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President's Corner, November 2017 – Dec. 3

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are ready for the non-stop holiday season (which here in New Orleans lasts from now until Mardi Gras!).

The Board of Directors met last month and we discussed many different things, including some changes in the tri-centennial/Tartan Day plans (detailed later) and program ideas for the spring. Work is coming along on Burns Night (thank you, Virginia, Wendy & Lance!) and invitations will be coming soon. See Christmas party plans under "Upcoming..." a bit further on in this newsletter.

The November meeting was all that we expected, as member Dr. Connie Rodriguez led us on a merry romp through the Black Isles once again! It was incredible to see the progress that has been made and the plans for the future for the sites that Connie has worked on. And guess where she was at last notice??? Edinburgh visiting Greyfriars Bobby! Seems she can't get enough of that magical land called Scotland! Another program in the offing, perhaps???? We'd love it! Thanks once more to all who brought food offerings. Beverly, it's your turn to share your eggnog pralines recipe and John Mullane, we're still waiting for the recipe of your incredible vegetables! Derek and Myra, thanks for all your help with Medicare Plan information! They will continue to offer help with Medicare at each meeting or you can call them for help and advice.

We hope to see many of you at the annual Christmas gathering on Sunday, December 10th from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Christopher Room in Lakeview. See details below. And for those of you we won't see,

Hae a 'Blithe Yule'! Christyn

Dues are Due!:

Our fiscal year runs from September to June, so dues are now overdue. Family membership is \$25, single membership is \$20, and full-time college students below the age of 26 may join for \$10. Send dues to Treasurer Louis Greer at 747 West William David Parkway, Metairie, LA 70005. You can also pay at the upcoming Christmas party if you'd like. Thanks to all who have already paid.

Upcoming Scheduled CSoNO Meetings / Events:

Sunday, December 10, 2017 – Christmas Party:

4:00-6:00 PM at the Christopher Room located at 6254 Vicksburg Street. For a bit of a different twist, our traditional pot-luck dinner will have salad, sides, entrees, and breads brought by the members. For dessert, we'll have a cookie exchange. Everyone bring two dozen of your favorite cookies or dessert bars, homemade or bought, and we'll exchange half of them with each other, with the surplus going to some special kids. Also, please bring about 6-8 Christmas cards and we'll have a card signing – those cards will be taken to the Veteran's Home in Reserve. The Society will provide the liquid libation and all the dining materials, you bring the food and cookies and be ready for some Christmas cheer!

Saturday, January 20, 2018 – Burns Night

Dinner: Plans are progressing for the great night at the Southern Yacht Club – keep an eye out for your invitation and please observe the reservation deadline. We'll have dining, dancing, toasts, speeches, and a haggis, all to the rhythm of The New Orleans Strathspey and Reel Society. Mark your calendars!!! (Due to Burns Night, there will not be a January General Meeting.)

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – Monthly Meeting:

7:00-9:00 PM at the Christopher Room located at 6254 Vicksburg Street. Program: TBD

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 – Monthly Meeting:

7:00-9:00 PM at the Christopher Room located at 6254 Vicksburg Street. Program: TBD
Nominating committee to be formed this month.

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 – Monthly Meeting:

7:00-9:00 PM at the Christopher Room located at 6254 Vicksburg Street. Program: Dress rehearsal for Tartan Day Presentation
Nominating committee presents slate of officers for 2018-20.

Sunday, April 29, 2018 – Special Presentation:

Tartan Day performance at Trinity Episcopal Church located at 1329 Jackson Avenue. More details forthcoming in the new year!

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 – Monthly Meeting:
7:00-9:00 PM at the Christopher Room located at
6254 Vicksburg Street. Program: Treasurer Louis
Greer will present “Musicians of Scottish Descent”
Annual General Meeting and Election

The Caledonian Society of Baton Rouge has many
exciting events for the fall. Check out their website
at: www.csbr.org

Member and Society News

If you have any member news to include in
the newsletter, please let Christyn Elliott know at her
e-mail address or home phone number.

Welcome to New Member

We met Robert Young at our tent during the
La. Highland Games & Celtic Festival, and then saw
him again at the Highlands & Islands, where he was
manning the MacGregor tent. We were thrilled to
accept the application from him and his wife Cathy
Willis and are so happy to welcome them to the
CSoNO. They live in Hattiesburg, MS and claim
Clans Gregor and Young. Areas of interest are
Genealogy/DNA and Travel. *Ceud mìle fàilte!*

Membership Directory, Newsletter and Website

The membership directory was sent out to all
members either by e-mail or post. Please continue to
update it as notices are given. **This directory is for
our use only**, so please do not share it with any other
people or organizations!

CSoNO members receive the newsletter by e-
mail or post. A complimentary e-mail newsletter is
sent to interested non-members. If you would like
anyone to receive it please send their contact infor-
mation to me for inclusion in the courtesy e-mail
group.

The Society has an excellent website
maintained by Scott Bond. Be sure to take a look!

Committees

If you are interested in any of these activities or have
information for them, contact the following:

Membership: Wayne Gordon

Website: Scott Bond

Sunshine: Vilma Pinero

Publicity: Cathie Groh-Tamasi/Ren Alexander

CCCC Movie Group: Louie Greer

Refreshments: T. Diemer/Trudy Burkart

Other Upcoming Events

Scottish Country Dancing – held at Carrollton
United Methodist Church at Freret and S. Carrollton
on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM. Contact Wendy
Grubb at (504) 866-2220 or wgrubb52@gmail.com.