

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello to our members, friends and family of the SSI. The board of trustees are really moving at a good pace with everything that is happening for the latter half of the year. Contracts are being signed, great decisions are being made and we can say 2023 is a year that the society is coming back in full force.

We would like to note that our library is back up and ready for reviewing - we are looking to have an SSI librarian to join the society and help out with our library. We would like to have someone volunteer to help loan out books to those interested and to keep track of the inventory in person and through our online library. This volunteer will need to be in-person at the monthly meetings as well.

The games committee for this year's games and festival are so enthusiastic about what is coming - the board is ready to get the promotions started soon for this. The presentations for the months to come are going to be wonderful and even got some new ones that should attract more attendance. The society is continuing to monitor and make sure our membership grows, so please ensure that you pay for your memberships.

At this time, do not hesitate to reach out to our board if you have any questions or if you want your ideas heard. With the weather and seasons changing, please stay safe and healthy. Thank you! Slainte!

~ Sarah Rae
2023 Board of Trustee Member, Newsletter
Editor



Featured Clan of the Month: Clan Donaldson

MEETING DETAILS: Keep in mind the monthly meetings moving forward will be the return of the BUFFET. If you are interested in helping with the meat dish - please reach out to the board.

We are looking for members attending the meeting to bring a side dish. Please bring a dish from the category based on the first letter of your last name with at least 3 servings per attending family member:

A-G --- Veggie/Casserole
H-M --- Salad
N-Z --- Dessert

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 10th, 2023

PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:

- Robert, Maxam and Tina McElroy
- Jacqueline Cooper

NOTICES FROM THE BOARD

MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

The board advises that membership renewal of the yearly dues for SSI must be taken care of during the year. You can pay for your yearly membership online through the website or payments can be made in person with a form at our in-person meetings - we will have forms available to complete. Please make sure you pay your dues!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As the buffet returns to the society meetings each month, we are looking for volunteers to help supply the meat dish - along with volunteers to supply an appetizer station during social hour. If you are wanting to volunteer - there will be sign up sheets set up at the welcome table at the Latvian Center during the monthly meetings. You can also email indyscot@gmail.com to express your interest.



INDY ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING UPDATES

Happy Spring to all and welcome to all new dance

members!

Just when you think you know what the Indy Scottish County Dancers are all about. Did you know we are a very social group and we dance for fun! Please consider joining us - if interested, please email

Appetizer Table: TBA
Meat Dish: TBA

We will ask if you are a member to please do the donation of \$5.00 and guests will be \$7.00. First time guests do not need to pay - after your first visit, you will need to pay the guest fee. If you have not paid your dues, please make sure you do so in person or at the welcome table.

The monthly meetings take place every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Meetings start at 7:00pm and then the presentation will begin at 8:00pm.

**Special events for the year will be on a Saturday.

All updates in regards to monthly meetings will be announced each month in the newsletter and on our social media sites.

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SOCIAL MEDIA:

For more articles, updates on events and more - Like and follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/indyscot.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/771893283583992>

indyrscd@gmail.com.

Coming in June - June is a NO-FEE dance month. We have maintained our dance donation of \$5.00 per person per session for many years now and will not be raising that fee for the foreseeable future. Also, we begin our "dance around Scotland" sessions. We are actually marking a map of Scotland to note our favorite places, events, castles, etc. Then dances are selected to represent those places. We are a well-traveled group and everyone says the same thing... "I can't wait to go back!"

Coming in July - July we'll continue to hold dance sessions on Monday evenings 7-8:30pm at the Latvian Community Center. Since we are also a social group this year we'll look to arranging several evenings out. Perhaps dinner and music at The Aristocrat or even an evening Indians Game. Stay tuned for more.

Coming in August - Beginning in August, we will begin our dance practice for the Scottish Society of Indianapolis Highland Games. We will be dancing several demo dances (aka the dances we love) and of course planning for some crowd participation. The games are being held at the Marion County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 30th. More details to come.



**INTERESTED
IN HELPING
WITH 2023**

INDIANAPOLIS HIGHLAND SCOTTISH GAMES & FESTIVAL?

If anyone is interested in volunteering, heading up a committee or wanting to put your thoughts to this event for next year, please reach out to SSI games co-chairman Greg Bowers (ogunquit@gmail.com) or Rebecca Lawson (vessel7productions@gmail.com) for more information. Meetings are currently being set up and will take place monthly unless

noted otherwise - **the next games meeting is coming up soon - details will be released in another separate email.** If you would like to be on the email list in getting information about the games, please reach out to Greg or Rebecca. Thanks!



UPCOMING EVENTS AND FESTIVALS IN INDIANA / SURROUNDING STATES

Kilt Nights with SSI

**Next date will be May 24th, 2023 at Primeval Brewery 960 Logan St. Noblesville, IN 46060.

May 20 - Springfield/New Berlin IL
Highland Games

May 20 - Blue River Highland Games at
Shelby County Fairgrounds

June 23-24 - Ohio Scotland Games

August 4-5 - St. Andrews Society of
Scotland Highland Games

August 14-15 - Evansville Highland Games

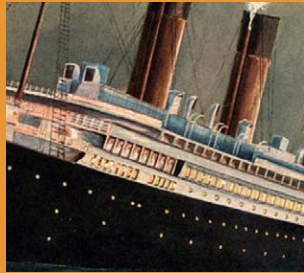
September 22-23 - Indy Irish Fest

***SSI does have a booth here - volunteers
needed

October 7-8 - Feast of the Hunters Moon



Debbie Lyle Owens (presenter) and Dan Patton (SSI Treasurer) looking good in the period pieces for the presentation.



Meeting Recap: April 2023 - Scots of the Titanic, Part 2

The society goes back in time as we board the Titanic and learn/re-learn some of the famous Scots that boarded the ship that could never sink but did. The first part of the presentation took place back during the pandemic in a virtual setting. This time, our presenter Debbie Lyle Owens talked about some previous passengers and workers - along with new entries that were discussed. With the 112th anniversary coming up, it was only fitting that this topic be discussed as more details are being given, even told about this infamous ship to this day.

The board would like to thank Debbie Lyle Owens for a wonderful, detailed presentation. It was great to learn about

these men and women that evening.

NEXT MEETING: May 2023 - Scottish Immigration

For the month of May, we will be diving into the topic of Scottish Immigration. Our presenter will be Bruce Buchanan of the Buchanan Group. This will be a very interesting and informative presentation.

Meetings take place at the Latvian Community Center. Social hour will be before 7:00pm with announcements following shortly after. Information about what to bring for the buffet will be provided in the next newsletter. Presentation will start around 8:00pm or earlier if needed. The board will announce any changes prior to the slated meeting.

SSI 2023 MEETINGS - WHAT IS COMING UP?

Note: Subjects/Topics are subject to change.

- May 2023 - Scottish Immigration with Bruce Buchanan
- June 2023 - *To Be Announced*
- July 2023 - Ulster Scots with Armand Hayes
- August 2023 - SSI Summer Celebration (date to be determined)
- September 2023, October 2023 - *To Be Determined*
- November 2023 - SSI St. Andrews Dinner (date and location are in the works)
- December 2023 - *To Be Determined*

Pending presentations : Celtic Motion with Linda Cassady

****If you would like to present or have a topic that would be good for our monthly presentations, please reach out to the board at indyscot@gmail.com.**

We will advise if the meeting topic will change via an update email or through the SSI social media. If you are interested in presenting a topic during the 2023 year, please reach out to the board members and we will discuss. Thank you!