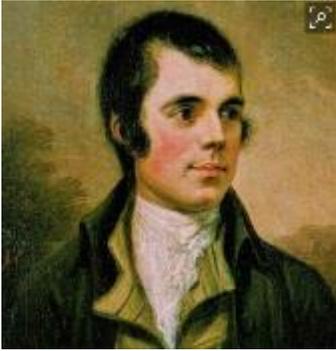




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Robert Burns  
1759-1796

## *The Bard and Fellow Thinkers*

### Robert Burns Dinner

Saturday, January 27, 2018 5:00 p.m

Oahu Country Club

150 Country Club Rd.



Adam Ferguson  
1723-1816

In the 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries, sometimes known as the European Age of Reason, Scotland produced an outpouring of intellectual and scientific accomplishments that is still known today as The Scottish Enlightenment. Robert Burns, born in 1759, was very much a man of his time and well aware of new ideas and social changes in Scotland and in the world around him. We will explore how some Burns poems illustrate ideas also advanced by other thinkers of the era, whom we will hear from as well. (See page 3 for interesting quotes on The Scottish Enlightenment)

Lillian Cunningham and Brian Richardson are working with a committee on a script that will be presented by some enterprising members. Please come to Burns Night 2018, *The Bard and Fellow Thinkers*, and join us once again in celebrating the Bard in a new and interesting way.

Expect a delicious feast, the stirring Pipes and Drums, the traditional haggis procession, the address to the haggis, Scottish country dancers, multiple toasts with fine whisky, and other special entertainment to honor the Bard. The evening begins with no-host cocktails from 5:00 p.m. The Call to Dinner will be at 6:15 p.m. with the Celtic Pipes & Drums arriving off the “moors” of Nuuanu.

**Reservations are now open.** Prices are the same as the 2017 Burns Dinner: Early bird special until Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> is \$85 for members and \$95 for non-members. Tables of 8 are available for \$680 per table, must be bought by a member, and the guests names and food choices sent to Susan MacKinnon no later than Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>. After Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, the prices will be: Members \$95 & Non-members \$110; Tables of 8 will be \$760. (See page 3 for a reservation form or go to [www.scotsinhawaii.org](http://www.scotsinhawaii.org) for an online form and pay with PayPal--a fee is required).

As a surprise at our last Council meeting, Chieftain McEwan announced that **Nancy Smiley** will be our 2018 Scot of the Year. Nancy was quite overwhelmed and grateful for the honor. She will be honored at the Burns Night for her contributions to The Caledonian Society and to the wider Hawaii community. “What?” –Nancy Smiley



Contact Susan MacKinnon at [susanmack1@mac.com](mailto:susanmack1@mac.com) for more information.



## Chieftain's Column: From the Craig

Our Society's event year is almost half over and we will end the first half with our annual Pre-Hogmanay Ceilidh. This is an opportunity for all members to participate, whether it is to play some of the games we set out or to show us your talent like singing, playing an instrument, telling a joke, reciting a poem, telling a story, or just about anything that will add to the evening's festivities. This has been a popular event because it is an opportunity for members to get to know each other on a personal basis.

In 2018, we really want to highlight our Scottish Education Research Grant (SERG), by finding a young person (18-26 years old), who wants to learn about Scotland and Scottish culture. Every Caledonian Society member can help by suggesting to someone who might have a project that qualifies for SERG. The application and details are on our website at [www.scotshawaii.org](http://www.scotshawaii.org). Any member who wants to be more involved in this important part of our mission, can become a member

of the SERG committee to review and select SERG recipients. Please contact me, Susan MacKinnon, or Lillian Cunningham if you are interested in playing a very special roll. Slàinte, Bruce

## Member News

**November Birthdays** George Allan, Pam Asbury Smith, Lyn Bruce, Lillian Cunningham, Elspeth Kerr, Linda McKenzie, Jim Redmond, Richard Sherman, Karen Thompson, & Helen Wynn.

**December Birthdays** Jeannie Ferrier, Reiko Harris, Arik Harris, Robert Lormand, Susan MacKinnon, Larry Phillips, Jane Redmond, & Andrea Snyder.

**Note:** Your birthday is in November or December and you don't see your name listed here? We probably don't have it in our database. We want to celebrate your special month too, so please contact Jeannie Ferrier at 593-0966 or by email at [jferrier@msn.com](mailto:jferrier@msn.com).

**New Members** Please welcome new members Clinton & Sara Muir, and Donald & Kathleen Magill.

## Announcements

**Member Lyn Bruce** has checked in from her home in Mexico. She noticed our announcement of the last meeting on "Scottish Ship Building History" and remembered "fondly all the good times and parties we had on the Falls of Clyde. I also remember not too fondly scrubbing off rust and cleaning up." We miss you Lyn and all the help you gave to the Caledonian Society!

**Member Mike McIntosh** reinforced his commitment to Scottish Country Dancing this summer by attending the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Summer School at St. Andrew's University. Michael is a seasoned dancer and decided that teaching was in his Scottish blood. He is bringing some youthful energy to the RSCDS Hawaii Branch and is the third teacher in the Branch. Mike spent two weeks in a special

teacher preparation class and took two exams, one at the end of each week, in dancing and in teaching. Luckily, he passed both exams, something candidates often do not do. He is now a certified Royal Scottish Country Dance Society teacher and will share teaching duties in the Honolulu classes with Bruce McEwan and Melissa Lindsay. This was his first trip to Scotland and he is looking forward to his next visit. Congratulations Michael!!

## Flowers of the Forest



Some of you may remember former member **Barbara Earle** who passed away on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at the age of 100. She and her late husband of 68 years, Jack, were active in the arts of Honolulu and enjoyed Scottish Country dancing on occasion. She was a former Punahou English teacher and performed in several Shakespearean plays at Kennedy Theater. Our condolences to her family.

**Virginia (Ginger) Tornbom**, a former member, passed away on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at the age of 93. She served on the Caledonian Council for a few years. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Ginger's memory to P.E.O. Project for Continuing Education and Punahou School. A celebration of life will be held at Thurston Memorial Chapel, Punahou School, on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Visitation 2:30 p.m. Service 3:00 p.m. Our condolences to her family.



## Bart's Bulletins

**"Edinburgh's Hogmanay Plans Unveiled"** New organizers have unveiled a major expansion of the capital city's winter festivals as well as promising to "expand and enhance" the New Year's Eve celebrations by making the night more of a "carnival." Celebrations this year will begin four hours earlier at 5 p.m. on December 31, with a special family-friendly Bairsns Afore ticketed event offering spectacular fireworks and family entertainment "all afore bedtime." At 7 p.m. a torchlit procession will make its way down the Royal Mile toward Holyrood Park, while at the same time bands and DJs, street performers, dancers, acrobats, disco divas and fire-eaters will be kicking off a night-long street party. At 8:30 a traditional Scottish ceilidh begins in the shadow of Edinburgh Castle, then a half-hour later,

headline musical groups will perform until the midnight fireworks. These events are ticketed, so to learn more or make reservations, go to [www.edinburghshogmanay.com](http://www.edinburghshogmanay.com). *Scottish Life Autumn 2017* pg 16

# *The Bard and Fellow Thinkers*

## **Burns Night Reservation Form** *Early Bird deadline - January 8, 2018*

**January 27, 2018**  
**Oahu Country Club**  
**150 Country Club Rd., Honolulu**

**MEMBERS (Early Bird Prices) \$85 each, or \$680 per table of eight; Non-members \$95**  
**After Jan. 8, 2018: 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

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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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### ***A Brief Introduction to the Scottish Enlightenment of the 18<sup>th</sup> & Early 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries***

“The thinkers of the Scottish Enlightenment asserted the importance of human reason combined with a rejection of any authority that could not be justified by reason. In Scotland, the chief values were improvement, virtue, and practical benefit for the individual and society as a whole.” First editions of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* were published in Edinburgh in 1771.

“Among the fields that rapidly advanced were philosophy, political economy, engineering, architecture, medicine, geology, archaeology, law, agriculture, chemistry, and sociology. Some Scottish thinkers and scientists of the period were Francis Hutcheson, David Hume, Adam Smith, Dugald Stewart, Thomas Reid, Robert Burns, Adam Ferguson, John Playfair, and Joseph Black.”

“The Scottish Enlightenment had effects far beyond Scotland, because of the esteem in which Scottish achievements were held outside Scotland, and its ideas and attitudes were carried all over Europe and across the Atlantic.” *Quotations from Wikipedia*

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## Secret Symbols in Robert Burns Painting

It had been believed that Alexander Nasmyth painted three portraits of Robert Burns, but in 2013 a fourth was bought at auction and authenticated. When the painting was cleaned, a series of letters and symbols that were nearly invisible to the naked eye—such as a comet and hooded figures—were discovered. Now after two years of research and examination of paintings by Nasmyth, some believe that the tiny marks are Masonic symbols, placed in the paintings by the artist, a high-ranking member of the Freemasons, like Burns. Similar mysterious tiny letters and symbols have been uncovered in the Nasmyth portraits of Burns hanging in the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh and the Kelvingrove Art Gallery, Glasgow. The hidden comet could also be Halley's Comet, which appeared on the day of Burns' birth. *Scottish Life, Summer 2017, p. 6*

## Pre-Hogmanay Ceilidh

Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

If Hogmanay is the Scottish celebration of New Year's Eve and a ceilidh is a Scottish party at which the attendees provide the entertainment, then our Pre-Hogmanay Ceilidh is set for Saturday, Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, when we will make our own fun. The location is the penthouse at **1001 Wilder Avenue**, and our hostess is Elspeth Kerr. The party begins at 3:00 p.m. and goes on into the evening when the Honolulu City lights sparkle.

We are adding some new pieces to the ceilidh this year, and a few wrinkles still need to be ironed out. Watch for additional information by e-mail or flyer. As of newsletter printing, this is what we are planning:

The party starts with Afternoon Tea shortly after 3 p.m. Feel free to bring your own favorite china tea cup. While we sip our tea, we will listen to a special presentation on Hats by member Mary Alice Hurd, including hats peculiar to Scotland. So please wear a hat if you can. We will have a table to hold men's hats, which should be doffed indoors except when a man is modeling a hat for the rest of us to admire.

After the tea and hats, we will put out the Games and Puzzles for some informal small group play. Eventually it will be time for a Book Swap. Bring a book that you like, but that you are ready to part with. Be prepared to say one or two things to plug your book. Everyone who brings a book will be able to pick up another book to take home in its place.

Later we will eat a Light Supper and do what your Scottish grandmother would have called our "party pieces." A Party Piece would be a song, a poem, a dance, a riddle, a short skit or a piece of music for everyone's entertainment. Bring a party piece if you can.

Make advance reservations with Jeannie Ferrier by phone or e-mail (593-0966 or [jferrier@msn.com](mailto:jferrier@msn.com) . Cost still to be determined.)

## A Really Bad Joke: (Fills the space though!)

McTavish was short of cash, so he phoned up his friend, McNab, and asked for the loan of ten pounds.

"Sorry," said McNab, "you'll have to speak up. I can't hear a word you're saying."

"Can you lend me ten pounds?" screamed McTavish into the phone.

"Look," said McNab, "the line is terrible. I can't make out what you're saying."

At this stage, the operator chipped in and said, "There's nothing wrong with the line. I can hear the caller distinctly."

"In that case, why don't you lend him the ten pounds?" retorted McNab.