



The Caledonian

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Annual General Meeting Program

*Review of the year

*Election of officers

*Talk by Dr. Richard Hill on Robert Louis Stevenson's connections to Scotland and Hawaii

Menu Choices

1. *Wai`oli Chicken Curry Salad* served atop a bed of greens garnished with mango chutney with a freshly baked roll.

2. *Tasty Turkey Sandwich* on a freshly baked honey wheat bun served with the chef's special coleslaw.

3. *Quiche and Salad*: a slice of freshly baked quiche of the day with a green salad, choice of dressing, and a freshly baked bun.

Dessert Lilikoi Chiffon cake.

Beverage choices at the time: coffee, iced tea, hot tea, soda or lemonade.

Questions?

Call Lillian Cunningham at 538-7707

Annual General Meeting Luncheon & much more...

When: Saturday, June 26, 11 a.m

Where: Wai`oli Tea Room's Robert Louis Stevenson Rm
2950 Manoa Road, where O`ahu Ave and Manoa Road meet. Free parking

What: Annual General Meeting & tasty luncheon. Plus talk by Dr. Richard Hill on Robert Louis Stevenson. (See Dr. Hill bio on page 2)

By bus: Take the #5 from Ala Moana Center. Get off at Manoa Rd and Lowry Ave.

Reserve: **RESERVATIONS BY MAIL BY MONDAY, JUNE 21.** Return form below with \$16 per person. Checks payable to: Caledonian Society of Hawaii. Send to: Caledonian Society, P.O. Box 4164, Honolulu, HI 96813. *No phone/e-mail reservations.*

Meeting only: You are welcome to attend the meeting only at no charge but reserve a chair. Non-member guests are welcome for the meeting and for luncheon, if reserved.

Mail-in Luncheon Reservation

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail: _____

Menu choices: 1. *Chicken Curry* 2. *Turkey Sandwich* 3. *Quiche*

Name (print & include yourself) Menu Choice # Price \$16 pp

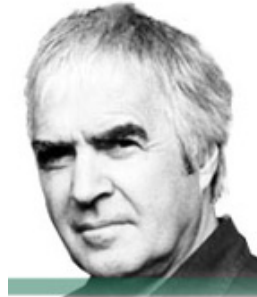
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From the Craig by Chieftain Bruce McEwan

We had a fun event greeting some of our new members and viewing the Scottish comedy *Whisky Galore* on June 5th. Having just come back from the whisky island in Scotland, the isle of Islay, a movie centered on whisky was appropriate. For whisky lovers, Islay has eight working distilleries and every year has a Malt & Music Festival for eight days in late May to early June. It is a great event.



Speaking of great events, in our last newsletter I mentioned that we have asked John Cairney (pictured below), one of the world's authorities on Robert Burns, to perform at the 2011 Burns Night. I had an opportunity to meet with him while I was in Glasgow and can attest that he will bring a look at Robert Burns that will be different from anything we have ever presented. He is the consummate professional and will be both entertaining and informative. Burns Night 2011 will be very special. We will need financial support to bring this together, which is why we are starting early. As a 501(c)(3) organization, donations to help underwrite this cultural event will be tax deductible. I invite members to submit donations specifically for this event, which is one not to be missed.



Yours aye,
Bruce

Congratulations to our members...

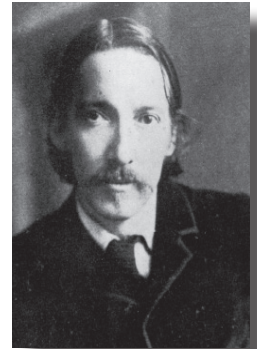
To **Kit Smith** for his fantastic finish in the April 2010 Boston Marathon. He finished third in his age group with a time of 4:18:03. A long-time runner, this is Kit's first top three finish at Boston. A big feat for sure.

To **Russell Fraser** for completing yet another book, this one entitled *A Mingled Yarn The Life of R.P. Blackmur*. Richard Palmer Blackmur (1904–1965) was an American literary critic and poet. He was born and grew up in Springfield, Massachusetts. The book is available worldwide or from Transaction Publishers at www.transactionpub.com or call 1-888-999-6778.

Illustrious speaker set for June 26 meeting

Richard Hill completed his PhD at Edinburgh University in 2006, and is now teaching English at the University of Hawaii, Maui Community College.

His thesis was entitled 'The Illustration of the Waverley Novels in Scotland: Walter Scott's Contribution to the Nineteenth-Century Illustrated Novel'.



Robert Louis Stevenson

He has written articles on Scott and James Hogg, and is currently working on the lifetime illustrations of Robert Louis Stevenson. His talk will be on Robert Louis Stevenson and his Scotland-Hawaii connections.

"Stevenson is an author and traveler very close to my heart, and I'd be delighted to spread the word about his achievements and influence," commented Dr. Hill. "I should warn you that I am in fact English, although I did spend ten years in Scotland at Edinburgh University before moving here to marry a Wailuku girl. I hope this makes me acceptable to the Caledonian Society." See **page one for reservation information.**

The Celtic Pipes and Drums in Concert June 17 at Foster Gardens

The Celtic Pipes and Drums will be featured at the Thursday, June 17 Twilight Summer Concert Series at Foster Botanical Gardens. The evening runs from 4:30 to 7 p.m. It's free and you can bring picnics, blankets and lawn chairs and you'll have the opportunity to stroll through the gardens. Questions, please call 522-7064.



2010/11 Schedule

Thurs., June 17 4:30-7 p.m.

Celtic Pipes and Drums Concert at Foster Gardens

Sat., June 26, 2010, 11 a.m.

Annual General Meeting, Lunch at the Waioli Tea Room with program on Robert Louis Stevenson

Sat., Sept. 25

Book discussion of Edinburgh novels, 44 Scotland Street and *Expresso Tales*. More info to come.

Society Events

Scots in Hawaii remembered at May 8 meeting

By *Elspeth Kerr*

Hosted by *Jeanne Anderson* at her lovely Diamond Head home, Caledonian Society members enjoyed cups of tea, shortbread and other goodies, a wee drap of whisky from *Clara Bushnell's* and *George Kerr's* supplies, and talks about our Scottish-Hawaiian history.

Isobel Ryan spoke about her family the Lambs and the Simpsons (Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Simpson were sisters), the Hoggs, and the Muirheads. She told us about the immigrant parents from Scotland and their first-generation American children. Izzy remembers the families who lived in Kaimuki and those who lived in Manoa. They often socialized together, and the kids knew each other at school and at church. It was a kind of community within a community that the young people grew up taking somewhat for granted; now in their old age it seems to have gradually disappeared.

There was a similar Scottish community of families on Hawaii Island, because of the many Scotsmen associated with the sugar plantations on the Hamakua Coast.

In his talk *Leith Anderson* added considerably to the information in The Scots in Hawaii about his great-grandfather Alexander Young. He described Young's various business connections and ventures, including the establishment of the no longer existing Von Hamm Young Company, once the sixth largest company in Hawaii. Leith told of Alexander Young's hotel holdings which started with the construction of the Young Hotel on a downtown Honolulu block he owned, bounded by Bishop, King, Alakea, & Hotel Streets. It opened in 1903. (Ed: See **Elspeth reminiscence about the importance of the Alexander Young Hotel on page 4.**)

Leith also told us about some of Young's children, including his great aunt Bertha, who inherited her parents' oceanside home in Waikiki and lived there until she died, when the property was acquired by Sheraton for expansion next to their Royal Hawaiian Hotel and construction of the Sheraton Hotel.



Leith Anderson & Elspeth Kerr enjoy some tea.



Isobel Ryan (standing) poses with Pam Anderson.



L-R: Jay Anderson, Lani Fleming Murray and Maggie McLeod relax near the pool with tea and cookies.



L-R: Barbara Coons with Jeanne Anderson, who shared her lovely home with the Society's meeting.

Photos by Barbara Coons

Member Features



Geoffrey Paterson & friend Beverly Katz at May's meeting

Society puts long-lost friends in touch after chance meeting

by Barbara Coons

This is a true story of friends reuniting after nearly 50 years. On March 6, I received an email from Elizabeth (Liz) and Bill Morris in Essex, England, asking whether or not I knew of their friend Geoffrey Paterson. Mr. Paterson had been a resident of Honolulu and a member of the Caledonian Society of Hawaii.

It seems that recently, Bill Morris had taken a train ride in England and had met Duncan Campbell, also a former and very active member of the Caledonian Society of Hawaii. They realized that they had a mutual friend in Geoffrey Paterson. In fact, Bill and Geoffrey were at school at Bournemouth College together and then at Oxford's School of Architecture. The Morrises and Patersons had become close friends, but then lost touch.

Meeting Duncan Campbell motivated the Morrises to find out all they could about their friend Geoffrey. Hence the email to our website that comes to me. Geoffrey was no longer listed as a member so I looked him up in the phone book here. He was listed and I called him. When he learned of the Morrises' efforts to reach him, he was delighted. I gave him the Morrises' email address and then gave the Morrises Geoffrey's email and phone number. They have been communicating.

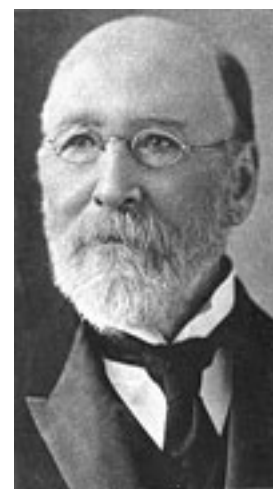
Geoffrey has renewed his membership in the Caledonian Society. He and new member Beverly Katz, will travel to Essex in the fall to visit with the Morrises.

Alexander Hotel brings back happy memories by Elspeth Kerr

Some days after our May meeting, it occurred to me that some of us who got here around 1980 or later might not have the slightest idea what the Young Hotel was, since it was demolished in 1981. Its main purpose when built was to accommodate visitors arriving on the ships docked in Honolulu Harbor. Much later it was a hotbed of activity during legislative sessions, when outer island legislators stayed there.

However, it was more than a temporary dwelling place with a big main dining room and a lunch room surrounding a bakery. The main entrance just makai of Hotel St led to an impressive lobby behind the dining room. There was another entrance with another elevator close to the King St. end of the building, with shops lining the Bishop St. sidewalk. The accounting firm Young, Lamberton, & Pearson (at least two Scotsmen in the name) was located down some steps from that street. (later taken over by Haskins & Sells)

Doctors, dentists, and other professionals had offices on the lower floors. My childhood dentist was there, and three of the eye doctors I saw as a child, and yet another dentist, a Scot named Jack Marnie, I went to as an adult. Businesses located there changed through the years. I once had occasion to visit Pan American's PR lady Anna Kahanamoku (Sargent's wife) at the airline's offices in the Young and talked to Bill Mullahey, the legendary Pan Am boss.



Alexander Young

Back in my early days my family occasionally dined in the big dining room, and more frequently my mother and I had lunch or afternoon tea in the small café/tea/lunch room containing the bakery. I was always too young to visit the Roof Garden, which was the glamorous downtown place to go for drinks and dancing.

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Member Features



The Alexander Young hotel's rooftop garden that Elspeth recalls with fondness in her story about the hotel.

Perhaps the most memorable aspect of the Young Hotel was the bakery, undoubtedly the most admired on the island if not in the state. Of course, my mother got our wedding cake there. Years later we celebrated our daughter Alison's January 20 birthday with our neighbor Abby Fleming, another Jan 20 baby; and every year we got from the Young Bakery a lemon crunch cake for Abby and a chocolate cake for Alison. The bakery continued for a while after the building came down and then sold its recipes to a bakery on Keeaumoku St; but alas, it is no more. A great loss.

Founding members Don and Lillian MacKinnon celebrated by Susan MacKinnon

Scott & Susan MacKinnon recently celebrated the lives of Scott's parents, Don & Lillian MacKinnon. Donald Grant MacKinnon was born in 1905 in Arizona although his family home was in Nova Scotia. He was in the US Army Air Corps in about 1928 when he first came to Hawaii. He met his wife, Lillian, in Exeter, CA, where he was in private practice after graduating from Stanford Medical School in 1938. He chose to enter the Navy as a Lt. (j.g.) and served in WWII in the Pacific.

Lillian Olive Bennett was born in 1909 in Kansas and was the eldest of four (three brothers). The family moved to Exeter, CA, and one day "Among other attractive girls there was a longlegged blonde named Lillian. Kismet!...I did a U turn in the middle of the block and picked her up.

Then and there I lost control of my destiny, but have never had any reason to regret it." (From DGM letters).



Don & Lillian MacKinnon

They moved to Hawaii in 1964 where his last tour of duty was at Barber's Point NAS. He was active with the Honolulu Pipes & Drums & the grandchildren remember him piping them around the neighborhood--the Pied Piper of Pupu Street! They were founding members of the Caledonian Society and proudly passed on their Scottish heritage with their grandchildren. They were very proud of their two boys, John & Scott, and five grandchildren. They were married for 58 years before Lillian passed away in 1998. Don then followed in 2002. They are greatly missed by their family & friends.

Meeting News

New & old members gather at the “At Home” party June 5

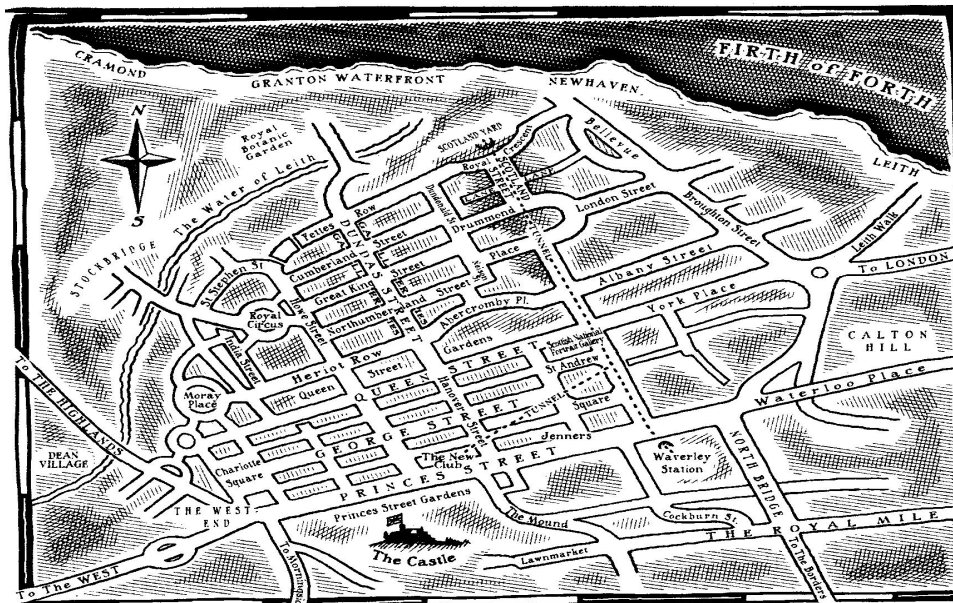


Photo by Barbara Coons

Newcomers at the party included (l-r): Kathy Titchen, Benita Graves, Richard Graves, Beverly Katz, Geoffrey Paterson, Warren Paterson, Laura Bozeman and Mike Bozeman.

Some 24 members and guests enjoyed a lively evening of conversation, snacks and showing of the Scottish favorite, *Whisky Galore* on Saturday, June 5. The party was hosted by Heather MacGregor at her place on Thurston Avenue. Our Chieftain and Chieftainess, Bruce McEwan and Lillian Cunningham, had just arrived from a trip to Scotland, perhaps a little jet-lagged, but happy to be home.

Central Edinburgh map shows setting from “44 Scotland Street”



The Society is planning a book discussion for Saturday evening, Sept. 25, based on two novels, *44 Scotland Street* and *Espresso Tales*, the first two books in the 44 Scotland Street series. So enjoy them at your leisure and be prepared to share your thoughts in September.

This map from the book, *44 Scotland Street*, gives you an idea where the action takes place. It all looks very familiar to me (*your editor*) as we spent many a day tramping Edinburgh from our flat on York Place.



The Caledonian Society of Hawaii

Membership Renewal

Annual Membership is \$20 per member, due by July 1st each year. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30th of the next year

Personal Information *(update as needed)* _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Birthday Month/Day _____

Rides to events: Do you need one? _____ Can you offer one? _____

Clan affiliation _____

Volunteers are welcome. Where can you help? Please check:

___ Refreshments or clean-up ___ Decorating at events ___ Publicity, public relations ___
Entertainment - piping, readings, ___ Telephoning or reservations ___ Community, education
talks, ___ Society Council, ___ help at highland Games.

Do you have children who would like to participate at the Games or other events? _____

Do you have family history to share? Please use other side.

Annual Dues

Membership payment: \$ _____

Additional tax-deductible donation: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: The Caledonian Society of Hawaii. Mail to: P.O. Box 4164, Honolulu, HI 96812-4164. Questions: Barbara Coons, Membership Secretary, 521-7022 or BFCoons@aol.com

Signature _____ Date _____

For membership Secretary: Check _____ Cash _____ Date received _____

Cut along the dotted line and send in with your renewal check. Life members can use the form to make a donation.

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Two Scots bet a pound on who could stay under water the longest. They both drowned.

“McDougall’s dead. He fell into a vat of whisky.” “What a shame. Was it a quick death?” “I don’t think so. He came out twice to go to the bathroom!”

The local train stopped at a station long enough for the passengers to stretch their legs. Sniffing the pure, clean air with appreciation, a passenger said to the guard: “Invigorating, isn’t it?” “No,” he replied. “Inverurie.”

Three times Jessie brought Sandy to the manse, hoping to be made man and wife, but each time the minister refused because of the groom-to-be’s intoxication. “Why do you persist in bringing him to me in such a state?” asked the minister. “Please, Reverend,” explained Jessie, “he’ll no’ come when he’s sober.”

An Aberdonian was ill with scarlet fever. “Send for my creditors,” he said. “I can give them something at last.”

Wee Hughie was so much troubled with his tooth that he decided to have it extracted. “How much will

it cost?” he asked. “£50,” replied the dentist. “Isn’t that a lot for only a few minutes work?” asked Wee Hughie. “Well, I can pull it slowly if you like,” said the dentist. “Look,” said Wee Hughie, “here’s £5. Just loosen it a little.”

An American was on a job interview in the Scottish countryside. On the way out he asked a local farmer for directions: “Excuse me, buddy, could you tell me the quickest way to London?” The farmer said: “You driving or walking, lad?” The American replied: “Driving.” The farmer nodded, saying: “Aye, definitely the quickest way.”

Agnes MacDougall was looking to re-enter the work force, now that her kids were all grown up. But before applying anywhere she went tae the doctor fae a wee physical. When she returned, Angus, her hubby, noticed she was just bustin’ wi’ pride and all chuffed. So he said, “What’s all this about?” She said, “I’ve just been tae the doctor and he said I’ve got the body of a 20-year-old, and the heart of a 16-year-old.” To which Angus fired back, “What about your 50-year-old ass?” “Your name never came up,” she replied.

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