



President's Corner, March 2017 – April 7

Tartan Day was yesterday, and I wish I hadn't been working so that I could have celebrated it in a proper way. But I'm sure many of you did, so please share that with us at the next meeting!

Our March 21st meeting was just wonderful as our good friend Connie Rodriguez presented an excellent program on three historic sites related to the Urquhart family on the Black Isle (which we found out is really a peninsula!). She had a marvelous time working on the archaeology sites there and can't wait to go back. We would love to go with her after seeing all of the fascinating things she shared through her media show and lecture. Many of Connie's friends and associates attended, as well as some students from Dominican High School, so we were delighted with the company and attendance. There was an amazing spread of delicious refreshments, and we thank all of you who contributed to that. A thank-you gift of 4 picture coasters containing pictures of Castle Craig, Kirkmichael, Cullicudden and "little Scotch" (barley) was given to Connie the following week in appreciation for her presentation.

Many thanks go to T. Diemer for arranging with the East Bank Regional Branch of the Jefferson Parish Library on W. Napoleon Ave. for us to use a display case and four tables for our annual Tartan Day set-up. Cynthia & Hank Parham, T., Virginia Dowager Urquhart of Urquhart, Glenn Raby, Michael and I brought various items and while Virginia, Cynthia and I filled the case, the guys set up the project boards and Hank took some great pictures (I'll send them to Scott for the website). Sally Rice and T. have been keeping the table supplied with information pamphlets and membership applications. It's a nice display and we hope you get by to see it. We will take it down the week before Easter. The display case is in the entry foyer and the project boards are to the left as you enter into the main library room.

Our April meeting will have a change in location so be sure that you read the information about it in the next section. If you know of anyone who was planning to attend, PLEASE let them know about the change. We are really excited to

have Mark Romig come to talk to us about the city's tri-centennial celebration plans. The CSO NO is indebted to Connie Rodriguez for arranging for us to have use of the lecture room she uses for her AIA meetings at Loyola after The Christopher Room became unavailable due to a KC event on the same evening as our meeting. Thanks to others who offered to help find a location. Your suggestions were greatly appreciated.

Hae a guid day! Christyn

Upcoming Scheduled CSO NO Meetings / Events:

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – Regular Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM **NOTE LOCATION CHANGE:**

The meeting will be held in the Whitney Bank Presentation Room located on the first floor of Thomas Hall on the campus of Loyola University, 6363 St. Charles Avenue. There will be free parking in the Horse Shoe (next to Thomas Hall) and in the West Road Garage for everyone in attendance. Campus maps can be found at this link: <http://www.loyno.edu/jump/about/visitors/map-loyola.php> No refreshments will be served at this meeting as the room cannot accommodate that.

Program: Mark Romig, President and CEO of the New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation, will talk to the Society and guests about the upcoming Tri-centennial celebrations planned for New Orleans in 2018. Now's your chance to find out what is planned for the big event and perhaps where we as a Society can help make the city more aware of Scottish contributions to the growth and development of the city.

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 – Annual Business Meeting: 7:00 PM at The Christopher Room. If you have any items to present, please let a Board Member know. **Program:** TBD – we hope to have a presentation on genealogy/DNA resources.

Saturday, June 3, 2017 – End-of-Year Party – 11:00 AM–2:00 PM at Michael & Christyn Elliott's home in Bush. Virginia has been checking into hiring an air-conditioned school bus – if we can get 25 people to commit to riding, it will cost @ \$15 each to ride the bus from Lakeside Shopping Center

to Bush. If you are interested, you MUST let her know by the end of April either through e-mail or phone (see her entry in your directory). If we don't get enough people by then, we'll try arranging carpooling. Just FYI, it is 48 miles from Lakeside Shopping Center to our house in Bush, so those of you who feel you are traveling to the ends of the earth, please be assured that it is not a journey requiring an overnight stay. We make the trip in reverse all the time, sometimes twice in one day, so we are confident you can too!

Member and Society News

If you have any family news you would like to share, please give Christyn a call at (985) 886-5502 or send her an e-mail at mje.cmr@att.net. Both members who had surgery this past week have done well (an e-mail notice was sent last week).

According to her grand-daughter Brandi, Margaret Lott had her heart surgery, and is still in a great deal of pain, but is recovering. Thank you for your prayers and please continue to keep her in your thoughts as she awaits biopsy results.

John Urquhart came through his intercranial/facial surgery with flying colors and his doctors were very pleased with how well the surgery went. He will have a long recovery, but is already sitting up and walking. If things continue to go as planned, he may be able to go home tomorrow (Saturday). Please keep him and Virginia in your thoughts as they work to ensure he makes a complete recovery.

Sunshine Chair Vilma Pinero took a nasty fall in March and is now recovering, so we wish her the best and thank her for her service as she sent cards to both Margaret and John while in need of some cheering up herself!

Newsletter, Website and Membership Directory

CSoNO members receive the newsletter by e-mail or post. A complimentary e-mail newsletter is also sent to non-members who have expressed an interest, so if you know of someone who would be interested in receiving our newsletter by e-mail, please send their information to me for inclusion in the courtesy e-mail group. All mass e-mails are sent to recipients "bcc" for privacy.

The Society has an excellent website which includes the newsletter. Be sure to take a look!

As they occur, updates to the directory will be sent by e-mail and post to members only. **This directory is for our use only**, so please do not share it with any other people or organizations!

Committees

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

Membership: we will need a volunteer to take over for Sally Rice (see below)

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

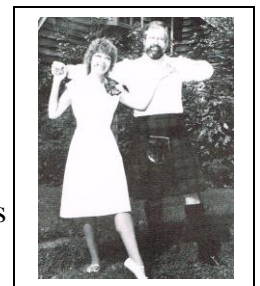
Scottish Country Dancing – is continuing at Carrollton United Methodist Church at Freret and S. Carrollton on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM. Contact Wendy Grubb at wgrubb52@gmail.com or (504) 866-2220 for up-dates in April and May – there will be NO dancing on Good Friday.

New Orleans Strathspey & Reel Society – The group plays at the Irish House and other venues, so if you want to catch a set, contact leader Jim Gunter at nosrs_08@yahoo.com for more information.

Caledonian Society of Baton Rouge – For upcoming Spring, 2017 events go to <http://csbr.org> or address inquiries to CSBR's secretary Janice Wise at jirvingwise@gmail.com.

Baton Rouge Scottish Country Dance Group – Monday nights from 7-9 PM at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, 9340 Florida Blvd. in BR. Contact instructors Morgan McGlone (225-803-7021) or James Mungall (225-278-1577) or email at TBRSCD@gmail.com.

Blast from the Past: Anyone recognize this lovely dancing couple???



The people in the picture in last month's newsletter are members Sally and (the late) Don Rice, who were featured in a program for the Liberty (NY) International Festival & Exposition in 1984. (I did not know that Don was an SC dancer as well!). Sally has given us the news that she will move back to Ohio at the end of April. We will miss her terribly, especially at Scottish Country Dance classes, but know she will enjoy being closer to family. Sally has been such a supportive and active member of the Caledonian Society, and we are so grateful for her company and friendship. We wish her Godspeed on this new adventure.