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From the Craig by Chieftain Bruce McEwan

Aloha All,

This past year has gone by quickly. At our Annual General Meeting on June 20th we will hold elections for about half the board positions. I will be standing for a second term as your Chieftain. We haven't quite gotten to my goal of having at least 40 members at each event, but I am very pleased with the quality of the events we've held during the past year and with the sense of sociability and welcoming that the events have generated. Those members who attend the events regularly are learning more and more about their fellow Caledonians. While we are an educational and cultural organization, personal interaction and the sense of belonging to a supportive organization are also important. We definitely met our goals with regard to the educational and cultural purposes of our organization. For example, we learned about life in castles, life on Orkney, much more about Robert Burns, something about Scottish comedy, heard the Gaelic spoken in a movie set on Skye, and will be learning more about the use of DNA in genealogy at our AGM.



We also met our educational charge by providing a grant to the Castle Performing Arts group, who will be performing at the Edinburgh Fringe this August. We will be hearing about their adventure at our first meeting of the new event year in September.

Any member can suggest a program with the expectation that he or she is willing to participate in setting it up. For those who might want to just be a support person for an event, e.g., help with set-up, take reservations, etc., just let any board member know.

The Caledonian Society has set up a separate savings account this year for our Scottish

Educational Research Grant (SERG). As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, donations are tax deductible and you can specifically designate your donation to SERG if you choose. We do encourage Life Members to consider giving a donation to the Society in lieu of dues each year. Our fiscal year runs from July 1-June 30, so Annual memberships will be due soon. See notice on page 8.

Finally, for those interested in the status of *Falls of Clyde*, I am happy to say that it looks like she will go into drydock in July for an assessment of her physical condition. Following that, the owner, Friends of Falls Of Clyde (FoFOC), will establish a long-term preservation and restoration plan. Funds will be raised for each phase of the plan. FoFOC received a grant from the Atherton Foundation towards the drydock costs, but funds are still needed for ongoing expenses plus the drydock. Anyone wishing to donate can do so at www.friendsoffallofclcyde.org or by sending a cheque to Friends of Falls of Clyde, P.O. Box 25008, Honolulu, HI 96825. This is a worthy cause that all Scots should support.

Yours Aye,
Bruce

Scottish Humor

A Scotsman walking through a field,
sees a man drinking water from a pool with his hand.

The Scotsman man shouts

“Awa ye feel hoor that’s full O’ coos Sharn.”

(Don’t drink the water, it’s full of cow s ** t.)

The man shouts back “I’m English, Speak English,
I don’t understand you”.

The Scotsman shouts back

“Use both hands, you’ll get more in.”

Jock once attended a Temperance lecture given by Scotland’s top medical man, a noted anti-drink campaigner. The speaker began by placing a live, wiggling worm in a glass of whisky. After a moment or two it died and sank to the bottom.

The speaker said quietly to the audience,

“Now my friends, what does this tell us?”

Jock piped up, “If you drink whisky, you’ll not be bothered by worms!”

Society Events

Newcomers “At Home” party big hit

by *Barbara Coons*

The accolade “A good time was had by all” could honestly be said of the New Members Party held at Heather MacGregor’s Thurston St. home on May 29th. Reasons given for its success were the location, the attractive rooms, the library, the fact that having just dessert to bring made it all very easy to do. And the sociability. Lots of visiting. Some people checked out books. There were two films shown, and one could watch them or not in the movie room. Everyone chose to watch the second film, “Bonnie Scotland.”

Lillian Cunningham managed the table of Burns t-shirts and also the book *The Story of Scots in Hawai’i*. She sold nine t-shirts and one book. What a saleswoman!

We gained one new member, Marcia Wright. Some members renewed their membership at this time, also.

These were the newer members who attended: Michelle Mahelona, Christopher Haig, Frank Morgan, with his wife Julie and their daughter Marlena, Marilyn Beardsley, Jeannie Ferrier, Richard Souther, Kimberly Gunn, Stan and Roberta Jones, and Marcia Wright. These are recently returned members who attended: Kathy DeFoster and Dan and Mary Peddie.

Welcome one and all!



(L-R); Marilyn Beardsley, Nancie Munroe, Jeannie Ferrier, & Sandy McKeen



Roberta & Stan Jones



Marsha Wright



Richard Souther



Kathy DeFoster



Christopher Haig



Michelle Mahelona



Frank, Julie & Marlena Morgan



The group gets ready to watch the movie, “Bonnie Scotland”.

Scottish Festival



Opening ceremonies at the Scottish Festival April 4-5 at Kapiolani Park. In back of the color guard are HSA Chieftain Dan Peddie (L) and Caledonian Chieftain Bruce McEwan



Highland dancers at the Festival



Clan Gunn banner waved proudly by Steve Craven



Mary Peddie (L) jokes with Heather MacGregor (R) at the Clan MacGregor table



Society for Creative Anachronism members march in the opening parade



Athletic competitions attracted the strong



Carlene Hart & Ron MacPherson tie the knot at their April 5 Festival wedding



Athletes take a few minutes out to pose for posterity



The happy couple is attended by Scottish clad supporters



Above, Bruce McEwan and Rep. Joey Manahan, a proponent of state Tartan Day resolution. Left, Ron MacPherson (L) & Bruce McEwan read national and local resolutions creating Tartan Day on April 6.



Ron & Carlene take their vows at a ceremony officiated by the Rev. Robert Walden with Jacob Kaio playing the pipes.



Celtic Pipes and Drums Pipes at Tartan Day

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Mary Rose School dancers at the Festival in April

HIGHLAND DANCING at the Scottish Festival *by Melissa Lindsay*

The Margaret Rose School from Scotland brought 15 dancers to Hawaii in 2009. This visit was the school's second trip to Hawaii and was another fantastic success with over 100 medals, 5 trophies and 2 runners-up trophies won. The girls danced at the memorial tribute for Princess Ka'iulani. They also danced at Castle High School and for The KHON Breakfast News TV show. Cultural visits included Pearl Harbor, Turtle Beach and the Pineapple Plantations. A wonderful experience for all.

The Margaret Rose School of Dance was founded in 1972 by Mrs. Margaret MacInnes. It is based in the town of Helensburgh on the west coast of Scotland, a few miles from Loch Lomond and close to the city of Glasgow. The group is one of the biggest and best known Scottish dances schools both locally and internationally.

Scottish Country Dancing Class for beginner level for Men & Women

Dance in a group of 6 to 8 people to lively Celtic music. Sessions in June, July and August are on Wednesdays from 6 -7 p.m. in Lanikai. Contact instructor Melissa Lindsay at MLindsay@hawaii.rr.com or call 256-3347 for more information.

SERG Award helps Castle High students travel to Edinburgh

by Lillian Cunningham

The Castle Performing Arts Center (CPAC) of Kaneohe's Castle High School, under the direction of Ms. Karen Meyer, will perform at The Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland, in the first two weeks of August 2009. Our congratulations to CPAC on being selected for this ambitious project.

To help a little with the costs of the trip, The Caledonian Society of Hawaii has named CPAC as group recipient of our Scottish Education Research Grant (SERG) for 2009. We hope to have a trip report from Director Meyer and some of the students at our September Society event.

The student cast will perform *Okinawa, 1945*, the story of the "Himeyuri" Student Corps of young girls who were used as nurses during the Battle of Okinawa. The San Francisco author, Alice Shikina, centers the play on three fictional teens, but bases it on facts recalled by survivors, whom she interviewed. The Hawaii premier of the show was held May 12 at the Hawaii Okinawa Center.

It is possible to see this show before it goes to Scotland. Public performances will be held **June 12-21** at the **Ronald Bright Theatre** in **Kaneohe**. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; Sundays 2 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 students/seniors/military. For reservations call **233-5626** or get online tickets without fees on ShowTix4U.com. An additional run of the play will be held Sept. 11-20 at Bright Theatre.

The traveling group from Hawaii includes 17 students and 10 adults, who are raising the necessary money both as individuals and as a group. Most have not been to Europe; some have never left Oahu, so this experience may be life-changing for them. The group expects to spend two nights in London and while in Scotland will have time to do some sightseeing and cultural activities in Edinburgh and will take one trip into the Scottish countryside.

T-shirts & More



BURNS COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS ON SALE by *Lillian Cunningham*

To celebrate the 250th year since the birth of Robert Burns, the national poet of Scotland, the Society has printed our dramatic, specially designed 2009 Burns logo on the backs of t-shirts.

Since the shirts were first introduced at the Hawaiian-Scottish Festival in April, they have been improved with the addition of the Caledonian Society logo on the front.

These contemporary and unique shirts, available nowhere except in Hawaii, should be worn as our special contribution to 2009 Homecoming Year in Scotland. You'll want at least one for yourself, and they make gorgeous gifts.

Black shirts come in S, M, L, XL and XXL in three styles: Women's Scoop Neck, Women's Crew, and Men's Crew. Maroon shirts come only in Men's Crew. As of now we still have shirts in most sizes except Medium or XXL in Scoop Neck and XXL in black or burgundy Men's Crew. All shirts : **\$15 each.**

Shirts will be available for purchase (and to wear) at the AGM. To order by mail add a \$5 mailing fee per shirt.



Society member Ching Tseng with friend Jason Duncan model the T-shirts

Order by mail through the Society mailbox (The Caledonian Society of Hawaii, P.O. Box 4164, Honolulu, HI 96812-4164) or by e-mail to lillianc@hawaii.r.com. Be sure to indicate style, size, and color.

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Please renew your membership & make annual donation

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