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# The Caledonian

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## FROM FARM BOY TO SUPERSTAR

*To sum up all: be merry, I advise:  
And as we're merry, may we still be wise! --Robert Burns*



**January 27, 2024**, is the date for the next **Robert Burns Dinner**, and this one will celebrate the Bard's 228<sup>th</sup> birthday at one of our favorite venues—The Oahu Country Club. The Celtic Pipes & Drums of Hawaii will again march from the “Moors of Nu`uanu” into the beautiful Nu`uanu Ballroom of the Oahu Country Club (*at left*). The layout of the room has been changed so there will be good views for all who attend. Be sure to get your reservations in early (*see insert page*).

Cocktails will begin at 5:30pm with the Call to Dinner at approximately 6:15pm. **Please note that the Society is not allowed to bring in any of our own whisky or other alcoholic beverages.**

With the price of a dinner ticket, the Society will provide scrip for one (1) cocktail or non-alcoholic beverage of your choice. Subsequent drinks can be obtained from the bar with scrip purchased from our scrip table. Please bring cash for the bar scrip.

## Pre-Hogmanay—December 28<sup>th</sup>

Have you ever wondered "What makes Scottish music Scottish?" Does it have to be written or played by a Scot in Scotland to be considered Scottish? Does it have to be played on the bagpipes? Is there something about the tempos or the way the music is put together that is typically Scottish?

We've asked two of our own very knowledgeable musician members to enlighten us with explanations and examples at our Pre-Hogmanay party on Thursday, December 28. We can expect to learn something and to have fun with Lisa Gomes and Hardy Spoehr leading the way to learn something, to have fun, and to share some good Scottish music. We are planning to have this event at an outdoor bar. More information to come soon.

**Kirkin' o the Tartan** Join the St. Andrew Society for the annual Kirkin' o the Tartan on November 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrews Cathedral. The blessing will begin at 5:00 pm. The blessing will be followed by dinner and a program, both for all attendees.

For more information go to the St. Andrew Society of Hawaii website: <https://standrewsocietyhawaii.org>.

**Burns Country Tour** Our calendar of events this year includes an unusual program called Burns Country Tour, which was originally scheduled for mid-November. For several reasons, that November program had to be postponed and is now rescheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup> as a lead-up to get us in the mood for Burns Night. It is now planned for 4 to 5:30 at the Ocean Terrace at Hokua Condominium. The program is being prepared by Karin and Stan Jones, who planned and went on a tour a year or two ago to visit and photograph most of the sites where Burns lived and worked. They are excited about what they learned and how the pictures add visuals to Burns poems. Please bring a pupu to share.



### Chieftain’s Column: From the Craig

The calendar year is coming to an end and we of Scottish heritage celebrate two important dates: Saint Andrew’s Day (11/30) and Hogmanay (12/31). It is a fun time of the year. We will have our annual Pre-Hogmanay event on December 28<sup>th</sup> to end the year. We, of course, start 2024 with our annual celebration of Robert Burns (1/27).

We will soon be preparing for the Scottish community’s major event, Highland Festival and Games on April 6-7, 2024, at Jefferson Elementary School. The Hawaiian Scottish Association is looking for all sponsor organizations to provide volunteers to help throughout the two-day festival. Information will be available for volunteer options as we get closer to the event. This is an excellent way to support a high-profile Scottish event in the community. Slàinte, Bruce

### Member News

**November Birthdays** George Allan, Pamela Asbury-Smith, Linda Campbell, Lillian Cunningham, Elspeth Kerr, Jim Redmond, Karen Thompson, and Helen Wynn.

**December Birthdays** Joshua Beem, John Doohar, Jeannie Ferrier, Reiko Harris, Aric Harris, Robert Lormand, Susan MacKinnon, Larry Phillips, Jane Redmond, and Keene Rees.

*Note: If 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 Kevin Campbell Bogan at 808-778-4697 or by email at [kevin.bogan@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.bogan@gmail.com).*

**The Caledonian Society** relies on membership participation, donations, and annual membership fees to keep the Society healthy, to allow us to plan events, and to keep costs at a minimum. Most events are either free or kept at our cost. We also do not charge extra on most events for bringing a guest. Now our 2023-2024 fiscal year has begun, and it’s time to send in your fee of \$30 per member (we don’t have a family membership). If you have a question regarding your membership, please contact our membership secretary, Kevin Bogan, at [kevin.bogan@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.bogan@gmail.com). To pay by credit card, please go to [www.scotsinhawaii.org](http://www.scotsinhawaii.org) and use the link there for SquareUp. (A fee of \$2 is added for each charge.)

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### Flowers of the Forest



**Member Nancy Hazelbaker** passed away September 9<sup>th</sup> at the age of 93. She was a long-time member of the Society. Our condolences to her family.

**Some Caledonian members** met at the recent Alan Cumming show in Honolulu. Cumming is a Scottish actor known for his roles on stage & screen. He was born in Aberfeldy, Perthshire, UK. Pictured below is Jamie McOuat, Vernon & Lisa Gomes, Jeremy McOuat, Lillian Cunningham & Bruce McEwan.



## A SPOOKY EVENING IN HONOLULU



On October 28<sup>th</sup>, as a pre-Halloween event, members of the Society gathered in the Ocean Terrace Room at Hokua condominium to share spooky Scottish stories. About half of the attendees dressed in costume, including a classy white lady ghost, an elegant velvet witch, a red devil with catlike ears and tail, Frankenstein's monster, and Marilyn Monroe. After an abundant potluck meal, we heard a real-life spooky hotel experience from Carol Ann Gordon via Zoom.

*Janice Choate-Zavakos at left*

Subsequent stories were told in person, many of them set in specific locations in Scotland. Maybe there is something in the Scottish darkness that calls up ghosts, spooks, and other worldly beings. Janice Choate-Zavakos told about a White Lady on a bridge in Dunbar, a bridge people should avoid crossing at night. Susan MacKinnon read a story featuring the Eilean Donan Castle telling how a baby drank from a raven's skull and grew up knowing how to talk to and understand birds.



Kevin Bogan presented the famous ghost tale of the piper of Duntroon Castle who warned his fellows of danger by playing his pipes, but whose fingers were cut off in punishment and who now appears as a fingerless ghost. Bruce McEwan read a modern English version of Robert Burns' tale of Tam o' Shanter's dancing with the devil in the Alloway kirkyard.

*Chris Harm as Frankenstein; Nancy Smiley as Marilyn Monroe*



Jill Ackerman (*at left*) capped herself as multiple characters to portray how large stones got moved supernaturally to become gatestones. Lillian Cunningham read *The Shadow* about a student magician whose teacher had a frightening rule for his students.

Thanks to Susan MacKinnon for arranging for us to use the room, and to Kevin Bogan for taking reservations, for providing electronic support for some stories, and for a few people to attend by Zoom. Thanks to everyone for bringing potluck dishes and for enjoying the spirit of the evening.



*Jill Ackermann as another character*



*Louann Suppa & Mary Fraser*



*Donna Jinbo enjoying the evening*

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### Consolidated Celtic Calendar

<https://goo.gl/mCnvsU>

## 2023-2024 Calendar of Events

(Subject to change)

**Dec 28** Scottish Music & Instruments

### Begin 2024

**Jan 13** Burns Country Tour & Songs. Hokuia Ocean Terrace

**Jan 27** Burns Dinner 5:30-10:00. Oahu Country Club

**Feb 24** Movie "Then Came You" 6:00pm -9:00pm

**Mar 23** Genealogy

**Apr 4** Princess Ka'iulani Tribute

**Apr 6** Tartan Day

**Apr 6-7** Highland Festival, Jefferson Elementary School

**May 18** Islands of Scotland

**Jun 22** Society Annual Meeting. 11:00am -2:00pm

**Fiona the sheep** was stranded on a cliff in Scotland for two years before being rescued recently. Here are before & after cleaning & shearing pictures:

Found on [Newsweek.com](http://Newsweek.com)

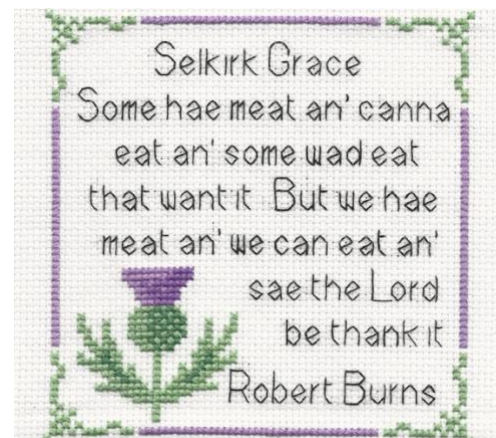
**Before:**



**After:**



### Selkirk Grace by Robert Burns



**The Caledonian Society of Hawaii**  
**Robert Burns Night Reservation Form**  
*Early Bird deadline - January 8, 2024*

**January 27, 2024**  
**Oahu Country Club**  
**150 Country Club Rd.**

**MEMBERS (Early Bird Prices) \$90 each, Non-members \$100 each.**  
**Or \$900 per table of ten; \$720 for a table of 8.**

**AFTER Jan. 8, 2024: MEMBERS \$100, Non-members \$110 each.**  
**\$1000 per table of ten; \$800 for a table of 8.**

*Note: Tables of eight or ten are to be pre-paid by a Caledonian member.*  
*Prices include one (1) drink scrip per person attending*

**Questions? Call Susan MacKinnon at 808-372-5744**

**Sit With if possible:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choices: #1. Beef #2. Fish #3. Vegetarian

Table Names (Print all names in party).	Dinner choice#	Price
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