



# The Caledonian

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## “SCOTLAND, LAND OF CASTLES” next event on Sept.13

The next Caledonian Society event, “Scotland, Land of Castles,” will be Saturday, September 13 from 2 to 4 p.m in Presidents’ Hall, a beautifully designed meeting room attached to the headquarters of The Aloha Council of the Boy Scouts of America at 42 Puiwa Road, behind Queen Emma Summer Palace.

**RESERVATIONS AND TEACUPS:** This meeting is free and will include tea and scones, as befits an afternoon event. Just for fun, bring your own teacup to sip from. We will have disposable cups available, but it would be more fun to admire each other’s personal china cups while we have tea. Space in the hall is limited, so reservations are required no later than **Wednesday, September 10.** To reserve a space, phone Lillian Cunningham (538-7707) or e-mail [lillianc@hawaii.edu](mailto:lillianc@hawaii.edu) with your name and the names of your guests.

**THE PROGRAM:** We will do one of the Chieftain’s get-acquainted activities and hear some updates, especially on The Falls of Clyde situation. The program itself will begin with an Introduction to Scottish Castles, accompanied by pictures. Then we will meet some “Castle People,” members who will speak for a few minutes in the voice of someone associated with a particular castle at a particular time in history. We can expect to hear from a laird, a maid, a hostess, a lady’s companion and tapestry



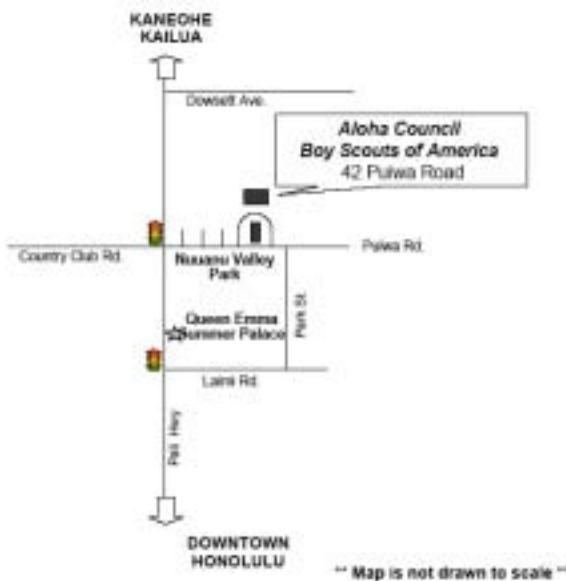
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maker, some military men and several others, each of whom will introduce us to one castle from his or her assumed point of view.

**THE LOCATION:** Puiwa Road is off Pali Highway and follows the mauka side of Nuuanu Valley Park behind Queen Emma Summer Palace. Puiwa Road is opposite Country Club Road, the route to Oahu Country Club. Presidents’ Hall is in front of the Boy Scout Headquarters building, attached to it by a covered walkway. You may drive between the buildings to drop people off near the door (no stairs), but we are asked not to park in stalls in the Boy Scout area because the offices and shop of the headquarters are open on Saturday and need all the parking spaces on their own grounds.

**DIFFICULT PARKING:** Parking space is available in the park, directly across Puiwa Road from Presidents’ Hall, but there we share with park users. Alternatively, street parking may be located further into the valley, perhaps on Park Street. If you possibly can, please share rides, or have someone drop you off. Please do limit the number of cars arriving and parking for our event.

**BUS STOPS:** Buses from downtown Honolulu and from the Windward side stop at convenient places along Pali Highway within walking distance of Presidents’ Hall.



# Board News

## From the Craig by Chieftain Bruce McEwan

Aloha All,

As I enter into my the second year of my current two-year term, I want to acknowledge the fine work of our Council over the past year in providing guidance for the Society and setting up a calendar of events that provided the quality cultural and educational activities that are our purpose as a nonprofit Society.

In particular, long-serving Council members **Jim Marsh** and **Sandy McKeen** have retired, but I am sure will continue their support for the Society. It is the willingness of members like Jim and Sandy to provide their time and expertise that make our Society leadership strong.



On another Council note, Vice Chieftain **Doug Herring** has relocated to the Island of Hawaii and has, therefore, resigned his position. The Council will fill the vacancy by appointment, but it is a time for a volunteer to step forward to join the leadership group.

During my opening remarks a year ago, I stressed the importance of putting on the quality programs that would draw our members with the hope that we would have 40 or more members at each event. Unfortunately the attendance has varied well below that number until our Annual meeting in June, where I am pleased to say that we exceeded the 40 goal. I do encourage members to take advantage of upcoming events. The Council met and laid out a calendar for the year, which is discussed elsewhere in the newsletter.

On another note, representatives of The Caledonian Society, myself included, have taken public positions on the fate of the Falls of Clyde. Led by **Jean Ainlay** and **Heather MacGregor**, the Society has become a prominent member of a local coalition trying to find alternatives to the sinking of the ship as has been proposed by Bishop Museum, the owner and steward of this National Historic Landmark. Those interested in learning more can check the website [www.savethefallsofcl Clyde.com](http://www.savethefallsofcl Clyde.com).

Let's all look forward to an educational and fun 2008-2009 Society year. Don't forget the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of Robert Burns in January 2009. More to come on that event.

## Welcome new and returning board members



At the annual planning meeting July 26 are: L-r second row: Jackie Phillips, Barbara Coons & Bruce McEwan; l-r front row: Susan MacKinnon, Lillian Cunningham, Mary Fraser and Heather MacGregor

At the Annual General meeting on June 28, Bob Walden was elected the new treasurer, taking over from Jim Marsh. Barbara Coons was once again elected membership secretary in place of Mary Fraser who is now a council member. Athlyn Bruce joined as a council member. Renewing members are Lillian Cunningham, Heather MacGregor and Jackie Phillips. A complete list of the officers and council is on page 4 in the AGM story.

# Society Events

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**“Celebrating Burns 250—  
In his Own Words”  
24.1.09**



## **2008-09 SOCIETY EVENTS**

**Saturday, September 13, 2008 2-4 p.m. FREE**  
***“Scotland: Land of Castles”***

Tea and Scones. Bring a favorite teacup. Reservations needed. Phone or e-mail Lillian. Presidents’ Hall, Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America, 42 Puiwa Road. See page 1.

**Saturday, November 8, 2008**  
***“Soup Supper and Whisky Tasting”***

**Saturday, January 24, 2009**  
***“Celebrating Burns 250— In his Own Words”***  
The 250th Birthday Gala for Robert Burns at the Japanese Cultural Center—Manoa Grand Ballroom.

**Saturday, March 7**  
***“Scottish Contemporary Comedians”***  
Featuring our very own Bryan Flynn. Potluck or catered meal.

**Thursday, April 2, 2009**  
***“Tribute to Princess Ka’iulani”***  
Mauna Ala in Nu’uanu

**Sat./Sun. April 4/5, 2009**  
***“Hawaiian Scottish Association Highland Festival”***  
Kapiolani Park. Caledonian Society to sponsor a cultural exhibit.

**Monday, April 6, 2009**  
***“Tartan Day Rally at State Capitol”***

**Saturday, June 20, 2009**  
***Annual General Meeting***  
Talk on genealogy DNA by Tom and Georgia Bopp

Members of the Council are exploring some extra possible adventures, including a whale watching expedition and a Gaelic-language contemporary movie. More to come on these possibilities.

*To the left:*

*Helen Wynn reports: “I’ve seen many a picture of this famous statue of Robert Burns in the center of Dumfries, Scotland where Robert Burns lived the last seven years of his life. Would you believe I could not get that darn bird to fly off his head! It’s actually a sunny WARM day in Scotland in May.” See more pix of the Wynns’ recent sojourn to Scotland on page 6.*

# AGM Recap

## Annual Meeting Luncheon 2008

There was lots of chatter and laughter from the tables at the AGM luncheon at The Wai'oli Tea Room on June 28, 2008. Part of the reason was the pleasure of tasty food and helpful service, and part was the pleasure of getting acquainted with other members, who filled the Ginger VIP room to capacity. The success of the meeting was due in no small part to the efforts of Lillian Cunningham, lady in charge!

We felt proud of the State Legislature's approval of the resolution designating April 6 every year as Tartan Day and acknowledging the Hawaii Tartan. We felt dismay at the report from Jeanette Ainley about the lack of care that *The Falls of Clyde* has suffered in past years and the apparent intention of The Bishop Museum to sink what is left of the old Scottish-built sailing ship.

We remembered the past year of programs and thanked the Board members and others who made the activities and services happen. We said fond aloha to members who have died in the past year including Gordon Cran, Alison Kay, Iris Lozier, and Rhoda Hackler and Hope Doyle. We anticipated the next year by electing two new council members, Barbara Coons and Athlyn Bruce, and reelecting others to new terms or new jobs. Many canny folks renewed their memberships on the spot.

We applauded the talent and grace of our 2007 SERG award winner, glass artist Jessica Picone, who reported on her experience last summer at a glassblowing school in Lybster, Scotland.

The new officers for 2008-2009 are: Chieftain Bruce McEwan, Secretary Susan MacKinnon, Treasurer Robert Walden, and Membership Secretary Barbara Coons assisted by Bill Wynn. Council members are Athlyn Bruce, Lillian Cunningham, Mary Fraser, Elspeth Kerr, Heather MacGregor, Jackie Phillips, Larry Phillips and Jim Redmond. The position of Vice Chieftain is at the moment unfilled with the resignation of Doug Herring, who has moved to the Big Island. Helen Wynn continues as the editor of *The Caledonian*, with assistance from Lillian Cunningham and Jackie Phillips.



Jessica Picone at Annual General Meeting

## Thanks from Jessica Picone

*To the members of the Caledonian Society of Hawaii:*

I want to thank you all so much. After giving my brief presentation on Northlands Creative Glass Center in Lybster, I realized that I didn't thank you all enough for SERG. What I have gained from receiving this award is so much more than the financial assistance it offered.

The experience and inspiration that came out of this project has had a major influence on the glass work that I create to date. I've also made connections and friendships with people from around the world, and for those friendships, I couldn't be more grateful.

As I continue to apply myself, I will always have a special appreciation for everything that this society has done for me, the support, keeping in contact with me, and inviting me to present, has all been such an enjoyable experience! So thank you all again Best wishes,

Jessica



Display at the Annual General Meeting of the State Legislature's approval of the resolution designating April 6 every year as Tartan Day and acknowledging the Hawaii Tartan.

## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

### Hope Doyle

was born in 1929 in Minnesota...a state she called "American Siberia". She received her degree from Sarah Lawrence College and was a principle at New York's Metropolitan Opera for two years. She then joined the CIA in counter-intelligence and then married and took care of her family. She married David Doyle and came to Hawaii in 1980 where she was involved in many activities. She died March 12, 2008.

### Iris Lozier

was born in 1920 in Edinburgh to James and Margaret Finlayson. She and her parents immigrated to the US in 1926 where they lived in New York. She married Charlie Lozier in 1948 and they moved about the world with the Air Force eventually ending up in Kailua. She worked as a secretary for the Pacific Air Force Headquarters. They had three children, Garrett, John, and Diane. She died May 26, 2008 after an extended illness.

### E. Alison Kay

was a malacologist, environmentalist, and professor at the University of Hawai'i. She was born in Eleele and grew up on the island of Kauai in the Territory of Hawaii, graduated from Punahou School in 1946, and obtained her first B.A. from Mills College in 1950. She then went on to earn another B.A. in 1952 and an M.A. in 1956 from Cambridge University as a Fulbright Scholar before returning to the University of Hawai'i, where she completed her dissertation in 1957. She was an active member of the Society and was our 1995 Scot of the Year. She also contributed a chapter for the Society's book, *The Story of Scots in Hawai'i*. She died June 9, 2008.

### Rhoda Hackler

was born Rhoda Elizabeth Armstrong in New York City in 1923. She was a historian, researcher, writer and teacher in Hawai'i for 43 years. She edited the Society's book, *The Story of Scots in Hawai'i* and was our 2002 Scot of the Year. She served on a variety of charitable boards, including the Honolulu Academy of Arts Guild, Hawai'i Opera Theatre, Hawai'i Army Museum Association, Daughters of Hawai'i, the Caledonian Society, and the English Speaking Union. She was president of the Society of Asian Art in Hawai'i and also of the Hawaiian Historical Society, and a co-founder of the Historic Hawai'i Foundation. She died on July 7, 2008.

## Greetings from Past Chieftain George MacRae



George MacRae



George & Gloria

Chieftain in the early 80's, George and his wife, Gloria, now live in Virginia Beach. He says, "I'm still active in local Scottish scene but have retired from drumming with the Tidewater Pipes and Drums and the Royal Canadian Legion Pipe Band. ...I still miss Hawaii but my youngest son lives there."

## Best wishes to...

**Bob Walden** as he recovers from heart surgery.

**Betty Davison** as she continues to fight her cancer and keeps on winning!

**Nancy Hedemann** who continues to battle many difficulties.

## MACBETH AT KENNEDY THEATRE

*Macbeth*, as we all know, is the only Shakespeare play to be set in Scotland and is based very loosely on Scottish history. (Macbeth did kill Duncan in 1040 [in battle] and did succeed him to the throne until he was in turn defeated in 1057 by Malcolm Canmore.) Shakespeare tells the tale as a study of ambition, blood, and guilt.

*Macbeth* will be performed this fall at Kennedy Theatre on the UH-Manoa campus, but not in a Scottish way. This production is advertised as "postmodern and multicultural." The dates are **Nov. 14, 15, 20, 21, 22**, at **8 p.m. or 23 at 2p.m.**

There is a Scottish bargain available, though, if you plan ahead. Super Saver Tickets are offered **ONLINE ONLY** until SEPT 1 for \$12 each plus \$2 per ticket service fee.

# Memories!



The flying kilt is the rage in in Edinburgh; Helen Wynn points out what's worn under the kilt



Bill Wynn and famous Forth Rail bridge in South Queensferry, his hometown

## Bill & Helen Wynn's spur of the moment trip to Scotland

When our precious Siberian Husky died suddenly in early April, we decided to escape by finding somewhere to go with our United miles. We were amazed that the one place we could get to for FREE was London. We had about two and a half weeks to get the trip together.



Helen takes a jog in the Princess Street Gardens, a glorious spot in Edinburgh. It was about 32 degrees!



Lunching with friends, left side front Agnes MacDonald, Helen Wynn; Right front George MacDonald and Bill Wynn. We sloshed down a bottle of wine in this converted mortuary turned restaurant called Howie's in Edinburgh.

We honed in on Edinburgh, our favorite Scottish city, and rented a flat. Here we cooked most of our meals, washed clothes, and hung out in between trips around Scotland. We had only two weeks so we day-tripped — First to Bill's home town of South Queensferry, another, a spiritual journey to Burns's resting place in Dumfries via Glasgow on the train; a 12-hour marathon bus tour of the highlands with a "cruise" on Loch Ness and finally to Linlithgow, the birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots.



Bill Wynn in front of Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh

The weather was superb. From the low 30's in the early a.m. to the low 70's by afternoon for the first week; then it turned COLD. We had gloves, ski caps and lots of layers. The locals thought we were nuts!



Everyone wanted to feed this big beastie, Highland Black Angus steer, Hamish



Our expansive kitchen in the Edinburgh flat

We lunched with George and Agnes MacDonald; we'd never met before but through the internet and her stories for the *Caledonian*, we became good friends.



The new ultra modern Scottish Parliament building in Edinburgh



Piper gave a special poignancy to Glen Coe visit

The flights were perfect and we even escaped a near disaster when Bill tumbled down at set of stairs on our first night and landed on his new bionic knee. Bloodied but not broken. It was a trip to remember and we're happy to report we have a new Siberian Husky, aptly named Pepper, so no more big trips in our future!

# Scottish Wee Bits

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Can you identify this castle? See Dec.-Jan 06-07 issue!

## **Homecoming Scotland, 2009, and THE CLAN GATHERING**

Homecoming Scotland is an extraordinary yearlong Scottish government initiative to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns in 2009. It will include events across Scotland from January to November 2009, Burns Night to St. Andrew's Day. Its purpose is "to encourage those with a passion or connection with Scotland to come home." Consult Homecoming Scotland online for the program of events for the year.

A centerpiece of the year is The Gathering, an International Gathering of Clans in Edinburgh on July 25 and 26, 2009, billed as the largest clan gathering in history. A large two-day Highland Games will be held in Holyrood Park. On Saturday clan members will march together in a gigantic parade up The Royal Mile to a Clan Pageant on the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. At least 130 clans have indicated they will participate in the events of The Gathering.

Some members of The Caledonian Society of Hawaii have already made plans to attend The Gathering. If you decide to go, please let the Society know through the Chieftain, so we can keep in touch with our traveling members.

## **Seven Scottish Castle Quiz**

1. How many castles do you think Scotland has now, including ruined ones?
2. What is one probable difference between a castle and a palace?
3. What century saw the development of the architectural style known as "Scottish Baronial"?
4. Do any Scottish castles have moats?
5. What is a "Laird's lug"?
6. Which would you say are the two most famous and important historical Scottish castles?
7. Can you name any fictional Scottish castles?

## **Postal workers in kilts?**

Under the title, "Postal Worker Lobbies for Right to Go Pantless". *The Honolulu Star-Bulletin* on August 7, 2008 ran a story about a postal worker who wants to wear a version of the kilt as part of his uniform.

He uses the term "Male Unbifurcated Garment" to describe the kilt. It may be accurate, but sure is a mouthful when there's already a short, useful term like "kilt."

# Membership Renewal

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## Please Renew Your Membership!

### Annual Dues / Donations

Annual Membership is \$20.00 per member..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional, tax-deductible, Donation..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Information / Please Update as Needed

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday: Month/Day \_\_\_\_\_  
Rides to Events: Do you need one? \_\_\_\_\_ Can you offer one? \_\_\_\_\_  
Clan affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

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