entertainment was great – Susan Burke fiddling and MCing, with a number of different talents on stage for our enjoyment, for our “June Show”. The annual picnic was held at Magnusson Park in August. We had a small turn-out, partially due to the extremely hot weather, but those who attended had a jolly time playing games and eating wonderful food! And now we're ready to start our 2010-2011 season. Some upcoming events you might want to attend are the Heather Ball (hosted by the SSHGA) in November and Gung Haggis in February, and, of course, our monthly gatherings. See you on October 15th!



Linda MacDonald-Lewis talking about Scottish History

A Letter from our President Don Moore

Welcome to the 2010 - 2011 year of the C&SAS. Summer and the Games Season that goes with it is over and, as always, it seems to have gone by way too fast. Susan Walker operated the Caledonian tent at the games in Enumclaw. I know many of you stopped by. To catch you all up on what's happening, below are a few random thoughts:

Things are always changing. 2010 was the last year for the Tartan Day Celebration in Puyallup. It was always a relatively small event but it was a great venue for kicking off the new games season. Like the saying goes, every closing leads to an opening. A new games is being planned for September 3 & 4, 2011. The Hood Canal Highland Celtic Festival will be held at Theler Community Center in Belfair.

Our first event of the new Caledonian year has already been held. On September 17th we hosted a small gathering at the church to hear Linda MacDonald-Lewis talk about Scottish History and more specifically about her new book *The Warriors and Wordsmiths of Freedom: The Birth and Death of Democracy*. Thanks goes to Bill McFadden, Susan Walker and Victoria Vegors for staging this event.

The first official act of the new Board was to shuffle a few positions. Allen Patton is now our Treasurer, Denise Chitwood has become our Parliamentarian and Kim Cambern has graciously agreed to become a Trustee.

On September 3rd, the board met with Jim Kaplan of the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle and heard details of the upcoming trade visit to Scotland. There was a great deal of give and take during the evening. We offered him a perspective on local Scottish culture and some Scottish history. He committed to looking into some support for some local events and groups.

Over the summer, conversations were held with a number of groups about creating a new, multi-organizational event to commemorate Tartan Day. This possible event would be the successor to the event at the Puyallup Fairgrounds and would not interfere or compete with the commemoration at the state capitol. So far these talks are just talk, but there is general agreement about how this event could be staged. More later.

IN MEMORIAM

Rick Hancock, Dixie McCollum and Ken McAlpine passed away this last year. We will miss them. We always saw Dixie and Ken at the Games in July, and Rick was a regular attendee at the annual Masters of Scottish Arts concert.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 12 - Gaelic Storm 7:00 p.m., Puyallup Fair, Puyallup, WA; Tickets \$25—\$35; <http://www.thefair.com/concerts/>; <http://gaelicstorm.musiccitynetworks.com>

Oct. 15 - Caledonian-St. Andrew's gathering; 7:30; Lake City Presbyterian Church; entertainment will be Bill McFadden, giving a presentation entitled "Charlie and Me", about Bonnie Prince Charlie and Bill's path of discovery of his Scottish heritage and his clan."

Oct. 16 – 19th annual Celtic Fling, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Seattle; www.saintandrewsseattle.org

Oct. 17 – Church Service and the Kirkin' of the Tartan, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Seattle; www.saintandrewsseattle.org

Oct. 23 - Natalie MacMaster - "Masters of The Fiddle" with Donnell Leahy and friends; Edmonds Center for the Arts, 410 Fourth Avenue North, Edmonds, WA; 7:30 PM; tickets: 425-275-4485; www.edmondscenterforthearts.org; www.nataliemacmaster.com

Nov. 6 – 47th annual Heather Tartan Ball and silent auction; Northgate Community Center, Seattle, WA; www.sshga.org

Nov. 7 - Hanneke Cassel 7:30 pm; Phinney Neighborhood Center, 6532 Phinney Avenue N., Seattle, WA; Admission: \$15; Fiddler Hanneke Cassel combines influences from Scotland to China, along with grooves and innovations from the Boston bluegrass/ Americana scene, fused together to create a uniquely American approach to Scottish music. She creates sounds on the cutting edge of acoustic music, while retaining the integrity and soul of the Scottish tradition. www.seafolklore.org; <http://www.hannekecassel.com/>

Nov. 12 – Caledonian-St. Andrew's gathering; 7:30; Lake City Presbyterian Church; entertainment will be Annette Mentzer giving a presentation on the history of the kilt.

Nov. 16 - Battlefield Band 7:30 pm; \$23 adv/\$25 day of show; The Triple Door, 216 Union Street, Seattle; (206)838-4333; www.battlefieldband.co.uk/; www.tripledoor.com

Nov. 20 - Celtic Tenors with The Cascade Youth Symphony, 2:00 pm; Benaroya Hall, 200 University Street, Seattle, WA; <http://www.cyso.us/events>; Phone: (206) 215-4800; www.celtictenors.com

Dec 3 and 4 - Geoffrey Castle's Celtic Christmas; December 3, 7:30 PM; December 4, 8:00 PM; Kirkland Performance Center, 350 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA; Adults \$25 - Seniors \$20 - Youth \$15; www.kpcenter.org; www.geoffreycastle.com

Dec. 4 - Enumclaw Christmas Parade; Enumclaw, WA

Dec. 10 - Caledonian-St. Andrew's gathering; 7:30; Lake City Presbyterian Church.

Dec. 11 - Hanz Araki and The Celtic Conspiracy 8:00 PM, Kirkland Performance Center, 350 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA; Adults \$25.00 • Sr \$25.00 • Youth \$25.00; Tiered Seating for this Event; Prime Seats \$25 - Choice Seats \$22; Hanz Araki is the sixth generation in his family line to play the shakuhachi, a traditional Japanese flute, and the first to bring the music of Scotland and Ireland into his repertoire. This concert will celebrate the magic of the winter solstice. www.kpcenter.org; www.hanzaraki.com

Feb. 4 – Masters of Scottish Arts, Benaroya Hall, 7:30 pm

Feb 4 – Solas; McIntyre Hall, 2501 E. College Way, Mount Vernon, WA; 360 416-7727 ex.2; www.mcintyrehall.com; www.solasmusic.com

Feb. 18 – Jim Malcolm 8:00 pm; Traditions Café and World Folk Art, 300 5th Avenue SW, Olympia, WA; 360-705-2819; \$15 Student/low income: \$10; www.traditionsfairtrade.com; www.jimmalcolm.com

Feb. 23 - The Chieftains 7:30 pm; The Washington Center For The Performing Arts, 512 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA; www.washingtoncenter.org; www.thechieftains.com

March 11 – Dervish; Dinner 6:30 pm / Show 8 pm; The Admiral Theatre 515 Pacific Ave, Bremerton, WA; Dervish is one of Ireland's most exciting tradition-rooted bands. With its combination of virtuosic instrumentation, high-energy arrangements and the vocals of Cathy Jordan, Dervish continues to weave its own path in Ireland's great musical heritage. Main Floor Show with Dinner \$60; Main Floor Reserved \$29; Loge reserved \$24; Balcony Reserved \$19; Tickets: 360-373-6810; www.admiraltheatre.org; <http://www.dervish.ie/>

June 3-5 – Riverdance; The Paramount Theatre, 911 Pine Street, Seattle, WA; www.stgprepresents.org; www.riverdance.com

HUMOR

Scottish Stats: A recent study conducted by Aberdeen University found that the average Scotsman walks about 900 miles a year. Another study by the Scottish Medical Association found that Scotsmen drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year! This means, on average, Scotsmen get about 41 miles to the gallon. Makes You Proud to Be Scottish doesn't it.

A Wee Scots Tale: A golfer is cupping his hand to scoop water from a Highland burn on the famous golf course at St Andrews. Suddenly, a groundskeeper shouts: "Dinnae drink tha waater! Et's foo ae coo's shite an pish!" The golfer replies: "Excuse me, my good fellow, I'm from England. Could you repeat that for me, in English, please!?" The keeper replies: "I said, use two hands - you'll spill less that way!"

SCOTTISH NEWS

Scottish Biofuel - Researchers at Edinburgh's Napier University's Bio-fuel Centre have developed a way to produce biofuel from the two main by-products of whisky distilling: the liquid from the copper stills and the spent grains. Huge quantities of the by-products are available, and scientists say that the new fuel can be used in conventional petrol-engined cars with no adaptation necessary. It could even be used to fuel aircraft, which adds a new dimension to the notion of getting high on Scotch.

Billy Connolly Awarded Freedom Of The City Of Glasgow - Billy Connolly received the Freedom of the City at a ceremony at Glasgow City Chambers on Friday, 20 August. The Freedom of the City was given in recognition of the distinction Billy has brought to the city through his "outstanding contributions in comedy and drama; on consideration of his many charitable works and in recognition of his pride in being a Glaswegian". Bob Winter, the Lord Provost, said: "Billy Connolly is arguably the world's best known Glaswegian and is truly deserving of the Freedom of the City."

Bovril - It's a drink, a spread, even a crisp flavoring, and it was created in Edinburgh. Bovril sales in the UK reach 3.5 million jars every year. John Lawson Johnston is one of Scotland's least-known inventors, even though his unusual creation went on to become a household name. Johnston made his fortune after creating Bovril, which he first started experimenting on in his butcher's shop in mid-19th century Edinburgh and famously sold to the French army after he had immigrated to Canada. Now, the creator of the beef drink that is still a staple of the football fan's diet wins due recognition for his creative ingenuity with an exhibition of his life and work. Archivists at City of Edinburgh Council spent months researching Johnston's little-known roots in Scotland's capital where the man had set about trying to produce a nourishing beef drink for the poor people of the Royal Mile. Such was the demand for the product in the city that Johnston had two shops, and a small factory was set up in the Holyrood area before he immigrated to Canada in 1871. Its name came from bo - Latin for ox - and Vrilya, from vrilya, the name given to a powerful energy-giving fluid in a popular novel of the time, *The Coming Race*. Johnston went on to sell his Bovril company for £2 million in 1896, four years before he died while on holiday in Cannes, in France.

National Trust for Scotland may have to give up control of historic properties - Scotland's largest conservation charity will have no option but to hand over the running of sites across the country, its chief executive has warned. Kate Mavor of the National Trust for Scotland said the vast majority of its sites and properties were running at a loss and admitted that

the trust could not afford to carry out the extensive repairs and refurbishments needed at many of them. NTS had been "living beyond its means" and millions of pounds would almost certainly have to be raised through public campaigns to safeguard the future of key sites once a full audit of the trust's estate is carried out, she said. NTS runs 130 attractions and historic sites across Scotland but just 12 of these are fully "endowed", meaning the trust has to pay for repairs and maintenance out of its own funds for the remainder.

Light in Waverley Station - its dark panels have cast long shadows over millions of travelers passing through the heart of Edinburgh for years. Now the man charged with restoring Waverley Station's giant glass roof to its former glory has promised to lighten up the lives of commuters. Workers are poised to step up their activity in preparation for replacing the roof's 17,000 glass panels. Officials masterminding the project said it would flood the grade A-listed station, which dates back to 1846, with extra light. The concourse will be spruced up and decluttered to enable its original architectural splendor to once again shine through. In a separate part of the project, the Waverley Steps from Princes Street will be replaced with lifts and escalators, and the Market Street entrance on the south side of the station revamped. Peter Chong, who is heading the roof replacement project, said: "We want to give it a 'wow' factor - people will think they are walking back into Victorian times. Waverley is one of the largest surviving Victorian city stations. The key is to restore it to its former glory using modern materials but in keeping with the originals."

Europe's largest onshore wind farm set for massive expansion - It is already Europe's largest onshore wind farm and creates enough electricity to power 180,000 homes but now Whitelee is set for a massive expansion, which will see it almost double its power-generation capacity over the next two years to become one of the biggest wind farms in the world. Owner ScottishPower Renewables is to add another 75 turbines to the vast farm on Eaglesham Moor in Renfrewshire, which is to expand from its current 21sq mile site to cover 32sq miles. The expansion will see Whitelee's generating capacity rise from 322mw to 539mw, increasing the average daily number of homes it is able to power to 300,000. A WWF Scotland report last year claimed that, by 2030, renewable energy could meet between 60 per cent and 143 per cent of Scotland's projected annual electricity demand. A total of 69 larger wind turbines with a 3mw capacity and six smaller ones are to be built on the site, which will include more than 60 miles of tracks open to the public for cycling and hiking.

Ugliest place in Scotland is . . . John O'Groatesque - The name of John o' Groats is known around the world, but it has been already branded Scotland's

worst tourist attraction by one guidebook. Now, just as John o' Groats was hoping to consign its bad reputation to the past, it will now be given another unwanted accolade. It will be named the most unsightly place in Scotland and given the notorious Plook on the Plinth prize in the annual Carbuncle Awards. It is another setback for the northerly community that every year attracts 112,000 tourists and marathon competitors but has suffered from years of underdevelopment and unfulfilled promises.

But locals believe the name-calling will soon be consigned to the past with plans to create 16 eco-friendly, self-catering lodges and a visitor centre from the shell of the rundown landmark John o' Groats Hotel. The proposal represents the first phase of a masterplan to rejuvenate the village which has been described previously as the worst and most embarrassing tourist attraction in Scotland and where the majority of its visitors are said to stay an average of only ten minutes.

Cupar breaks world porridge record – With 176 pounds of oats and a bowl nearly five feet high and five feet wide, Cupar (in Fife) has won the prize for the biggest bowl of porridge ever recorded by the Guinness Book of World Records. A forklift had to lift the giant bowl to an industrial scale for weighing. It weighed about 1,518 pounds and was enough to feed 2,000 people. (After the official tasting, the remainder was put aside to feed local farm animals.)

Scottish couples the happiest in Britain – According to the Happy Marriage Index, Scottish couples are the happiest. Asked if tying the knot enhanced their emotional well being, 78% of Scots said marriage made them happier as opposed to 64% in Northern England, 67% in Wales, 70% in southeast England, and 73% in the Midlands.

Scotland's First Online War Museum – The web site of the Remembering Scotland at War Museum, developed by the Museums Galleries Scotland, features more than 200 displays, oral histories, diaries, newspaper articles, archival films, paintings and photographed objects from World War II through Afghanistan and Iraq. See: www.rememberingscotlandatwar.org.uk.

Pupil stunned by letter from Obama - A primary pupil was the toast of his class after he got a helping hand with a school project from US president Barack Obama. Eight-year-old Robert Robertson, from Linwood, Renfrewshire, decided to write to the US leader after he was asked to get in touch with someone in a different country. The Our Lady of Peace primary pupil posted a drawing of the children's book character Flat Stanley to the White House several weeks ago and was delighted when the president replied with a letter and photographs. The signed note said: "Thank you for sending Flat Stanley to the White House. I am pleased to report that he worked hard, listened carefully and had a lot of fun!" Robert said: "I was

surprised because I didn't think a letter would come back. The envelope had the address of the White House on it and I was very excited!" The Flat Stanley Project was started more than a decade ago to boost children's literacy skills. Pupils write to a pen pal about the adventures of Stanley Lambchop, the character from the popular kids' book who is flattened when a notice board falls on him and begins posting himself around the world. Robert's parents Janice and Allan told their son that the president was a busy man and might not have time to write back with an update on Flat Stanley's progress. They were delighted when the reply came with photos of Mr. Obama, his family and an activity booklet featuring the White House dog Bo. Mrs. Robertson said: "When I came home he came running to the front door to tell me he'd got a letter from the President. "I couldn't believe it. It's great that he got a reply at all, let alone from the President himself. He was really excited and took the letter into school to tell his teacher straight away."

100-year-old Scotch pulled from frozen crate - Wellington, New Zealand - A crate of Scotch whisky that was trapped in Antarctic ice for a century was finally opened in August - but the heritage dram won't be tasted by whisky lovers because it's being preserved for its historical significance. The crate, recovered from the Antarctic hut of renowned explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton after it was found there in 2006, has been thawed very slowly in recent weeks at the Canterbury Museum in Christchurch on New Zealand's South Island. The crate was painstakingly opened to reveal 11 bottles of Mackinlay's Scotch whisky, wrapped in paper and straw to protect them from the rigors of a rough trip to Antarctica for Shackleton's 1907 Nimrod expedition. Though the crate was frozen solid when it was retrieved earlier this year, the whisky inside could be heard sloshing around in the bottles. Antarctica's minus 22 Fahrenheit (-30 Celsius) temperature was not enough to freeze the liquor, dating from 1896 or 1897 and described as being in remarkably good condition.

Salmon exports to US double – Scottish-farmed salmon exports to the US doubled in the last year. Nearly 24,000 tons of fresh salmon were exported. Currently salmon is Scotland's number one export.

Scottish singer, Rod Stewart is to become a father for the eighth time at the age of 65. He and his wife Penny Lancaster, 39, spent two years on IVF programs before she became pregnant. The couple consulted fertility experts in the US and the UK when efforts to conceive naturally failed, describing the battle since as an "emotional rollercoaster".

Scotland's new-look national museum is expected to generate £58.1 million a year for the nation's economy after it fully reopens following a three-year revamp.

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It is expected to support the equivalent of 2,611 jobs within the first full year after its planned official unveiling next July. This £46m revamp will effectively create a new world-class attraction. The Royal Museum building's remodel is its biggest refurbishment since it was built in 1866. Some 50 per cent more public space is being created in 16 new gallery spaces, while its major exhibition space will be increased by 25 per cent. Around 80 per cent of the exhibits will be going on display for the first time, or will have rarely been seen in public.

Scone Palace archway is demolished by van - Over 500 years the historic archway at Scone Palace has seen several kings pass under its grand stonework, but the 16th-century archway, the oldest surviving part of the palace, was reduced to rubble recently by a white van after the driver crashed into it. Officials at the historic palace said the iconic symbol - which was all that remained of the approach to the Augustinian Abbey which once stood on the palace lawns - was hit by a van being driven by contractors. The driver was on his way to pick up a marquee used at an event. The contractor appeared to misjudge the height of the arch and smashed into it, causing the entire archway to collapse. One visitor said: "It is completely destroyed." Scone Palace is one of the most important buildings in Scotland. A Category A listed building, the palace was first built in the 1600s. It was rebuilt in 1808 for the Earls of Mansfield by William Atkinson.

MEMBER UPDATES

Stephanie Sprinkle and Dorothy Leo have new email addresses: hearspipes@hotmail.com (Stephanie), duntulm30@hotmail.com (Dorothy).

Carol Garman has a new address: 30127 - 50th Lane S. Auburn WA 98001; 253-661-8149 cell 253-880-6926.

Karen Bryce has a new email address: b.karen777@hotmail.com.

Cora Howard has had a hard summer, in and out of the hospital with a pacemaker that her body rejected. She certainly is lucky to have Phil to take care of her. She is feeling better now, but it's been a long haul for her.

Bernice Clarke now lives at Foundation House at Northgate. The address is 11301 3rd. Ave. N.E. Seattle, 98125 and the phone number is 206 788 4760.

RAFFLE

Thank you Phil and Cora Howard for overseeing the raffle for the last several years! This year our raffle coordinators are Barb St. John (dooliedog@hotmail.com) and Nancy Rasmussen (ras3436@aol.com). As always, they will be accepting good quality, Scottish themed, donations for our raffle table.

HEATHER TARTAN BALL NOVEMBER 6TH

This is an evening of Scottish entertainment with pipe bands, Highland dancing, country dancing, ballroom dancing and a Silent Auction to benefit the Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association. The 46th Annual Heather Tartan Ball and Silent Auction will be on Saturday, November 6 at the Northgate Community Center, 10510 - 5th Avenue NE, Seattle. The aim of our dance committee is to provide an evening of enjoyment and entertainment with all the proceeds going to benefit the 65th Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering to be held July 30 and 31, 2011 at the Expo Center in Enumclaw, Washington. The doors open at 6:00 PM with a social hour. The Silent Auction begins at 6:00 PM and runs through 9:30 PM. Instruction in Scottish country dancing will take place at 6:30 PM and a second set at 9:30 PM. Beginning at 7:45 PM dance music will be provided by BottleRockit and throughout the evening you will enjoy pipe band performances.

TICKETS: \$20 In Advance, \$25 At The Door; advance admission tickets \$20 with requests post-marked by October 29, 2010 or ordered via credit card through our web site at www.sshga.org; (tickets \$25 and available on-line 10/30 through 11/4 or at the door, space permitting). All seats reserved. When ordering for a group, please note that seating is reserved with a group of ten per table. If you wish to sit together with other guests, please arrange ahead to consolidate your order and have one person collect and send in the form under his/her name. Seating assigned from the dance floor outward based on receipt of form and payment. All tickets purchased in October will be mailed starting October 19. More Information: (206) 522-2541 or www.sshga.org.

Space is limited, so we do suggest you buy your tickets early. The dress is semi-formal, the liquid refreshment is a No-host bar and Scottish meat pies will be available for purchase. We regret that due to Washington State liquor laws, no one under 21 will be admitted. If you wish to donate to the silent auction, please contact Sharon Ritelis, at scots4ever@sshga.org; also, Diana Smith has both ticket and auction forms.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Bonnie has sent get well cards to **Margaret Russell**, **Cora Howard**, **Victoria Johnson**, sympathy cards to **Jim Mentzer** (upon the deaths of father and uncle) and **Tom Laurensen** (who's wife passed away), and a thank you card to **Susan Walker** for all the work she's done to oversee the booth at Enumclaw. Please let Bonnie Munro know of anyone who is ill or in hospital, etc., so she can send a card.

NWJPB

The NWJPB is now posting on Facebook and their website is: <http://nwjpb.org/news>.

The Northwest Junior Pipe Band had a very busy competition season during 2010. The young musicians kept reaching new milestones this year, winning both the Grade 4 and the higher level Grade 3 Washington State Championships at the Skagit Valley Highland Games, and ended up finishing the season winning the BC Pipers' Association Grand Aggregate Championship for Grade 4 Pipe Bands for the first time in the band's 15 year history. We had soloists win 3 different Grand Aggregate awards (Grade 2 piping, Grade 2 drumming and Grade 4 drumming), and 3 who ended up in 2nd place overall for the season (Grade 1 piping, Grade 3 drumming and Grade 4 piping). The players in the Grade 4 band have reached new heights of musicianship and we've just announced that we're working with our very good friends the White Spot Pipe Band from Vancouver, BC to provide a new challenge for the talented youth in both organizations. We will be forming a larger band with White Spot Pipe Band to compete at the Grade 3 level during our normal season, and hope to travel to the World Pipe Band Championship in Scotland to compete as a Juvenile band at the end of the season. Both bands will remain independent non-profit organizations and plan to have independent bands competing in the Grade 4 or Grade 5 levels as well, but with a growing number of highly ranked but still young players, the opportunity to take on the challenge of a higher grade level of competition for a full season was too exciting to turn down. News about our exciting new project was released on Pipes|Drums <http://pipesdrums.com> and the BC Pipers' Association <http://bcpipers.org>. We appreciate the support of our community and we want you to know that we would not be able to do this without your help, our followers, fans, and supporters are helping us create lasting and meaningful talents, experiences and life skills for more than 40 local youth.

SCOTTISH FILM REVIEW

I KNOW WHERE I'M GOING!

This classic Scottish movie, made in 1945, gives a good view of Scottish rural traditions and national identity. Shot in black and white (as color film was hard to come by right after the war), it shows amazing scenery of Scotland and the shores of the Isle of Mull, where it was shot on location. It's in English, but you can hear Gaelic being spoken by the townspeople, and the Glasgow chorus sings traditional Scottish songs in the background. There is a good

ceilidh scene with dancing. It's a drama, the story of a young woman who is heading to the Hebrides to marry a rich man. The Scottish weather and the famous Corryvreckan whirlpool interfere with her plans, she meets a local man, and her itinerary changes. Wendy Hiller and Roger Livesey star, with a cameo by a very young Petula Clark. One can almost smell the wind and the rain, and the light and dark of the sky is amazing. The directors, Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger, were true artists in capturing and manipulating natural effects. Martin Scorsese calls it a masterpiece and film critic Barry Norman included it among his 100 greatest films of all time. It does reflect the British morals of the time, so even though it's billed as a romance, it lacks the sexy scenes that we're used to in modern films, but if you're into old movies that are considered to be classics, I would recommend this. If you rent it from Netflix, there's about an hour of extra features you can watch, which were as interesting as the film itself, about the making of the film, the Scottish countryside, the people, and other extraneous, but fascinating, information.

TRADE DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

Jim Kaplan was a guest at the Aug. board meeting. He began by telling the Board about the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle, and what they do. In short, they promote the Pacific NW (Seattle in particular) to other countries for business development and trade opportunities. They learn about the country of interest, prepare for an Outbound Mission to that country with delegates who are interested in fostering this goal. Jim told us about their Mission to the UK: Edinburgh, Glasgow, and London in May of 2011. After he discussed their goals, Board members asked him what the Society could do to help them. He said that he is interested in helping delegates learn more about Scotland, what Scotland's needs are, cultural customs, etc. The Board gave him some suggestions of people he could speak with, and a book that might be helpful to understand the industrious nature of Scots historically. Bill told him about Gung Haggis Fat Choy, and he told us about a Scottish enterprise organization in the Bay Area, run by Colum Lancaster, who might be of help to the Society.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new members to our society:

Janet Russell Alacantara, 7540 - 10th Ave. NW, Seattle, 98117, dcsjanet@hotmail.com, 206 669-2116;

Cindy Todd-Walters, 640 NW 99th St., Seattle 98117, sayhitoCindy@hotmail.com, 206 783-8426



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Center. For information
contact fraser509@gmail

Gatherings:

When - Second Friday of each month except
July, August and September.

Where - Lake City Presbyterian Church
3841 N.E. 123rd St. Seattle WA.

Directions - From Lake City Way proceed east on 123rd
to 40th. Park in the Church parking lot.

Time - Set-up at 6.30 p.m.
Social Hour at 7:00 p.m.
Business meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Entertainment and raffle at 8:00 p.m.

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