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March 17th Kirking group photo at
Ascension Lutheran Church,
courtesy of Judy Stubbs

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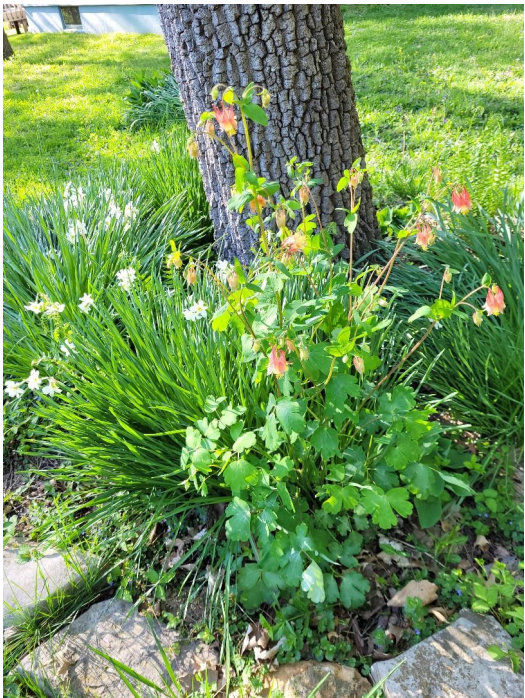
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THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF LOUISVILLE

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.



Spring flowers, courtesy of Linda Wilson



President's Message

Greetings Fellow Members,

I never thought I would be President of such a fine organization, but here I sit and I want to do my very best to continue the mission of Scottish Heritage and fellowship for the coming year.

We have some new Board Members joining us this year and I know you will give them your support and cooperation. I am enthused with their commitment and look forward to the next year. Their instillation will be at our **April General Meeting**. Wear some tartan because it's going to be a party.

BUT WAIT there's more! Since it's so close to **DERBY** our speaker will be none other than **Jill Baker**, artist, teacher and horse enthusiast. Come for the program and fellowship, oh! **And the party!**

Gary Schweitzer, President



Editor's Note:

The SSL Board has a new Post Office Box #. All correspondence for the SSL should be sent to PO Box 34758.

Editor's Correction:

Jean Hughes is our Cheer Person, and can be contacted at phone 502-619-4549 or email jeanhughes73@gmail.com. I put her husband Jim's email by mistake.



THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF LOUISVILLE

Celebrating the Scottish American

Heritage of Kentuckiana

Since 1993

Greetings Scottish Bràithrean agus Peathraichean (brothers and sisters),

I hope the past year found you with less troubles, more blessings, and nothing but health and happiness at your door.

I'm writing today to invite you to renew your membership in The Scottish Society of Louisville (SSL). Yearly membership in our society is very reasonable at \$25 per Individual, \$40 per Family and \$250 for individual Lifetime, or \$400 for Family Lifetime. Your continued membership helps bring programs and activities promoting Scottish and Celtic heritage to our community.

We have a great lineup of meeting presentations for 2024 with topics including:

Apr. Installation & Horses of Scotland.

May. Weaponry.

Jun. To Be Determined.

Jul. Tea.

Aug. Samuel Seabury.

Sep. Female Poets.

Oct. Halloween.

Nov. Dinner Auction.

Dec. No Meeting.

We're really excited about these excellent programs but we need membership in order to continue. As such, I'm asking you to please renew your membership today. I've attached the renewal form for your convenience, or you may renew online at <https://scotsoflou.com/membership/>.

The Scottish Society of Louisville is a great group, and once again, we are so pleased that you've joined us. I look forward to meeting you, and please feel free to reach out if I can be of further assistance.

PS Don't forget to follow us on Facebook at [The Scottish Society of Louisville](#), or check www.scotsoflou.com for additional information.

John Dickson

Interim Membership Commissioner

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March Membership Minutes by Judy Stubbs

The Scottish Society of Louisville's General Meeting (GM) was called to order by President Gary Schweitzer at 7:02 pm. There were no visitors present, and no one was a new member needing to be introduced.

Attendance: 22 members.

The business portion of this meeting was to hold elections for several Board Members: Electronics Commissioner; the Newsletter Editor; the Regional Celtic Commissioner; the Membership Commissioner; the Programs & Education Commissioner; and the Member-At-Large Commissioner. There were two members on the ballot for two different Commissioner's positions. It was agreed by the Board that the person with the most votes would be the Board Member Commissioner and the other name on the ballot would be the Assistant, but not be present at Board Meetings.

Three additional Board Members, having been appointed by the Board, were announced. Their positions are: President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

President Gary Schweitzer announced that we have a new P. O. Box Number and that the Zip Code is the same. Ask a Board Member for this information.

Vice-President Gary Schweitzer announced that there is one new application for the Heritage Fund Grant.

Secretary Judy Stubbs reported that we did have communication from Mr. Alan Hay, presenter at the February meeting, thanking us for his Honorarium and Thank You Card. Mr. Hay also indicated how much he appreciates The Scottish Society of Louisville, hoped he might come for a face-to-face presentation in the future, and invited any of our members coming to visit Scotland, to "come straight to him!"

The Kirking Director, Judy Stubbs, reported that we had 14 members attend the Kirking on St. Patrick's Day at Ascension Lutheran Church and how wonderful and inviting the service and music was. Our Member-At-Large Commissioner Pat Schweitzer, who designed and created the KY Tartan, and her husband, Gary Schweitzer, our President, staffed a table of our books with a sample cloth of the KY Tartan during the reception. The McClanahan School of Irish Dancing's performance and church refreshments were outstanding! We were heartedly thanked and invited to return next year for their Celtic Themed-Worship Service. Our next Kirking's are in Autumn.

Treasurer Cheri Eskridge had no report.

Programs and Education Commissioner Shannon Fauver had no report.

Newsletter Editor Linda Wilson was absent and sent no report.

Regional Celtic Commissioner Jack Bowling reported that as his tenure is ending on the Board, he's willing to assist the new Commissioner. He profusely thanked the membership for helping out with all the Festivals and Games events over the years of his term. He announced that Chancey School has contacted him regarding attending their World Fest on Thursday, April 18, 2024. He also reported that The Battle of Bannockburn Presentation will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2024. It will be held at the Scottish Rite downtown. They have a new Knight Commander who is asking for about 12 flag bearers or a little more. Our GM ended about 8:40 pm and we stayed around to visit with one another until 9:00 pm.

March Membership Minutes by Judy Stubbs, cont.

or less. Dinner is served at 6:30 pm and is free, with the presentation at 7:30 pm. We'll have a sign-up sheet distributed at a GM soon. The new Society's Regional Celtic Commissioner will begin in April.

Communication Commissioner Erika Rivertree was absent and sent no report.

Membership Commissioner John Dickson reported that we have 122 members. The following membership categories are:

26 Individuals have paid their annual dues for this year.

26 Individuals have paid for the Lifetime category.

54 Families have paid their annual dues for this year.

16 Families have paid for the Lifetime category.

23 paid annual renewal.

42 paid Lifetime.

65 total paid up.

Member-At-Large Commissioner Pat Schweitzer reported that even though she is rolling off the Board, she continues to remain very active with the following volunteer jobs: 501 (3) (C) registered agent; Archivist; Historian; Genealogist; Finance Committee; Contributor to Facebook; Dropbox Queen; and Computer help to the President.

Electronics Commissioner Damien Burns was absent and sent no report.

The Hospitality Commissioner Anne Lewis reported, for new members, that we can bring a dish to share (a savory dish would be nice to have in addition to sweets) or "chip in" any amount into the "kitty."

Next, President Gary Schweitzer reported that if we're going to have a Burns Night event, then all membership needs to help in a variety of ways. This is not the job of just one or a few people. This will be an ongoing conversation at our General meetings. He would like some of the logistics to be arranged by June.

Membership is to let any Board Member know how they can help find a location. There were a couple of suggestions about a location mentioned.



Mindy's bio states that she "is an agricultural blogger, video blogger (vlog), speaker, and an international author of three historically-based (ethnobotany) gardening books. Her vast knowledge is an accumulation of life experiences and a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education, with a minor in biology from Purdue University, along with a Masters of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Louisville. While at the University of Louisville she completed independent re-

search on the acquisition of gardening knowledge, which has been used to aid in the success of community gardens.

March Membership Minutes by Judy Stubbs, cont.

After the break for “treats” the program presentation by Mindy McIntosh was: “TIPS: FOR YOUR FIRST VISIT TO GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES.”

The PowerPoint Presentation on this topic was wonderful! These tips were great to learn how to maneuver one’s way about this huge event! She encouraged everyone to attend the event, at least one time, as it’s very impressive!

Grandfather Mountain front gate, courtesy of Robbin Goodin



She is also the author of three gardening books based on the Outlander series. This includes The Unofficial Outlander Book of Herbs, The Unofficial Outlander Book of Herbs II, and the Unofficial Guide to Outlandishly Outlander Landscape Design. Presently, she is working on her next herbal book inspired by the Outlander books and STARZ show. When not writing or teaching, you can find her giving talks on herbs.

Respectfully Submitted, Judy Stubbs-Secretary

Jill Baker, April presenter. Education and Research Biography

Jill’s undergraduate degree is from Baylor University. She has done graduate studies at the Academia di Belle Arti in Florence, Italy, at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida and studied Archeology at Columbia University in New York. Her degree from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn is a MFA (Master’s in Fine Arts/Painting.)

Jill Baker taught Humanities (History) on the college level for years and has been researching Pre-Columbian peoples existing in the Americas for the past 10 years. She has published her findings in historical and literary publications, such as Ancient America. Her published research on The Maps Columbus Used is available online on *Academia.edu*.

Jill’s interest in horses is long-standing, as she was fascinated with them from childhood. She would seek out horses wherever she lived and try to ride them. When she lived in Tennessee, she was the owner of about 15 Tennessee Walking Horses and bred, trained and rode them in shows, and often won ribbons. One of the horses, a direct descendant of the original Pusher Tennessee Walker, was a beautiful blue roan, a natural racker, and won only blue ribbons. However, he was trained and ridden by a hired trainer. Her love of horses was fulfilled during this period of her life, and she still retains her love of horses. This is one of the reasons she was interested in researching their origins and history.

March 17, 2024 about the Kirking at Ascension Lutheran Church, Louisville, KY; by Judy Stubbs

The Scottish Society of Louisville celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a fantastic Kirkin' O' The Tartans upon the invitation from Ascension Lutheran Church on Shelbyville, Road. It was their Celtic Music-Themed Worship Service that included a harmonious full choir, which was led by Organist & Choir Director-Todd Hildreth. Musicians Jane Halliday on violin, and Christian Casey on accordion and whistles were special performing guests.

The Processional began with Piper Karen Brumley and Drummer Rick McKenzie leading members of the Scottish Society of Louisville, and the church's Youth Director Aaron Flynn into the sanctuary. While all musicians played, the congregation sang "The Canticle of the Turning" which was projected from their very large screen. Our beautiful Tartan banners, held high, were impressive to watch, and were placed in their stands at the front on both sides of the sanctuary, readied for The Blessing. The sanctuary held an over-flowing crowd of members of this congregation singing along. It was a fantastic Processional!

Pastor Ken Boehm welcomed all into their lovely, modern sanctuary, after singing that beautiful opening hymn. Pastor Ken's sermon "Listening for the Voice of God" led us to consider if we are "hearing" or "listening" for God's presence in our lives. His poignant message captured our attention with gratitude. Afterwards, The Scots Confession of 1560 was read. Pastor Ken is engaging and highly experienced, having been Ordained 40 years ago!

Kirking Director, Judy Stubbs, spoke about the Origins of a Kirkin' O' the Tartans, A Calling of the Clans, and then joined with Pastor Ken in The Blessing of the Tartans prayer. Judy Stubbs highlighted how the Lutheran Denomination is connected to Scotland. It was a "nod" to the most impressive influence from Martin Luther's teachings, in the early part of the 16th century. This ceremony of the Kirkin' O' the Tartans is an American event, starting after World War II, by Dr. Peter Marshall.

During the service, Karen Brumley and Rick McKenzie's thrilling performance of "Highland Cathedral" rang high throughout the sanctuary. The Recessional music, "Amazing Grace," that both the Piper and Drummer played, brought the service to its conclusion. Then The Scottish Society of Louisville members met with Pastor Ken, the Youth Director Aaron Flynn, and the Piper and Drummer for a photo shoot.

All entered the reception area, to sit at tables decorated with cloth tartan table toppers and mini-Scottish flags. Everyone stayed to be entertained by students of the McClanahan Irish School of Dancing, along with celebratory refreshments displaying St. Patrick's green treats of cookies, mini cupcakes, etc. We are grateful to the members of this church who provided the refreshments and we thank you! It was wonderful!

Our very own Past-President Pat Murray Schweitzer and her husband, President-Interim Gary Schweitzer staffed our table with books of lists of Scottish names, and books of colorful tartan photos for people to come learn if they have Scottish ancestry. Also placed on the table was a piece of fabric that is the Kentucky Tartan. Mrs. Pat Murray Schweitzer was the lead member of the committee to create the design, and brought this to be authorized. It was a glorious Celtic Themed-Worship Service filled with grace and love. The Scottish Society of Louisville has been invited to return next year for another Kirkin' O' The Tartans! All are invited.

TARTAN DAY



Dinner at The Raven to celebrate Tartan Day with Pat Schweitzer, Jack Bowling, Judy Keown, Angie Bowling, Jim Hughes, and Gary Schweitzer above. Below, Janice Beatty, Jenny Dickson, and Jean Hughes.



2024 SSL Programs

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

May 28 Steve Shetter presents on Weapons

June 25 Show & Tell

July 23 Cheri Daniels presents on a Tea Presentation

August 27 Allan Wallace presents on The History of Connections Between
American Samuel Seabury and Scotland.

September 24 Megan Burnett presents on Female Poets

October 22 Lorna Bolton presents on Halloween

November 12 Potluck Dinner/Auction at Strathmoor. Set up at 4:00pm.

December 24 No General Meeting

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day is an Irish holiday, celebrated on March 17th, and this year some of the SSL members helped our Celtic friends in the Irish Society celebrate at
The Raven Restaurant.

Live music was provided by Guilderoy Byrne, and a good time was had by all!

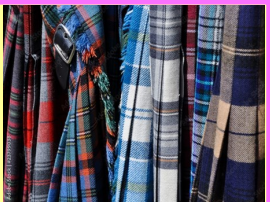


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 31 Easter Sunday 	1	2	3	4	5	6 Tartan Day @ The Raven
7	8 Total Eclipse 	9 SSL Board Meeting 	10	11	12	13
14	15 	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 SSL General Meeting 	24	25 Chancey Elementary School event	26	27
28	29	30				

April Birthdays: Christopher Rivers 3rd, Janice Sidebottom 4th,, Robert Glass 13th, Dorothy "Dot" Scott 19th, Archie Cunningham 21st, Scott Blome 24th, Damien Burns 25th, Patty Smith 25th, Kathleen Anderson 26th, Mark Johnson 27th, Marye Dillon Mathews 27th, & Janie Blome 28th



May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 	13	14 SSL Board Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 	27	28 SSL Member Meeting	29	30	31	

May Birthdays: Ron Kemper 2nd, Kay Glass 9th, Mark Robinson 12th, Christian Kreipke 14th, Kathryn Kessinger 16th, Annie Rivers 21st, & Edward Frederick 23rd

