

# The Scottish Society of Louisville

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Spring is Coming!

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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.



# **President's Message**



Greetings Scottish Society of Louisville,

March already! Wasn't Christmas just a couple weeks ago? Ah, but now it's spring time in the Ohio Valley and there are lots of events for the SSL to pre-

pare for.

But for a quick moment I want to speak to the purpose of our organization. We are a 501 c 3 dedicated to enriching the cultural lives of members and the community by offering exposure to Scottish heritage. This also means we have certain responsibilities to the State of KY and the IRS. According to our Charter we will hold elections at our March meeting. The positions that are open are **President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer**. If you have enjoyed our events, programs and fellowship in the past please consider helping our Society to continue. We literally cannot continue without officers. The newly elected officers will take control of the Society at the April monthly meeting. Any previous officers will help guide you into your new position. You **WILL NOT** be on your own. Fellowship is a huge part of who we are.

I look forward to seeing all new and existing members at the March program/elections.

Respectfully, Gary Schweitzer,

President



- 1. Check out our Facebook page for any information about upcoming events.
- 2. Name of the SSL Facebook group "The Scottish Society of Louisville"
- 3. Our website can be found at scotsoflou.com.
- 4. To submit an announcement, article, etc. to the newsletter, please email to our news letter editor, Linda Wilson, at 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.
- 5. Dues are due on the anniversary of the date they were paid. Please pay your dues to the Treasurer, Cheri Eskridge, pay online on the SSL website, or mail to Scottish Society of Louisville, PO Box 34758, Louisville, KY 40232.

# **Updated 2025 SSL Programs**

March – Scotland trip presentation: By Robbin and Steve Goodin

April – University of Glasgow, Chasing the Jacobite Dream: Jacobite medals in the Hunterian Collection (YouTube video)

May – Love Scotland Stories of Scotland's History – Bruce's Gamble: Robert the Bruce V Henry De Bohun (podcast)

July – Kerry Overfelt, Athletic Trainer: Athletics judge for Scottish Highland Games

August – Dinner and a Movie – (Stone of Destiny)

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

# **March Presentation Information**

March is a presentation by SSL members Steve & Robbin Goodin of their recent trip to Scotland.



#### **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 April 29<sup>th</sup>, 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!



# Kirking at Ascension Lutheran Church, Louisville, KY

Our next Kirking will be April 15 at Ascension Lutheran Church in Louisville. Members may carry flags in the Processional or may participate by sitting in the audience with the members of the church.

Check with Judy Stubbs for details or to sign up to go to the Kirking; her email is j.stubbs100@gmail.com.

# February Membership Meeting by Judy Stubbs

The President of The Scottish Society of Louisville opened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed all. There were 31 people present, and 6 visitors.

#### President Gary's announcements:

Gary announced that Tartan Day, April 6, is recognized as a national day, and asked Robbin if she would talk about it as we have several visitors.

Gary announced that he had asked, last month, for membership to let him know what was great and what could be improved about the Burns Night Dinner. He has 8 responses and the paper is with him to look at. He emphasized that many were great comments!

Gary asked the Officers to stand and explain a bit about our job description as elections for these positions will be held next month: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. He also talked about the Heritage Fund (Scholarships) and what the five members do to run this event. He announced that we have one person who is running for President, and we need others to volunteer for the other three Officer positions.

<u>Vice-President Robbin</u>: She explained her job role for our upcoming Elections. She announced that discussions are happening on how the Society will celebrate Tartan Day this year.

<u>Secretary Judy</u>: She explained her job role for our upcoming Elections.

<u>Director of Kirkings Judy</u>: Sign-up sheets are being distributed for the Kirking at Ascension Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 15.

<u>Treasurer Cheri</u>: She explained her job role for our upcoming Elections.

Regional Celtic Commissioner Steve: No Report

Social Media Commissioner Erika: Absent

Membership Commissioner Kim: No Report

Member-At-Large Commissioner Kim: No Report

**Hospitality Commissioner Anne: No Report** 

Intermission: Snacks and soft drinks are available.

<u>Program Intro and PowerPoint Title</u>: Love Is in The Air: The History of Handfasting – Guest Speaker, Mindy McIntosh-Shetter "Scottish Fable or Scottish Fact."

Respectfully Submitted, Judy Stubbs-Secretary







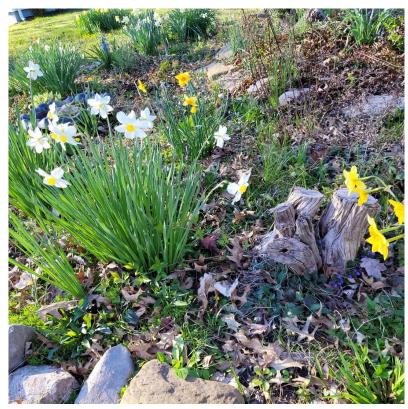
"Some shots from our trip to Cayman Brac last week. Top picture is John, his sister Maureen, her son Lance, me, our Chelsey Maureen and Lance's wife Kathleen. Weather was GREAT!"

Dorothy Scott, Facebook post



This is a Facebook post from our SSL members, John and Dorothy Scott. Please send in moments like this for us to share with our members! VERY welcome this time of year.

Anyone going to marvelous places is welcome to share their joy with the less fortunate (all the rest of us). Thank you, John and Dot!



Keep hope alive, spring is coming soon!

# March 2025 St. Patrick's Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7	8 Daylight Savings Time
9	10	SSL Board Meeting	12	13	14	15 Kirking @ Ascension Lutheran Church
16	17 Nappy St. Patricks	18	19	1st Day of	21	22
23	24	25 SSL Member Meeting	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	SSL Board Meeting	9	10	11	12 Passover begins
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
Easter Sunday	21	SSL Member Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			