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# The Caledonian

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## New Member Welcome Party



**IT'S COMING AGAIN:** The Caledonian Society Summer Barbeque and New Members Welcome Party! It's a party for fun and also our opportunity to meet and welcome New Members who have joined the Society in the past year. In addition, it is also a rare chance to learn little-known facts about Well-Known Members. (Shh-h. Betcha didn't know THAT about him/her!)

First the facts about the party: **It is scheduled for Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** starting at 5:00 p.m. on the terrace at the Hokua condominium at 1288 Ala Moana Blvd. The parking entrance is off Queen St. next to Tango Café. Tell the attendants at the desk in the lobby that you are attending Susan MacKinnon's event. Parking is free.

Barbequed hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers and soft drinks will be provided. BYOB if you wish. If you are a continuing member, bring a potluck pupu, side dish, or dessert to share. Paper goods will be provided or bring your own recyclable plates and cutlery if you prefer.

Now the facts about members (both new and well-known): **Registration is Required.**

Please phone or e-mail Lillian Cunningham at 538-7707 or [lillianc@hawaii.edu](mailto:lillianc@hawaii.edu) by Aug 7<sup>th</sup>.

When you register, give Lillian 3 FACTS about yourself. Some or all of these facts will be made into game sheets to be used at the party.

Here are some ideas about thinking of your facts. For instance, tell us about one interesting job or occupation you have had: *i.e. I am an MD who does research on tuberculosis. Or, For ten years I was a long-distance truck driver, frequently crossing the Continental US. Or, I manage the city's art collection of over 1,100 pieces and was written up for that in the May issue of Honolulu Magazine.* Or tell us about your interests or hobbies: *I collect letter openers and now have about 60 of them. Luckily they are small! Or, My favorite sport is riding motorcycles. I ride with a group of about 15 here on Oahu.* Or tell us about your family or your pets: *My grandfather used to own a house on Crown Terrace in Edinburgh. Or, My son just got a swimming scholarship to Dartmouth College.* Or share something unusual that has happened to you or that you did: *I once had a bit part as a woman crossing a street in an episode of Hawaii 5-0. Or, I grew the pots of "barley" that were used as centerpieces at our 2019 Burns Dinner.* Notice how these examples get more interesting as they get specific. Everyone has interesting facts that could be shared. We'd love to hear about them.



**Our own Stuart Donachie** was in Scotland recently and took this picture of himself imitating our coo Bart! He says: "Anyone could be fooled into believing I really have a highland cow head, if not for that mirror off my right shoulder! Hey, what else you gonna do while waiting for breakfast?"

**Longtime member Don Munro** has been living in Palm Springs it appears from scouting Facebook. If anyone has a contact for him, please pass it on to us at [susanmack1@mac.com](mailto:susanmack1@mac.com).



## *Chieftain's Column: From the Craig*

I want to stress the New Member Party coming up on August 10<sup>th</sup> as not only a time to meet new members, but to learn more about your fellow members. It is the one event that is totally social. We have held this event for several years and those who attend find it fun and relaxing. Please consider attending.

As I mentioned at the Annual Meeting in June, we need members to sit on the Hawaiian Scottish Association board to represent The Caledonian Society as a sponsoring member of HSA and help in planning the 2020 Highland Festival & Games, which will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this community event. Please contact me or any other board member to volunteer.  
Slàinte, Bruce

## *Member News*

**July Birthdays** Neil Abercrombie, Bruce Bonbright, KC Collins, Akemi Donachie, Dr. Norm Goldstein, Chuck Jamieson, Michael McIntosh, Jeremy McOuat, Susan Melow, Don Munro, Debbie Sanders, Kit Smith, and the Rev. Fran Wiebenga.

**A special happy birthday** to member Michael Cruickshank who turned 90 on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**August Birthdays** Kevin Bogan, Lois Ann Gordon, Chris Haig, Michael Mahelona, Gavin Miculka, Nancy Smiley, Kit Smith. and Rose Mary Thompson.

**Jim Marsh** fell recently and is recovering nicely at home.  
**Mandy Bowers** is also recovering after a fall.  
Get well soon Jim & Mandy!

**Note:** If your birthday is in July or August, 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 271-0779 or by email at [jefferier@msn.com](mailto:jefferier@msn.com).

**Annual Membership Dues** The Caledonian Society fiscal year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. We have included a membership form with this newsletter. Please fill out the form on the insert if you would like to give any new information and send your check payable to the Caledonian Society to the address listed on the bottom of each page. You can also pay online with SquareUp at [www.scotsinhawaii.org](http://www.scotsinhawaii.org). Do you know someone who would like to join our Society? Pass this flyer onto them.

## *The Annual General Meeting*

The Caledonian Society AGM was held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Oahu Country Club. About 40 members were present to hear the latest business of the Society, the election of officers, and musical entertainment by Bill Mullen. Continuing on the Council is Janice Choate-Zavakos as Secretary, Jeremy McOuat as Director, Brian Richardson as Director, and Nancy Smiley as Director. Elected to the Council for the first time is Tina Yap as Director. Thank you to all who continued and to Tina for coming onboard. Reports of the officers and the financial report is available online at [www.scotsinhawaii.org](http://www.scotsinhawaii.org).

The Society was honored to have Bill Mullen as our entertainment this year. He chronicled Scottish history with stories and songs including *Scots Wha hae*, *Bonnie Dundee*, *The Skye Boat Song*, *A Man's a Man For A' That*, and *Loch Lomond*. He finished the set with *Auld Lang Syne* as we all sang with him holding hands around the room.



*Singer Bill Mullen leads the group in Auld Lang Syne to finish a rousing session of Scottish history with music.*

*Scenes from the AGM, June 22, 2019*



*Jane & Jim Redmond, Marcy & Rob Moore, David Reid, Sharon McPhee & Susan Anderson enjoying a welcoming iced tea.*



*Jeannie Ferrier with Bill & Dorothy Mullen*



*Tory & Kristen Laitila*



*Brian Richardson, Sharon McPhee & Kevin Bogan*



*Donna Jinbo, Tom Boyd, Mary O'Brien-Ichikawa, & Mary Fraser*



*Philip Paradine, Ian Birnie & Keene Rees*



*The group listening to opening remarks by Chieftain McEwan*

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## Consolidated Celtic Calendar

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### COLORFUL SCOTTISH WORDS ADDED TO OED

The editors of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) have added a number of Scottish words to the newest edition. Among the 40 new entries are bampot (a foolish, annoying or obnoxious person), baff (slipper), bauchle (old shoe), bealach (narrow mountain pass), bowf (stink), eeksie-peesie (evenly balanced), hee-haw (nothing), Weegie (derogatory term for Glaswegian), and rooked (penniless). Jane Johnson, a senior editor of the OED, said they had been inundated with Scottish terms since launching their Free the Word appeal in 2017 to uncover more regional words.

*Scottish Life*, Summer 2019

## The Highland Clearances

Saturday, September 7, 2019

St. Clement's Episcopal Church  
1515 Wilder Ave.

Council member Philip Paradine has been studying the Clearances to be able to discuss what they were, how they came to be, and what were the consequences of the very lengthy period of time (approximately 1785 to 1850). This era had significant implications both to Scotland and to the U.S.

We will meet at St. Clement's Parish Hall on **Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00** to enjoy companionship and a potluck dinner. Paper goods and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. BYOB if you would like.

Between 1785 and 1850 the Highlands and Islands of Scotland witnessed a social and demographic upheaval in which tens of thousands of clansmen were removed from their homes and holdings to make way for large-scale sheep farming. Such agricultural 'improvement' intended to maximize the land's yield and the owner's income had swept the Lowlands in the 18<sup>th</sup> century causing some relocation and protest, but later this occurred mostly in the Highlands and Islands.

The Clearances were conducted in an autocratic and often brutal manner and impoverished a population which was also a distinct cultural entity with its own concepts of land tenure. Therefore the whole subject is (still) fraught with emotive undertones and remains both sensitive and contentious.

Clearances involved two distinct types of removal. On the one hand it was a program of resettlement within individual estates whereby tenants were evicted from the communal rigs and grazings of their forefathers to more marginal land, or to villages, usually on the coast. There they were settled on impoverished lots, later known as crofts, whose agricultural potential was poor but whose opportunities for fishing and kelping were supposed to compensate. The second type of removal, though not always forced, was often prompted by the failure of these new lots to provide a living. Population pressures, rent increases, downturns in fishing and kelping and above all the potato famine of 1846, resulted in destitution and hence emigration, either to the Lowlands or to the colonies. It has been widely believed that The Clearances were a major reason for mass emigration to North America and other colonies.

Whole townships were sometimes cleared and sometimes burned; tenants and their livestock were evicted, and the land enclosed to create sheep runs. In many areas tenants suffered from brutal treatment by landlords or their infamous agents, and notorious incidents occurred. Stories of atrocities are frequently told. For a time, some landlords, especially clan chiefs, still wanted numerous retainers and the government encouraged this to provide Highland troops for Napoleonic wars. Eventually a number of landed estates were sold to outsider non-Gaelic and non-Highland landlords leaving tenants feeling betrayed by their former protectors.

Adapted from *Collins Encyclopedia of Scotland*