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ENTERTAINMENT



Our entertainment this month will be the **North West Fiddlers** under the direction of Calum MacKinnon. They play traditional Scottish music.

Entertainment for May will be the Northwest Junior Pipe Band.

TARTAN DAY

Celebrate **National Tartan Day** on the Capitol steps in Olympia, April 6, noon; we'd like as many Scots (kilted, preferably) there to show support for our heritage! Questions? Ask Chuck Cook (253-472-7252).

NEXT GATHERING

APRIL 9TH

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

A Letter from our President Bill McFadden

I hope that everyone had an opportunity to see the Northwest Junior Pipe Band on TV on St. Patrick's Day. KING TV's hour-long News at Noon program featured the Band throughout the hour and highlighted the activities, competition, accomplishments, and travel of this extraordinary youth group. This exposure is outstanding for the NWJPB and will certainly help toward their fund raising efforts for their 2011 return to Scotland and the World Pipe Band Champions. This kind of TV exposure is a great boon for the Pipe Band, but also by association generates interest and support for all of the Scottish-American programs and community, and our own Caledonian activities and programs.

On Saturday, March 13th, Society members attended the Puyallup Celtic Festival. Gary Cosgro, Frances Crews, Jim and Annette Mentzer, Chuck Cook, and I were stationed at various businesses in town. We spent the day talking to people about Celtic culture and informing them about upcoming Scottish events. All and all, this Festival has proven to be a worthwhile way to engender public interest and serves as a great way to kick off the 2010 season of Scottish events.

The annual National Tartan Day Heritage Festival was celebrated at the Puyallup Fairgrounds in the Exposition Hall on Saturday, March 27th. Our society had a table there and we talked to several people who were interested in coming to our gatherings and possibly joining. Thanks to everyone who donated their time to this effort.

Our Society nominations committee is hard at work. You are urged to seriously consider whether you are able to offer your time for a year or two in any of the positions up for election. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the April and May Gatherings with elections in May. Please get involved in the election and vote!

Yours, aye,
Bill

A Letter from the Editor Diana Smith

I really enjoyed our “entertainment” last month, Tom Laurenson talking about historical battles in Scotland. If the society had a position of ‘national treasure’, I’d nominate Tom for that position. He sure knows his stuff and presents it in such an interesting (and humorous) manner. This month we’re especially fortunate to have the NW Fiddlers coming to play for us. I’ve heard this group at various Highland Games, and at other venues, and am always impressed with their expertise playing traditional Scottish music. They remind me of the Scottish fiddle orchestra, of which I’m very fond. There’s nothing to match a large group of fiddlers, all playing in unison. Calum MacKinnon is the director of this group. Calum was born in Scotland to Hebridean parents and spent his early years growing up on the Isle of Tiree. He started fiddling at eight years old and made his first broadcast performance on BBC Radio at age twelve. As a young engineer, Calum came to America in 1966, and today, having “given up Boeing for bowing”, is a full time fiddler. (I hope he brings some CDs with him.)

June is traditionally our “June Show” night. Over the years it has evolved from a ceilidh kind of show, put on by our members, to a more professional Scottish musical evening, but this year we’d like to go back to a home-grown show. If anyone out there would like to participate, sing a song, do a dance, a recitation, whatever, please let me know. We’re just starting to plan it now.

See you all on April 9.

DUES ARE DUE!

Please send your Caledonian dues renewal to Denise Chitwood, our treasurer, 8225 Bagley Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103. A single membership is now \$35 and a family or couple is \$45; subscription to the Heatherbell without membership is \$15.

TEA

Thank you to the following for bringing treats for our tea in March: Rosemary Blakemore, Annette Mentzer, Victoria Johnson, Christiana Vegors, Diana Smith, Philip Junkins, and Dennis Percherke, and a huge thanks to Shelley for overseeing making the tea and coffee and cleanup. For April, our volunteers are: Cathy Osborn, Shelley Butchart, and Phil and Cora Howard. Just a little reminder of what is involved in the tea – we’d like enough food for at least 50 people, so that means several dozen sandwiches and several dozen cookies from each volunteer. Other treats are always welcome, too, such as scones, nuts, chips, fruit, veggies, etc. Volunteers should plan on arriving a bit early to help put their items on trays for serving, and also help clean up in the kitchen afterwards. We need to wash the dishes and leave the kitchen as clean as we found it. Thank you for everyone’s help. The Caledonians are famous for our elaborate teas – let’s maintain that reputation! By the way, May (traditionally) is the month for the men to provide tea, in honor of Mother’s Day. We have Jim Van Zee and Porter (Allan) Patten, and Diana Smith (a little gender-bending going on here!) – but if any other men would like to chip in a few treats, I’m sure they’d be more than welcome.

THE SEATTLE GAMES

The entertainment is now finalized for the July 31-Aug. 1 – the featured performers will be: Alex Beaton, Golden Bough, Colin Grant-Adams, Needfire, The Seattle Knights, Tempest, and (everyone’s favorite) The Wicked Tinkers.

“There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us, that it behooves all of us not to talk about the rest of us.”

- Robert Louis Stevenson

IT’S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

2010 annual dues should be mailed to: C&SA Society - Membership Individual \$35
P.O. Box 27278 Couple \$45
Seattle WA 98165-1778

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____

or renew your membership in person at the next gathering

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6 - National Tartan Day on the Capitol steps in Olympia, noon

April 9 - Caledonian-St. Andrew's gathering; 7:30; Lake City Presbyterian Church, 3841 NE 123rd St, Seattle, WA., 98125.

April 10 – Oregon Scottish Heritage Festival, Linn County Fair and Expo Center, Albany, OR, www.oregonscottishsociety.com

April 24-25 – Sacramento Valley Scottish Games and Festival, Yolo County Fairgrounds, Woodland, CA, www.saccallie.org/games

May 8 – Northwest Junior Pipe Band's annual Mother's Day Eve Ceilidh (please see article elsewhere in the HB)

May 8 – Scotch tasting gala, Mt. Vernon, WA (see www.CelticArts.org)

May 11,12,13 – Celtic Women, Paramount Theatre, www.stgprepresents.org

May 14 - Caledonian-St. Andrew's gathering; 7:30; Lake City Presbyterian Church, 3841 NE 123rd St, Seattle, WA., 98125.

May 15 – Eugene Scottish Festival, Peace Presbyterian Church, 3060 River Rd., Eugene, OR, www.eugenescottishfestival.com

May 22 – Comox Valley Highland Games, Lewis Park, Courtenay, B.C.

May 23 – Great Kilted Run, Magnuson Park; promotionevents.com/GreatKilted/GKR_Intro.htm

May 23 – Victoria Highland Games, Topaz Park, Victoria, B.C.

June 5-6 – Bellingham Highland Games, Hovander Park, Ferndale, WA, www.bhga.org

June 11 - Caledonian-St. Andrew's gathering; 7:30; Lake City Presbyterian Church, 3841 NE 123rd St, Seattle, WA., 98125.

June 12 – Sons of Scotland Highland Games, Delta Sr. Secondary, Delta, B.C.

June 19 – Prosser Scottish Fest, www.prosserchamber.org

June 19 – BC Legion Highland Games, Douglas Park, Langley, B.C., www.highlandgathering.ca

June 26 – BC Highland Games, Percy Perry Stadium, Coquitlam, B.C.

June 26 – Tacoma Highland Games, Graham, WA, www.tacomagames.org

July 9 – Tannahill Weavers, free concert, Edgewater Park, Mt. Vernon, WA

July 10-11 – Skagit Valley Highland Games, Edgewater Park, Mt. Vernon, WA

July 10-11 – Athena Caledonian Games, Athena, OR, www.athenacaledoniangames.org

July 17-18 – Portland Highland Games, Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham, OR, www.phga.com

July 31- Aug. 1 – Pacific NW Highland Games, (SSHGA), Enumclaw Expo Center, Enumclaw, WA

Aug. 7 – Spokane Highland Games, Spokane Country Fairgrounds, Spokane, WA, www.spokanehighland-games.org

Aug. 14 – Whidbey Island Highland Games, Greenbank, WA, www.wihg.org/

Aug. 14 – Douglas County (Oregon) Scottish Highland Games, Winston, OR

Aug. 14 – World Pipe Band Championships, Glasgow Green, Scotland

Aug. 28 – Cowal Championships, Cowal, Scotland

Sept. 11-12 – Kelso Highland Games, Tam O' Shanter Park, Kelso, WA, highlander.kelso.gov/

Sept. 25 – Treasure Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games, Boise, ID, www.idahoscots.org

VOLUNTEER FOR THE BOARD

Each Spring the Society elects half of its board members for 2 year terms. This being a even numbered year the offices needing to be filled are, the President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Social Director and one Trustee (see Article IV, Section 2 of the By-Laws).

The Board meets monthly to manage the business of the Society. As such, it needs a mix of experienced Board members and new Board members to properly ascertain and carry out the will of the membership. Please consider volunteering to fill one of these open positions. The Society has a 100+ year history. Over the years our board members have come from all over Washington's Scottish community. Your opinion and perspective could be a real asset to the Society.

To make your willingness to serve known, contact Don Moore (206-999-2808), Diana Smith (206-523-2618) or Allan Patton (206-542-7692) and come to the April Gathering (April 9th) so that we can tell you more about the Board and it's operation.

In every community there is work to be done. In every nation there are wounds to heal. In every heart there is the power to do it.

- Marianne Williamson

SCOTTISH NEWS

Kilted skiers set CairnGorm world record - More than 200 skiers and snowboarders have set a new “world record” for the most people in kilts going down a piste. Participants came down in a line from the Ptarmigan Top Station on CairnGorm Mountain, near Aviemore. Money raised from the event goes to charity and a schools skiing program. A total of 235 intermediate and advanced level skiers took part in the attempt, which organizers described as a “fantastic spectacle”. The record bid came during the best ski season in Scotland since 2001, according to Ski-Scotland. More snow has been forecast, meaning the season could last through to May. The event was the first attempt to set a record and was led across the finish line by two pipers and a drummer. (For a picture, see: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/highlands_and_islands/8552225.stm)

BBC to air Doric TV show – For the first time since the 1970s, the dialect of Aberdeenshire and NE Scotland will be featured on a new show, **DESPERATE FISH-WIVES** – some key phrases will be, “Ay ay, fit like?” (Hello, how are you?) and “Ay, traivin on” (Fine, thanks). To listen to the radio program (forerunner of the tv show), go to: www.bbc.co.uk/programmes.

Hebridean author to write a novel, one tweet at a time – Peter Urpeth plans to write a novel, of approx. 80,000 words, by tweet. This should take him close to 14 years to complete the task. His first novel, **FAR INLAND** (a traditional book), can be found at www.birlinn.co.uk.

Athletes vote on Scottish national anthem – As Scotland has no official national anthem, Scottish athletes competing in the Commonwealth Games in Delhi voted overwhelmingly and chose “Flower of Scotland” as their number one choice; “Scotland the Brave” came a distant second. “Flower of Scotland” honors the heroes of the Battle of Bannockburn, the decisive battle of the First War of Scottish Independence in 1314.

Britain’s oldest sub-postmistress retires – Anne Gillies began her position at Staffin post office on the Isle of Skye in 1948; she has just retired and her position will be taken over by her daughter. She remembers that mail used to be delivered by a horse-drawn carriage and that people used to mail live chickens to Glasgow, “They’d just bring the chicken in with a label on its leg, and we’d post them off for them.”

Young Scottish readers hooked on a fishy tale - Tiddler, the story of a small fish with a big imagination, has beaten Ian Rankin and JK Rowling in a measure of publishing popularity. The children’s picture book, written by Glasgow-based Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Alex Scheffler – the pair that created *The Gruffalo* – was the most borrowed title in Scotland’s libraries last year. This story of a little fish telling tall tales about why he’s late for school has proved mas-

sively popular with parents and young children. JK Rowling’s *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, the seventh and final book in the Potter series, made 55th on last year’s lending list. *Love over Scotland*, a Scotland Street novel by Alexander McCall Smith, managed number 33.

93% of islanders vote for buy-out of Lord Richard Attenborough’s forest - People on the Isle of Bute have overwhelmingly backed plans to buy a forest owned by film director Lord Richard Attenborough. Purchasing the 1,700-acre Rhubodach Forest, which has a price tag of £1.4 million, will create jobs and increase visitors to the area, according to campaigners. The forest is currently owned by Richard Attenborough. It’s at the north end of Bute; from it you can see mainland Argyll.

Sir Walter Scott’s stolen Waterloo Tree Quaich is returned – Sixteen years ago thieves broke into a stately home in the middle of the night, stealing priceless heirlooms collected by Sir Walter Scott. But now a silver quaich, part of the stolen hoard, goes back on public display at Abbotsford House near Melrose after being discovered by chance at a French flea market. Known as the Waterloo Tree Quaich, the piece is made from silver gilt and elm wood cut from a tree at the Waterloo battlefield.

Nairn named top vacation spot for 2010 – Nairn has been voted one of the five top vacation destinations by users of TripAdvisor.com. Nairn is a traditional seaside resort on the Moray Firth near Inverness, and one of the driest and sunniest places in Scotland. <http://visitscotland.com>.

Mary MacKillop, the daughter of Scots emigrants, becomes Australia’s first saint – She was the daughter of 19th-century Scots emigrants who dedicated her life to religious service and the needs of the poor, yet still found herself briefly excommunicated from the Catholic Church. But now Mother Mary MacKillop, the nun credited with spreading Roman Catholicism across Australia and New Zealand, has been approved for sainthood. Pope Benedict XVI made the announcement last month during a ceremony at the Vatican, and set the formal canonization for 17 October in Rome. The confirmation of Australia’s first saint, more than a century after her death, has been warmly welcomed worldwide, from the office of the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd through to Roy Bridge, the Lochaber village which Mother Mary’s parents called home. Father Tom Wynne, the parish priest at Roy Bridge, maintains a shrine to her which attracts many visitors from Australia. She allowed children in the Australian outback to attend school and what she did for the country’s education was immense. Born in Melbourne in 1842, the eldest of eight children, she founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph, an order that built dozens of schools for impoverished children across the Australian outback in the 1800s,

as well as orphanages and clinics for the needy. She was a strong-willed advocate who sometimes got into trouble for challenging orthodox thinking within the male-dominated church. In 1869 she was excommunicated for inciting her followers to disobedience, though the bishop who punished her recanted three years later and she was exonerated by a church commission.

Scottish Government announces ‘world leading’ marine energy project – Scotland has taken a world-leading role in the emerging multi-billion-pound marine energy industry by approving ten projects with the potential to power almost a third of the country’s homes. In the first initiative of its kind in the world, companies were granted leasing rights for schemes that could result in up to 1,000 wave and tidal energy devices being installed in the sea off the north of Scotland.

Glasgow’s Walk of Fame – The Glasgow City Council has approved a Walk of Fame to honor its most famous citizens with plaques beginning at Glasgow Green and extending along the River Clyde Walkway; among them are Charles Rennie Mackintosh, James Watt, and Billy Connolly.

London to Scotland rail fees reduced – National Express East Coast was nationalized last November and now plans to run the rail service under a new name, East Coast Main Line. Seat reservation fees have been scrapped. The line travels from London to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, and Aberdeen. www.eastcoast.co.uk

Auld Lang Syne sung in 41 languages in Glasgow as a finale to the Homecoming - The world record attempt was for the greatest number of people singing simultaneously; some of the languages represented were Latin, Esperanto, Estonian and Thai.

Curling on Lake Menteith – It was cold enough this year for curling to take place on Lake Menteith. Curlers competed for the John Russell Trophy, last held at the outdoor venue in 1969. Some 5,000 people turned up on the lake on one week-end to curl and skate.

HIGHLAND GAMES AT ENUMCLAW

The Caledonians plan to have our booth there again this year. We are asking for volunteers for 2 hour time periods on both Saturday and Sunday, July 31 and Aug. 1. We will also need people to walk in with the banner at noon on both days for the opening ceremonies. Susan Walker has kindly agreed to take charge of the booth, so if you can help out, please contact her (425-387-2011; 425-374-2611; susanw12@hotmail.com). This is always a lot of fun, meeting new potential members and talking about our society.

NEW MEMBERS

HANS HEIA

My mother, Isabelle Macdonald, was born in Inverness and schooled in Glasgow. She lost a friend in WWI and emigrated. She visited a sister in Nova Scotia, then another in Carnation, WA, and worked in Seattle. She had a brother in San Francisco, and three sisters in Scotland. She used to tell me about those awful Vikings who raided Scotland, yet [she] married a Norwegian fisherman.



My mother, sister, and several of their friends were chief daughters of Bonnie Heather Lodge, Daughters of Scotia. They were also in the Caledonians so I attended many installations and doings. She told me about the Glasgow Police dancers and pipe band. They all had to be six footers and some could dance. I knew Jack Ironside, the pipe instructor for the Seattle Pipe Band. We have attended several Highland Games, starting with the ones at the West Seattle stadium. I enjoy piping and seeing highland dancing. I like to hear a tenor singing “There are Green Hills, They’re not Highland Hills, Far Away”, and Scottish history, good or bad.

My favorite Scottish author is George MacDonald (translated by Michael Phillips). My wife, Myrt, and I have been married 59 years, have three sons and one daughter, and six grandchildren. I retired in 1988 after teaching for 33 years - four in elementary school - and the rest at North Seattle Community College teaching machine drafting.

Myrt and I have taken several trips since retiring, including six weeks in Norway and Scotland visiting relatives.

JOKE

An Arab returned to his desert home after a business trip to Scotland. “How was it?” asked his friend. “It was wonderful. The Scottish folk are so friendly and generous.” “And what about the Scottish salesmen?” “Ah, they impressed me the most,” the Arab said, as he strapped on his skis.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Sunshine Committee report – Bonnie has sent condolence cards to Chuck Cook (for his brother), and to Annette Mentzer, who lost her grandmother recently. She sent a get well card to Don Moore, who had the H1N1 flu. She also reports that Ken was hospitalized recently for extremely low blood pressure. Hope you're feeling better now, Ken!

MEMBER NEWS

Our condolences to **Chuck Cook** on the passing of his brother, William. Our deepest sympathies, Chuck.

Please welcome our new members:

Richard McMillan (2064 N. 78th, Seattle 98103, 206-525-3421, imperious_leader@hotmail.com); he is Vice-President of Clan MacMillan, Washington Branch.

Janet Lyle Hews, 12740 30th Ave NE, Seattle, 98125; 206-632-3406.

Phil Howard has a new email address: tavy2010@comcast.net.

Phil Howard is celebrating his 90th birthday this month. Congratulations, Phil!

Victoria Johnson has a new address: 935 B N. 77th, Seattle, 98103

THE RAFFLE

Thank you, in March, for raffle donations from Bonnie Munro and Diana Smith. As you know, we're always asking for donations to the raffle. I thought you'd like to know a little bit more about it. The Caledonians have always had a raffle, as a fund-raiser for the society. The money we bring in from the tea and the raffle both go to help pay the rent. We really don't have any big fund raisers now, with the St. Andrew's Day Ball and Burns Night both having been discontinued. We do, occasionally, get donations from members, and from the SSHGA, but basically our monthly rent and insurance and the stipends we pay our entertainment comes from the tea and raffle (and our annual dues). The board feels that members enjoy the raffle and have fun trying their luck at winning, and for this reason we encourage members to bring good, quality, Scottish-oriented donations for prizes. Non-Scottish items are good, too, if they're something you think would interest the members - something that you'd want to win, others would want to win, too. And we encourage everyone to buy tickets. The board has voted to have three draws throughout the meeting, with three tickets drawn each time, to give everyone a fair chance at winning. We also want to start offering a door prize at each meeting, as well, so I would encourage you all to participate. Good luck!

MOTHER'S DAY EVE CEILIDH

The Northwest Junior Pipe Band's annual Mother's Day Eve Ceilidh and auction is on Saturday May 8th, 2010. NWJPB is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year starting with a 5:00 pm cocktail hour and silent auction followed by a dinner show featuring the Karen Shelton Dancers, NWJPB pipe band grade 4 and 5, NWJPB Alumni, other Celtic performers. To support NWJPB grade 4 trip to Scotland in 2011 the fund raising auction features two Buddie scooters from Ducati Seattle. The evening ends with the ever-popular live dessert auction. This will take place at a new location in the Lynnwood convention center (3711 196th St. SW in Lynnwood). This facility has professional lighting and sound equipment as well as a much larger seating capacity, plus a wonderful dinner prepared by an excellent chef and served by professional wait staff. It will be a served seated dinner. The food choices are Herbed chicken or Spring vegetable stuffed crepes in beurre blanc sauce. (Please indicate your food preference when ordering your tickets.) Dress is semi-formal. The evening begins at 5:00 pm with a social hour and the silent auction, dinner is served at 6:30, concert at 7:00. Tickets (\$55 each, \$50 for children, and discount for table of 8 for \$415) are available through Brown Paper Tickets or concert@nwjpb.org, 206-508-1261. The band is planning on returning to Scotland in 2011 to compete in the World Pipe Band Championships and are raising funds now.

SOCIETY CHARITABLE DONATIONS

We always donate to some worthy causes each year. This year the board has voted to donate \$500 to the Northwest Junior Pipe Band, to help them go to Scotland in August 2011, and \$200 to the Scottish Terrier Rescue Northwest, to help with Scottie rescue.

HUMOR

How do you know when Summer is coming to Scotland? A Scotsman throws away his Christmas tree.

How do you know if a Scotsman is left-handed? He keeps all his money in his right-hand pocket.

Did you hear about the Scottish hunter who is famous for his thrift? He never goes hunting because he can't find a store that sell used bullets.

Q. What do you call a man who's been buried in a bog for twenty years?

A. Pete.

NEW MEMBERS

RICHARD MCMILLAN

What is your Scottish background? My father was Scottish and my mother was Irish. My brother and sister-in-law belong to the Caledonian Society Club in New York City.



How did you find out about the Caledonian Society? I know Doug MacMillan and Jim and Annette Mentzer; also I serve as Vice Pres. of Clan MacMillan Washington State Branch 2010.

What aspects of the Society are you interested in? I enjoy the fellowship, the Scottish games, the Tartan Ball, and anything Scottish. If I have the time I will help out on any project.

Any personal information you'd like to share? I'm still working – I'm a store Manager for a Tuxedo Rental Store in the Northgate area.

I just started using the computer about 3 years ago and am still not sure if I am doing it right! I'm also active in the Ballard Kiwanis Club and Freemasons.

CHURCH PARKING

Members have requested that those who drive large cars, such as SUVs, not park in the spaces reserved for compact cars. These spaces are hard to determine at night, in the rain, but the slots for smaller cars are on the east side of the church. Thank you!

HEATHER BELL BY EMAIL

A little reminder that beginning January 2010, all newsletters are sent by email to those who have email. If you don't have email, you will continue to receive them by the regular post. The Heatherbell is also available on our website (www.caledonians.com).

GREAT KILTED RUN

The Great Kilted Run will take place on Sunday, May 21, at Magnuson Park. This is a 5K walk/run (kilts are recommended but not required). Our own Laird Philip Junkins will be participating. There is a beer garden for spectators (and participants, too). See: promotionevents.com/GreatKilted/GKR_Intro.htm. If you don't have a kilt, you can rent one for \$5.00.

SCOTTISH BATTLES

- A SELECTION BY TOM LAURENSEN



83 (or thereabouts) Mons Graupius, SW of Perth. Romans 1, Caledonians nil. A huge Roman victory in battle, but they didn't win the war.

832 Athelstaneford. Somewhere SE of Edinburgh, some northerners against some southerners. Cloud formation resembling St Andrews

Cross seen as an omen and, when the northerners won, as a symbol of victory. Uncertainty of location and combatants overshadowed by the importance of the gradual adoption of St Andrew as a Scottish icon and the aggregation of a sense of nationhood.

1263 Largs. After much dispute, this inconclusive skirmish on the shore spells the end of Viking rule (but not occupation) of large tracts of the western Isles. Modern Scotland takes shape and asserts itself.

1296 Stirling Bridge. A huge triumph by a scratch army against the most powerful, best equipped and most experienced army in Europe. As firm a statement of Scottish independence as anyone could have hoped for.

1314 Bannockburn. Almost as huge a triumph as Stirling Bridge, and as powerful a blow for independence. ("Scots Wha Hae" uses the tune that was reported to Burns as being the march played by Robert the Bruce at Bannockburn. Burns wrote the words.)

1513 Flodden. A foray into England to relieve pressure on our French ally. We snatched a huge defeat from the jaws of victory by virtue of poor leadership and the wrong weaponry. Inspired a gut wrenching lament still in use today ("The Flowers of the Forest").

1746 Culloden. The bloody end of the Jacobite rebellions, which heralded widespread atrocities throughout the Highlands and opened the way for the Clearances.

1882 Battle of the Braes. After a century of the Clearances, the common people stood up for themselves and were (at last) supported by the legal system.



A fellowship founded in Seattle in 1902 to foster a love of Scotland, her people and her heritage.

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P.O. Box 27278
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Dancing:

Mondays, 7 p.m. at The Phinney Ridge Community 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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