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SCOTTISH HEROES V Saturday, March 20, 2021 Via Zoom 5:00 PM

On Saturday, March 20th the Caledonian Society will host the fifth in a series of *Scottish Heroes*.

Susan MacKinnon will ask “Who is Black Agnes?”

Brian Bellah is discussing Andrew Carnegie.

Lillian Cunningham will introduce “Some Scottish Margarets.”

Bruce McEwan will tell us about Sir James Alexander Mirrlees and Angus Deaton.

These Zoom meetings have allowed the Caledonian Society to meet its mission by educating our membership on Scottish persons who have a place in history, as well as providing a venue to visit with people we can't see in person right now. Let us know if you would like to pursue a Scottish person to report back on at another Scottish Heroes program. Contact Chieftain McEwan at bemacewan@gmail.com.

You must register to have access to the program by emailing Kevin Bogan at kevin.bogan@gmail.com or call him at 778-4697. A link to the Zoom event will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Let's Have a Parade on Tartan Day, April 6th!

So, OK, we can't have a parade down King Street. Let's be creative, think of innovative ways to celebrate Tartan Day for ourselves and have an **online parade**. Come up with some novel celebratory ideas and carry out one or more of them on **Tuesday, April 6th**. Meet together on Zoom at **6:00 pm** to show or tell us about what you did to celebrate. **Contact Kevin Bogan** at kevin.bogan@gmail.com to register for the zoom link.



Here are some starter ideas to celebrate outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans:

1) Make and wear a tartan mask, 2) Devise and use a tartan background for your Zoom picture, 3) Draw an appropriate picture or cartoon, 4) Write a celebratory poem, 5) Cook and eat something Scottish, 6) Write a paragraph or so describing or celebrating one of your own Scottish ancestors, 7) Play Scottish music, 8) Do something else creative.

“**Tartan Day** is a North American celebration of Scottish Heritage on April 6th, the date on which the Declaration of Arbroath was signed in 1320. The holiday originated in Canada in the mid-1980's. It spread to other communities of the Scottish diaspora in the 1990's. A similar day is celebrated in Australia in July.” It is customarily celebrated with parades and the wearing of tartan. *Wikipedia*

The Declaration of Arbroath was a letter dated 6 April 1320 to Pope John XXII. It was sealed by eight earls and 31 barons and written in the Abbey of Arbroath by its Abbot Bernard of Linton, Chancellor of Scotland.” The Declaration rejected the claims of King Edward I of England requiring fealty to him and to England and supported the kingship of Robert I of Scotland (Robert the Bruce, 1274-1329). The Declaration of Arbroath is said to have inspired the American Declaration of Independence and contains the famous words “...for so long as a hundred of us remain alive, we will yield in no least way to English dominion. For we fight, not for glory nor for riches nor for honour, but only and alone for freedom, which no good man surrenders but with his life.” *Collins Encyclopedia of Scotland*

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Member News

March Birthdays Yoshi Clack, Kristen Coles, Barbara Coons, Ed Fyffe, Donna Jinbo, Carter Kimsey, Bruce McDonald, Brian Richardson, John Rockie, & Margie Smith.

A Special March Birthday shout out to Stan Jones who is now 90 years young. May you have many more!

April Birthdays Tom Boyd, Janice Choate-Zavakos, Rosslyn Harris, Scott MacKinnon, Jim Marsh, Moana McGlaughlin-Tregaskis, Dan Peddie, & Stanley Yon.



Lillian Cunningham, Barbara Coons,
& Susan MacKinnon
celebrating Barbara's birthday at Ala
Moana Beach Park

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 778-4697 or by email at kevin.bogan@email.com.

Love's Bakery Closes Hawaii was sad to learn that the 170-year old Love's Bakery will close at the end of March. While we all know about the many bakery goods that are familiar, we may not know that the founder, Robert Love, was born in Scotland. He first went to Australia, then took the American ship "Adirondack" to Hawaii with his wife and 3 boys arriving in June, 1851. The family stayed active with the bakery until 1968 when it was sold to ITT Continental Baking Company. A few more corporate sales over the years, and then COVID-19 took its toll on the business and the company has decided to close.

The Film Industry lost a widely respected name on October 31, 2020. Sir Sean Connery passed away at the age of 90. He was the first of the "James Bond" characters beginning with *Dr. No* in 1962. Born in Scotland, he refused to lose his Scottish accent saying "I am not an Englishman, I was never an Englishman, and I don't ever want to be one. I am a Scotsman. I was a Scotsman and I will always be one."



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In a previous newsletter we mentioned *Men in Kilts* as a program to look for on Starz co-starring Sean Heugan and Graham McTavish (both of *Outlander* fame). Their travels around Scotland are also full of Scottish history which they have put into a book. *Clanlands: Whisky, Warfare, and a Scottish Adventure Like No Other*. It's available for £20 at Hodder & Stroughton hodder.co.uk.

Another book of interest might be *Life in the Raws, Memories of a Shale Oil Village* by Jock Findlay, Transcribed by his grandson, MSP Neil Findlay. It's the story of Neil Findlay's discovery of a summary of his grandfather's life and of the West Lothian village of Pumpherstoun. Available at Luath Press £8.99, luath.co.uk.