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GENEALOGY PROGRAM

October 19, 2013 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Manoa Public Library

2716 Woodlawn Drive, Honolulu



Member **Donald Reynolds** (pictured here) has been investigating the ancestry of some of our members using Ancestry.com this summer. **On October 19th at the Manoa Library**, he will reveal what he has found and answer questions about how to use Ancestry.com and other research tools to investigate your family ancestry. No reservations are needed. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for non-member guests. The library gates and parking area will open at 6:15 pm for anyone who wants to bring in an individual sack supper. (This is not a potluck event.) **The program will begin at 7 pm.** The library gate will be closed at 7:15 pm for security reasons.



HONORING ST. ANDREW

Sunday, Nov. 24th, at 1:00 pm

Oahu Country Club

The Society has not honored the Patron Saint of Scotland with a major event for some time. This year we will do so with a luncheon at the **Oahu Country Club**. St. Andrew's Day is actually Nov. 30th, but our lunch is scheduled for the previous weekend, **Sunday, Nov 24th, at 1:00 pm.** Member Jim Redmond will enlighten us about St. Andrew and his Scottish connections. (Res. form pg. 3)

The main speaker will be Colleen Patton, our 2013 SERG recipient. Colleen, a graduate student in linguistics at UH Manoa, this summer visited Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, the Gaelic College on the Isle of Skye. There she took short courses in the Gaelic and surveyed other participants from those courses. Colleen is particularly interested in maintaining and revitalizing languages in decline.

As early as August, Colleen had contact with Arlene Holmes Henderson (see page 3), who had seen the article about Colleen and SERG in *The Caledonian*. The two women found they had much in common. People who attended the New Member party in September have also already met Colleen and know that she comes from Scots-Irish heritage and loves dinosaurs and all things Harry Potter.

Colleen says "*Ciamar a tha thu?* (Hello) Everything at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig went so well! I feel like I've learned so much for two short weeks, met so many wonderful people, and had outstanding weather while exploring the Isle of Skye in class and on my own. I'm very excited to come talk to everyone in the Caledonian Society about what I've learned and how they can start learning Gaelic too! ... I want to thank you again for the opportunity, especially as even more things keep happening in support of my interest in Gaelic and language maintenance."



From the Craig

As a 501(c)(3) organization, The Caledonian Society looks for educational opportunities within the community. As the largest Scottish organization, we sometimes get asked to provide a program that allows us to partner with other Scottish organizations. This year is a fine example. On May 18th, we helped the Hawaii State Library celebrate its 100th anniversary by providing pipers from the Honolulu Celtic Pipes & Drums and dancers from the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

On September 14th, we coordinated a Scottish Country Dance demonstration at Windward Community College's annual bon dance. September 25th found us at Honolulu Community College's Culture Day, where we had a booth and coordinated entertainment with a piper (CS member Patrick Roberts) and Scottish Country dancers. Thanks again to our two partner organizations.



October 17th is our opportunity to support Hawaii Public Radio with a Scottish team from The Caledonian Society and RSCDS manning phones at the fundraiser. Another chance to show the community who we are.
Slainte, Bruce McEwan, Chieftain

NEW MEMBER GET-TOGETHER HELD SEPT. 22

The New Member get-together was quite successful with everyone getting to know each other by putting names with facts about their lives. For instance, we learned that KC Collins once rode her horse, Hoku, as a pa'u rider in a Kamehameha Day parade. Beth MacNeill is married to a former Idaho cowboy, and they collect & restore vintage cars & trucks. Anuheia Brady Pizaña grew up in Hawaii but met her husband Oscar in California. We welcome all of our newest members to the Society.



KC Collins with Elspeth Kerr and others watching "The Gathering 2009"



Beth MacNeill; Anuheia & Oscar Pizaña; Robert & Julia Putes



Laura Parsons and Colleen Patton



Dee Anderson & Charles McAllister

SCOTTISH SCHOLAR EXPLORES HAWAIIAN & GAELIC

We have an important Scottish visitor in Hawai'i this fall. The Caledonian Society joins with other community members to welcome Arlene Holmes Henderson from Glasgow. Arlene is the 2013-14 Fulbright Scottish Studies Scholar and is here conducting research supported by the US-UK Fulbright Commission.

Arlene is in Hawaii on behalf of the Scottish Government to research how the Hawaiian language is being revitalized. She will take back her findings to assist in efforts to perpetuate and promote the Gaelic language in Scotland. She will make direct recommendations to the Government and others for the learning and teaching of Gaelic. While in Hawaii Arlene has been giving presentations for colleagues and general audiences, who are fascinated to hear the parallels in how both Gaelic and Hawaiian were at one time banned and then re-recognized as official languages. Two such presentations are coming up: a public lecture and a special Society gathering.



**"Heritage Language Education: What Can Scotland Learn from Hawaii?"
Wednesday, October 30th, at 3:30 pm in Hamilton Library, Room 301.**

Arlene will share her research with the local community at this public lecture and is eager to meet people in Hawai'i who have Scottish ancestry. Admission is free. Doors open at 3:15 pm.

The Caledonian Society has also added a special program to our fall calendar of events: **"A Conversation with Arlene," on Friday, November 8th, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Ocean Terrace Room, Hokua, 1288 Ala Moana Blvd.** This talk will reprise the UH public lecture and offer informal time to talk. Admission is free, but **advance reservations are required** for the security desk. Please call Jeannie Ferrier at 593-0966 or e-mail jferrier@msn.com for reservations. Parking is available in the Hokua public parking facility behind the building.

This is our members' opportunity to meet this enthusiastic, well-informed, and friendly Scot and to find out how the Gaelic, the language used by many of our ancestors, is faring in contemporary Scotland. Incidentally, the Society has granted Arlene a short-term honorary membership.

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HONORING ST. ANDREW LUNCH RESERVATION FORM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th - Deadline November 15th - 1:00 pm

Name(s) of those attending _____

(Member \$20; Guests \$25)

\$ _____

\$ _____

Total \$ _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

Need a ride? Yes/No Provide a ride? Yes/No From which area? _____

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MEMBER NEWS

Oct. Birthdays

Mandy Bowers, Kalani Brady, Barbara Price, Julia Putes, Lee Shellko.

Nov. Birthdays

George Allen, Pam Asbury-Smith, Lillian Cunningham, Col. Victor Hawthorne, Elspeth Kerr, Don Laird, Linda McKenzie, Trudy Schandler-Wong, Veronica Boyd-See, Richard Sherman, Noelle Sutherland, Carrie Weatherwax, Helen Wynn.

Announcing the Marriage of Tory & Kristin

Kristin Robin Keller and Elias Tory Laitila exchanged wedding vows Sept. 14th in a ceremony officiated by Captain Brian Gerhart aboard the Sacramento Southern Railroad's El Dorado parlor car.

The bride is the daughter of William and Susan Keller of Redding, California, and is employed at the Hawaii State Library. The groom is a member of The Caledonian Society and is the son of the late Lourdes Torres Laitila. He is the Registrar with the Honolulu Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts. The couple resides in Moiliili.



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

The Caledonian Society Pre-Hogmanay Ceilidh is **Sunday, December 29th**, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Paired with a Scottish Country Dance lesson, Elspeth Kerr's condo party room at 1001 Wilder St. will "rock" with a catered supper, games, and music. A perfect way to start the New Year!

Burns Night: The Lassies Remember Robbie Burns Saturday, January 25th, 2014

Oahu Country Club 5:30 pm Dressy/Highland attire Reservations Now Open
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL to January 6th, 2014: \$75 members/\$85 guests OR buy a table for 8 people for \$600 and fill with your friends. After Jan. 6th: \$85 members/\$95 guests. Table of 8 price \$680.
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February 22, 2014—Book/Movie Discussion Read the book *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* by Muriel Spark, then bring your sack dinner & watch the movie at the Manoa Public Library from 6:15 pm.

St. Andrew Society of Hawaii (SASH) will hold its annual ***Kirkin' o' the Tartan*** on Saturday, November 30th at 5:30 pm at St. Andrew Cathedral, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu. Wear your kilt or bring a swatch of your tartan should you wish to have it blessed. Free and open to the public. A complimentary dinner will follow the service in the Von Holt Room.

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