



Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast

# The Scotsman

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## Kaye's Komments

I am pleased to announce your Board has approved a \$500 donation to support a student attending the School of Scottish Arts in Banner Elk, North Carolina. The recipient is Ella Duppenhaler; she is the middle sister of 5 girls who dance. One of her sisters danced at our Burns Supper this year. Ella has qualified for the National Championships in Boston. All of her sisters are training in dance and our funding is greatly appreciated. I have just heard from Kathryn Austin and Ella is heading to Boston to represent the SE Region at the National Championships. We have just received a picture of Ella and a thank you note that we will add to the newsletter. (See page three)

We are asking you, the members to please give us feedback and suggestions on our events and what you would like the Scottish Society to pursue in the future. Currently, we have several committee positions open; they are on the Communications Committee and the Events Committee. Please don't hesitate to give us a call at 586-909-0509.

Steve and I are getting excited about our extended trip to Scotland and seeing Liam Ritchie, one of our members perform as a piper at the Edinburgh Castle Military Tattoo in August.

In reviewing the Society events of this year, I am very encouraged by the attendance and the commitment of our members to support the Society. We have seen our membership grow and are continually looking for ways to improve the Society and increase our membership. We are looking to improve all of our events and add extra features that we are sure you all will enjoy. We think Polo was an enjoyable addition and encourage more of our members to join us for next season, especially if you like champagne !

Kaye Hicks, President

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT JULY/AUGUST

We have sent a request to our website master to add the following statement 'All donations including membership fees are fully tax deductible because we are a 501 (C) (3) charitable organization. The Scottish Society is seeking donations for our Scholarship Fund. Members, please help us.' We have also included our scholarship application to be included on our website.

After meeting with Mason Russell, we will be using Mailchimp email service for all of our notices to our members. Mason has created an account and will be able to add Board members by position once we have assigned email addresses from PD/GO. We anticipate this will be completed in approximately one week.

We have joined the Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce and have given them handouts including membership applications, lists of events, newsletters, etc. In speaking with the representative, we were told that we can email them information and they will make it available to all Chamber members. They suggested that we create an item as a promotional handout with our contact information on it, such as a small note pad, pen, or a postcard. I think the Board is leaning towards a small calendar with a magnet for easy mounting to a refrigerator that will have our contact information on it. The Sebastian Chamber is very excited about our joining them and this will give us a lot more exposure and growth potential.

Our next dues notification letter will be sent out in September (See dues article on page 3).

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> and this year we will conduct the business portion of our meeting and then have the opportunity to enjoy a singer who will perform three traditional songs for us and Kaye and I will offer a short presentation from our seven week excursion to Scotland and England.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS 2024

As you all know, I have been a Board Member for quite a few years now and have filled a few different offices, each one having its own challenges. At the present time I have been asked to become chairperson of our Scholarship Committee which presented even more of a challenge! It has in the past been difficult to find applications for Scholarships and we have been remiss in distributing funds.


Our membership has increased considerably since the end of the pandemic and we as a Society have been able to offer more items in our events to promote our Scottish heritage. But what better way is there to do this, than to encourage young people to continue our work by encouraging them to explore our wonderful heritage by attending camps to improve their Scottish Highland Dancing or Scottish music as it is only in this way that we can ensure that our heritage will continue. These are just a couple of ideas for use of our funding and if you have any more ideas of how we can expand this, please let me know as YOUR input is very valuable to us.

For the very first time, this year we are offering an additional three levels of Membership, with funds going directly to our Scholarship account to help and encourage young people to continue our Scottish heritage, so I hope that you will be able to support this venture.

In conclusion, I'm certain that, with your continued support, the Society will go from strength to strength in the coming years and our Scottish heritage will never be forgotten.

Sincerely, Sylvia.

### For All You Swifties Out There, Taylor Swift is Scottish!

aylor's Scottish roots came to light when she was performing for her Scottish fans back in 2015 at the Glasgow Hydro and revealed she'd had an e-mail from her dad (who is also her manager) before she'd got on the stage, and he'd told her of her heritage. She described Scotland as a "really special place." The Swift family line had been connected to William the Lion, King of Scotland, by ancestry website famousKin.com, which claimed the Scottish monarch was her 26th great-grandfather. Extracts from the Daily Record

## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF DUES

Dear Society Member,

This is your 2025 Society Dues statement which is now due and payable. Joint Membership Dues are \$75 and Single Memberships are \$50 per person. A separate Dues mailing with a provided envelope will be sent out. Please answer the few short questions and return it with your enclosed renewal check as soon as possible.

We are adding three new levels of membership. These levels are Bronze at \$100.00, Silver at \$250.00 and Gold for \$500.00. These new levels of membership and corresponding dollar amounts represent a donation to the Society Scholarship Fund. All donations to the Society, including dues payments are 100% tax deductible. As stated elsewhere we are a charitable organization. The Society will abide by any request of the donor to remain anonymous.

The Society website has the ability to post your dues payment through PayPal or after logging into PayPal, go to your credit card.

Please attend our annual meeting on Oct 17th at Point West Country Club; details and the Limited Proxy are included in this newsletter.

We are most grateful for your membership and continued support; if you have any enquiries about your dues, please contact either of our officers listed below:

Sylvia Gregory, Treasurer - 508-207-8922      Kaye Hicks, President - 586-909-0509



Dear Sir or Madam,  
Thank you so much for giving me a  
Scholarship to attend SSA.  
Attending SSA has helped me improve  
my highland Dancing and to prepare for  
USIR in Boston. One of my favorite things  
at camp was Learning about the history of  
Scottish highland dance. I made new  
friends and made many memories. Thank you  
again for giving me this opportunity!  
with thanks,  
Ella Duppenenthaler

## LIMITED PROXY



### **THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF THE TREASURE COAST A STATE OF FLORIDA 501(C)3 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

On Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 5:30 pm. our Society will hold our Annual Membership Meeting at the Pointe West Country Club, 7500 14<sup>th</sup> Lane, Vero Beach, Florida, 32966. During our annual meeting, we will elect a new Board of Directors for the coming year.

Our nominating committee has identified the following candidates for the new Board of Directors.

#### **Nominated New Directors**

**Sylvia Gregory - Kaye Hicks - Steve Hicks - Sarah Morley - Helena Krasa Mason Russell - Donna Sherrard - Roy Thompson (non-voting)  
Hilary Dobson (non-voting)**

I am a current member in good standing of the Scottish Society and will be unable to attend the Annual Meeting on October 17, 2024. I \_\_\_\_\_ (print your name) do hereby assign my voting rights for the election for the Annual General Meeting to the bearer of this proxy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of the Voting Member**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Please mail this proxy to the following address if you are unable to attend:  
The Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast, P.O. Box 5263, Vero Beach, FL  
32961

**Come Celebrate and Welcome  
Our Newly Elected President and Board Members  
At Our Annual Meeting**

**DATE/TIME:** Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024 at 5:30 pm. at the Pointe West Country Club, 7500 14<sup>th</sup> Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32966 772-770-3401

**Cost:** \$45.00 -- cash bar -- Reservations are required by Oct. 10th  
(Confirm your reservation by calling 586-909-0509 Kaye Hicks)

**MENU:**

**ENTRÉE:** (Choice of One):

**Parmesan Crusted Breast of Chicken with Sun-Dried Tomato Basil Sauce, Roasted potatoes and Roasted vegetables ---- OR ----**

**Grilled Mahi-Mahi with rice pilaf and roasted vegetables, Mango relish brownies and cookies with coffee, tea and lemonade**

**House Salad, Freshly Baked Rolls**

**After Nominations and Election of officers, there will be a brief presentation by Steve & Kaye on their extended trip to Scotland. We also will have a short performance by a local singer for your enjoyment.**

**Cut here:**

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**Clip and send this coupon to choose your entrée for this special evening.**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_ \$45 \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_ \$45 \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Total \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make check payable to: Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast  
and mail to: PO Box 5263, Vero Beach, FL 32961**

## SARAH'S SCOTTISH JOKES

MacDonald was awarded 10,000 pounds for injuries received after a traffic accident and his wife got 2,000 pounds. A friend asked how badly injured his wife had been in the accident. MacDonald replied "Och, she wasn't injured but I had the presence of mind to kick her in the leg before the police arrived."

It is rumored that the entire population of Aberdeen took to the streets with an empty glass in their hands when the weather forecaster said there would be a nip in the air.

An Englishman, roused by a Scot's scorn of his race, protested that he was born an Englishman and hoped to die an Englishman. "Man," scoffed the Scot, "hiv ye nae ambeetion?"

In the "old days" Clan MacKay went raiding one time and came back with, among other things, dozens of bottles of whiskey and one loaf of bread. When the chief saw the booty, he asked, "Wha's gaen ta eat a' that bread?"

Two Irishmen, two Scotsmen, and two Englishmen were stranded on an island. The Irishmen killed each other over the last Guinness. The Scots killed each other over who owned the island. And the Englishmen wouldn't talk to each other because they hadn't been properly introduced.



Society member, Liam Ritchie, who has been invited to play at this year's Edinburgh Military Tattoo

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### **THE MONTHLY TARTAN QUIZ**

This month's tartan is the Citadel Military Academy in honor of our own Liam Ritchie. The Academy commonly known as "The Citadel" is at Charleston, South Carolina, founded in 1842. The Pipe Band was established in 1955 by General Mark W. Clark then President of the Academy at that time. The tartan was approved in 1979 under the guidance of Col. William F. Prioleau Jr. The design is that of the Earl of St. Andrews with an alternate gold and red over check to suggest bravery and excellence.

### **2023 - 2024 SOCIETY OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### Officers

President - Kaye Hicks

Vice President - Mason Russell

Secretary - Sarah Morley

Treasurer - Sylvia Gregory

Communications Director - Open Position

Events Coordinator - Open Position

Membership Director - Steve Hicks

Director at Large - Helena Krasa

Director at Large - Donna Sherrard

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