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**Serving the Celtic Communities of: Wales, Isle of Man, Cornwall (England), Galicia (Spain), Brittany (France), Scotland and Ireland**

MARK THOSE CALENDARS

## Upcoming Events

- Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> General Meeting  
Presentation from Ken Voegelé about the Germans from Russia  
7pm Raben Real Estate, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main, Rapid City.
- Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting Jim Byrne's office. Clock Tower Plaza.
- March 12<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day celebration 6pm Canyon Lake Chop House.
- No General Meeting in March.



President Pat Hamilton

### President's Letter – February 2011

I have some pretty big shoes to fill taking the presidency over from Jim Byrne! I want to join in with the general membership in thanking Jim for a wonderful year of leadership. Jim is a man who cares deeply about S.I.S. and its ongoing success. He was always organized and kept us focused on the future. THANK YOU MR. BYRNE!!!!



I am INCREDIBLY LUCKY to be part of the Scottish & Irish Society of the Black Hills. We are not only INTERESTING (sharing all kinds of wonderful insights into our Celtic heritage), but FUN (as evidenced recently by the wonderful entertaining Burns event), FLEXIBLE (as judged by our ability to quickly shift gears and reschedule our New Year's Hogmanay when Mother Nature dished out terrible icy weather for our Plan A date) and COMMUNICATIVE (as demonstrated by our SIS Facebook page where Winnie posted her wonderful video of the Best Knees Contest – *that unfortunately Gary and I missed out on as we were unexpectedly called out of town!!!!* ☹).

Hope ya'll feel similarly lucky to be part of S.I.S. and are looking forward to our St Patrick's Day event on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss our next general membership meeting, 7:00, Tues, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. Ken Vogele will talk about a fellow culture club in Rapid City: *"The Black Hills Chapter of German's from Russia Heritage Society: Who are they and How do they work?"*

**Pat Hamilton, President**

### **ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION: March 12, 2011**

Plans are underway for our St Patrick's Day celebration at the Chophouse. Fannie O'Linn will be entertaining us and, as always, we welcome any members or guests to participate in the ceilidh. We'll be asking the S.I.S. members to bring a dessert for our event. Tickets will be available at our Feb 15<sup>th</sup> General Meeting at Raben Real Estate. Tickets for members are \$30, non-members are \$35, and children 3-10 years are \$10. Tickets will also be sold by the Celtic Connection downtown. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us!

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Feb 15 General Meeting, 7:00: *"The Black Hills Chapter of German's from Russia Heritage Society: Who are they and How do they work?"* – Ken Vogele; LOCATION: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room at Raben Real Estate (corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> & Main downtown Rapid City).

Mar 1 Board Meeting 7:00 Jim Byrne's Dental Office, Clock Tower Plaza

Mar 12 St Patrick's Day Dinner & Celebration 6:00 at Canyon Lake Chophouse

NO GENERAL MEETING in March

## **Meeting Notes**

### **SIS Board Meeting 2/1/11 MINUTES**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Burns Dinner:
  - Income = \$1,190.50 (but a silent auction item is still outstanding)
  - Expenses = \$932 (but still owe church rent and perhaps some outstanding reimbursements for silent auction)
- Checking account = \$1,908.43

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Jim Erickson (Carole Conrad's husband) is in hospital – pray for him
- Nancy Burke's dad passed away. Motion was moved by Jim and seconded by Susan K to spend up to \$50 on flowers from SIS
- Susan K will bring sympathy card to next SIS General meeting for members to sign for Nancy

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Reviewed success of Burns dinner and possible seating enlargement IF decide want to cook again in future.
  - Winnie took AWESOME photos and will put onto SIS facebook page. Pat will send her password info
  - THANKS TO ALL who worked to make this a success!
- St Pat's celebration:
  - Subcommittee = John Burke, Jim Byrne (chair), Winnie Balster, Josh Ellis, Pat Hamilton
  - Motion passed to keep tickets at \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members so Gary could print tickets for Feb Gen mtg
  - Motion passed to spend up to \$150 for raffle or silent auction items
  - Food suggestions were solicited. Winnie suggested "Dubin Coddle" (sp?)

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Membership update –
  - Renewals notices should be e-mailed to all members and recent members
  - Cosmopolitan Club is interested in perhaps joining forces for a St Pat's day concert or some other collaboration. Pat will follow-up with them to investigate something for 2012.
  - Susan K will explore name tag options that we can use at general meetings and at special events so new and non-members know who SIS members are
- General Meetings
  - NO March General meeting
  - Josh Ellis volunteered to work on finding programs for the general meetings

- Susan K volunteered to provide a February program on "THE CELTS: WHO ARE THEY & WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?" from the BBC Special. Pat will follow-up with Ken Vogeles on another program idea on another local culture club – The German Club
- We will try to implement the 50/50 raffle again at General meetings

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:20 p.m.

Scottish & Irish Society

## General Meeting January 18, 2011

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order by president, Jim Byrne. The previous minutes of the Board were read and approved and the Treasurer's report was given. A discussion was held on the Burns dinner preparations and sign up sheets were distributed for volunteers for cooking and decorating committees. The church will be available at 9AM January 22 to begin the decorating and food preparations.

Carole Conrad reported that four people have been scheduled for serving and cleaning, and asked for an increase in the budget since there is no dishwasher available. The budget was approved for a total of \$200.00. An estimate of the total attendees (based on telephone calls & personal contacts) was made to be 50 at this time.

The entertainment is to be a harpist & guitar for \$150, Bagpiper for \$75, and Mike Lemay agreed to play for no fee. All musicians and kitchen staff will be given free meals.

Susan Kains presented the program and a few adjustments were suggested for

correction and will be printed and collated at Carole Conrad's office. This year we have added a parade of tartans and knee judging contest for the men in kilts to our regular program.

Jim Byrne reported that Fanny O'Linn had volunteered to play for St. Pat. A motion was made, seconded and passed to hire Fanny O'Linn for St. Pat at the same cost as last year. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Conrad

## Irish Blessing

May the blessings and love  
Of Saint Patrick fall  
On Yourself, on your home,  
On your dear ones and all.

## 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.

## Member News

Scottish & Irish Society 2011 DUES are DUE!!!

Take advantage of paying your 2011 dues AND get the \$5 member discount on each of your St Patrick's Day tickets!

Family memberships are \$30 and individual memberships are \$20.

Dues can be paid (and St Patrick's day tickets purchased) at the Feb 15th General Membership meeting at Raben Real Estate (corner of 3rd & Main St).

If you can't make it to the general meeting, you can mail in your membership check or include it with your ticket purchases at the Celtic Connection.

Please make checks payable to "Scottish & Irish Society" or just "SIS".

Mail your check and completed membership form (see attached) to:

Scottish & Irish Society of the Black Hills, PO Box 765, Rapid City, SD 57709  
For more information or questions, contact [Info@BlackHillsCelticEvents.com](mailto:Info@BlackHillsCelticEvents.com).

Slainte!

AND ....For those of you who aren't members yet.... Why wait?The Scottish & Irish Society of the Black Hills

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The Society is a non-profit family-oriented organization which celebrates our Celtic roots. Celtic heritage includes Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Brittany (on the west coast of France), Cornwall, and the Isle of Man. It was established in 1999 and has hosted or sponsored numerous events for all of the Rapid City and Black Hills area. We meet monthly, the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Raben Real Estate, 302 Main St, Rapid City, SD

(entrance on 3rd Street).

## **Celtic Activites Near Our Part of the World**

July 8-10, 2011            Colorado Irish  
Festival, Littleton CO  
<http://www.coloradoirishfestival.org/>

July 23, 2011                    Dakota Irish  
Fair, Sioux Falls SD  
<http://www.dakotairish.org/index.htm>

August 12-14, 2011            Irish Fair of  
Minnesota, St Paul MN

<http://www.irishfair.com/content/>

August 12-14, 2011            Montana Irish  
Festival, Butte MT  
<http://mtgaelic.org/>

August 25-28, 2011            Rocky  
Mountain Irish Festival, Loveland CO  
<http://fortcollinsirishfestival.com>

August 26-28, 2011            Bitterroot  
Scottish Irish Festival, Hamilton MT  
<http://www.bitterrootscottishirishfestival.org/>

September 2-4, 2011            Kansas City  
Irish Fest, Kansas City MO  
<http://www.kcirishtfest.com/>

September 17-18, 2011            Northeast  
South Dakota Celtic Faire & Games, Aberdeen  
SD  
<http://www.nesdcelticfaire.com/>

September 17, 2011            Greeley Irish  
Festival, Greeley NE  
<http://www.greeleyirishfestival.com/>

Various other events listed here:


[http://www.angelfire.com/folk/irishcelts/festivals\\_by\\_dates.html](http://www.angelfire.com/folk/irishcelts/festivals_by_dates.html)

.... Courtesy of Josh Ellis





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