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Mark those calendars

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 18th General Membership Meeting 7 pm Raben Real Estate 302 Main St. Rapid City (Side Entrance).
- Jan. 22nd Burns Dinner 9 am Set Up. Cocktails 6pm. Dinner 7 pm. South Park United Church of Christ 2201 3rd St. Rapid City (Near South Middle School).
- Feb. 1st Board Meeting. Jim Byrne's Office 2525 W. Main Suite 204 Rapid City.
- Feb. 15th Regular Members Meeting Raben Real Estate
- March St. Patrick's Day Celebration.



President Jim Byrne

If you have any family, friends, or co-workers that you think might enjoy our celebration of the 252nd anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, please encourage them to buy tickets. Tickets may be purchased from the Celtic Connection store on Sixth Street in Rapid City two doors north of the Alex Johnson (Ph.716-9014), or from Winnie Balster, Carole Conrad, Gary Hamilton, Susan Kains, Sally Knight, or myself.

I hope to see many of you at our Meeting of the Members on Tue, Jan

18,7PM at Raben Realty where we will be tying up loose ends for the Burns Dinner.

P.S. Annual Membership dues should be paid in January

President's Message

Dear Fellow Fans of the Bard of Ayrshire,

This year, January is full of activity for our Scottish and Irish Society. I am writing this on the morning of January 8th and tonight we will celebrate Hogmanay eight days late due to the blizzard last weekend. Many thanks to Sally & Bill Knight for hosting this quintessentially home-based event. The party will be over by the time you read this, so I hope that you enjoyed it.

There was a consensus at the January 4th Board of Directors meeting that we should hold a Meeting of the Members to tie up loose ends regarding the Burns Dinner. We will meet on Tuesday, January 18, at 7PM in the Raben Realty Conference Room. The Burns Dinner is Saturday January 22--just 2 weeks away.

If you have any family, friends, or co-workers that you think might enjoy our celebration of the 252nd anniversary of Robert Burns' birth, please encourage them to buy tickets. We need to sell around 95 tickets to this event to have a financial success. Tickets can be purchased from Siaryn Duggan at the Celtic Connection on Sixth Street just two doors north of the Alex Johnson (Ph.716-9014) or from Susan Kains, Sally Knight, Carole Conrad, Winnie Balster, Gary Hamilton , or myself.

As my term as president of the Scottish and Irish Society will end at the Burns Dinner, I want to thank all the members who have contributed to the success of our organization over the last twelve months. My task of leading the SIS has been made easy by the cheerful willingness to pitch-in and help portrayed by each and every member of the Board of Directors and, in all cases, their non-BOD spouses too. I am proud to be associated with our little group and all of its fine members. As Pat Hamilton takes over the reins of the presidency, I stand ready to support her in any way that I can, and I hope that you will too.

Best regards,

James Byrne, President
Scottish and Irish Society of the
Black Hills

Meeting Notes

Scottish and Irish Society

Member meeting

Dec. 14, 2010

Raben Real Estate

Meeting called to order by Jim Byrne at 7:15 pm.

Pat Hamilton presented her program on 'Origins of Famous Irish Songs'.

Minutes read. No corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Carole stated that she has written a check for the storage unit in

the amount of \$71.00, which included a deposit. It will cost \$49.00 each month. SIS will lease for one year.

Ideas were mentioned as a method of earning money for the unit. The move will take place this Friday and Saturday.

Bi-Laws: Refer to end of minutes after elections.

New Business: Hogmanay at the Knight's house. Dec. 31 at 6:00pm. Dress Warm. Emails to follow with their address, etc.

Burns' Dinner is on Jan. 22, 2011 at the United Church of Christ. Ticket prices are \$20 for members and \$25 for non. Committee members are Susan Kains, Gary Hamilton,

John Burke, and Carole Conrad. Members to bring desserts. The silent auction has been

allotted \$125. Ticket sales are at Celtic Connection.

St. Patrick's Day will be at the Chop House March 12, 2011. The committee members are, Winnie Balster, Jim Byrne, Pat Hamilton and John Burke

Results of Election:

Pat Hamilton as President.

Josh Ellis as Vice President.

Carole Conrad as Treasurer.

Marlene Wilcox as secretary. Susan Peterson, Winnie Balster, Susan Kains, and John Burke as Board Members.

The bi-law has been changed to read: Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of the

officers of the Society plus 4 elected members, the past president and a member from

any organization with cultural interests.

Previously section 1 read: The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Society plus 4 elected members, the past president and a member from the cadet organization at the School of Mines.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm. Sally Knight, secretary.

Trivia

Who is Prince Madoc besides being the son of Owain Gwynedd?

Many believe he is the first European to discover America. After Madoc's father Owain died, the bloody succession fight to claim the Welsh throne caused Madoc and his brother, Rhirid to set sail to the west and it's purported that the brothers discovered America. They returned to Wales for more men and supplies and headed west again never to be seen or heard from again.

The legend includes the wayfarers intermarrying with Indian tribes. Several tribes speak languages that sound much like Welsh. Lewis and Clark were instructed to keep a lookout for Welsh speaking Indians.

The story has many facets and is worth exploring as Owain Gwynedd certainly existed, his reign included many clashes with Henry II, king of England.

Irish Blessing

May your heart be light and happy
May your smile be big and wide
And may your pockets always have
A tinkle of gold inside.

Officers

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If you would like to contribute an article or story, list an event, submit a photo, etc. to the newsletter, please email the item to me by the 5th of the month.



Hogmanay at the Knight's.

The Hogmanay celebration included a bonfire as well as secret rituals. It was a great amount of fun and we all thank the Knights for hosting the affair.

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