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**THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF LOUISVILLE**

Established in 1993 as a nonprofit organization to enrich the cultural lives of members in the Kentuckiana area.

The Society offers exposure to Scottish heritage and preserves, enhances and fosters pride in our Scottish ancestry.

The Society sponsors local and regional activities and is a nonsectarian organization with no religious or political affiliation.



## *President's Message*

Dear Scottish Society of Louisville Members,

My wife and I have been members for 30 years and I can honestly say that it has been a rewarding and enjoyable experience. I have learned a lot about my Scottish roots which is my Mom's side of the family. The amazing part of just being involved is that I have made lifelong friends that have enriched my life. Of all of my other activities this Society is by far my favorite and is a reward all on its own.

Spring is right around the corner and a new season of fun is upon us. So far the Board has 20 events including some very exciting meetings scheduled for the year. Some need staffing and others you can just show up and have fun. **YOU** are the Society! Without **YOU** it would cease to exist. Please join me as we make 2024 our best year ever. Remember Teamwork makes the Dream work!

### Editor's Note:

The SSL Board announces a slight increase in dues. A single membership will now be \$25, and family membership will be \$40, and a Lifetime membership will be ten times the Individual or Family prices beginning in April 2024.

### Editor's Note:

A reminder that Jean Hughes is still our Cheer Person. If you have news about a member or someone who has been important to the Scottish Society over the years, please contact Jean at 502-541-7212 or [jjhughes40@gmail.com](mailto:jjhughes40@gmail.com). These may be birthdays, accidents, illnesses, death notices or obituaries.

### Hospitality Director, Anne Lewis:

Note that we will be having "cottage pie for dinner" at the February meeting. Any snacks or desserts from members will be much appreciated.





## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Scottish Society was founded in 1993 as a non profit whose goals are to preserve and promote Scottish and Celtic culture, traditions, history and heritage.

## **THE SOCIETY PROVIDES**

MONTHLY MEETINGS/PROGRAMS

MONTHLY NEWLETTER

WEB SITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

SOCIAL EVENTS

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CELTIC STUDIES

AWARDS FOR ATHLETIC AND MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

PUBLIC EVENTS SUCH AS HIGHLAND GAMES AND FESTIVALS

## **WE ARE A TOTALLY VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION**

In general, the Society exists because of it's members, and because of member participation and contribution. Participation encompasses not only event attendance, but also Board participation. Please consider helping your society.

## *SSL Membership Minutes by Judy Stubbs*

The meeting was called to order by Interim-President Gary Schweitzer at 7:00 pm.  
Attendance: 23 members were present.

Interim-President Schweitzer opened the meeting by placing his “plaid” tartan on the lectern, and briefly talked with us about our Scottish ancestry being important to us, and invited all of us to consider wearing our own Clan “plaid” tartans at our General Meetings.

Interim-President Schweitzer welcomed all on this rainy, foggy night, asked if any visitors, or new members, were present. He welcomed new member Kimora Wilhite to our General Membership meeting.

Interim-President Schweitzer called for a proposal of the November Minutes to be approved, seconded and approved by the membership.

Interim-President Schweitzer announced that we will make time for socialization, and encouraged membership to get to know other members present while visiting the lovely presentation of desserts and snacks.

Kathy Corson passed away a couple of weeks ago. Kathy and her husband Don have led Scottish Country Dancing groups for years, and especially during our Burns Night celebrations. Sending our deep sympathy to her husband Don Corson. He continues to lead the English Country Dancing group.

Vice-President: Gary Schweitzer-  
There was no Heritage Report this evening.

Secretary: Judy Stubbs

Interim-President Gary Schweitzer asked Secretary Judy Stubbs to give a brief overview of the two Board meetings that have been held since the November General Meeting.

An Emergency Board Meeting was held on December 12, 2023 to address the resignation of Dianne Holland from her position as President. Ms. Holland wrote a letter to the Board and indicated that she would resign at the January Board Meeting, to be effective as of the January Board Meeting.

The Board accepted Ms. Holland’s resignation at its meeting on January 9, 2024, and approved Vice-President Gary Schweitzer assumed the role of Interim-President.

Kirking Update: Judy Stubbs

Ms. Stubbs announced that a sign-up sheet will be passed around during the meeting for an upcoming invitation to a Kirking at Ascension Lutheran Church, at 13725 Shelbyville Rd, on Sunday, March 17. We’re to be in the sanctuary at 10:30 am. This date is their Celtic Sunday and is also St. Patrick’s Day. Ms. Stubbs read the following email letter from the Pastor. It reads:

“Dear Scottish Society Members...

Ascension Lutheran Church was blessed to have the Scottish Society participate in our Celtic themed worship in March 2023. The procession of the clan flags/colors, the bagpiper, the Scottish drummer, and the Kirking O’ the Tartans added greatly to our celebration. We would love to have your group return in 2024. Our Celtic celebration will be held on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

## *SSL Membership Minutes, cont.*

Would the Scottish Society consider joining us again on that date? I look forward to your reply as we plan to honor the Celtic heritage during our worship.

Blessings and,Sláinte  
Rev. Ken Boehm”

Treasurer: Cheri Eskridge

Ms. Eskridge announced that she renewed the charitable gaming license with the state of Kentucky, as we need this for raffles.

Programs & Ed. Director: Shannon Fauver No Report. Not Present.

Robbin Goodin announced that Shannon was attending to family business. Robbin then reminded us that the February meeting will meet at 6:00 pm at the church, and the presentation will be online, by Mr. Alan Hay who lives in Scotland. His presentation will be about Castles.

Newsletter Editor Director: Linda Wilson No Report. Not Present.

Regional Celtic Director: Jack Bowling

This year several events have changed dates and how they are being run.

First, WorldFest on the Belvedere’s date to be determined. The Mayor’s Office of Special Events has dissolved. Other officials are contracting out a few of the Mayor’s events, including WorldFest. We will let you know when this information is made available to us.

The Southern Indiana Renaissance Fair in Charlestown IN has cancelled all October dates. Their Celtic weekend this year will be April 27 and 28. These dates are a six month change from past years.

The Columbus Scottish Games dates are September 7 and 8.

The Central KY Highland Games in Eminence, KY dates are September 14 and 15.

We’ve not heard from The Chancey School’s WorldFest, nor the date of Shakespeare in the Park, at this time.

Communications/Social Media Director: Erika Rivertree No Report. Not Present.

Membership Director: John Dickson

A Renewal of Membership report will be in the Newsletter, regarding the date the dues are required and the amount.

There has been a slight increase in dues. An Individual membership will be \$25.00, a Family membership will be \$40.00, and a Lifetime membership will be ten times the Individual and Family prices beginning in April 2024.

Member-At-Large Director: Pat Schweitzer No Report. Not Present.

Electronics Director: Damien Burns announced he is working on maintenance of the website, and making some changes.

Hospitality Director: Anne Lewis, thanked members for bringing goodies this evening. Anne announced that she could bring a Shepherd’s Pie to the February meeting, and encouraged the membership to bring a side dish.

## *SSL Membership Minutes, cont.*

Nominating Committee Members are: Jenny Dickson, Jeff Forbes, Steve Goodin, and Gary Schweitzer. This Committee will contact Society members to learn of their interest to fulfill a position. Gary prefers that no one will have two roles. If no one volunteers for a particular position, that role will be dropped. Gary is referring to the new title of "Director," formerly called Commissioner. Each Director's job description is in the Manual of Operations, which is to be followed. Gary's role as President is not to tell Directors what to do, but to "support other Board members in their responsibilities and duties." Elections will be held in March.

Interim President Gary Schweitzer announced the break for refreshments and socializing. He encouraged members to get to know one another, while visiting the lovely display of desserts and snacks, even Haggis cookies!

Burns' Video by Dr. David Purdie:

Electronics Director, Damien Burns set up the prepared PowerPoint Presentation about 7:20 pm, so that we were able to watch it on the two televisions in the classroom where we meet.

Dr. David Purdie gave a presentation titled "The Life of Robert Burns"; his video slides and script were outstanding, captivating and most informative. It was a lovely Power Point presentation that we originally viewed three years ago.

The presentation ended about 8:35 pm, and Interim-President Schweitzer encouraged membership to socialize again, as we didn't need to leave until 9:00 pm.

### **2024 SSL Programs**

Feb 27 In-Person, Zoom, Alan Hay presents on Castles, 6:00 pm

Mar 26 Elections, and Mindy McIntosh presents on tips about Grandfather Mountain's Highland Games

Apr 23 Install Officers, and Jill Baker presents on Horses in Scotland

May 28 Steve Shetter presents on Weapons

June 25 Dave Bush presents on Clan Formation

July 23 Cheri Daniels presents on a Tea Presentation

Aug 27 Allan Wallace presents on The History of Connections Between

American Samuel Seabury and Scotland.

Sept 24 Megan Burnett presents on Female Poets

Oct 22 Lorna Bolton presents on Halloween

Nov 26 Dinner/Auction, this date is in question

Dec 24 No General Meeting



## *Sweet Remembrances*

Robbin Goodin sent this obituary to me, and I am including it in the SSL newsletter :

“Just received this and wanted to pass it on to any who might have known this wonderful man. His band played our Burns’ night several years ago.

We have known him for so long.

*Peace,*

*Robbin “*

### **Gregory Martin Cutcliff**

**March 12, 1952 — January 27, 2024**

Gregory Martin Cutcliff, age 71, of Hiseville, KY, passed away Friday, January 27, 2024 peacefully at his home surrounded by his family. He was a father, grandfather, brother, uncle, companion and friend.

He is the son of the late Arthur Riggs Cutcliff, Jr. and the late June Carole Montgomery Turnnidge. He is preceded in death by his sister, Kimberly Cutcliff.

He is survived by his life companion, Hazel Johnson; his three sons, Christopher Cutcliff (Maritza), Clearwater, FL, Nicholas Cutcliff (Kana), Cave City, KY, Jonathan Cutcliff (Lacy), Baxter, TN; his twin brother, Craig Cutcliff (Susan), Denver, CO; his half brothers, Colin Turnnidge II (Libby), Myrtle Beach, SC, and Scott Turnnidge, American Canyon, CA; his half sisters, Julie Turnnidge, Dayton, OH, and Shaun Berndou, Santa Barbara, CA.

The family would like to thank T.J. Samson Hospice for their care during his illness.

The family has chosen cremation and the services will be private. Brooks Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to T.J. Samson Hospice.




Condolences may be made online at [www.brooksfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.brooksfuneralhomeky.com)





# February 2024

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25	26	27 SSL Member Meeting 	28	29		

February Birthdays: Shannon Fauver 1st, Steve Pollock 2nd, Jack Shacklett 2nd, Susan Lucas 4th, John Ulmer 5th, Marla Jo Cameron 12th, & Donald A. Samuels 19th



# March 2024

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24	25	26 SSL Member Meeting 	27	28	29	30
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March Birthdays: John Stuart 3rd, John Scott 5th, Ted McGill 9th, Erica Burns 15th, Janice Beatty 18th, Rose Schacklett 19th, & Anne Lewis 21st

