



President's Corner, January 2018 – January 7

Happy New Year! I hope you had a blessed Christmas Season and greeted the New Year with hope and joy. It's hard to believe that we are now in 2018. I'm watching (again) "New Orleans: The First 300 Years" while writing this, and after talking about it for so long, our tri-centennial year is finally here! To honor the contributions of Scots to our city, our Society will present a program of Scottish music and dance in April. More on that later on.

Burns Night is upon us, and the stated deadline is January 8th for reservations, which were mailed out in December. I hope you have sent yours in. If not, check with Wendy Grubb to see if there is any space left. We will descend on the Southern Yacht Club on January 20th at 7:00 PM for the festivities and it will be a grand night! Thank you to Wendy and Virginia, Dowager Urquhart of Urquhart for all their hard work in organizing this function.

We had a wonderful Christmas meeting in December, with lots of merrymaking. After a delicious repast of magnificent food brought by all members, we took time for a sweet treat! White paper bags were distributed, and we got to cruise the sweets table to take a variety of goodies home as well as eat them on the spot. The cookies brought for donation were delivered by Bob Grubb to Ozanam Inn for the enjoyment of the guests there (for those of you who heard Derek Ewart's impromptu talk on Scotsman turned New Orleanian Stephen Henderson, you know that Ozanam Inn was started by his efforts – we think Stephen would have been proud of our efforts to bring a little joy into the hearts of those taking refuge there). After that, we signed over 180 Christmas cards, which I mailed to the Veterans Home in Reserve to be distributed to the residents there. We hope the cards brought some joy of the season to those deserving veterans. Thank you to all who took place in both the cookie donation and Christmas card project.

We look forward to our 44th Annual Burns Night on January 20th. Remember that we will not have a meeting in January, resuming our general meetings in February.

Hae a guid New Year! Christyn

Dues are OVERDUE!:

Our fiscal year runs from September to June, so dues are now overdue. An updated list from Treasurer Louis Greer is attached to the newsletter e-mail or included with the posted newsletter. Family membership: \$25, single membership: \$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. Thanks to those who have already paid.

Upcoming Scheduled CSoNO Meetings / Events:

Saturday, January 20, 2018 – Burns Night Dinner: 7:00 PM is the cocktail kick-off hour at the Southern Yacht Club. All information is on the invitations, which were mailed in December and the deadline for reservations is January 8th. Wendy Grubb is handling the reservations while Virginia, Dowager Urquhart of Urquhart is making all the arrangements. Please contact one of these two ladies if you have any questions. It's going to be a lovely night and we look forward to seeing all of you there!

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – Monthly Meeting: 7:00-9:00 PM at the Christopher Room located at 6254 Vicksburg Street. Program: Member Glenn Raby will draw on his many years of professional and hobbyist experience to present a program on the geologic and fossil make-up of Scotland. Come find out why Glenn was the guide of choice for visitors to Chimney Rock Archaeological Site when he supervised it for the San Juan National Forest.

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. We need volunteers who are familiar with the membership to consider serving on this very important committee.

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

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.

Membership directory information for new members Rob Young & Cathy Willis, who were greeted in last month’s newsletter, will be included in this e-mail or post at the bottom of the paid membership list attachment or included page. Please be sure to add it to your directory.

Flowers of the Forest

We offer our deepest condolence to Cynthia Parham on the passing of her beloved Hank on New Year’s Eve. Cynthia and Hank have been long-time members of the Society and have contributed so much to all of the various activities from baking for the St. Andrew’s Tea, helping to set up and decorate at countless events, and lending an air of elegance and authenticity in their many different period costumes. Hank’s dry wit and delicious shortbread cookies will be sorely missed. It is impossible to sum up the excellence of life this wonderful husband and father of three brought to our world, and we ask for your prayers and thoughts to his family as they bid him goodbye. You may read his obituary and sign the guest book at:

<http://obits.al.com/obituaries/mobile/obituary.aspx?n=henry-clay-parham&pid=187727837>

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 information to me for inclusion in the courtesy e-mail group.

The Society has an excellent website maintained by Scott Bond. He does an amazing job, so 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.

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

T. Diemer sent word that the San Sepulchro Flag Tossers from Italy will perform at East Bank Regional Library on West Napoleon on Wednesday, January 10. I’m not sure of the time, but I’m sure you could check with the Library. They are really amazing to watch!