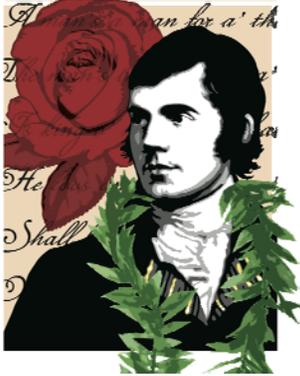




# The Caledonian

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## *Celebrating Robert Burns - Local Style*

Saturday, January 26, 2013

Oahu Country Club

It's time to plan for the annual celebration of Scotland's favorite poet, Robert Burns. This year we are combining the traditional Scottish favorites with a local-style Hawaii flair. Traditional haggis will be served with Hawaii's lomi lomi salmon and taro lavosh as a starter. A surprisingly aromatic cock-a-leekie soup will include long rice. The program will also contain a local twist with "Address to A Haggis" featuring Caledonian members **Stuart Donachie** and **Hardy Spoehr**.

The Robert Burns Dinner is one of the most anticipated events of the Caledonian Society calendar. More members come out for this event than for any other during the year. We also have more guests than at any other time. So getting your reservations in early is a must.

The three choices this year will be beef tenderloin with a guava glaze, local fresh fish with a scotch sauce, or a chunky mushroom potpie with Okinawan sweet potatoes. Dessert will be a surprise soufflé also with a local flair.

We have tried to keep the prices down for the past four years, but we will have to raise them this year. The Caledonian Society is a non-profit organization and as such we do not charge more than our costs for any event. We also have relied on some very generous donations from some members each year. Prices are as follows for this year:

**Early Bird Special on or before Jan. 7, 2013:**

\$75 for paid CS members; \$85 for your guests; OR buy a table of eight (8) and fill it how you'd like (member or non-member) for \$600. Please get your guests' names & food choices in by Jan. 9, 2013.

**After Jan. 7, 2013:**

\$85 for CS members; \$95 for your guests; Table of eight (8) is \$680 (member or non-member). Please send guest information & food choices with your reservation.

A reservation form can be found in this newsletter.

We are looking forward to honoring Robert Burns with a Lei of Aloha.

# Society News

## From The Craig By Chieftain Bruce McEwan



Our program year is progressing well, and we are all looking forward to Burns Night on January 26, 2013. Our Pre-Hogmanay Ceilidh on December 29 will be a fun time to socialize and play. Thanks in advance to those members who are participating in the organizing of these events.

Plans are being made to offer the newsletter in electronic form in the near future if members request to receive it that way. One big advantage will be color for the pictures! Stay tuned.

I wish the best to all for the new year. As we say this time of year in Hawaii, *Mele Kalikimaka a me Hau'oli Makahiki Hou*. In Scottish Gaelic, *Nollaig Chridheil agus Bliadhna Mhath Ur*. In Scots, *A Blythe Yule an a Guid Hogmanay*.

Slainte,  
Bruce McEwan, Chieftain

## Pre-Hogmanay Ceilidh

It's time for a holiday party, so the Caledonians are having one! Our **Pre-Hogmanay Ceilidh** will be held on **Saturday, December 29** from **3 to 7 pm** at the Penthouse Room at **1001 Wilder Ave.**

This will be an informal party with games, activities, and time for conversation. We will have games with Scottish kings and queens, crosswords using Scots words, holiday charades, Christmas crackers to pull, and a dram to honor 2013. Bring your tartan sash, ladies, along with a rubber band and small safety pins, if you'd like a lesson in making rosettes to wear on Burns Night.



A ceilidh usually features entertainment by the guests themselves, so if you wish, please also bring along your **"party piece,"** such as a song, a joke, a poem, or some other short bit of entertainment to share.

A light catered **supper** will be served by or before 5:30. The **cost is \$8** per member or **\$9** for non-members. **Reservations** are required. Please phone **Jackie Phillips** for reservations at **621-6622 no later than Boxing Day, Wednesday, Dec 26.**

The condominium **location** is easy to find at the end of Wilder Avenue, and **parking** is **available on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the building.** Be sure to identify yourself to the security guard near the lower door as you drive in. You might mention that our hostess is Elspeth Kerr. From the 5<sup>th</sup> floor parking area, walk without changing levels directly to the main entrance of the building. Buzz "penthouse" at the front door.

Hogmanay is the night-long celebration of New Year's Eve in Scotland, traditionally a more important holiday than Christmas. Every household welcomed visitors, who brought gifts of food, drink, or coal. The first visitor to step over the threshold after midnight was called the "first foot," and indicated the luck of the house in the next year. Areas of Scotland had varying Hogmanay traditions, most including fire to chase away the darkness. Today Hogmanay in Scotland is often a street revel with crowds and fireworks.

**Celebrating Robert Burns – Local Style**  
**Saturday, January 26, 2013 O'ahu Country Club**  
**5:30 p.m. No Host Cocktails (cash only)**  
**6:15 p.m. Call To Dinner • Program Following Dinner**  
**Valet parking provided (tips appreciated)**  
**Highland or Evening Attire**

**Reservation Form**

**RSVP by Friday, January 20, 2013 • EARLY BIRD DEADLINE JANUARY 7**

ON/BEFORE JANUARY 7, 2013: Members \$75 or \$600 per table of 8; Non-members \$85

AFTER JANUARY 7, 2013: Members \$85 or \$680 per table of 8; Non-members \$95

Questions? Email Brian Richardson: richards@hawaii.edu

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I would also like to sit with: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

| Name (print all names in party) | Dinner Choice # | Member/Guest | Price |
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## Member News

**December Birthdays** Phillip Brown (Flipper), Jeannie Ferrier, Richard Fulton, Reiko Harris, Arik Harris, Jean Johnston, Robert Lormand, Susan MacKinnon, Maggie McLeod, Larry Phillips, and Jane Redmond.

**January Birthdays** Lisa Gomes, Lynn McGregor, Susan Spangler, Hugh Sterling, Robert Walden, Robert Wall, and Tina Yap.

**Hardy Spoehr**, Caledonian Society Life member and 2009 Scot of the Year, recently was named a recipient of the Charles S. Judd Humanitarian Award by Punahou School. This award is given to Punahou alumni who have made outstanding contributions in the field of public service, humanitarian or charitable service. Hardy has been involved with improving the health and well-being of native Hawaiians through Papa Ola Lokahi: The Native Hawaiian Health Board. He is a member of the Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii. Congratulations Hardy!

**Carolyn Conrad**, Caledonian Society member, was recently in the hospital after a fall. She is recovering well at home now.

## Jeannie Ferrier, New Membership Secretary



Jeannie Ferrier was born in Sedgewick, Alberta, Canada, and grew up there on a cattle and grain farm. This area had many Scottish homesteaders, and there are still a lot of Scottish people in the community. She remembers most weekends listening to the bagpipes at their home, or at the neighbors' homes, and attending a Robbie Burns Dinner every year.

In July, 2012, the Ferriers celebrated having been in that community for 100 years. They had come from Arbroath in Scotland to farm homestead land a mile from where she was born. Her mother's parents were from Selkirk, Scotland, arriving in Canada to farm the homestead 100 years ago this August. She is totally Scottish, through and through.

Jeannie came to Hawaii 44 years ago. She worked for Hawaiian Telephone Co. for 30 plus years. Twice a year, she visits her family in Canada, and her family comes to visit her every February. It's a good excuse, they say, to visit Hawaii in winter.

One of Jeannie's main goals is to get to know the membership, so she is visiting with as many of you as possible at our events.

*By Barbara Coons*

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## A CHRISTMAS JOKE

A man in Scotland calls his son in London the day before Christmas Eve and says, "I hate to ruin your day but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough." 'Dad, what are you talking about?' the son screams. "We can't stand the sight of each other any longer" the father says. "We're sick of each other and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Leeds and tell her." Frantically, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like hell they're getting divorced!" she shouts, "I'll take care of this!" She calls Scotland immediately, and screams at her father "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up. The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. 'Sorted! They're coming for Christmas - and they're paying their own way.'

## DID YOU KNOW?

One of the most unnatural and shocking truths about the Scotland Christmas celebrations is that there haven't been any for a long time. Christmas celebration was banned in Scotland for almost 400 years. Oliver Cromwell, who ruled the United Kingdom till 1658 AD, passed the ban on Christmas in 1647 which lasted for almost 15 years. Although the ban was lifted in England with the fall of Cromwell, Scotland continued it. The Presbyterian Church in Scotland discouraged Christmas holiday celebrations, and people who went against it suffered severe punishments. This trend continued for 400 years. Though they acknowledged Christmas in the 20th century, Scots still did not accept it as a holiday and continued working on Christmas Day. The largest celebration in Scotland was the New Year celebration called Hogmanay. However, since the 1980's, the influence of the Church has decreased and the Scots celebrate December 25th as a holiday with all the hoopla of Western countries.

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