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Re-creation of Robert the Bruce

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## THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF LOUISVILLE

Established in 1993 as a nonprofit organization to enrich the cultural lives of members in the Kentuckiana area.

The Society offers exposure to Scottish heritage and preserves, enhances and fosters pride in our Scottish ancestry.

The Society sponsors local and regional activities and is a nonsectarian organization with no religious or political affiliation.





## ***Welcome to the New SSL President***

Happy June Scottish Society of Louisville!

It looks like June has ushered in summer temperatures – as well as summer Highland Games! Hopefully a few of you made it to the Southern Kentucky Highland Games this past weekend in Park City. If you were not able to make it, I hope you will try to make another event soon. We will be hosting a table at the CCUM's

Twilight Market on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and could use a couple volunteers to man the table with Judy Stubbs. It's a nice and easy way to introduce people to our society. Reach out to Judy or me if you would like to help out.

Hopefully you are following us on Facebook and Instagram – be sure to follow our new Instagram page and tell all your friends to follow too! We will try to keep you updated on events through those pages but if you have any questions feel free to reach out to a board member (specifically our Regional Celtic Commissioner – Steve Shetter).

I look forward to seeing each of you at our next regular meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Jennifer Cramer from the University of Kentucky will be speaking to us via Zoom.

Sincerely,  
Cheri Eskridge, President



## ***Member Reminders***

1. Check out our Facebook page for any information about upcoming events.
2. Name of the SSL Facebook page "The Scottish Society of Louisville"
3. Our website can be found at [scotsoflou.com](http://scotsoflou.com). Dues may be paid on the website, or mailed to Scottish Society of Louisville, PO Box 34758, Louisville, KY 40323.

***Individual - \$25***

***Family - \$40***

4. To submit an announcement, article, etc. to the newsletter, please email to our news letter editor, Linda Wilson, at [tomatoladyone@yahoo.com](mailto:tomatoladyone@yahoo.com). All articles, pictures, etc. should be sent to the editor by the 1st of the month. The newsletter is published about the 5th of the month.

## ***Updated 2025 SSL Programs***

June — Live Zoom Presentation by Dr. Jennifer Cramer, “Understanding the Roots of Appalachian Englishes,” which discusses the impact of Scotch-Irish heritage on the Englishes spoken in Appalachia today.

July — Kerry Overfelt, Athletic Trainer: Athletics judge for Scottish Highland Games (Zoom meeting)

August — Dinner and a Movie — (Stone of Destiny) Pitch-in, Mindy will provide barbecue

September — Flora MacDonald — Guest speaker, Mindy McIntosh-Shetter

October — Stories of Scotland — Fireside Folklore: Nuckleaves, Scotland’s Scariest Demon (podcast)

November — Heritage Dinner & Auction Fundraiser

December — No meeting

## ***May Presentation Information***

June’s Program is a Live Zoom Presentation

University of Kentucky-Dr. Jennifer Cramer

Bio: Dr. Jennifer Cramer is Professor of Linguistics at the University of Kentucky, where she brings her passion for language and communication to the classroom. She holds a Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and her research interests span a wide range of topics, including sociolinguistics and discourse analysis, with a particular focus on language variation and change in Appalachia, the American South, and Kentucky. Dr. Cramer is known for her engaging teaching style, fostering critical thinking and inquiry among her students. She currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Kentucky Humanities Council and as Senior Associate Editor of the journal *American Speech*.

Title: “Understanding the Roots of Appalachian Englishes,” which discusses the impact of Scotch-Irish heritage on the Englishes spoken in Appalachia today.



## 2025 Event Reminders

**Save the dates!!! SSL FUNdraisers are coming back!!!**

Come join us for our 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday SSL FUNdraisers. We will gather at a local restaurant, visit and eat together.

A portion of the proceeds will come back to the SSL so we can plan some more fun events in 2025.

We will meet on **July 29<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup>, December 30<sup>th</sup>**.

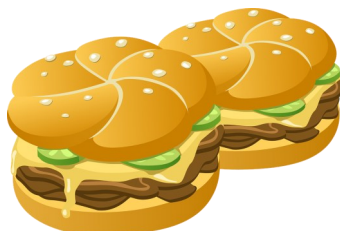
Restaurant details to follow. Be sure to check the calendar in the upcoming newsletters.

Hope to see you there!



### ***SSL FUNdraiser Update from Robbin Goodin***

*SSL FUNdraiser at Smashburger on April 29<sup>th</sup> was a great time. 10 people came to the 5:30 dinner time get together. We had wonderful conversation and it felt so good to be out and about. The food was VERY good! The fries divine and they even had brussel sprouts. Who knew. More people must have come throughout the day because with 20% of the take, we raised \$69+ overall. Free money for the SSL, and a fun time to boot. That's awesome for the first time back. Thanks to all of you who helped us raise money. Let's do it again!! In fact, put Tuesday, **July 29<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar for our next fun dinner out. Place TBD. Check the newsletter calendar for place and time. And do let me know if you have a favorite place you like to eat. We are looking for places that give back 20% -30%, hopefully.*



## ***Membership Meeting by Judy Stubbs***

President Cheri read the “Thank You” note from Robbin Goodin.

### **This Month in Scottish History**

In May 1707, the Act of Union between Scotland and England went into effect. Scottish church bells played the tune “Why am I so Sad on my Wedding Day?” The union was brought about in spite of opposition by the majority of Scots. James Ogilvy, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Seafield, as well as Member of Parliament for Banffshire and Lord Chancellor of Scotland promoted the Act of Union of 1707, but then moved to repeal the Act in 1713. (scotsclans.com).

34 people were present. Visitors and returning members were: Rick, Penny, Jeff, Candace, and Becky.

Vice-President-Marla Jo: Announced one Heritage Fund application. She reported that she had received a letter of thanks from Robbin. She called on Rick, who wanted to thank everyone for supporting the Heritage Fund recipient.

Secretary-Judy: No Report.

Treasurer Interim-Cheri: Annual report with the Secretary of State was filed.

Regional Games & Festivals-Steve: Steve reported that ‘he has been contacted by the Scottish Rite in Louisville asking us to join them for the evening. They will present the ‘Battle of Bannockburn’. Dinner will be served at 1830 hours and video with the show at 1930 hours. It is in discussion that this may be the last year of the presentation as we have seen. It is in discussion of the Robert the Bruce portion of the battle be presented as a battle skit. Not set in stone at this point. Discussion only. Contact Steve for the date.

The Celtic events for 2025 are: “The Southern Kentucky Highland Games were May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>. June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Ohio Renn Fair and Highland Games. July 10<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup> Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, North Carolina. July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Renfaire in Eminence, KY. September 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> KY Highland Games. October 17<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> Stone Mountain Highland Games, Georgia.”

### **Program/Education GM Meetings-Mindy**

May’s GM Program is a Podcast: “Love Scotland Stories of Scotland’s History: Bruce’s Gamble: Robert the Bruce V Henry de Bohun.”

In this episode, our host Jackie Bird talks to Dr. Callum Watson, Battle Coordinator at the Battle of Bannockburn visitor centre, about one of Robert the Bruce’s boldest gambles. Before the massed ranks of the English and Scottish armies on 23 June 1314, Bruce risked his life, his throne and Scotland’s independence in a moment of deadly single combat. We relive the Bruce v de Bohun and the fight which helped define the greatest King of Scots.

## ***Membership Meeting cont.***

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The title of the Program is: "Understanding the Roots of Appalachian Englishes," which discusses the impact of Scotch-Irish heritage on the Englishes spoken in Appalachia today."

July's GM Program not finalized.

August's GM Program is a Dinner & Movie.

Social Media-Erika: reported "that she made a new, independent Instagram for SSL because the other one she made was tied to her personal Instagram profile. The new URL is: [www.instagram.com/scotsofrou](https://www.instagram.com/scotsofrou). She also reported that she is stepping down as Social Media Commissioner to focus on finishing her undergraduate degree over the Summer. As such, there is a need for someone to be designated as Admin for the SSL Facebook page."

Director of Kirkings-Judy: Strathmoor Presbyterian Church has invited the Scottish Society of Louisville to a Kirking on June 8<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday. All are welcome, but please let me know of your attendance. We have about 20 members attending, some are walking in the Processional/Recessional, and others are sitting with us. A reception in the gym will follow. The church is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in September, but engaging in a variety of events throughout the year.

Newsletter Editor-Linda: No Report.

Membership-Kim: Absent.

Hospitality-Anne: No Report.

Respectfully Submitted, Judy Stubbs

## ***2025 Upcoming Celtic & Other Events by Regional Celtic Commissioner Steve Shetter Jr.***

- June 12<sup>th</sup> CCUM's Twilight Market on Thursday (this is the church where we have our member meetings); the market will be held outside on the church grounds from 5:00 to 8:00pm. There will be farmers, artists, live music, food and more. The SSL will assist folks with questions about their possible Scottish heritage.
- June 26th The Battle of Bannockburn presented by the Scottish Rite in Louisville, KY. Check with Steve Shetter, Jr. if you have any questions or need more details.  
[sshetterjr@netzero.com](mailto:sshetterjr@netzero.com)
- June 27th-28th Ohio Scottish Games and Highland Festival, Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, Middleburgh Heights, OH (south of Cleveland). Children under 10 free, other information available online at [ohioscottishgames.com](http://ohioscottishgames.com).
- July 10th-13th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, NC. Detailed information available online for tickets, camping, parking, events, etc. at [gmhg.org](http://gmhg.org).
- July 19th-20th Kentucky Renfaire in Eminence, KY; 955 Elm Street, HWY 22, Eminence, KY. Children 5 and under free. Other information available online at [kyrenfaire.com](http://kyrenfaire.com).
- September 13th-14th Columbus, IN Highland Games, Bartholomew County Fairgrounds, 750 W 200 S, Columbus, IN 47201. Children 4 and under free. Other information available online at [scottishfestival.org](http://scottishfestival.org).
- September 20th-21st Central Kentucky Highland Games. 955 Elm Street, HWY 22, Eminence, KY, children under 5 free. Other information at [kyrenfaire.com](http://kyrenfaire.com).
- October 11th-12th Ohio Renaissance Fair and Highland Games; 10542 OH 73, Waynesville, OH 45068. Support animals allowed, no pets. Date-specific tickets, must be ordered online at [renfestival.com](http://renfestival.com).
- October 17-19th Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival, at Stone Mountain State Park, Georgia. For detailed information check online at [smhg.org](http://smhg.org).

As noted above, more detailed information about service dogs, ticket prices, parking fees, early registration, gate fees, camping fees, area hotels, special events, maps and so on is available at the included web sites and email addresses.





## Southern KY Highland Games 2025 from Robbin Goodin



Grand Victoria Inn



Porch-picking with Doon the Brae and  
Jacobites By Name







Athletics






# JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 SSL Board Meeting 	11	12 CCUM Twilight Market	13	14 Flag Day 
15 <i>Happy Father's Day!</i>	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20 First Day of Summer 	21
22	23	24 SSL Member Meeting 	25	26 Bannock-burn at Scottish Rite	27 Ohio Scottish Games	28 Ohio Scottish Games
29	30					

# July 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 	5
6	7	8 SSL Board Meeting 	9	10 Grandfather Mt Highland Games 10-13th	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 KY Renfaire, Eminence, KY 19-20th
20	21	22 SSL Member Meeting 	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		