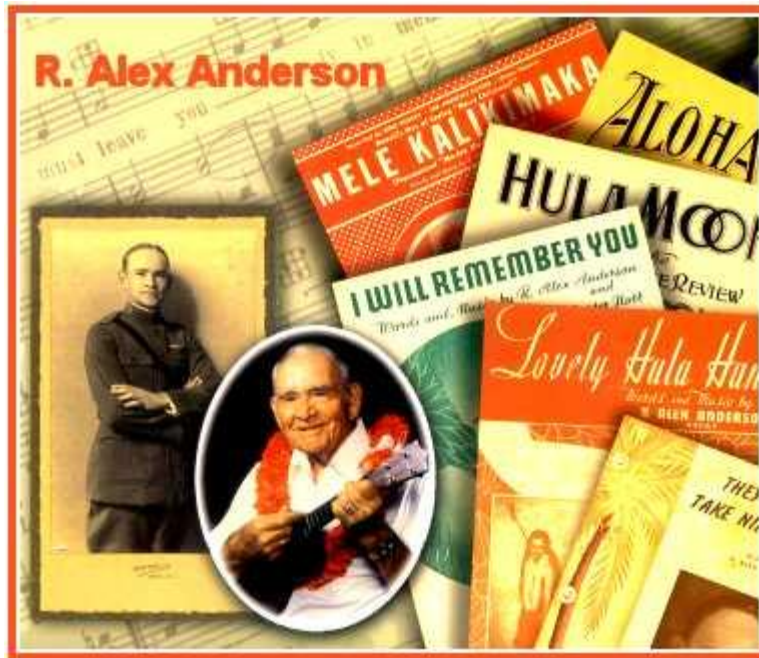




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R. Alexander Anderson Remembered Saturday, May 19

The next Caledonian Society event will remember the famous Hawaii-born composer R. Alexander Anderson (1894-1995), a major figure in 20th century hapa-haole music. His Scottish ancestry was recognized by the Society when he was named Scot of the Year in 1992.

His son, Leith Anderson, will return to the Caledonian Society on **Saturday, May 19** to tell us about his father, the noted Hawaiian songwriter. The meeting will be at the **Penthouse Room** at **1001 Wilder Avenue** from **3 to 5 pm**. Admission is free, but please phone Elspeth Kerr, **599-2799**, for **reservations**.

Ample **parking** is available on the 5th floor. Just identify yourself to the security guard as you drive in. From the 5th floor parking area, walk without changing levels directly to the main entrance of the building. Buzz “penthouse” at the front door.

Mr. R. Alexander Anderson was born in Honolulu, graduated from Punahou in 1912, from Cornell University in 1916, and went off to Britain to join the Royal Flying Corps (predecessor of the RAF) which he served until the United States joined the Allies in 1917. Then he switched to flying for the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was shot down and imprisoned in Germany but managed to escape through Holland. His experiences became the basis for an Errol Flynn movie *The Dawn Patrol* in 1938.

After the war, he married Peggy Center of Honolulu, who had been a protégé of Dame Nellie Melba, and they eventually settled back in Honolulu. Here he worked for the family corporation, Von Hamm Young, which he presided over for many years.

All the while, he was composing songs: from a Punahou football song to a Cornell song and to many Hawaiian mele, including “Malihini Mele,” “Lovely Hula Hands,” “White Ginger Lei,” and “Mele Kalikimaka,” which he wrote to the great delight of Hawaii audiences. His more than 200 songs, some widely popularized by people such as Bing Crosby and Arthur Godfrey, continue to inspire listeners around the world to dream of Hawaii.

We will be serving tea and whisky at the May 19 meeting. Please bring a **plate of tea snacks** of your choice to share.

Society News

From The Craig

By Chieftain Bruce McEwan

Upcoming Events

A big mahalo to all of the Caledonian Society members who volunteered to work at our exhibit at the Highland Festival. Your support for the Society is greatly appreciated.



As usual we had a very informative display and it was an especially eye-catching exhibit because of the creative idea of board member Jackie Phillips. As an educational organization, the quality of our public events needs to be top quality and this truly was.

It is still early in the year, but we need to begin looking for board members for the next two-year term beginning July 1, 2012. Anyone interested in serving on the board can contact me. The greatest service to the Society is serving in a leadership role. I want to call your attention to the article about the upcoming 2014 Gathering of the Clans in Stirling. I can attest that this is an experience not to be missed based on my own attendance at the 2009 Gathering in Edinburgh. If you truly want to feel like a Scot, this is a great opportunity.

Yours aye,

Bruce McEwan, Chieftain

Sat May 19 Scots in Hawaii: Memories of R. Alex Anderson by Leith Anderson Penthouse at 1001 Wilder Ave, Honolulu, 3-5 pm. Hosted by Elspeth Kerr. Bring a sweet or savory snack to share with tea. No charge.

Saturday June 23, 2012: Deli Sandwich Buffet Lunch with those great kalua pork sliders at Ka 'Ikena dining room at KCC at 12:00 noon. It will be a working lunch with the Annual General Meeting going on while we eat our sandwiches and salads. An unusual Scottish video will be shown after lunch. \$15 per person.

Saturday, July 14, 2012: Family Potluck Picnic from 11 am to 2 pm at a convenient park location. Save the date for Scottish fun and games for both keiki and adults.



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New Members

A big welcome to several new or returning members to the Society since the first of the year. They are *Kevin Bogan* (returning after a lapse), *John and Adaline Cummings*, (new members), *Nancy Smiley, MD*, (new member), *Hugh Stirling* (former member), and *Megan Thurmond-Smith* (new member). Also mahalo to several Life Members and others who have made recent contributions to the Society.

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Highland Games 2012

The Caledonian Society's direct contributions to the annual Festival are the Children's Games, Historical Displays in the Clan Tent, and Society Tables in the Clan Tent.

This year the attractive **Society Tables** were overseen by *Barbara Coons* and staffed by a good group of members including *Mary & Russell Fraser, Sandy McKeen, Bob Walden, Lyn Bruce, Kathy Titchen, Tory Laitila, Doug Stiles, Susan Spangler, Sally Dahlquist, Wendy & Richard Sherman* and *Jim & Jane Redmond*. Thanks to them for selling books and CD's and talking to visitors about the Society.

The **Historical Displays** featured large display boards with titles such as "Scotland in the 1700's," and "Games of Scotland." The boards were made last year by students from Castle High School and donated to the Society. New this year were two long double-sided banners made from Scottish tea towels by member *Jackie Phillips* and hung from the high poles of the tent. *Jackie & Larry Phillips* coordinated the clan tent.

Member *Nanci Munroe*, who ran the **Children's Games**, says her helpers were great and thanks Aaron, who helped with set-up, members *Reiko* and *Arik Harris*, and 5 or 6 volunteers each day from a service club at Farrington High School. They helped children play games like golf and Nessie ball toss, watched the kids in the bouncy house, and got City and County surveys from the parents. She says they entertained more kids than last year, perhaps because of discounted rates. The tent averaged about 15 children at any one time enjoying games and Scotty dog and Nessie decorations. Posters were given out for the Disney movie *Brave*. In all a very successful weekend!

A good many Caledonian members served the Festival in other ways, such as *Ian Laing* and *Steve Craven*, the emcees. Big thanks to members *Dan* and *Mary Peddie*, who coordinated the overall festival as Chieftain and Vice-Chieftain of the HSA.

For more about the feeling and look of the Festival and related events check out member *Hamish Burgess's* blog at <http://mauiceltic.com/news.htm> He also invites anyone to submit news of a Celtic event on any island to <http://mauiceltic.com/events.htm>

Member *Heather MacGregor* entertained Highland dancers from Scotland at a barbecue at the *Falls of Clyde* a few days after the Festival. She says it was a huge success, and the young Scots were astounded to learn about the old Scottish-built ship.



Celtic Pipes & Drums lead the opening parade
Photo by Hamish Burgess



Clan Campbell welcomes visitors
Photo by Logan Schupp

Highland Games 2012



Highland dancers celebrate Hawaii



Competitor throws the mighty hammer

Highland dance competition



Princess Ka'iulani

TRIBUTE TO PRINCESS KA'IULANI



Sunset hula for the Princess by
Aysha Limatoc
Photo by Hamish Burgess

To honor the Hawaiian-Scottish Princess Ka'iulani, the Caledonian Society annually meets at the Royal Mausoleum on an evening shortly before our Festival for a sunset tribute. As the weather was lovely, the entire ceremony was held outdoors this year rather than partially in the chapel. Piper Jacob Kaio set the mood with pipe music, and Chieftain Bruce McEwan recounted events in the short life of the princess. Nanci Munroe and Lyn Bruce read poems, and Jennifer MacKay Fahrni spoke briefly about The Ka'iulani Project.

In honor of the Princess, young hula dancer, Aysha Limatoc, danced an accomplished special hula in a long yellow dress that made her look like Ka'iulani herself. Four young dancers from Scotland, accompanied by Hawaiian piper Kaio, skillfully responded with two Highland dances.

The assembled group of 25 or so people then walked down the stairs into the crypt to place several lei in front of the plaque commemorating Princess Ka'iulani. It was a moving celebration for the "daughter of a double race."

Highland dance in the shadows of
Mauna Ala
Photo by Hamish Burgess



Mar 3. Princess Ka'iulani movie

Countdown to 2014

It has just been announced that as part of the 2014 Scottish Year of Homecoming, the city of Stirling proposes to host a Gathering of the Clans, on 11-13 July 2014. This follows the big International Clan Gathering in Edinburgh in 2009. Plans for 2014 in Stirling are still forming, but clan websites are buzzing about this event, urging their members to attend.

So far the events of the 11-13 July 2014 weekend include

- * a Clan Village, presumably featuring information-booth tents for each registered clan.
- * a procession, presumably of clan members, from the Clan Village to Stirling Castle.
- * entertainment on the Stirling Castle Esplanade.
- * musical and cultural events in venues across the city.

These events will be held alongside the Sekonda Stirling Highland Games, always the second Sunday in July.

Another week of activities, 23-29 June, is anticipated at the nearby site of the Battle of Bannockburn (1314) to mark the 700th anniversary of that medieval battle. There Robert the Bruce won a major victory for the Scots over King Edward II in the Scottish Wars of Independence. The 2014 celebration will include reenactments and the official opening of the National Trust for Scotland's new Bannockburn Visitors' Centre.

Not to be missed is Stirling Castle itself, one of the best-preserved Renaissance buildings in Great Britain. It includes James V's sumptuous Royal Palace, now restored to appear as it must have looked around 1545—colorful, rich and elaborate. The magnificent Stirling Tapestries are being woven by hand especially to hang in Stirling Castle.

Other huge events to be held in Scotland in the summer of 2014 will be

- * The 20th Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, 24 July-3 August 2014.
- * The Ryder Cup Match golf biennial, between teams from the US and Europe, 26-28 September 2014 at Gleneagles.

Incidentally, the proposed referendum on Scotland's possible independence from UK is predicted for sometime in the fall of 2014. *The Caledonian* hopes to include background and discussion of the Scottish independence question in future issues.



Left to Right:
Stirling Castle, Statue of Robert
the Bruce at Bannockburn

Center: Clan Village, Edinburgh
2009

