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Search your Ancestry



Donna Wendt (*shown at left*), from the Honolulu County Genealogical Society, will share genealogical sources, tips, and advice on searching ancestry on **Saturday, May 14th at 6:00pm**. She might even share a few of her experiences while researching her Scots/Irish ancestry in Scotland. This will be a Zoom meeting, hopefully the last of the COVID era. The Honolulu County Genealogical Society is a nonprofit organization. Their purpose is to promote an interest in genealogy and to encourage and instruct our members and the general public in genealogical research techniques. **Please contact Kevin Bogan**, at kevin.bogan@gmail.com to register & receive the link.



The Annual Meeting of the Caledonian Society—June 25, 2022

Save the date of Saturday, June 25th for the Caledonian Society Annual General Meeting. This will be our first post-COVID in-person event and will include lunch at the Waikiki Yacht Club. Besides taking care of our annual business, including elections of officers and council members, we expect to have an unusual and interesting program. Watch for more information.

Chieftain's Column: From the Craig



We are winding down our Society year with an event in May and our Annual General Membership Meeting in June. Our May event on Genealogy will be on Zoom, but our AGM will be in person. Hopefully, that will be the beginning of in-person events as we move into our 2022-2023 Society Year.

The AGM is also time for our board election. Our most important goal is to find a candidate to be our Treasurer. I have done double duty as Treasurer for the past two years, and we need someone who can handle our finances. **I am making another request for a volunteer to take this position.**

After the AGM we will be setting our event schedule for the coming year and always look for ideas on programs from our members. **Don't be shy—make a suggestion.** Contact me at bemacewan@gmail.com or 808-538-7707. Slàinte, Bruce

Member News

March Birthdays Chris Carr, Yoshi Clack, Kristen Coles, Barbara Coons, Ed Fyffe, Mary Alice Hurd, Donna Jinbo, Stan Jones, Carter Kimsey, Roxanne Main, Bruce McDonald, Brian Richardson, John Rockie, and Margie Smith.

April Birthdays Thomas Boyd, Janice Choate-Zavakos, Rosslyn Harris, Scott MacKinnon, Jim Marsh, Dan Peddie, and Stanley Yon.

Note: If your birthday is in March or April, 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 Kevin Campbell Bogan at 808-778-4697 or by email at kevin.bogan@email.com.

Ho'okupu and a Parade

On Saint Patrick's Day this year there was a conflict. Not only was the Saint Patrick's Day parade in Waikīkī happening again, after a brief absence in 2020 and 2021, so was the lei draping of the statue of King Kamehameha III at Thomas Square. Kamehameha III (1814-1854) chose to have his birthday celebrated and observed on March 17th. A story goes that Kamehameha III heard about Saint Patrick from an Irish friend; the King was impressed by this historic figure and chose Saint Patrick's Day, March 17th, as his official birthday. On March 16, 1846, the Kingdom Privy Council declared March 17, 1814 as the official birthday of Kamehameha III.

The birthday lei draping at the Kamehameha III statue began in 2019 and happens on the day proper or on the Friday prior to a weekend Saint Patrick's Day. The Saint Patrick's Day Parade was cancelled the past two years, so there previously hasn't been a conflict.

This year, the lei draping and parade were on the same day, just a short time apart. As I was planning on participating in the parade with the Caledonian Society of Hawai'i and would be kilted that day, I opted to also participate in the lei draping. With the blessing of Chieftain McEwan, I presented ho'okupu along with other institutions and individuals at Thomas Square in honor of the birthday of the King. The gift consisted of a double length lei puakenikeni. Soon after the event, I headed to Waikīkī to participate in the parade with the Caledonian Society of Hawai'i unit carrying the Scottish Rampant Lion flag. 'Twas a good day.

-E. Tory Laitila, Society Vexillologist



Tory Laitila stands at attention in front of the Hawaiian flag and the King Kamehameha III statue at Thomas Square.



Tory Laitila carrying the Rampant Lion. Larry & Jackie Phillips march with Michael & Susan MacKinnon at the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Hawaiian Scottish Association Athletic Clinic

The Hawaiian Scottish Association held the first Highland Festival since Covid began on Saturday, April 9th at the McCoy athletic field at Ala Moana Beach Park. Caledonian member & representative to the HSA, Chris Carr, spear-headed the heavy athletic clinic for about 18 contestants. Men, women & even children attended the all-day event.



The Celtic Pipes & Drum of Hawaii play in the shade at the Hawaiian Scottish Association Athletic Clinic.



Chris Carr (left), Athletic Director and organizer of the Athletic Clinic for the Highland Festival. At right, Chris demonstrates how to throw the hammer. Congratulations Chris for a day filled with fun for all. It was a beautiful day at Ala Moana Beach Park and everyone learned something new and had a great time.

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Consolidated Celtic Calendar

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In Scotland there's no such thing as bad weather—only the wrong clothes.

Never trust a man who when left alone with a tea cozy. . . doesn't try it on.

--Billy Connolly

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Royal Scottish Country Dance Society – Beginning dance class!

RSCDS Hawaii invites members of the Caledonian Society and their family members to explore their Scottish heritage by learning the basics of Scottish Country Dancing. This is traditional social dancing, which is still often enjoyed at parties in Scotland and elsewhere in the world where Scottish traditions persist.

As of Monday, April 25th, the local Scottish Country Dance group is changing the first hour of its weekly Monday class to a basic beginner class, from 6:00 to 7:00pm. From 7:00pm to 8:00pm will continue to be a class for dancers who already have some experience with Scottish Country Dancing. All of the classes are held at Paradise Park in Manoa (3737 Manoa Road) in the ground floor back studio. Suitable for all ages or for families.

Now is the time to get involved in this form of Scottish fun. Call Bruce or Lillian at 808-538-7707 to tell us of your interest and thus to help us plan the class or if you have questions.



Come dance with us!

Keiki Caber Throw



The caber throw at Ala Moana Park at the HSA Athletic Clinic. That's Kaimana McOuat in the middle!

Courtesy H