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Who we are: Founded in 1902, the Caledonian and St. Andrew's Society is an organization of Scots, people of Scottish ancestry, and anyone who is interested in Scottish culture. One does not have to have Scottish bloodlines to join us. We enjoy all things Scottish.

What we do: We raise awareness of Scottish culture and fund raise for charitable causes. We have an education fund to help students who want to study in Scotland, and have also helped Scots who are visiting Seattle who may need assistance. Our stated Aims and Objectives are: To assist [our] Members in gaining more knowledge about Scotland, the Scots, Scottish heritage, and Scottish culture; to advance Scottish culture, in an American context, in the Seattle area; to support American and Scottish charitable and educational causes; to promote friendly relations between the Members of this Society, kindred societies, and other Scots wherever they may be.

How we do it: We raise funds through various events and through our raffle at our gatherings. We are represented at the various Highland Games in the Pacific Northwest during the summers. We offer cultural entertainment (lectures, presentations, music and dance) at our monthly gatherings, Scottish country dance lessons on Monday nights at the Phinney Neighborhood Center in Seattle, and always plan to have special events surrounding St. Andrew's Day in November, and Robert Burns' birthday in February.

Where and when we meet: Between October and June, we meet the second Friday of each month, 7:30 pm. at the Lake City Presbyterian Church, 3841 NE 123rd St., Seattle, 98125.

Why a Scottish society? We like to think of ourselves as a society for everyone - men, women, and children - who are interested in Scottish culture. We do not support specific clan competitiveness. Amongst our members we find many different clans represented, but at our gatherings we come together as friends with a common interest. We have bagpipers, kilt makers, dancers, singers, and musicians, and terrific bakers of Scottish shortbread in our group. We like to share experiences of our trips to Scotland, of our investigations into our genealogy, and of events we've attended in the area to promote Scottishness. You can find us participating at the Highland Games, at various Tartan balls, at Burns' nights, and other events. We encourage children and young people to get involved in order to learn about their heritage.

The Caledonians had a great year. We enjoyed a variety of entertainment: Annette Mentzer gave a fascinating presentation on kilts; Susan Burke, Sue Truman, and Cil Pierce entertained us with traditional Cape Breton music and a sing-along; in January we had a Burns Night celebration, commemorating Robert Burns' birthday with a special Scottish potluck dinner, which included roast beef, neeps and tatties, haggis, and Scottish shortbread, and the traditional poems and toasts; Jamie Foster talked about the history of Scottish dancing and demonstrated several dances; the Tara Academy of Irish Dance came for St. Patrick's Day; we viewed a Scottish movie - "Rob Roy, the Highland Rogue"; we heard excerpts from a musical play written by our own Dr. Bill Clarke (this musical is based upon *The Pirate* by Sir Walter Scott); and a rousing musical group, the Ballylee Three played some lively Irish and Scottish music for us.

Upcoming Caledonian Events:

Our annual Caledonian picnic will be on Aug. 21 at 3:00 at Magnuson Park (where it was last year). Mark your calendars! \$10 each; contact Susan Walker (susanw12@hotmail.com). The \$10 covers the rental for the site, and we usually supply KFC and beverages. We ask that everyone attending bring either a salad or a dessert. We will play games and swim, and dogs are welcome, too!

The first gathering in the fall will be on October 14. 7:30 at the Lake City Presbyterian Church.

Scottish Country Dancing resumes in September – Monday evenings at the Phinney Neighborhood Center, 6532 Phinney Ave. North, in Seattle's Greenwood neighborhood; 7:30-10:00. Guests and beginners are invited to attend. There is a requested \$5.00 donation. Contact Fraser MacLeod (fraser509@hotmail.com) for information.

Upcoming Scottish Events:

July 30 – 31 – Seattle Scottish Highland Games, Enumclaw, WA <http://www.sshga.org/>

Aug. 6 - Spokane Highland Games, Spokane County Fair and Expo Center, Spokane, WA; www.spokanehighlandgames.org

Aug. 13 - Whidbey Island Highland Games, Greenbank Farm, Greenbank, WA; www.wihg.org

Aug. 13 - High Desert Celtic Fest and Highland Games, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Madras, OR; www.hdcs.net

Aug. 19-21 - Douglas County Celtic Highland Games, Riverbend Park, Winston, OR; www.dcscots.org

Aug. 26-28 - Highland Community Days and Clan Gathering, Tieton Park, Tieton, WA; http://mightytieton.com/events_and_news/highland_community_days/

Aug 26-28 - Bitterroot Scottish Irish Festival, Marcus Daly Mansion, Hamilton, MT; www.bitterrootscottishirishfestival.org

Sept. 3-4 - Hood Canal Highland Celtic Festival, Theler Community Center, 22871 NE State Rt. 3, Belfair, WA; 360-275-982; www.HoodCanalHighlandFest.org

Sept. 10- 11 - Kelso Highlander Festival, Tam O'Shanter Park, Kelso, WA;

<http://highlander.kelso.gov>

Sept. 17 - Treasure Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games, Western Idaho Fairgrounds, Boise, ID; www.idahoscots.org

Oct. 15 - 16TH Annual Celtic Fling, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Seattle, WA;

Oct. 16 - Church Service and Kirkin O' the Tartan, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Seattle, WA; www.saintandrewsseattle.org


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Dancing:
Mondays, 7 p.m. at The Phinney Ridge Community Center. For information contact Fraser MacLeod (fraser509@hotmail.com)

Gatherings:

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

Where - Lake City Presbyterian Church
3841 N.E. 123rd St. Seattle WA 98125

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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