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Mark those calendars

Upcoming Events

- Feb 21, 2011 General Meeting:
Welsh program by Susan Kains
- Mar 6, 2011 Board Meeting
- March 17th St. Patrick's Day Celebration
at the Chop House
- April 3rd Board Meeting



President Pat Hamilton

President's Message

CALENDAR INFO:

- Feb 21, 2011 General Meeting:
Welsh program by Susan Kains
- Mar 6, 2011 Board Meeting
- Mar 17, 2011 St Patrick's day dinner
& celebration
- Apr 3, 2011 Board Meeting
- April 17, 2011 General Meeting: Elite
Dance Irish Dancing Demo

Musings from your President:

There is NO lack of ways for folks to join in on fun activities! Our St Patrick's Day Dinner & Ceilidh is Saturday, March 17th and the Dakota Celts are again holding a parade that morning (see article below for additional info). We've got a great February program from Susan Kains on a seldom heard part of our Society – the Welsh! Our April general membership meeting will be on the history of Irish Dance and a demonstration by the Elite Dance Studio. We'll need to change locations for that meeting to allow for plenty of room for our dancers – so watch for that info!

Burns was a FUN & Successful event. My immense gratitude for everyone who volunteered to help make our Burns Dinner a huge success! We had a nice mix of good music, irreverent humor, fantastic food and well-decorated surroundings. And like Hillary Clinton said, it 'takes a village' to make this happen.

Thanks to all of you that helped with the meal preparation (including Ron, whom I mistakenly teased ☺) and especially John, for making our loaves & fishes multiply in to MORE than enuf food for all and marvelously tasty. --- We need those recipes for the new recipe book John!

We had folks encourage us to use some tongue-in-cheek humor which was well received (thank you Siaryn for the pronunciation and interpretation guidance). AND our Raffle was well-received (especially by Kevin – winner of the Scotch). Thanks to all who collected and gave items for the raffle. That helps us keep the cost of the dinner down and allows us to at least break even!

We sure appreciated those die-hards that stayed until 11:00 cleaning up tables, collecting reusable items (we ARE scotch afterall!), taking down tables and chair, vacuuming and doing those pesky dishes!!!!

My apologies for missing anyone! My dead battery/alternator made me miss a few volunteers! AND my brain battery hasn't been recharge for awhile!

St Patrick's Day Celebration: March 17th



Our annual dinner and ceilidh will be Saturday, March 17th at the Canyon Lake Chophouse. It starts at 6:00 with a social hour and dinner follows at 7:00. The Dakota Celts are joining us in this event. We welcome them Heartily! The More the Merrier! Fanny O'Linn will be

our entertainment again this year. They have done an amazing job for us for the past 3-years – so look forward to some wonderful music, some sing-along time and an opportunity to learn a dance! Dust off your Irish duds and Celt Up for this enjoyable evening! We'll be counting on members to provide the soda bread and desserts. You have never let us down with providing scrumptious desserts – we all look forward to your tasty creations! Get your tickets early! Tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. We'll have them for sale at our February 21st meeting and Siaryn will be selling at the Celtic Connection.

Don't wait to buy your tickets as we will also be advertising on 7 electronic billboards around town. Our goal is 100 attendees. Get your tickets NOW! Don't lose out!

St Patrick's Day Parade: 11:00, March 17th



The Dakota Celts are again organizing a parade. All participants are asked to be at the staging by 10:30 so we can get prepared and lined up. The parade will start at 11:00. It will be on Main Street, between 2nd and 3rd Streets in a parking lot across from Black Hills Credit Union. We've heard Mickey & Heidi Hartnet are getting their car ready for the S.I.S. entry – Thanks guys! All S.I.S. members are encouraged to come down in your Celtic Finery and march in the parade with us.



Elections at Feb 21st meeting

We still need someone to step up to the plate and run for President. We have a full slate running for the board, but need an individual to be willing to put their hat in the ring. The board is incredibly helpful and many

activities have templates of what and when to do things. So, please attend the February General meeting and consider nominating from the floor. The following are the members running for the officers and 4 open board positions:

- President – OPEN
- VP – Susan Peterson
- Secretary – Sally Knight
- Board – Jim Wilcox
- Board – Jim Byrne
- Board – Marlene Wilcox
- Board – Gary Hamilton
- Board – Bill Knight
- Board – Kevin Queen

The Times They Are a-Changing! S.I.S & Dakota Celts Enter Discussions

The board is exploring the possibility of merging with the Dakota Celts. Both groups are excited about the possibility of what we might bring to each other. Susan and Pete Peterson are representing the S.I.S. in these discussions and Mike Nau and Ron Hunter are representing the Dakota Celts. We look forward to hearing the results of these discussions and thank all involved for making the time and keeping the doors open to a possible future merger.

Time to PAY those DUES!

You will not be getting a newsletter after February if you do not renew. And more importantly, you'll be missing MEMBER pricing on our St Patrick's Day Dinner and Celebration! Mail to PO Box 765, Rapid City, SD 57709.

Pat Hamilton, S.I.S. President

Meeting Notes

SIS Board Meeting 2/7/2012 Dr. Jim Byrne's office on Canyon Lake Drive.

Attending; Pat Hamilton, Carole Conrad, Jim Byrne, Susan Peterson, & John Burke

Treasurer's Report; Carole Conrad reported a balance of \$2,212.95. Carole also reported we had a profit of \$155 for the Burn's Dinner thanks to the proceeds of the Raffle Ticket sales.

Old Business; Burn's Dinner Recap. See President Hamilton's remarks.

The new cookbook project is being placed on hold until more recipes are submitted.

There is still discussion regarding the location of the SIS Library.

The slate of officers for the upcoming election was mostly finalized.

New Business; St. Patrick's Day plans were discussed, including advertising the event to the public. The Chop House indicated we could expand if we utilized the bar area for the buffet line.

We are pursuing using the electronic billboards as part of the effort.

Future program ideas were suggested.

The meeting adjourned around 8:30 pm.

Member Notes

This timely information is supplied by Jim Byrne. It may even be true.

An Irishman moves into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walks into the pub and promptly orders 3 beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone. An hour later, the man has finished the 3 beers and orders 3 more. This happens yet again. The next evening the man again orders and drinks 3 beers at a time, several times. Soon the entire town is whispering about the Man Who Orders 3 Beers. Finally, a week later, the bartender broaches the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order 3 beers?" 'Tis odd, isn't it?" The man replies, "You see, I have 2 brothers, and one went to America and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra 2 beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." The bartender and the whole town was pleased with this answer, and soon the Man Who Orders 3 Beers became a local celebrity and source of pride to the hamlet, even to the extent that out-of-towners would come to watch him drink. Then one day, the man comes in and orders only 2 beers. The bartender pours them with a heavy heart. This continues for the rest of the evening – he orders only 2 beers. The word flies around town. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers. The next day, the bartender says to the man, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother. You know – the 2 beers and all..." the man ponders this for a moment, then replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my 2 brothers are

alive and well. It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

Get me something to run. Family history, jokes, lies, etc.

John Burke- Editor

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