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Final Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Caledonian Society



This year we are celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Caledonian Society. At the Burns Dinner on January 25, 2025, a video recap of the 10 years since the 50th Anniversary celebration in 2015 was shown. We will gather to celebrate again on November 8, 2025, in the Card Room of the Pacific Club, 1451 Queen Emma St., Honolulu.

This buffet dinner event will be for current Society members and one guest, and only \$75 each person.

(See below for membership information and the last page for the reservation form for November 8th.)

We would like to talk to members who were a part of the Society since the early days—1965 to 1990. Do you have a story about your first time at a Society event? Have you ever been on the Council? What position did you serve? Occasionally we have excursions to places around Oahu. Have you been on any of those? What were some of the best events you have enjoyed while a member of the Caledonians? Have you been to Scotland? These messages can be given in person, via video, or as an audio report. Contact Bruce McEwan at bemacewan@gmail.com to let him know how you would like to present your story, and to find out how to record your information. These stories are important to the history of the Society. Mahalo in advance for your contributions.

To help defray the actual cost of this anniversary dinner, please consider a donation to the Caledonian Society. Any amount is greatly appreciated. The Society is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code. Donate online at www.scotsinhawaii.org or mail a check to: The Caledonian Society P.O. Box 4164 Honolulu, HI 96812-4164

Please send in your Membership Fees

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 we charge a minimal fee to cover our costs. We also do not charge extra on most events for bringing a guest. Now our 2025-2026 fiscal year has begun, and it's time to send in your fee of \$30 per member (we don't have a family membership). Did you become a new member, renew at the April Highland Games, or pay dues since April 2025? Then you are paid through June 2026. If you have questions regarding your membership, please contact our membership secretary, Kevin Bogan, at kevin.bogan@gmail.com.

Chieftain's Column: *From the Craig*



We should all look forward to our final 60th Anniversary dinner event at the Pacific Club on November 8th. There will be entertainment, exhibits, some talk story, and a review of the highlights that have made The Caledonian Society of Hawaii the premier Scottish educational and cultural organization that it is. The Pacific Club is the ideal location since it is on land that was once the home of Archibald Scott Cleghorn and family, including Princess Ka'iulani. Whether you've been a Caledonian Society member for decades or only a few years, I'm sure you will take pride in understanding the contributions to our community. I am asking those who can afford it to make a tax-deductible donation to help underwrite this event and help keep the cost for all members at a reasonable price. Please send a donation check along with your reservation to our P.O. Box 4164, Honolulu, HI 96812. Slàinte, Bruce

Member News

Sept. Birthdays Sheryl Delsol, Carol Anne Gordon, Tory & Kristin Laitila, Heather MacGregor, Bruce McEwan, and Jackie Phillips.

October Birthdays. Kalani Brady, Donna Calkins, Mary Fraser, Karen Godwin, Jamie McOuat and John Thompson.

Meet the New Council Members

There are two new members of the Caledonian Council. Lisa Gomes was elected to a three-year term at the annual Meeting in June. AJ Buchanan replaced Josh Beem who has left the island to pursue his career in Florida. AJ accepted Josh's remaining one year term.

Lisa Gomes we all know from many of our events as the fiddle player during the cocktail hour of the Burns Dinner, part of the entertainment during many events, and as a member of the Celtic Pipes & Drums of Hawaii.



AJ Buchanan has been associated with the Caledonian Society since a very young age. His father Allan was the fourth chieftain from 1977-1979. His mother Irene was a dedicated participating member of the Society including leading early haggis making for the Burns Dinner in her kitchen when AJ was only about 5 years old. He now has a five-year old daughter, Allie.

Note: If your birthday is in September or October, 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

Mark your Calendar for September 27th

The first event of the 2025-2026 calendar year is a Zoom. Scottish Heroes XV on Saturday, Sept. 27th at 5:30 -7:00 pm.

Anton Anderssen sent me this hero to talk about:

Rev. Stephen Hawker: Cornwall's Oddball with a Heart of Gold: If Monty Python had invented a Victorian clergyman, they might have just plagiarized the life of **Rev. Stephen Hawker** of Morwenstow (1803–1875). This was a man who once **dressed up as a mermaid**, not for Halloween (which Victorians didn't really do), but simply because he thought it would be entertaining. Imagine your vicar flopping around on the rocks in a fishtail costume, scaring fishermen and giving the seagulls free dinner theatre. That was Hawker's idea of a good Tuesday. But under all the whimsy, Hawker was a hero—especially to **Scottish sailors**.

Kevin Bogan's hero will be about Scottish Inventors: "Out of hundreds of inventions and Scottish inventors, this presentation focuses on 28 notable Scottish inventors highlighting their life, inventions, details and impacts. Our world would be radically different in the absence of these inventors and inventions."

Join us on the Zoom to learn much more about these Scottish heroes, Saturday, Sept. 27th at 5:30 pm. A link will be sent via email before the event for anyone interested.

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Consolidated Celtic Calendar

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Events Calendar for 2025-2026

(Subject to change)

2025

Saturday, September 27: Scottish Heroes XV on Zoom; 5:30 pm. Kevin Bogan and Anton Anderssen presenting.

FRIDAY, October 31: “Spooky Stories” with a Soup supper, 5:30pm. Hokua Condo—1288 Ala Moana Blvd.

Saturday, November 8: 60th Anniversary wrap up celebration at The Pacific Club; 5:00 pm

Saturday, December 27: Hogmanay celebration, possible Trolley ride / Train ride TBD.

2026

SUNDAY, January 25: Burns Night, Oahu Country Club, 5:00-9:30 pm.

Saturday, February 21: Scots - Irish Immigration talk presented by Kevin Bogan. Hybrid meeting, Venue TBD, 5:00-7:00 pm.

Saturday, March 21: Movie Night with potluck dinner, Venue TBD.

Saturday, April 25: Zoom: “Important Kings & Queens of Scotland”. 5:30 pm

SUNDAY, May 24: Music Workshop with Lisa Gomes instructing. Venue and timing to be arranged.

Saturday, June 20: Society Annual General Meeting, possible BBQ social. Venue TBD. Possible talk on Tartans and Kilts.

Hawaiian Scottish Association Festival activities:

Saturday, March 28: Grand Scotch Tour @ Scottish Rite Cathedral-Honolulu.

Saturday & Sunday, April: Highland Festival --Venue & dates TBD.

Scotland's Big Five

We have all heard of the Big Five on a safari in Africa, but I didn't know there was a Big Five in Scotland. This article by Robin McKelvie in **Scotland** magazine talks about the animals and where to find them.

1)The harbour seals found on the Moray Firth. 2)The Eurasian otter is often found on the Shetland Isle of Yell. 3)The golden eagle can be found soaring in the Angus Glens. 4)The red deer is the largest and most majestic. They come out of the hills in autumn to “rut” and send chills down the spine with its blood-curdling cries. 5)The red squirrel is a small sleek animal with a rich red hue found in parks.

And all five of these animals can be found on Arran.

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*The Caledonian Society of Hawaii Invites you to
Celebrate 60 years of the Society*

*November 8, 2025 * 5:30-9:00 PM*

The Pacific Club

1451 Queen Emma St.

Honolulu

\$75 per person (limit 2 persons – One Member & One Guest)

No Host Bar—Cash Only

Member Name(s)

Guest Name

Email _____ *Phone* _____

Sit With (if possible) _____

Amount Paid \$ _____

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