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Mark those calendars

Upcoming Events

- June 25th. Midsummer's Eve. Bill & Sally Knight's Enchanted Grove. 6 pm.
- July 19th. Regular Member Meeting. BBC Video on Celtic History.
- July 30th Celtic Street Festival. Downtown by the Celtic Connection on 6th Street.
- Aug. 2nd Board Meeting.
- Aug. 20th. SIS Picnic at the Burke's House.
- Sept. 6th. Board Meeting.
- Sept. 20th. Regular Membership Meeting. RC Society for Genealogical Research.



President Pat Hamilton

President's Message

We had a nice turn out for our May program by the Dakota Celts. Three of their members were in attendance as well as Ron Hunter, president of the Dakota Celts. We appreciated the insight and learned about their club's mission and activities. June finds the Scottish & Irish Society members looking forward to our annual **Midsummer's Eve** gathering at the Knights, Saturday, June 25th. It is ALWAYS a much

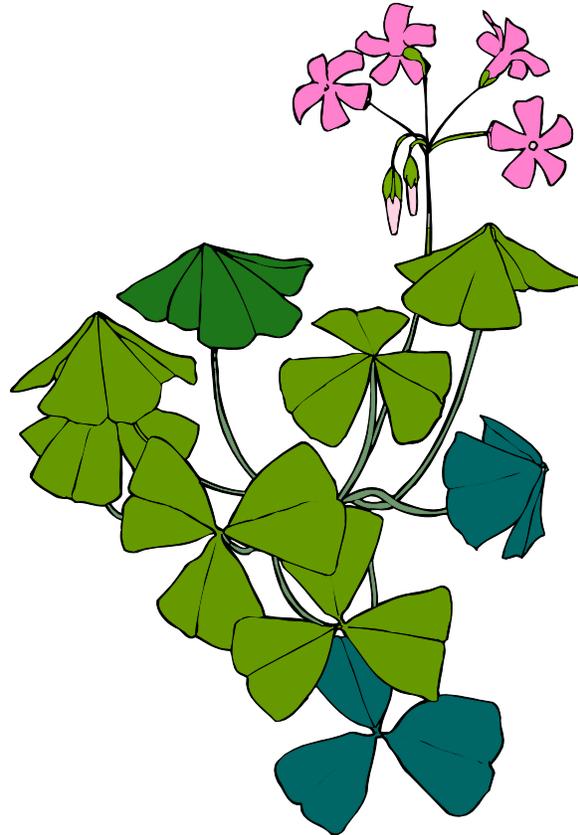
anticipated event and there has been excitement, some 'gleeful giggling' by Carole Conrad, and 'knowing glance's among some of our members who are actively preparing for the event. Undoubtedly it will be another memorable evening courtesy of the Knights! Bring your cameras, chairs, some food to share, and your preferred beverage. Knights will be sending out directions to their house the week before the event – Watch for it!

NEW V.P. = Aliyah Sander. Aliyah graciously 'stepped up to the plate' and offered to serve out Josh Ellis' term as Vice President as Josh is heading north to a new job in N.D. Aliyah was elected at the May General meeting. The Vice President's primary responsibilities are to fill in for the President in my absence and help arrange for programs at the general meetings. Thanks so much Aliyah!

"Life is More Fun if you are ACTIVELY engaged in it!" Sounds like a good mantra doesn't it? We'll be giving you a chance to be actively engaged in the Celtic Street Fest, Saturday, July 30th, in downtown Rapid City. S.I.S. is hosting a food booth and we'll be calling for volunteers for that and other roles to aid the parent organization, Gather of the Clans, in helping make this endeavor a HUGE success! Please be read to say "YES" when we call! ☺

Yours Truly,

Pat Hamilton, President



Meeting Notes

SIS Board Meeting 6/7/2011
Office of Dr. Jim Byrne

Members in attendance were Pat Hamilton, Susan Kains, Susan Peterson, Winnie Balster, Carole Conrad, Jim Byrne, and John Burke.

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Hamilton. John Burke volunteered to be the rotating secretary.

The minutes of the last Board Meeting were read by Carole Conrad and approved.

Treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$2,118.89 in SIS's checking account.

Old Business: The new storage area, The Attic Storage on Deadwood Ave., was the first subject to be discussed. The monthly cost was different from the original quote. The rate seems to vary from

month to month with supply and demand being the reason given. It was decided that the Club get some kind of a contract signed. Jim Byrne said he will pursue the matter.

Cookbook Vol. 2 is continuing to request recipes. Please supply Sally Knight with recipes that would be appropriate for the new publication.

The Celtic Street Fair scheduled for July 30th was next on the agenda. SIS will have a food booth. John Burke will head the committee.

SIS was offered the use or possible ownership of a trebuchet. The board determined the Street Fair wouldn't be a venue to use the implement. More discussion is possible at future meetings.

New Business: Midsummer's Eve at the Knight's will commence at 6 pm. The club will reimburse Bill & Sally \$75 for expenses.

Ken Vogeles idea of a donation based dues structure was discussed. The Board will continue to discuss the idea.

The Celtic Fair will be a venue for a membership drive. Half year dues and other ideas were presented.

The BBQ Fest was mentioned as was Kirk Spell and some version of the Scottish Highland Games. The event has already taken place.

Susan Kains group that is exploring Celtic Spirituality will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Contact Susan for more information.

Meeting was Adjourned.

Trivia

The May/June edition of Archaeology Magazine had a very interesting and educational article on the Sacred Landscape of Ancient Ireland.

The Celts were amazing builders and several sites are identified and some theories are put forth on what the sites were used for

including gatherings and festivals. The four main festivals occurred around the midpoints of the solstices and equinoxes called cross quarter days.

Imbolc or Oimeig is at the beginning of February marking the beginning of the agricultural year and the start of lambing season. Beltaine is in early May and that is when the herds and flocks were driven to summer pastures. Lughnasa is in August marking the beginning of the harvest season, and Samhain, is at the beginning of November when the harvest ended.

Irish Blessing

Like the warmth of the sun
And the light of the day,
May the luck of the Irish
Shine bright on your way.

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