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Our new SSL President, Cheri Eskridge

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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***

Welcome to our new SSL president, Cheri Eskridge! Make sure to meet her, she is a lovely person in every way. Cheri has been the SSL Treasurer for several years and did a great job. Those of us who know her are sure she will be a fine president as well.

Congratulations, Cheri.

## **Dues Reminder** Kimara Wilhite, Membership Commissioner

Just a reminder that the Scottish Society of Louisville's membership dues were payable again as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not done so yet, please proceed to the web site and use our new system. It will automate everything for us by creating an account for you, and then renewing your membership automatically each year! An account will be created for lifetime members later.

The payment processes through Paypal. If you do not have a Paypal account, you may also use a credit card. You will have to enter your information and create a password. This gives permissions for the payment to come to the SSL via your card and Paypal.

Ongoing memberships will renew on the date that you created your online account and paid via the automated system.

Membership link: <https://scotsoflou.com/membership/>

## ***Member Reminders***

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](https://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***

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

June —

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

## ***May Presentation Information***

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

## **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!



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

President Gary's Opening Statement was that everyone is welcomed to a meeting of the Scottish Society of Louisville, and welcomes everyone to bring a friend. There were 28 members present; no visitors, and no new members present. He read a statement about what The Scottish Society of Louisville is all about, and then called on the names of the new Officers who were elected as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer for their Installation by reading the Preamble to Oaths of Office, and the Oath to Office. Afterwards, he turned the gavel over to our New President, Cheri.

New President Cheri reported that as the former Treasurer she has an announcement regarding our P.O. Box- "that we are having issues with it, and to please email her if your mail is returned. She then asked if anyone here has been having difficulty with the mail from our new P.O. Box Number." She then "called on the names of the new Officers who were elected as President, Vice-President, and Secretary for their Installation."

## ***April Membership Meeting, cont.***

Former Vice-President Robbin reminded everyone “to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday dinner FUNd raiser next week and to sign up that you’re attending. It will be at Smashburger. We’ll get 20% of the total days take from our Scottish Society eaters.”

Secretary-Judy reported on the event to celebrate National Tartan Day, on Sunday, April 6. We were invited to Shiloh Methodist Church for a luncheon after the worship service. 12 members had signed up, but due to the bad storms we only had 5 members attend. Judy presented a PowerPoint Presentation as the program on Scottish Contributions to America. One of our members, who is a member of this Church, displayed her personal Scottish collection of cherished items. Past-President Pat loaned out her KY Tartan, that she and another Past-President, Rupert, were the co-creators of it in 2000. April 6, 2025 was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the KY Tartan. The House of the KY Government delivered a Proclamation of the Tartan’s existence. A round of applause was given to Pat for her creative work. Members of the Church made several items of food, and some of the meat was made and delivered by The Celtic Pig’s owner, Melissa Ingram. This reception was outstanding, and it was an awesome way to celebrate National Tartan Day.

Kirking Director-Judy reported that we have been invited to attend a Kirking service of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Strathmoor Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 8, with a reception to follow. She distributed a sign-up sheet for those wanting to process in with their own Clan Tartans, or to carry one the belongs to the Society, or if they want to attend, but sit in the congregation. She announced that many members are showing up to attend these functions.

Program/Education GM Meetings-Mindy gave a brief report of what the programs will be for April, May & June:

“April’s GM Meeting is a Video from the University of Glasgow, titled: “Chasing the Jacobite Dream: Jacobite Medals in the Hunterian Collection.” Take a walk down Scottish history with Jesper Ericsson, a Numismatics specialist, from the University of Glasgow.

May’s GM Meeting 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.

June’s GM Meeting is a Live Zoom Presentation, by 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

## ***April Membership Meeting, cont.***

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*.”

“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.”

Newsletter Editor-Linda was absent.

Regional Games & Festivals-Steve listed the Celtic events for 2025:

“April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Celtic weekend at Southern Indiana REN Fair in Seymour, IN and gave the driving directions. May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Smoky Mountain Scottish Highland Games, Georgia. 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> & 20<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Renfaire in Eminence, KY. September 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> KY Highland Games. October 17<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> Stone Mountain Highland Games, Georgia.”

Social Media-Erica was absent.

Membership-Kim reported “that we only have 9 people who have renewed their membership online to date. She would like to have Erika post something on social media with the link to process the renewal. She will provide the info for her. Also, probably need for Linda to send out a reminder email with the information also. She will follow up with Cheri with the new Treasurer to see if any other checks have arrived via US mail.”

Hospitality-Anne had no report.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy Stubbs  
SSL Secretary

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES – UPDATES and NEWS!!

**Lifetime Members:** I will be manually adding you to the database in the near future. Since you won't be paying yearly, it needs to be done differently. But we want you to have a login as in the future things will be added to the web site that will be for members only.

We have tested out the new system, and it is working properly. But if you have any questions, or need help please reach out to the Membership Commissioner, Kimara Wilhite at [kimarawilhite@yahoo.com](mailto:kimarawilhite@yahoo.com).

You may create your new login and account as of today! We appreciate you taking the time to make things run smoother for all in the SSL, and to help bring us into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!



As you know we are an all-volunteer organization dependent on our annual dues to pay our regular expenses. The Board strives to bring interesting events to the members based on our shared purpose of enriching and preserving Scottish Heritage and fostering pride in all things Scottish. Some of our fixed expenses are:

PO. Box, Insurance, Meeting and Storage Rental, Electronic Services, Bank Fees along with Printing, Postage and Hospitality Expenses.

Please be attentive to this request as the **Society** depends on **YOU!** Dues may be paid online through the website [www.scotsoflou.com](http://www.scotsoflou.com) or a check to the **PO Box 34758 Louisville, KY40232**

**\$ 25.00 Single   \$40.00 Family**





## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES – UPDATES and NEWS!!

There are some new and exciting changes regarding how the membership is managed and tracked. In the past everything has been done manually, with spreadsheets. As you can imagine, this gets very cumbersome. Also, when the leadership changes for the Membership Commissioner role, it can be difficult to pick up where the other person left off. For the last few months, a team has been working on additions and changes to our web site. Specifically for membership.

Ongoing, when you go to the “Become a Member” link it will look a bit different. Most of you have been using this yearly to renew your memberships. Now when you click on the link, it will bring up the membership levels for you to choose from. Once you click on that, there are boxes for you to create a login username and password. Also populate your name, address, phone and Clan affiliation. Then you will click on the Paypal button as usual. What is different? Well, you will now be in the database of our web site, along with all your information. Also, your membership will **AUTO RENEW every year**, one year from your payment date in the web site. If at any time you want to cancel, you would do that via your “subscriptions” in your Paypal. This will make it so much easier to keep track of your membership, and make sure that everyone is on the mailing lists.

**Please make note of your username and password.** You will need them at some point in the future, as there will be a members login button, along with members only information on the web site. Work in progress to add value to your membership.

If you joined between Jan. 1, 2025 and now, your renewal will be due in 2026. You will need to follow the instructions above by April 1, 2026.

I know that some of you will want to continue to pay by check. But we do encourage you to use this new system, as the old method is very cumbersome and time consuming. If you pay by check your dues will continue to be due on April 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

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

May 7th-18th	Smoky Mountains Scottish Highland Games; Townsend Festival and Visitor's Center, 7906 East Lamar Alexander Parkway, Townsend, Tenn 37882. Children 15 and under free. Other information available online at <a href="http://smokymountaingames.org">smokymountaingames.org</a> .
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 <a href="http://ohioscottishgames.com">ohioscottishgames.com</a> .
July 10th-13th	Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, NC. Detailed information available online for tickets, camping, parking, events, etc. at <a href="http://gmhg.org">gmhg.org</a> .
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 <a href="http://kyrenfaire.com">kyrenfaire.com</a> .
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 <a href="http://scottishfestival.org">scottishfestival.org</a> .
September 20th-21st	Central Kentucky Highland Games. 955 Elm Street, HWY 22, Eminence, KY, children under 5 free. Other information at <a href="http://kyrenfaire.com">kyrenfaire.com</a> .
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 <a href="http://renfestival.com">renfestival.com</a> .
October 17-19th	Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival, at Stone Mountain State Park, Georgia. For detailed information check online at <a href="http://smhg.org">smhg.org</a> .

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 email addresses.

2024 Central Kentucky Highland  
Games at Eminence, KY



# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Smoky Mountains Scottish Highland Games	8	9	10
11 HAPPY Mother's DAY 	12	13 SSL Board Meeting 	14	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day 	27 SSL Member Meeting 	28	29	30	31 S. Ky Highland Games

# JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 SSL Board Meeting 	11	12	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	27 Ohio Scottish Games	28 Ohio Scottish Games
29	30					