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May 11th – Islands & their Distilleries

How many islands are there in Scotland? Where are the Outer Hebrides and Inner Hebrides? Which ones are the easiest to visit? What is unique about them? Which ones have whisky distilleries? These and other questions will be answered by Chieftain Bruce McEwan, plus he offers an opportunity to taste whiskies from a few of the island distilleries. **Join us in the Ocean Terrace at the Hokua Condominium, 1288 Ala Moana Blvd. at 5:30pm.** No charge for this meeting although donations gratefully accepted. Please contact Susan MacKinnon to reserve your space. Susanmack1@mac.com

Annual General Meeting--Special guest speaker: Robert (Bob) Oaks

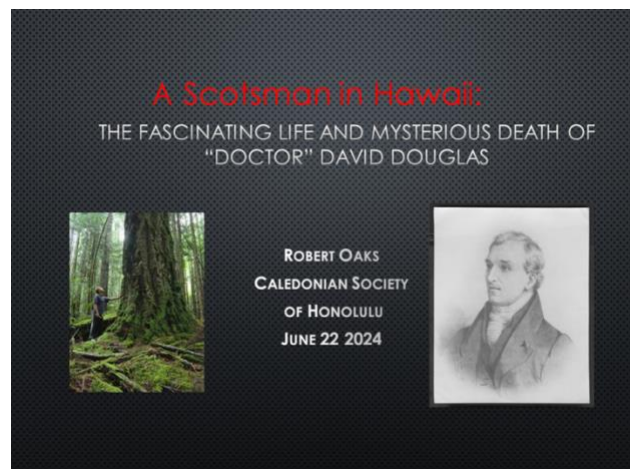
The Caledonian Society will hold its **2024 Annual General Meeting on the morning of June 22, 2024**, at the gracious Waioli Tea Room (now the Waioli Kitchen and Bake Shop) in Manoa at 2950 Manoa Rd. Parking is available on the grounds.

Our activities will **begin at 9:30 am** with scones (always delicious there) and coffee or tea. The morning refreshments will be followed by the business meeting at which current annual members and life members will review Society business and hold elections for members of the Society governing council for the coming year.

Highlight of the morning is a **presentation by historian Robert (Bob) Oaks**, who will discuss the remarkable life and mysterious death in Hawaii of Scotsman David Douglas, the 19th century naturalist, whose name is the source of the name of the tree called the Douglas fir. Douglas (1799-1834) was born in Scone, Scotland, and employed by the Hudson's Bay Company, made several visits to Hawaii, and sent thousands of botanical specimens back to the Royal Horticultural Society and elsewhere.

Finally, about 11:00 am we will be served a full set lunch which we will enjoy before the restaurant closes at 1:00 pm. There will probably also be time to walk around the restaurant to **pay our respects to Robert Louis Stevenson** in the old grass shack, which has associations with Stevenson from its former location in Waikiki.

Reservations are now open from current 2024 Caledonian members for \$35 per person including both lunch and the earlier refreshments. Unfortunately, non-members cannot be accommodated at this meeting as it is being held in the "party room," which has limited space. Contact Susan MacKinnon at susanmack1@mac.com to reserve your space and to check your membership status.



Chieftain's Column: From the Craig



We had a very productive time at the Highland Festival & Games, and I hope our members took advantage of this important event to highlight our Scottish heritage. For those of you who were able to attend, if you have any comments about the venue or the activities, please feel free to send them to me (bemacewan@gmail.com). Remember that the Hawaiian Scottish Association is governed by our four Scottish organizations: The Caledonian Society of Hawaii, The Saint Andrew Society of Hawaii, The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society-Hawaii Branch, and the Celtic Pipes & Drums of Hawaii. We were fortunate enough to have a major story in *Midweek* to give our community positive publicity.

As our event year ends with the Annual General Membership on June 22, the Council/Board will be preparing for our annual planning meeting in late August. We encourage our members to submit ideas for events during the 2024-2025 calendar.

Slàinte, Bruce

Member News

May Birthdays Anton Anderssen, Susan Anderson, Ian Birnie, Bob Camilleri, Steve Craven, Stuart Donachie, Ian Laing, Beth MacNeill, Celia Main, & Mary O'Brien-Ichikawa.

June Birthdays Lesley Brey, Jean Bruce, Nancy Muir MacPherson, Mary Alice (Marcy) Moore & Jason Seal.

Note: If your birthday is in May or June, 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.

More Scottish Sayings

- Yer bum's oot the windae. (You're just messing about.)
- Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves. *J.M. Barrie*
- Dae ye think ah came up the Clyde in a banana skin? (Do you think I'm stupid?)
- Feart? Nae ah'm nae feart. (Scared? I'm not scared)
- Enough is as good as a feast.

(All these come from a wee book called **OCH WHEESHT AND GET OAN WAE IT**. Copyright Lewis Dawson, 2011)

21st Century Genealogy and Soup Supper Recap

Members gathered to listen to Kathy Foster Hudson give pointers on genealogy.



Lillian Cunningham with the Hudsons and Chieftain McEwan



Flowers of the Forest

Former Chieftain Allan Buchanan passed away April 24, 2024. He was the Society's fourth Chieftain from 1977 to 1979. He is survived by his son AJ and daughter Jane, and 3 grandchildren. His late wife Irene was very involved with making our haggis for the Burns dinner in the 1980's. Our condolences to his family.

Hawaiian Scottish Association Highland Festival & Games



Susan MacKinnon at the Caledonian table



Pipers Lola Colombe & Tina Yap with an athlete



Jackie Phillips (left) with her hula halau



Lillian Cunningham with Mary Braffet at RSCDS table



Highland dancers from Scotland



Exhibition Society for Creative Anachronism

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Consolidated Celtic Calendar

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2023-2024 Calendar of Events

(Subject to change)

May 11 Islands of Scotland & their Distilleries

Hokua 1288 ala Moana Blvd.

Jun 22 Annual General Meeting

Waioli Kitchen & Bake Shop

Aug 31 Council planning meeting for 2004-2005

Contact Chieftain McEwan with your ideas

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SERG

(Scottish Education Research Grant)

The SERG Award has been one of the Caledonian Society's proudest activities for some years, but no award has been given since sometime before COVID. This award is now being offered again with one major change and an upcoming deadline.

The award offers someone up to \$2000 each year to undertake and complete a project to learn something about Scotland or Scottish history or culture. Formerly this award was reserved for a young person aged 18 to 26. Following a vote by the Society Council, **the SERG award is now for the first time available to a person of any age.** It may be granted to a Society member or a non-member, but the applicant needs to be a US citizen and a resident of the state of Hawaii. **Applications for the 2024 award are due by May 15.**

Applications, which include a personal statement explaining the applicant's proposed project, will be screened by the Awards Committee of the Society Council, which will make recommendations to the full Council. Winners will be notified ASAP. After a project is completed, all Awardees are expected to present their results to the Caledonian Society as a whole.

Some previous projects include:

1. Attended summer school at the University of Edinburgh to study Scottish history.
2. Participated in an archeological dig in southern Scotland.
3. Followed the route taken by David Balfour in Robert Louis Stevenson's novel *Kidnapped*.

For a fuller explanation of the grant, an application form, and a list of some previous SERG projects, see the Society website, www.scotsinhawaii.org.

But don't wait; time is short until this year's deadline of May 15.