



The Rampant Line



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President's Message



Hello All,

Well it's December already and we are gearing up for a fun-packed month. Tartan Night with Norm Campbell, our Christmas Pot Luck/General Meeting Dinner, the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m. where we will have a beautiful float (Cliff's convertible), our Christmas Lamp Post at Douglas and Main, and finally, Hogmanay.

Our first Tartan Night in November was well attended and I was delighted to see so many of our members sporting the plaid. Well Done. Let's keep this tradition going by remembering to wear something tartan every First Friday. Norm Campbell's music had people up on their feet dancing, smiling, singing and laughing. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces. Dale Horn has been running our regular Friday Night music and has done a great job.

For those of you who were unable to attend our St. Andrew's Dinner I'd like you to know you were sorely missed. The food was delicious and the entertainers put on amazing performances. Our guest speaker was Alan McHale who is the President of the Dunedin Highland Games and Celtic Festival committee. He told me that speaking of Scotland was one of the easiest things he could be asked to do and he did just that from his heart. We need your support by attending our functions and showing Dunedin that we are a vital organization. I'd like to thank all the ladies who helped me on the day of the dinner.

I look forward to seeing more of our friends as they ski-doo in from the North. Santa will be heading here also and I have asked him to bring as many of my Northern friends down as possible to fulfill my Christmas Wish. A Very Merry Christmas to All my friends present and distant. My heart is with you.

Please give thanks to Denise who has once again put together a fabulous Newsletter. And remember to thank the Board Members and the Committees that help keep the Scottish American Society the great organization it is.



Diane



Dunedin Christmas Parade

The Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, December 13th beginning at 4:00 p.m. The route will be Douglas Ave from Beltrees to Monroe. Come out and cheer on the Scottish American Society delegation. They will be decked out in tartan following our float, (aka Cliff's convertible). While you're out and about in the downtown area, don't forget to check out the Scottish American Society's decorated lamp post, located at Douglas & Main.

Annual Christmas Food Bank Drive

We will again be collecting non-perishable goods for those less fortunate than ourselves this holiday season. Bags may be placed under the Christmas tree now up at the hall.



Christmas Pot Luck



Tuesday, December 9th

\$5.00 per person
Bring a dish to pass.
Chicken will be supplied
Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Tartan Night



Friday December 5th will be Tartan Night. It was nice to see so many of the attendees decked out in their tartan last month, showing their Scottish pride. Let's do it again this month



Friday Nighters

Friday Nighters are back in full swing with live music every other week. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the fun begins at 7:00 p.m. Cost for Members is only \$3.00 and Non-members are \$5.00

Annual Burns Supper

Saturday, January 24th, 2014.
Information in January Newsletter.
Tickets will be available shortly, to purchase tickets please contact Stewart Nicholson at (727) 584-4963



Get well wishes go out to Angus McKenzie up in Long Island who is recuperating from an eye operation. As well as Flora Phee who took a wee tumble and is still in rehab. Hope you're both well on the way to recovery!



New Member

Bob Cameron

Exercise & Socialize!
Line Dancing with Dee Tuesday mornings from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the SAS Hall. \$3.00 Donation.



Christmas Tree Ornaments



Thanks to those who have donated ornaments for the Christmas Tree. It's set up now and gives the hall a warm and holiday glow. Thanks also to those who set it up and decorated it so nicely.

Walkway Pavers

Response has been outstanding but we are still in need of a few more stones. The cost is \$4.00 per stone. These stones will replace the grass at the front of the building for a safer and much cleaner look to our property. Those interested in donating please contact either Diane Burke or Ken Giesow.

Condolences



Our deepest sympathies go out to the families of Nancy Wiegman and John Barrett both of whom passed away on Saturday, November 22nd.

Nancy's passing came as quite a shock to many as it was only the previous night she had been in fine form at the Friday Nighters. Her bubbly personality will be dearly missed.

John had been in declining health for some time and passed away at home in London, Ontario. How fortunate he was to have Nettie and his children Jean & John, at his side to take care of him.



Wednesday, December 31st, 2014.

Doors Open at 8:00 p.m.

\$10.00 Members

\$12.00 Non Members

Table Hors'Oeuvres

Entertainment by Duncan McKenzie



Mark Your Calendar & Save The Date

Tampa Bay Downs Horse Racing – Saturday, February 14th

Derby Lane Dog Racing – Saturday, March 21st

Tickets will be available in the new year.
Contact Ima Boyle (727) 733-7317



S.A.S. MEMBERSHIP



2015 Annual Memberships will take effect on January 1st and will expire on December 31st.

As a member you will enjoy a discounted rate for all socials/events, and also receive the monthly newsletters.

Memberships not renewed by the end of January will result in Non-member status

Renew your membership early.
Show your commitment and support of YOUR club.

Yearly and Life Memberships available.

To purchase yours please contact our Membership Secretary,
Ron Phillips (727) 738-8161



The family of Nancy (Ann) Wiegman will be holding a "Celebration of Life" on Saturday, December 13th at 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Scottish American Society, 917 Loudon Ave.

All are invited to attend and are most welcome to share their memories. Light lunch to follow.

Editor's Corner

It's never easy to report that one of our members has passed away, let alone two. Especially difficult when it involves good friends. Nancy was part of the wee group that sat at our table. I use the term 'sat' very loosely as she spent more time socializing around the hall and dancing. Mum called to say that Nancy had been taken to hospital then just a few hours later called again to say she had died. Nancy along with Betty Green, Mum and I had only just weeks prior spent a lovely afternoon together. I'll tuck that memory away now to treasure always. Within a few days I was informed that John Barret had also passed away. I hadn't met John but Nettie is another regular at our table. She hasn't been south in a bit, choosing instead to be home with John when he needed her most. I don't imagine it's been an easy road travelled but in the end a rewarding one, knowing you gave your all. So in closing, never pass up the opportunity to give your friends a hug and let them know how much their friendship means . . . it might just be your last chance. So having said that, I'm sending you all a Big Hug and wishing you a safe and joyous, Merry Christmas in the company of loved ones!



. Denise

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Friday Nighters 7:00 p.m. Tartan Night Norm	6
7	8	9 Christmas Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 p.m.	10	11	12 Friday Nighters 7:00 p.m.	13 Christmas Parade 4:00 p.m.
14	15	16 Board Meeting 3:00 pm	17	18	19 Friday Nighters 7:00 p.m. DunCan	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day No Friday Nighters	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve Hogmanay DunCan			

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