



# The Caledonian

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## THESE ARE CELTIC DAYS IN HAWAII

**March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>** is designated Celtic Days in Hawaii by proclamations of Governor Ige and Mayor Caldwell each year. There are so many events that you can pick and choose your favorites or go to every one of them! One of the first things that happened in March was the actual signing of the proclamations in the Governor's & Mayor's offices. Thank you to Brenda Reichel for organizing this. I (Susan MacKinnon) was able to go to both to represent the Caledonians along with members of the Saint Andrew Society, Friends of St. Patrick, & the Celtic Pipes & Drums. Clinton Muir, Carol Anne Gordon, Brenda Reichel, Bill Comerford, Tina Yap and I joined the Governor (at right) for the signing on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Carol Anne & Tina piped us in at the Governor's office which created quite a stir!



Tina was also at the Mayor's office to pipe us in for the formal signing. (Why is she hiding behind us?) With the Mayor & me are **Brenda Reichel** (front row), and **Tina, Clint Muir, Tory Laitila, and Bill Comerford** (back row).

The next event was the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Tartan-clad members of all the local Scottish groups walked together as a Scottish unit to support our Irish cousins.

*St. Patrick's Day walkers (right): Tory Laitila, Bruce McEwan, Jackie & Larry Phillips, Susan & Scott MacKinnon*



**Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** is the annual **Grand Scotch Tour** at the Willows Restaurant (901 Hausten St. in Honolulu). **Reservations** for \$85 can be made in advance by calling the Willows at 952-9200. The price is \$95 at the whisky tasting event. This whisky tasting is sponsored by the Hawaiian Scottish Association and will benefit the **Highland Games & Festival on April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**. The Festival will again be held at **McCoy Pavilion at the Ala Moana Beach Park**. All members and families should attend to see Scottish athletic, dance & musical talent.

**A Kick-off Ceilidh** for the Festival will be on **Friday evening, April 6<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at McCoy. Cost for the ceilidh is \$5 at the door and includes one drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). Food will also be available for purchase at the ceilidh. Our headlining entertainment for the Festival & Games, "Switchback," a Celtic duo made up of Brian FitzGerald and Martin McCormack, will perform at the ceilidh and throughout the Festival. See the website [www.hawaiianscottishassociation.org](http://www.hawaiianscottishassociation.org) for all the athletic, dancing, vendor, entertainment and **volunteer** opportunity information for the weekend.

The annual **Princess Ka'iulani Tribute** will be held **Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. at the Royal Mausoleum of Hawaii, located at 2261 Nu'uuanu Ave. The Princess was the daughter of Archibald Scott Cleghorn and Princess Miriam Likelike. Each year we honor the Princess remembering her contributions to Hawaii. Young visiting dancers from two schools of Highland dancing will dance to honor the memory of the young Hawaiian-Scottish princess.

**National Tartan Day is Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**. The Celtic flags will be raised at the State Capitol at 8:00 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. there will be a reading of the Proclamation of Celtic Days in Hawaii at the Hawaii State Senate. At 12:00 noon, the Proclamation will be read at the Hawaii State House of Representatives. From 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. come wave to passersby along with members of all the Celtic groups at the State Capitol near the Father Damien statue on Beretania Street.

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## Chieftain's Column: From the Craig

This is an exciting time of the year for those of us in the Celtic community. Both the City & County and State of Hawaii recognize Celtic Days from early March to late April. This is the third year that our culture has been highlighted. The Caledonian Society of Hawaii has two high profile events during the period. Our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Tribute to Princess Ka'iulani will take place on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at the Royal Mausoleum. Honoring the Princess is important to both our Scottish culture and the Hawaiian culture.

Speaking of culture, our role at the Highland Festival is to provide a Scottish cultural exhibit for attendees to learn more about Scottish history and traditions. We are the premier Scottish cultural, educational organization in our community and take pride in our contribution. We need volunteers to help at our table. Please find some time on April 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> to help out. Slàinte, Bruce

### Member News

**March Birthdays** Chris Carr, Yoshi Clack, Barbara Coons, Edward Fyffe, Amanda Hess, Donna Jinbo, Stan Jones, Bruce McDonald, Sara Muir, Laura Parsons, Brian Richardson, & John Rockie.

**April Birthdays** Janice Choate-Zavakos, Melia Cox, Rosslyn Harris, Scott MacKinnon, James Marsh, Nancy McDonald, John Newlands, & Stanley Yon.

**Sean Shields** was at the St. Patrick's Day parade on the 17<sup>th</sup>. It was nice to see him doing so well after his heart attack after the missile scare in January. We also heard that **Heather MacGregor** fell recently. Let's hope she recovers soon.



*This way to the Suitcase Library*

Our new check-out system is being developed. Expect the Suitcase Library at our Soup Supper in May.

**After the Highland Festival,** The Society will have a soup supper and a movie night on **May 19<sup>th</sup>** at St. Clement's Parish Hall. *The Stone of Destiny* is the planned movie. The film is based on the true story of Scottish Nationalist, Ian Hamilton, who, in 1950, removed the Stone of Destiny from under the Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey and replaced it with a fake.

A popular soup supper is also being planned. We'll have more information on this event after the Highland Festival, but put the date on your calendars now.

**What is this?** It's a Suitcase Library—full of books to be checked out at events, enjoyed by our members, & returned at the next event. The books will be from our Society library or easy-reading books set in Scotland. Some of us have already enjoyed passing around such books as *Call the Nurse* or *The Wee Mad Road* or the Hamish Macbeth mystery novels.

**New Members** We want to welcome our newest members Lance Uyeda & Anton Anderssen. They were both at the Robert Burns Dinner this year and we hope to see them soon at another event.

**Jeannie Ferrier** reminds our members to listen to the Scottish Radio Station's "Thank Folk It's Friday." Find it at [www.celticmusicradio.net](http://www.celticmusicradio.net) on Friday mornings and look for "Thank Folk it's Friday." The host, Ross Macfayden, is a friend of 2010 Scot of the Year, Hamish Burgess, and is always excited to hear from Hawaii. To talk to Ross you need to be on FaceBook and find the show there. Contact Jeannie if you have any problems or want more info. [jefferier@msn.com](mailto:jefferier@msn.com).

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** is the Annual General Meeting of the Caledonian Society. Plans are to have this at the Oahu Country Club.

### The Ewa Train Ride

What a great day out it was for Caledonians who went "Full Steam Ahead" on February 10<sup>th</sup>! Ask what we remember. Maybe we'll tell about fluffy omelets or huge pancakes, engineer's caps, a red steam engine to climb on, lots of blue Caledonian shirts, why train engine wheels are connected to a bar that moves back and forth, how James Watt developed the steam engine, why Dillingham wanted a railroad on Oahu, wicker chairs in the parlor car, a man pacing the train carefully on a temporary siding, blue, blue skies, haole koa trees in the breeze, waves & shaka signs to tourists waiting at the crossings, the toot, toot of the train whistle—a fun day. In the picture above are Janice Choate-Zavakos, Jackie Phillips, Bruce McEwan, Debbie Sanders, Larry Phillips, Lillian Cunningham, Brian Richardson, Jeannie Ferrier, Keene Rees and Ian Bernie. And up in the engine are Rob & Marcy Moore.

