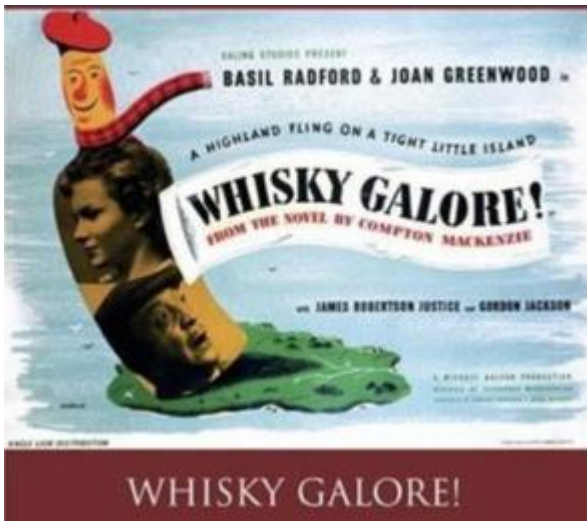




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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST— MOVIE & WHISKY TASTING

St. Clement's Episcopal Church
1515 Wilder Ave, Honolulu
\$10 Members/\$20 Non-Members
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

With other members of the Society, enjoy the classic 1949 movie *Whisky Galore!*, starring Basil Radford & Joan Greenwood on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Many of our Caledonian members have proclaimed this movie their favorite! The movie was based on the novel *Whisky Galore*, by Compton MacKenzie, and fictionalizes the real-life story of the 1941

shipwreck of the *SS Politician*. When whisky runs out on the fictional island of Todday in the Outer Hebrides, and a freighter, the S.S. Cabinet Minister, runs aground, the townspeople decide to take it upon themselves to save the 50,000 cases of whisky onboard. Hilarity ensues as the townspeople try to hide the whisky from the English commander. The plot includes romance, strict parents, relentless tides, and strict prohibitions against work on Sunday.

Before the movie, Chieftain McEwan will conduct a whisky tasting highlighting four whisky-producing regions in Scotland. We will sample the distinct differences in taste of whiskies from each region.

Please eat your evening meal before coming. This is not a potluck. Popcorn, snacks, water & punch will be provided. **Call Lillian at 538-7707 and send your check for \$10 for Caledonian members, \$20 for non-members, to: PO Box 4164, Honolulu, HI 96812-4164.**

Arlene Holmes Henderson to speak on Brexit

Thursday, October 20th * 7:00pm *

Hokua Condominium Ocean Terrace Room * 1288 Ala Moana Blvd.

Arlene is the Scottish woman who spent six months on Oahu in 2013-2014 studying how the Hawaiian language has been growing in Hawaii. She works with the Scottish government with their efforts to grow the Gaelic throughout Scotland. You might remember that in 2015 she was one of our judges for the Hawaiian Scottish food contest held at St. Clement's Church. She has offered to talk to us about the political situation in Scotland after the Brexit vote earlier this year to leave the European Union.

This event will be at Hokua, 1288 Ala Moana Blvd., in the Ocean Terrace Room. Please email Susan at susanmack1@mac.com, or call 591-9398, to make a reservation. **Space is limited and names will be required at the lobby desk. There is no charge for this event.**



Chieftain's Column: From the Craig

We are into our 2016-2017 Society year and are beginning with a fun evening on October 1st (see details on page 1.) Our event calendar provides a variety of Scottish cultural educational opportunities. As they are announced, we hope members will volunteer to take part.

We ask all members to recommend potential Scottish Educational Research Grant (SERG) recipients. We are looking for people 18-26 years of age who want to pursue a project related to Scottish culture, history, traditions, education, music, or any other area of interest. SERG provides funds up to \$2,000 to help underwrite the project. The recipient will make a presentation at a Society meeting following the conclusion of the project. The application for SERG can be found on our website at www.scotshawaii.org. Slàinte, Bruce

Member News



September Birthdays

Jodi Beardon, Reed Gilmore Bowman, Janice Chadwick, Carol Ann Gordon, Philip Sinclair Keat, Tory Laitila, Bruce McEwan, Elspeth

Newlands, Jackie Phillips, John Robertson, and Kathy Titchen,

October Birthdays

Allen Armstrong, Mandy Bowers, Kalani Brady, Donna Calkins, Skipper Calleon, Mary Fraser, William Gillespie, Jamie McOuat, and Barbara Price.

Flowers of the Forest

Gloria MacRae, wife of our late Chieftain George MacRae, passed away April 24th in Virginia. Our condolences to her family.

Genevieve (Jon) Bertlemann Cran has passed away July 14th on the Big Island. She and her late husband, John, were active early Society members when they lived on Oahu in the 1960's and continued their Scottish interests when they moved to Kapapala Ranch in Kau on the Big Island. Our condolences to her family.



The Rest of the Story on Losing My Pants on Stage

By: Stan Jones

(Editor's Note: At this summer's New Member Picnic, Stan gave a fact for the Three Fact Game that said he once lost his pants while onstage.)

I was in a school dance group that included youngsters thru high schoolers. That night we were instructed to arrive early.

Our instructor borrowed tuxedos from her students at the university for the gentleman to wear. I put on the tuxedo pants, no belt loops, no suspenders. I did my best to tighten them down with my belt. Once dressed we were excused to play outside until it was our turn to take the stage. My partner and I were in the center of 4 couples. We positioned our arms appropriately and our waltz began. Playing outside must have loosened the pants from my belt

because by the time we got to center stage I realized my pants were going to drop and they fell to my knees. My pants dropping ended the performance for the evening.

On the second evening of our show, all was secure. I made sure to borrow suspenders so the pants held up throughout the performance.

I am not able to locate the write up in the newspaper about it, but it explained the scenario. It was, in retrospect, a funny event; however, at the time, it was not enjoyable by my dance group or to me.



BART'S BULLETINS

Our Scottish Highland longhorn is growing up, but he still relays news from Scotland to keep us informed in Hawaii...

Britain's Best Drive

The North Coast 500, a winding, 516-mile circuit that includes the spectacular Highlands coastline, has been named Britain's most spectacular drive in a survey of British travelers.

The picturesque route begins at Inverness Castle before heading north on the A862 through Dingwall and on to the Black Isle. From there it skirts the coastlines of Sutherland and Caithness before coming down into Wester Ross and the Applecross Peninsula, then turns inland back towards Inverness. A variety of memorable scenery—from tranquil to eye-popping—are hallmarks of the route. Along the gentle coastline in the east, the sparse landscape is dotted with purple heather and yellow gorse and the road is sometimes shared with gentle Highland cattle.



North Coast 500 Inverness at circle in lower right



At its northern tip, the route passes sandstone cliffs rising dramatically at Duncansby Head (shown at right), while in the northwest, mountains scrape against clouds. Whether explored in a weekend or over a leisurely week, the drive is rewarding at every turn. For more information, including maps, itineraries, accommodations and more, visit

www.northcoast500.com . *Scottish Life Autumn 2016 Page 19*

Crowdfunding Underwrites Craft Distillery Although the oldest recorded distillery in Scotland was established in 1690 just east of Dingwall, the last of the town's original distilleries closed 90 years ago. Now, with the help of £2.25 million (about \$3 million) raised through crowdfunding, Dingwall will be home to Scotland's first community-owned distillery. More than 1500 enthusiastic investors have bought shares in the Glen Wyvis Community Benefit Society, which broke ground on its new distillery in June. Plans call for the first run of whisky to take place on Burns Night (January 25) 2017. The town of Dingwall, which is 14 miles north of Inverness, is also considering other whisky-themed attractions to boost tourism. *Scottish Life Autumn 2016 Page 23*

Medieval Oak Undergoes Surgery

The 1,000-year-old Birnam Oak and its neighbor, the Birnam Sycamore, are all that is left of the Birnam Wood mentioned in *Macbeth*. Not surprisingly, the trees, which sit near the banks of the River Tay near Dunkeld, are showing their age. "Part of the oak's trunk has rotted out, but its very long branches are continuing to grow," said Morag Watson of the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust. "This is putting a lot of pressure on the trunk and it could simply split." So last June, the historic oak's branches were trimmed, while preserving its overall appearance. To see the results, follow the brown tourist signs to Oak Road outside the village of Birnam and then walk along the path by the river. *Scottish Life, Autumn 2016 Page 6*



Bart probably hasn't heard yet that in September, Chieftain McEwan and Lillian Cunningham, accompanied by their host, Billy Kay, visited another ancient tree near the banks of the Firth of Tay. This one could be called the Balmerino Chestnut. It lives on the grounds of Balmerino Abbey, which was founded in 1226 and is now a well-preserved ruin. The gnarled chestnut tree, patched with cement and propped up with supports, looks old and bent, but is still vigorous with abundant leaves and a full crop of chestnuts. It might be 800 years old! There's something quietly awe-inspiring about such an ancient living thing.

Billy Kay and the Balmerino Chestnut

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Consolidated Celtic Calendar

<http://www.saintandrewsocietyofhawaii.com/calendar.html>

2016-2017 Caledonian Calendar

(Dates may change)

Oct. 1, 2016 Movie: *Whisky Galore!* 1949 version starring Basil Radford & Joan Greenwood. St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 1515 Wilder Ave. Honolulu. Fee: \$10 Caledonian members; \$20 non-members.

Oct. 20, 2016 Talk on the UK Brexit by Arlene Holmes Henderson. 7:00 pm at Hokua: 1288 Ala Moana Blvd. Honolulu. Reservations to Susan MacKinnon. No charge. susanmack1@mac.com (See page 1).

Nov. 5, 2016 Scottish Traditional Holiday Dishes. We hope to have this event at Kapiolani Community College. Stay tuned!

Nov. 30, 2016 Kirkin' O' the Tartan, a SASH event at St. Andrews Cathedral.

Dec. 30, 2016 Pre Hogmanay Ceilidh. 1001 Wilder Ave. 5:00 – 9:00pm Potluck & BYOB

Jan. 28, 2017 *Burns Lives!* The annual Robert Burns dinner at the Oahu Country. Information coming soon.

Feb. 25, 2017 Cooking contest TBD

April 8th & 9th, 2017 Hawaiian Scottish Association Festival.

May 7, 2017 DNA/Genealogy. TBD

June 24, 2017 Annual General Meeting

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