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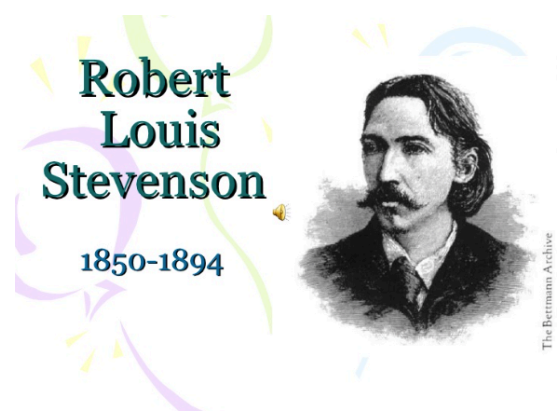
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## RLS Birthday Movie—*Kidnapped*

**Saturday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Epiphany Episcopal Church Hall  
1041 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, Honolulu (Kaimuki)  
6 pm Personal sack suppers  
6:30 pm Birthday cake  
7:00 pm Movie: *Kidnapped* (1971)**

The world-famous Scottish writer and friend of Hawaiian royalty, **Robert Louis Stevenson**, was born in 1850. But in 1891, at the age of 41, he formally gave away his Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> birthday to a 12-year-old girl (*See below for details*). So fittingly we will celebrate his birth and his art the next day, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, with a birthday cake and the 1971 film version of his famous novel *Kidnapped*, first published in 1886. The novel *Kidnapped* is sometimes said to be Stevenson's masterpiece.



Bring your own sack supper. We will provide birthday cake, popcorn, and iced tea, and in return suggest a donation of \$3 for members or \$4 for non-members—reservations not necessary. Parking at the church is plentiful. Turn makai (toward the ocean) off of Harding Ave. and the church is on your left. The hour from 6:00 to 7:00 is for eating and celebrating; the movie starts at 7:00 pm.

This hard-to-find movie version of *Kidnapped* was filmed in Scotland with lots of great Scottish scenery and is said to be about 80% historically accurate. The movie stars Michael Caine with Lawrence Douglas, Vivien Heilbron, Trevor Howard, Donald Pleasance, Jack Hawkins, Gordon Jackson, and others in a rousing adventure story set in Scotland in 1751.

**“No further use for a birthday.”** In June of 1891, Stevenson heard that Annie Ide, the 12-year-old daughter of the U.S. Commissioner to Samoa, where Stevenson then lived, was unhappy with her birthday, which was Christmas Day. He sent a formal-sounding document to her family in which he gave his own birthday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, to Annie. The document states that Miss Ide “was born, out of all reason, upon Christmas Day, and is therefore, out of all justice, denied the consolation and profit of a Proper Birthday.” It asserts that “I, the said Robert Louis Stevenson, have attained an age when we never mention it, and that I have now no further use for a birthday of any description.”

The document asserts that he “has transferred, and do hereby transfer to the said A.H. Ide, all and whole of my rights and privileges in the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, formerly my birthday, now, hereby, and henceforth, the birthday of the said A.H. Ide, to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the same in the customary manner, by the sporting of fine raiment, eating of rich meats and receipt of gifts, compliments and copies of verse, according to the manner of our ancestors.”

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**St. Andrew Society of Hawaii (SASH)** invites all Caledonians to their annual Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan on **Monday, November 30, 2015, 5:30 pm**, at St. Andrew’s Cathedral, 229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu. A church service with Eucharist starts at 5:30pm in the cathedral. Wear your kilt or bring a swatch of your tartan should you wish to have it blessed. A complimentary dinner will follow the service in the Von Holt Room. There will also be Scottish dancing, bagpipes, raffle, door prizes, party favors, & more! **Free** but donations welcome. Parking is available in the church parking lot.

See also [www.saintandrewsocietyofhawaii.com](http://www.saintandrewsocietyofhawaii.com) for information on their new scholarship program Scots-in-Hawaii Scholarship Grant Program.



## Chieftain's Column: From the Craig

As our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year winds down, I look forward to seeing many of you at the last two events: Robert Louis Stevenson's birthday (11/14/15) and our annual Pre-Hogmanay Ceilidh (12/26/15), which this year will recap our entire year of celebration. This has been a very event-packed year that has used a lot of our resources. As a reminder, you can get a tax-deductible donation for 2015 to help close out the year. Our upcoming events in 2016 will begin with another excellent Burns Night on January 30, 2016 and a series of educational member events throughout the year. I want to thank everyone who has made a contribution to our success this year and encourage any member to get involved in 2016.

Slainte, Bruce McEwan, Chieftain

## Member News

### November Birthdays

George Allan, Pam Ashbury Smith, Athlyn Bruce, Lillian Cunningham, Elspeth Kerr, Donald Laird, Linda McKenzie, Jim Redmond, Trudy Schandler Wong, George Stibbard, Carrie Weatherwax and Helen Wynn.



### December Birthdays

Alana Cox, Jeannie Ferrier, Reiko Harris, Arik Harris, Robert Lormand, Susan MacKinnon, Larry Phillips, Jane Redmond and Todd Rockhold.

**Members** Larry Phillips, Jeannie Ferrier, Jackie Phillips, Bruce McEwan, and Lillian Cunningham manned the phones at HPR on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Chieftain McEwan was interviewed by Noe Tanigawa and was an advocate for the Caledonian Society.



Jackie & Larry Phillips



Dinnertime at Ferguson's Pub

**Member Ron MacPherson** will be honored on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> with a NSDAR Viet Nam Veteran Certificate for his service to the US during the Vietnam War. Thank you, Ron!

**Members Jean & Randy Jaycox** are being honored by Windward Community College to thank them for opening the Center for Aerospace Educational Endowment.



A Toast to the Clans

## 2016 Event Calendar

**January 30** Robert Burns Dinner @ Oahu Country Club

**February 27** "Great Scots" & potluck dinner

**March 1- April 15** Celtic Month: Events to support:

March 5 Friends of St. Patrick Emerald Ball

March 17 St. Patrick's Day Parade

April 1 HSA Grand Scotch Tour

April 6 Tartan Day

April 7 Tribute to Princess Ka'iulani

April 8 HSA Ceilidh

April 9-10 HSA Highland Festival & Games

**April 30** Movie *Local Hero* with Brown Bag supper

**June 25** Annual Meeting -- Program on genealogy.

**Sept. 24** Scots Plantation Families-Hawaii, Maui, Kauai.



Guest Paula Luv with Stan Jones



Kristin & Tory Laitila

Thank you Janice Choate-Zavakos for the pictures.

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# *Singing Burns*

## The Annual Robert Burns Supper

### January 30, 2016

#### Oahu Country Club

#### 150 Country Club Rd., Honolulu

Because of the life and works of the Scotland's National Bard, Robert Burns, Society members and guests will dress in their best Scottish wear for the annual Burns Night on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at the Oahu Country Club for cocktails, dinner, and a program both traditional and innovative. Please note the date, which has been changed from the date announced earlier.

*Corn rigs, an' barley rigs,  
An' corn rigs are bonie:  
I'll ne'er forget that happy night,  
Among the rigs wi' Annie.*  
--The Rigs O' Barley  
--Robert Burns 1773

This year we look forward to hearing songs by Burns and others in a program called "Singing Burns." Burns wrote lyrics to hundreds of tunes thus saving them from oblivion. We are honored to have professional musicians Stephen Strugnell and Simon Crookall, who have sung throughout Scotland, to be our guiding singers. (See the introduction to our singers below.) As usual we will welcome the pipe band from across the moors, watch the haggis ceremonially addressed and slashed open, toast the Lassies and the Laddies, and gratefully toast to The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns.

Although the festivities are still several months away, reservations are being accepted now at Early Bird prices of \$85 for members and \$95 for non-members. After Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, regular prices are \$95 for members and \$105 for non-members. Tables for 8 may be reserved for \$680. Seating assignments are made in the order in which reservations are received.

Wouldn't a Burns reservation be a great Christmas gift for your friends and family? Copy and fill in the reservation form from this newsletter, mail it with your check at the Early Bird prices now, and check off at least one item on your holiday gift list.



#### **SIMON CROOKALL**

Simon Crookall was appointed Executive Director for Hawaii Opera Theatre in June 2013. Before moving to Hawaii, Simon was President and CEO of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra from 2005 to 2012. Originally from the UK, Simon worked in Scotland for over

twenty years, as Chief Executive of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, and previously General Manager of The Queen's Hall in Edinburgh. Simon is a graduate in Economics from King's College, Cambridge University, where he was a choral scholar in the world-famous King's College Chapel Choir. Equally at home on the operatic stage as on the concert platform, Simon's roles have included Ping (Turandot) and Dr Falke (Die Fledermaus) at Haddo House in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. In the field of oratorio he has sung works by Bach, Handel and Brahms with choral societies across Scotland. For many years he conducted the Paisley Chamber Choir and the Haddo House Choral Society, and sang at the launch of the Saltire Scottish Song Book.

#### **STEPHEN STRUGNELL**

A graduate of Edinburgh University Music Faculty and an arts professional in Scotland for twenty years, Stephen Strugnell is now General Manager of Chamber Music Hawaii. For many years, Stephen was the pianist in the Laigh Trio, a piano trio who specialized in salon music and whose repertoire ranged from Bach to Broadway. In addition to performing across Scotland, the Trio also visited France, Spain, Scandinavia and Eastern Europe. Stephen has worked with many of Scotland's leading musicians including Jimmy Shand's fiddle player Ian Powrie, Gaelic singer Anne Lorne Gillies, and George Donald of 'Scotland the What!'. On leaving university Stephen became the Marketing Manager for the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, and was later the Marketing Manager for the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. For many years he was a freelance journalist for The Scotsman and The Glasgow Herald, as well as Administrator of the Georgian Concert Society, which specialized in the performance of Early Music, and of Westbourne Music, one of Scotland's major promoters of chamber music.

***Pre-Hogmanay Ceilidh***  
**Penthouse at 1001 Wilder Avenue, Honolulu**  
**Saturday, December 26, 2015 starting at 4:30 pm**

**On Boxing Day, the day after Christmas (Saturday, Dec. 26),** come to our Pre-Hogmanay Ceilidh. This holiday season party in the lovely penthouse at 1001 Wilder Ave, hosted by Elspeth Kerr, the 2015 Scot of the Year, has become a popular tradition in the holiday season with games and puzzles and entertaining contributions by the party goers themselves. Bring a joke or a song or something to perform if you wish. This last party of our 50<sup>th</sup> year will also feature a pictorial look back at the Society events of 2015.

New to the ceilidh this year is a potluck supper at 5:30 pm. So bring a potluck dish for the supper table (maybe holiday leftovers in a "box"?). We will provide punch, tea, and coffee, but BYOB if you would like to share something alcoholic. Donations will be welcome at \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members to cover expenses.

Please phone Jeannie Ferrier at 593-0966 for reservations and to offer or to ask for a ride. When you arrive, an attendant at the building will direct you to the parking on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. After parking, proceed to the nearby main entrance and take the elevator to the Penthouse.



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**Burns Night Reservation Form**  
***Early Bird deadline - January 11, 2016***

**MEMBERS \$85 each, or \$680 per table of eight; Non-members \$95**  
**After Jan. 11, 2016: MEMBERS \$95, or \$760 per table of eight; Non-members \$105**  
**Questions? Call Susan MacKinnon at 591-9398**

Sit With if possible:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choices: #1. Beef #2. Fish #3. Vegetarian

Table Names (Print all names in party)	Dinner choice#	(M)ember/(G)uest	Price
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**Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a ride? \_\_\_\_\_ From what area? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you provide a ride? \_\_\_\_\_ From what area? \_\_\_\_\_

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