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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2014 • 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

OAHU COUNTRY CLUB • 150 Country Club Road, Honolulu

The Annual Meeting of the Caledonian Society will be conducted on **Saturday, June 28th** in the downstairs Makai Room of the Oahu Country Club. The luncheon will include a variety of salads and deli meats, breads, coffee, tea and soft drinks. **Price is \$20 for members and \$25 for guests.** A reservation is a must. Please see the reservation form below and send it in as soon as possible.

The meeting will commence at 11:30 am with approval of the revised Bylaws as approved by the Council on June 3, 2014. The changes reflect a correction in the number of Board members required by the Articles of Incorporation and different requirements in the Bylaws. Also a change has been made in the terms of the Board members from two (2) year terms to three (3) year terms, with 1/3 of the Board being elected each annual meeting. A copy of the changes will be made available at the AGM. Also on the agenda will be the election of the Council of the Society.



After lunch, Caledonian member **Rose Mary Thompson** will tell us of her research into the Scottish women who risked their lives to help soldiers injured in WWI. Her talk, entitled *The Women and the Wounded—Scottish Women's Hospitals in Overseas Service*, will give a glimpse into the hardships faced by these women—doctors, nurses, technicians, ambulance drivers, cooks, and washerwomen—who went out to the front lines of battle to try to help wounded soldiers. The event will end with a nod to the Battle of Bannockburn.

Mairi Chisholm (on right above) was a Scottish nurse and ambulance driver in the First World War who, together with her friend Elsie Knocker, won numerous medals for bravery and for saving the lives of thousands of soldiers on the Western Front in Belgium. Dubbed "The Madonnas of Pervyse" by the press the two became the most photographed women of the war, achieving recognition not only as women, but for working on the front lines against official British regulations. -Wikipedia

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2014 Annual Meeting Reservation Form--Required
June 28, 2014 • 11:30 AM • Oahu Country Club

Name(s) of person(s) attending (Please print) Member \$20 Guest \$25 Total Enclosed

Phone _____ Email _____

Do you need a ride? ____ (Y/N) Can you provide a ride? ____ (Y/N) From what area? _____

Please mail this form along with your check made out to the Caledonian Society of Hawaii to:
PO Box 4164, Honolulu, HI 96812-4164. If you have a question please call Jeannie Ferrier at 593-0966 or email her at jefferrier@msn.com

Scots Defeated English Exactly 700 Years Ago

The **Battle of Bannockburn**, on June 24, 1314, was a huge Scottish victory in the First War of Scottish Independence, 1286-1328, and a dramatic landmark in Scottish history. If there is a fact every Scot knows, it is who won the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314.



In the spring of that year, the major English-held stronghold of Stirling Castle was under siege by the Scots. King Edward II of England assembled a formidable army of 2,000 horse and 25,000 infantry, to relieve it. But this army was badly led, and no match for the smaller but battle-hardened force of about 6,000 spearmen and 500 archers, under Robert the Bruce, who was familiar with the terrain, crossed by many streams, including Bannock Burn.

The battle started with a legendary display of single

combat, when the lightly-armed Bruce killed a charging knight with one blow to the head in full view of the English army. Through the rest of the first day, June 23rd, Bruce outmanuvred the English, who were decisively routed the next day, many of them drowning in the burn when trying to escape in the chaos. Thousands died and more were captured. Bruce was left in total military control of Scotland and was able to consolidate his contested kingship.

Remembering the Battle The Burns poem “Scots Wha Hae” celebrates this battle, and the chorus of Scotland’s unofficial national anthem *Flower of Scotland* refers to Scotland’s victory over Edward and the English at Bannockburn. A new Bannockburn Heritage Center opened this spring.

A commemorative two-day event, “Bannockburn Live” will be held this year on June 28th and 29th “to immerse visitors in the sights, sounds and atmosphere of 14th century Scotland.” The battle of Bannockburn will be reenacted three times each day, choreographed by Clanranald. More than 300 “living historians” will be working and preparing for battle through the day within interactive medieval camps. Caledonian Society member **Hamish Burgess** expects to attend Bannockburn Live and report to the Society on his return.

Adapted from Wikipedia & BBC

2014 Scottish Independence Vote

Timing the vote on Scottish Independence for September 2014 was no doubt influenced by the Scottish pride expected to be generated by the Bannockburn anniversary. The most current polls show 52-54% of the polled voters expect to vote No; 34%-36% expect to vote Yes; and 10%-13% are undecided. The percentage voting Yes is slowly increasing. Interestingly, 82% of the people polled say they are absolutely certain to vote. Voting is limited to people over age sixteen who are currently living in Scotland, regardless of whether they are Scots or of some other nationality. President Obama, in France for D-Day commemorations, says he hopes Scotland will stay in the United Kingdom.

Thanks to Kathy Titchen, who sent a link to interviews with four voters who, for quite different reasons, have changed their minds about how they intend to vote. For more on this go to: <http://www.channel4.com/news/scottish-independence-referendum-what-makes-people-switch>

Falls of Clyde needs \$3M

In order to begin the drydock work on *The Falls of Clyde*, the Friends of the Falls of Clyde must raise MONEY! Would you like to donate? You can send in your donation to the Caledonian Society (please note your preference) and we will forward it on to the Friends. Or donate directly to the Friends of the Falls of Clyde and mail your check to: PO Box 4674, Honolulu, HI 96812-4674. Volunteers are also most welcomed and needed for this project. For more information please contact Chieftain McEwan at 538-7707.



NEW MEMBER PICNIC

Saturday, July 19th • 4:00 pm at Hokua Condominium Cabanas
1288 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu

This year the Caledonian Society has welcomed almost 30 new members. We invite everyone to come out to meet them and enjoy some time together at the Cabanas at the Hokua Condominium. We will be grilling hot dogs & hamburgers and will provide a gas BBQ if you'd like to bring your own meat or vegetables. Also please bring a potluck appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. Water & soft drinks will be provided.



Hokua Cabanas #2 & #3

As a way to get to know our new members, we have a game to play—"The Three Facts Game" many of you may remember from last year's new member party. Please provide three interesting facts about yourself and any guests. We will mix these all on paper, and everyone will talk to each other to match with the fact with the person.

There is no charge for this event (donations always welcome, however) but **reservations are required**. Please use the form below for your name(s) and three facts and mail it to: PO Box 4164, Honolulu, HI 96812-4164. Call Jeannie Ferrier with your questions at 593-0966. Or you can email your facts to Lillian Cunningham at lillianc@hawaii.edu.

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Picnic for new members and all Caledonians & guests

(Please use other paper as needed for your facts and guests.)

Name _____ **Name** _____

Fact 1. _____ **Fact 1.** _____

Fact 2. _____ **Fact 2.** _____

Fact 3. _____ **Fact 3.** _____

Do you need a ride? ____ (Y/N) **Can you provide a ride?** ____ (Y/N) **From what area?** _____

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Commonwealth Ceilidh in Hawaii • Saturday, June 21st

Everyone is invited to enjoy Hawaii's grand finale of the 24-hour worldwide celebration of Scottish dance and culture, called the Commonwealth Ceilidh. Join the RSCDS-Hawaii Branch for a fun-filled evening of dances that will keep you energized and excited. Both beginners and experienced dancers can quickly learn most of these dances. Come with or without a partner.

The event will be held outdoors on the terrace in front of the new library at **Windward Community College**, 45-720 Kea'ahala Road, in **Kaneohe** starting at **7:30 pm** on **Saturday, June 21, 2014**. Free. A short hula performance during the interval will showcase Hawaii's local dance form. Need directions or have questions? Call 538-7707 or e-mail <lillianc@hawaii.edu> Lillian Cunningham.

The Commonwealth Ceilidh is a worldwide event sponsored by RSCDS and Get Scotland Dancing to celebrate the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in late July/August. Parties will follow the sunset around the world beginning in New Zealand at 7:30 local time on June 21st and followed by events in Australia, Japan, Scotland, and across Mainland America. The global circle of the Ceilidh will close with Hawaii's event 24 hours later. Each location will dance from the same program of mostly common Scottish Ceilidh dances. To find worldwide event information as well as instructions for and videos of the dances on the program go to www.getscotlanddancing.org/the-commonwealth-ceilidh.

1965 to 2015—50 years later

2015 is the 50th Anniversary of the Caledonian Society of Hawaii.

A committee has been formed and is starting to plan how to mark the whole upcoming anniversary year. Beginning with Burns Night in January and continuing with events and activities, we are exploring great ideas for ways to celebrate and to let the larger Hawaii community know that there are Scots in Hawaii. Among the ideas are a dinner to recognize our founders and past chieftains, several dramatic history events, visits to historic sites, cooperative activities with other community groups, a service project, work with our archives, and a couple of contests.

Do you have an idea on how to celebrate this anniversary year? Do you remember a person or event from the early days that we can share with our newer members? Any ideas can be emailed to Chieftain McEwan at mcewan001@hawaii.rr.com or call him at 538-7707. And watch *The Caledonian* for upcoming news about how the plans are developing for the Society's banner year.

Society Reminders and Other News

Membership Renewal The Society calendar year runs from July 1st to June 30th. Unless you joined at the 2014 Highland Festival or later, please send in your \$20 membership now to the post office box (see address at bottom of this page). A membership form was inserted with the last newsletter (May-June 2014) or you can find it on our webpage www.scotsinhawaii.org. Membership dues may also be paid in person at the AGM.

Email-only If you would like to receive the newsletter via email-only and have not told me yet, please email me (Susan MacKinnon) at susanmack1@mac.com. The email version is in color and will arrive in your inbox earlier than the printed version, plus email-only saves the Society money!

Gaelic Meeting Sat., June 14th at 2:00 pm The second meeting of the Gaelic language group will be held at Epiphany Church in Kaimuki. If you'd like to attend, please call Lillian Cunningham at 538-7707.

Visiting Scotland? *The Caledonian* would be pleased to receive a clear, evocative picture from your trip along with a list of the places you visited. Bon Voyage!

Congratulations to Member Carol Anne Gordon. She recently graduated with an MSW degree from the University of Southern California.

SASH Sunset Celtic Cruise on the Makani Catamaran, Saturday, August 9th 5:00 PM. \$40 per person which includes a two hour sunset sail, dinner & two drinks. RSVP to Makani Catamaran at 591-9000 and mention the "Celtic Cruise" group. Call Nancy Smiley with questions 371-0819.

Food Sense My wife and I walked past a swanky new restaurant last night.

"Did you smell that food?" she asked. "Incredible!"
Being the kind hearted Scotsman I am, I thought,
"What the heck, I'll treat her!"
So we walked past it again!

Thanks to Jeannie Ferrier for this humor.

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