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## ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment this month is tentatively titled "A YouTube Tour of Bagpipes of the World." Utilizing the Internet video sharing site YouTube, a user can experience the sight and sound of many of the world's bagpipes. We will sample a few of them and talk a little about the physics of the reed pipe and that peculiar scale that makes the bagpipe sound so unique.

April's entertainment will be the Northwest Junior Pipe Band.

## TARTAN DAY

Tartan Day Scottish Festival – presented by the National Tartan Day Society - March 27 at the Puyallup Fair Grounds, Expo Hall; admission \$5.00 (adults), \$3.00 seniors and students; children under 5 are free. Free parking in the Gold Gate lot. Scottish clans, Bagpipes, Highland Dancers. Musicians, vendors, concessions. Come celebrate our heritage with this 11th annual festival.

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

# MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>

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

## A Letter from our President Bill McFadden

On Saturday, March 27th, our Society will have a table at the 11th annual National Tartan Day event in Puyallup. Pipe bands, vendors, highland dancers, Scottish entertainers, and Clan representatives will be there for your enjoyment. This is an event well worth attending and a great way to kick off the 2010 Highland Games season. For information, contact [www.tartanday-wa.org](http://www.tartanday-wa.org) or ask Chuck Cook or me about it. I hope that many Caledonians will support and attend this Scottish festival.

This event will be followed up with the National Tartan Day Observance Ceremony at the State Capitol in Olympia on Tuesday, April 6th between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

On March 20th Clan Gordon Pipe Band will hold their 47th Annual Tartan Ball in Puyallup. At least three pipe bands, dancing to music with a live band, munchies, and wet bar—what more could you ask for an evening out? A number of the Caledonians regularly attend and have always had a wonderful evening. I encourage all to attend.

Gung Haggis Fat Choy IV was a sell out with over 230 people attending. I wish to thank the Caledonians who supported this fund raiser for youth this year. Special thanks are due to Don Moore, Diana Smith, Bart and Shelley Butchart, Jim and Annette Mentzer, Alan Patten, Gary MacGregor, my wife Ruth, and Michael Palko. Without your thoughtful assistance and help, this event could not happen. Everyone must have had a great time as I have received a good number of compliments and cannot believe the buzz for Gung Haggis V next year. We even received an inquiry from Ontario, Canada!

Please give serious consideration to attend one of these events this month. I hope to see you at our March gathering.

Yours, aye,  
Bill

**A Letter from the Editor**  
**Diana Smith**

I hope everyone is enjoying our early spring! As I write, I see out my office window that some of the glorious cherry trees on the UW campus are just starting to bud and I expect within a short time they'll be all bloomed out in all their glory.

We had a good time, if sparsely attended, at our last gathering with the Karen Shelton dancers entertaining us. They sure are good. I tried taking pictures, but they were moving so fast that all I got were blurs of swirling kilts. This month we're going to have a terrific presentation from our own Don Moore, who will be speaking and showing pictures of bagpipes from different countries. As we know, there is a rich history of bagpipes throughout the centuries, from many different countries in the world, and Don, being very knowledgeable in this field, will give us a very educational and entertaining talk.

I had a great time at Gung Haggis. I think it was the best, ever, and the added hockey competition that Todd McWong arranged was especially exciting and fun. I sure laughed a lot. The address to the haggis in rap, the Auld Lang Syne in Mandarin Chinese, and everything in between made for a wonderful night – the SiFu David Leong's Belltown Martial Arts, the Kenmore and District Pipe Band, the Karen Shelton Highland Dancers, the Asian Youth Orchestra, and the Lion dancers. The food was great and Bart poured a generous drink at the bar. The raffle, run by Allan, was super, too, although I didn't win anything. Those of you who missed it this year should definitely mark your calendars for next year (sometime in Feb.) and plan to attend. I liked Paul Vegors' statement (which is on his facebook page): "Gung Haggis Fat Choy, come happy, leave culturally confused!"

Wishing everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day on the 17th. Hope to see you all on March 12 at the Caledonian gathering.

Diana



The Asian Youth Orchestra and the Karen Shelton Dancers entertaining at Gung Haggis Fat Choy IV.



**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.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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or renew your membership in person at the next gathering

# UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12 - Caledonian-St. Andrew's gathering; 7:30; Lake City Presbyterian Church, 3841 NE 123rd St, Seattle, WA., 98125. Entertainment – Don Moore presenting on bagpipes throughout the world.

March 13 – St. Patrick's Day Parade, downtown Seattle, starting at 4th and Jefferson, [www.irishclub.org](http://www.irishclub.org)

March 16-18 – Leahy, Mount Baker Theatre, Bellingham; [www.mountbaketheatre.com](http://www.mountbaketheatre.com); [www.leahymusic.com](http://www.leahymusic.com); Benaroya Hall, Seattle; [www.seattlesymphony.org/benaroya](http://www.seattlesymphony.org/benaroya)

March 17 – Men of Worth (Irish and Scottish folk music, harmonies); Admiral Theatre, Bremerton; \$10-19; <http://www.menofworth.com/>; [www.admiraltheatre.org](http://www.admiraltheatre.org); 360-373-6743

March 19 – Celtic Tenors, Washington Center for the Performing Arts, Olympia, WA; 7:30 pm; [www.celtictenors.com](http://www.celtictenors.com); [www.washingtoncenter.org](http://www.washingtoncenter.org)

March 19 – Irish Rovers, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton; [www.admiraltheatre.org](http://www.admiraltheatre.org); [www.irishrovers.info/](http://www.irishrovers.info/)

March 20 – Clan Gordon 47th Annual Tartan Ball, Puyallup Fairgrounds Pavilion, aGordon4me@harbornet.com, [www.clangordonpipeband.org](http://www.clangordonpipeband.org), Stacey Bradley 206-459-5479

March 20 – Celtic Tenors, Edmonds Centee for the Arts; 7:30 pm; [www.celtictenors.com/](http://www.celtictenors.com/) or [www.edmondscenterforthearts.org](http://www.edmondscenterforthearts.org)

March 21 – Dougie MacLean, Bing Crosby Theatre, Spokane, WA; 800-325-7328; [www.mettheatre.com](http://www.mettheatre.com) or [www.dougiemaclean.com](http://www.dougiemaclean.com)

March 25,26,27 – Keith Highlanders Pipe Band concert, Kirkland Performance Center, [www.kpcenter.org](http://www.kpcenter.org), [www.khpb.org](http://www.khpb.org)

March 27 – 11th Annual Tartan Day Scottish Festival, 10:00-5:00, Puyallup Fairgrounds Expo Hall, \$5.00 (seniors and students \$3.00); Helen McGregor, 253-202-7304; [www.thefair.com/events-calendar](http://www.thefair.com/events-calendar) or [www.tartanday-wa.org](http://www.tartanday-wa.org); [chairman@tartanday-wa.org](mailto:chairman@tartanday-wa.org)

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](http://www.oregonscottishsociety.com)

April 24-25 – Sacramento Valley Scottish Games and Festival, Yolo County Fairgrounds, Woodland, CA, [www.sacallie.org/games](http://www.sacallie.org/games)

May 8 – Scotch tasting gala, Mt. Vernon, WA (see [www.CelticArts.org](http://www.CelticArts.org))

May 11,12,13 – Celtic Women, Paramount Theatre

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](http://www.eugenescottishfestival.com)

May 21 – Great Kilted Run, Magnuson Park; [http://promotionevents.com/GreatKilted/GKR\\_Intro.htm](http://promotionevents.com/GreatKilted/GKR_Intro.htm)

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

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

June 5-6 – Bellingham Highland Games, Hovander Park, Ferndale, WA

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 – BC Legion Highland Games, Douglas Park, Langley, B.C.

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

June 26 – Tacoma Highland Games, Graham, WA

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

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

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

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

Aug. 7 – Spokane Highland Games, Spokane Country Fairgrounds, Spokane, WA

Aug. 14 – Whidbey Island Highland Games, Greenbank, WA

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

Please consider donating an item for our raffle. We would like Scottish-themed items. This is one of the ways we raise money to help pay our rent each month. Thank you!



# SCOTTISH NEWS

The West Highland line has been voted the **world's greatest rail journey** for the second year running - Readers of independent travel magazine, Wanderlust, put the trip from Glasgow ahead of other routes including the Trans-Siberian Express and the Orient Express. The line is 164 miles long and runs by Loch Long, Loch Lomond, Loch Etive and Loch Eil. It crosses the world's first concrete rail viaduct at Glenfinnan, which was featured in the Harry Potter films. Passengers can also see the silver sands of Morar and Britain's most westerly station at Arisaig. The line has also featured in programmes such as the BBC's Great Railway Journeys of the world. The Eurostar, Trans-Siberian Express, Cusco-Puno in Peru and the Ghan in Australia completed the top five line up, according to readers of the magazine. The awards attracted almost 2,000 readers' votes. Wanderlust editor-in-chief Lyn Hughes said: "It's great to see the West Highland Line once again topping the list - proving that you really don't need to travel to far flung destinations to experience truly breathtaking scenery."

**Magical Strings Celtic Harp Workshop** with Philip in Port Townsend at Sunfield Waldorf School Saturday March 13, 2-4 pm, for everyone interested in this magical and timeless instrument. There will be a mix of hands-on and demonstration, with an opportunity to try different harps and learn a new tune. For those who already play there will be some individual time with Philip and a chance to experience his unique approach to arranging music from many diverse cultures. All are invited to attend whether you have a harp or not.

**Craigcrook Castle** - is a little-known 16th-century castle which attracted the likes of Sir Walter Scott, Charles Dickens, Hans Christian Andersen and Alfred Tennyson to its exclusive literary soirées. Craigcrook Castle, dating back to 1542 is in Edinburgh's Blackhall area. It played a huge role in Scotland's cultural life thanks to the highbrow gatherings held by its well-connected tenants, who included publishers, writers, politicians, judges and newspaper editors. Now it is to become one of Scotland's most important artistic treasure troves. Veteran impresario Richard Demarco has made a rental deal to relocate his vast archive there. More than 50 years of cultural life in Scotland is charted in a series of exhibitions the 79-year-old co-founder of Edinburgh's Traverse Theatre and veteran gallery director has created over the last few weeks. Mr Demarco stated that he had found "the ideal home" for his vast collection of paintings, drawings, photographs, catalogues and other memorabilia. He has vowed to turn Craigcrook into a major new cultural attraction and study centre following years of searching for a proper home for the archive, which includes more than a million photographs and 10,000 works representing artists from 50 countries.

Amongst the highlights of the Demarco archive, which records his personal involvement in some 1,500 exhibitions and 800 theatre productions, are drawings and paintings of Sir Sean Connery, who was a model for Mr. Demarco when he was a student at Edinburgh College of Art.

**Whit tae dae wi a muckle lion?** Alexander McCall Smith sends wee Precious roond warld - in Scots - Imagine Arthur Conan Doyle writing a story about the young Sherlock Holmes and insisting that it appear in print in Scots for a year before it is translated into English or any other language. That's effectively what is going to happen this month with the publication of Alexander McCall Smith's Precious and the Puggies (Precious and the Monkeys), which tells the story of his world-famous detective Mma Ramotswe's first case - when she was an eight-year-old growing up in Botswana. As McCall Smith's No1 Ladies' Detective Agency series has already been translated into 44 other languages and has worldwide sales of 20 million, publishers will be queuing up to translate the new book from Scots.

Precious and the Puggies is about Smith's most famous character's childhood. He's never written about that before - but if you want to read it, you've either got to read it in Scots first or to wait a year until it appears in another language. McCall Smith, who is not a native Scots speaker, wrote the story in English and gave it to James Robertson, the award-winning novelist, to translate, along with exclusive rights for a year. He is, however, a keen supporter of the Scots language. "Every language has something to offer," he said, "a different way of looking at the world, a stock of poetry and song. The disappearance of a language is like the silencing of some lovely bird."

Precious and the Puggies will include a small glossary of Scots words. Robertson said, "This is a story set in Africa, and one of the things we want to show is that Scots doesn't just have to be used in stories about Scotland, but that it's a 21st century language and can take its place with all of the others." Precious and the Puggies by Alexander McCall Smith will be published in hardback by Itchy Coo Press on 25 February, price £9.99.

This is an extract from the new book:  
*WHIT wid ye dae if ye fund yersel face tae face wi a muckle lion? Staund as still as a stookie? Mak yer feet yer freens and rin? Creep awa quiet-like? Mibbe ye wid jist steek yer een and hope that ye were haein a dream - which is whit Obed did at first when he saw the frichsome lion starin strecht at him.*

*But when he opened his een again, the lion wis aye there, and whit wis waur, wis stertin tae open its muckle mooth.*

## MEET OUR MEMBERS: TOMMY AND JUDY LAING

*What is your Scottish background?* I am a Laing and of Scottish descent by birth. My wife, Judy, is Scottish by choice and enjoys participating in Scottish events, likes Scottish dress up events, music with fiddles and bagpipes and even an occasional visit to the Scottish games.

The Laing family traces its ancestry back to the LaLaings of Belgium who are said to have come to the British Isles with the Duke of Cumberland in 1066. The Laings were early supporters of the Stewarts and continued to do so through the last Jacobite revolution. There have been several prominent Thomas Laings on our family history. In 1357 a Thomas Laing promised that Dumfries would pay part of the ransom of King David II. In 1513 the Earl of Athol sent Walter Leslie, John Stewart alias John of Lorn, Thomas Laing, David Stewart and others, who slew his brother Patrick Rattray in the chapel of his house in Kynballoch. Later in 1614 a Knight named Thomas Laing who was the chief tax collector for Patric Stewart Earl of Orkney was hung along side of him. Another Thomas Laing of Roy Stewart's Regiment was among the 88 Jacobite survivors of the battle of Culloden and was placed aboard the "Guildart" and shipped to the American Colonies in exile. The Laings supported Bonnie Prince Charlie and fought for him in the field during the first two rebellions and supported him politically in the third. James Laing along with others who had supported Prince Charlie moved or were moved to the American colonies during the mid to late 1700's. James Laing was my GGGGG-Grandfather. The tartan of my kilt is from the Kilt of James Laing's grandson George H. Laing and was recovered from his 1853 grave while his casket was being moved in 1979. I am also a descendant of the MacNabs, who are the descendants of the youngest son of Kenneth MacAlpin first king of the Scots and Picts in the 844. The present day Thomas

## TARTAN DAY

March 27 the Caledonians plan to have a table set up for meeting and, hopefully, to attract new members. We need people to help with this. If you are willing and able to put in a couple of hours, please contact Susan Walker, 425-387-2011; 425-374-2611, susanw12@hotmail.com.

## 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](http://www.caledonians.com)).



Laing, yours truly, is the Secretary of Clan Laing serving at the pleasure of John Michael Laing of Colington, Chief of Clan Laing.

*How did you find out about the Caledonian Society?* I was surfing the web and came upon a reference to the Seattle Saint Andrews and Caledonian Society and found out when and where and where and just showed up.

*What aspects of the Society are you interested in?* The comradeship, a chance to meet like minded folks, the opportunity to enjoy Scottish music, food and take part in preserving some Scottish traditions for those to come.

*Any personal information you'd like to share?* Judy and I have owned and operated our home based marine surveying business since 1983. I do the field work and Judy runs the office.

**Parking at the church:** I've had a request from a member that those who drive large cars, such as SUVs, not park in the spaces reserved for compact cars. Thank you!

## TEA

The following have signed up to provide tea:

**March:** Rosemary Blakemore, Annette Mentzer, Victoria and Christiana Vegors

**April:** Cathy Osborn, Shelley Butchart, Phil and Cora Howard

**May:** Jim VanZee, Porter Patten, Diana Smith

**June:** Barb St. John, Nancy Rasmussen, and Nancy Wallace

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Sunshine Report – Congratulations, Caledonians, for staying well! Bonnie didn't send any cards this month. Remember, if you know someone who is ill, let her know so she can send a get-well card.



## MEMBER NEWS

Karen Bryce, who originally joined in 1999, has reactivated her membership. Please add her to your directories: 525 N. 80th St., Seattle, 98103; (206) 362-5659; bkaren@u.washington.edu

Don Scobie has a new address (but the same phone); please change in your directories: 16100 Linden Ave. N. #113, Shoreline, WA 98133

Philip Junkins can now be known officially the Laird of Haller Lake (Loch). His brother purchased a small bit of land in Scotland for him that carries with it a title. This was a fun gift for him and we can now call him Laird Philip!

Please add new member Hans Heia to your directories: 4712 NE 100th St., Seattle, 98125; 206-523-7715, hmheia@aol.com

It sure was nice seeing Jim and May Heltsley at the February gathering. May is regaining some of her eyesight and is doing well.

## ST. PATRICK'S EVENTS FOR SCOTS

The City of Puyallup, in honor of St. Patrick and all of Celtic society will hold an event in the city on March 13th, all day. Various clans and groups will set up booths in different shops, including the tea shop T-4-2. At approximately 11:00 there will be a dog walk of people with their rescue dogs. If you want to participate, meet at the park, in the play area. Also on the 13th, the South Sound Celtic Society will hold an event at the Thurston County Park (4131 Mud Bay Road, Olympia, WA 98502), 9:00-5:00. There will be vendors, clans and societies, dance performances and music.

## 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 semi-formal 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. 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.

## GREAT KILTIED 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](http://promotionevents.com/GreatKilted/GKR_Intro.htm). If you don't have a kilt, you can rent one for \$5.00.

# SOME THOUGHTS FROM SCOTLAND

– from Tom Laurenson, flying on KLM 606 from San Francisco to Amsterdam.

We flew over mountains of cloud heading for Scotland. It had been that way since Northern California.

I awoke from some fitful dozing to see a distant ribbon of water reflecting the morning sunlight, and as we cleared one last massif of water vapour, I saw the southern half of Mull below me with a dusting of snow on the peaks. I could make out the headland on which perches Duart Castle, scene of so many recent movies such as *Entrapment*.

The Firth of Lorn lay deceptively calm, with Lismore pointing towards us like a dagger. A distant smudge I knew to be Oban and with local time at almost 9am I could picture the last few stragglers wandering in to Oban High, the shops opening, and the morning rush hour subsiding. The Isle of Mull would be at Craignure, with the First Mate finishing loading and about to signal the Captain that all was ready for the 9am departure. The Oban to Glasgow train would be around Dalmally, ready to set out on the long climb up Glen Lochy where it would couple up with the Fort William train for the run down to Glasgow.

The Garvellachs lay below, silent as ever, but I knew the pre-Columbus beehive cells lay on the eastern side of the Garvellach, and with even a small pair of binoculars, could probably have picked them out.

We flew almost directly over Corrievreckan, where the tide is pinched between Islay and Jura and jets out so strongly that the ferry running from Oban to Colonsay, some 10 miles further out to sea, can feel the

punch of it. Another minute and I was looking along the length of Loch Awe, and could make out the island off Ardanaseig, featured in an Elizabeth George novel, and the more recent scene of the tragic loss of four fishermen. Loch Fyne came next, and Inveraray, was barely distinguishable on its little spit of land.

Next was Loch Long, with a snow-capped Cobbler peering down as ever on Arrchar, and closer still, the spur-like shape of Loch Goil off to the side. A quick look at the Gareloch and the submarine base before the eye was drawn up to Loch Lomond. The line of islands at the southern end mark the geological fault which separates the highlands from the central lowlands, and on this clear day, I could trace that boundary away towards and beyond the Trossachs.

Further south Glasgow and Edinburgh lay modestly, and possibly slightly embarrassed at being found together under the same careless sheet of cloud. The Campsies stood clear of it, as did distant Dumyat, marking the western end of the Ochils.

The cloud broke a little over the southern uplands, and then congealed as we crossed over into England. It grew thicker, and we landed in Amsterdam on instruments, barely able to see the plane landing behind us as we turned off onto the taxiways.

But I saw the important bit. And that makes up for missing Gung Haggis.

Tom

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## INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

Jacquelyn (Jackie) Brotnov – [Jackie joined last year, but I thought we should get to know her a little bit.]

What is your Scottish background? My grandmother was a 'Bruce', married into the MacKenzie clan. Their families came over from Scotland and my grandparents raised sheep after settling on a farm in Prince Edward Island. My grandmother sheared the sheep and corded the wool on her spinning wheel, making blankets mostly for the family. The spinning wheel is still in the family.

How did you find out about the Caledonian Society? From advertisements given to Lake City Presbyterian Church, and also Bob Nicholson.

What aspects of the Society are you interested in? I enjoy learning about the different clans, Scottish customs and also the variety of programs offered by the Society. Robert Burns' birthday is of particular interest, and having tasted my first haggis last year, found it 'not all that bad'.

Any personal information you'd like to share? My husband Warren and I both grew up in Seattle, graduated from the same class at Roosevelt High School, and returned after a 30 years' absence while he served in the Air Force. We will be married 55 years come June, have 3 grown children and 10 grandchildren. We live a little more than a mile from his childhood home.

**Jim Van Zee** – I want to thank Jim for the great pictures he's been taking at the gatherings. I take them sometimes, but his angle (being taller) is better than mine! Thanks, Jim.



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

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**Dancing:**

Mondays, 7 p.m. at The Phinney Ridge Community Center. For information contact [fraser509@gmail](mailto:fraser509@gmail)

**Gatherings:**

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

Where - Lake City Presbyterian Church  
3841 N.E. 123<sup>rd</sup> St. Seattle WA.

Directions - From Lake City Way proceed east on 123<sup>rd</sup> to 40<sup>th</sup>. 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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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Dates of upcoming Caledonian gatherings for 2010:

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May 14

June 11

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