



Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast

The Scotsman

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Kaye's Komments

A warm welcome to our new members who have just joined the Scottish Society in the past 2 months and look forward having you join committees and help with our many events.

The Scottish Society has begun advertising our events in 32963, the Vero News and the Chamber in Vero Beach. This has proven to be worthwhile, as we have gained new members and increased attendance at our most recent event. Press releases including pictures have been submitted to the Vero Beach Magazine, 32963 and the Vero News detailing our Burns Supper event. We anticipate an article in the Vero Beach Magazine in the upcoming months.

We have been invited by the Indian River Genealogy Society to join them at a conference on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 3980 12th Street, Vero Beach, FL. We will be given a table to display our Society information which will include applications, flyers and newsletters. This event will draw attendees who may very well become new members. Roy Thompson and Mason Russell have been working for many months now to develop our Genealogy Research Committee. The meetings are held at the Vero Beach Public Library and are open to all Society members. The next meeting will be Monday, March 18th.

At our last Board meeting it was decided that we create a Scottish Country Dancing Committee and appointed Donna Sherrard as chairman. Free lessons are offered in Melbourne on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. We encourage all to join in. If you are interested, please contact Donna at 863-221-7223.

This year's Burns Supper was the first time we have had the Vero Beach Pipes & Drums Band (VPBD) play for one of our events. We are hoping to work with VPBD for future events. This year's Burns Supper had both a pipe band and highland dancers entertaining before dinner. All of our speakers and presenters did a fine job. It was a very successful event.

President Kaye

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our membership is growing! We now have 81 members with several more people considering joining us. Our growth can be attributed to our members reaching out to friends and family. We have also started advertising our events in local publications and distributing flyers online and placing them at various sites. By advertising the Burns Supper, we went from 32 individuals attending three weeks before the event to 76 the night of the event. That increase put us over the cost threshold and we netted a reasonable profit. This event also generated a gain of 10 new members. Without the help of our members this successful event would not have been possible, thank you fellow members. Looking forward we have several upcoming events to both enjoy and bring in more members. In speaking to many of our new members I have learned that many would have joined us but did not know we existed. With advertising we are starting to improve the community awareness of our great Society.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY, BURNS SUPPER & UPCOMING EVENTS

The St. Andrew's Day celebration was the first event we had at Pointe West. Pointe West did a fine job setting the room and serving dinner. The evening started with a rousing chorus of O' Flower of Scotland, followed by Rev. Dr. Brad Klostreich giving a thought provoking invocation. After dinner, Rev. Brad gave an informative and entertaining view of St. Andrew. We had a four piece ensemble playing various Celtic tunes and Scottish Country Dance songs.

We had a very successful Burns supper with 76 in attendance and the main dinning room was more than adequate to accommodate everyone in comfort with excellent viewing for the presenters and the very talented Highland Dancers from the Center for Dance and the Performing Arts. We started the evening just after 5:00 p.m. with a performance by the Vero Beach Pipes and Drums Band, led by Pipe Major Jacob Craig. This was a rousing performance and well received. We then had a presentation by the Highland Dancers who were able to use the dance floor that was set up in the middle of the room, allowing all to admire these young dancers' abilities and art. There

were three dancers all doing solo and joint dances. We had not one but two pipers piping in the haggis with Peter Dobson giving the address. Rev. Dr. Brad Klostreich gave the Selkirk Grace and dinner began. The next presentation was the address to the Lassies given by Rev. Dr. Brad and a response by Donna Sherrard. These presentations were very well done and entertaining. Mason Russell gave the Immortal Memory and enlightened us with facts and history about Robbie and a bit of humor as well.

We had the pleasure of being piped out by David Owens, a long time associate and member.

The next event on our calendar is a first for the Society. We will be enjoying a polo match at the Pointe West Polo fields, presented by the Vero Beach Polo Club. We currently have a full house, with 15 people attending. I have attended several matches and they are great fun.

Our annual Afternoon Tea will be held on March 3rd at the Garden Club in Vero Beach. This is a great time to sit and relax, enjoying some wonderful refreshments and company. I highly recommend attending.

Once again, this year we will have the Kirkin O' the Tartan at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Vero Beach. This is a very traditional event and will include piping in the tartans. During the worship service, a blessing of the tartans, representing the various clan families will be conducted. See enclosed flyer.

Also on tap is the Indian River Genealogy Conference, March 23rd from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at 3980 12th Street, Vero Beach, FL. Points of Contact: Roy Thompson - roysloanthompson@gmail.com or Mason Russell - masonwr@gmail.com

And finally, the upcoming Scottish Family Program meetings at the Vero Beach Main Library at 10:30 a.m. will be held on the following dates:

Monday, March 18

Monday, April 15

Monday, May 20

Steve Hicks

THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF THE TREASURE COAST

Invites you to join us to watch a Polo Match
Sponsored by the **Vero Beach Polo Club**



On Sunday, February 25th at 1084 E. Polo Grounds Lane on 12th Street between 74th and 82nd Ave., Vero Beach (Pointe West Polo Field). Gates open at noon, admission is \$20 per person. The Scottish Society will have two canopies set up with tables on the eastern side of the playing field. This is an informal gathering and we ask attendees to bring a dish to pass, your favorite beverage and a chair. Space will be limited to approximately 15 people. The match will be played subject to weather conditions. Please contact Kaye by February 18, if you are interested by calling 586-909-0509.

St Andrew's Day Celtic Music Ensemble





SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF THE TREASURE COAST

2024 Kirkin' O' the Tartan

Where: Westminster Presbyterian Church
2555 58th Avenue, Vero Beach

When: Sunday, April 14, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Please join us to celebrate our family ties as we honor a tradition of Scottish heritage – the Kirkin' O' the Tartan, the traditional blessing of clan tartans by the clergy.

Come witness the procession of tartans into the church sanctuary, listen to the dulcet tones of the pipes, and enjoy one another's company in the fellowship hall for refreshments after the service.

For more information, or to volunteer to carry a tartan flag, contact:

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PHOTOS FROM THE 2024 ROBERT BURNS SUPPER



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Piper Dave Owens



Highland Dancers from the Center for Dance and the Performing Arts



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THE MONTHLY TARTAN QUIZ

In time for the Society's Annual Afternoon Tea, this month's tartan is one of a range of over two dozen tartan designs, representing various teas for Sazaby League ICL Company's *Afternoon Tea* brand. This one represents Earl Grey Tea and evokes the fresh citrus scent and bergamot color of Earl Grey Tea.

The Japanese company launched their specialty teas in 1981 incorporating a tea room with sales of household goods.



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