

THE HIGHLAND RIM SCOTTISH SOCIETY
presents
BURNS' NIGHT 2009



A Burns' 250th Birthday Celebration
Saturday, January 31, 2009

featuring

highland dancing
ceilidh dancing

Starting at 5:30 PM

social hour
silent auction

Scottish food
bagpiping

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28 January at 5PM

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147 Hospitality Blvd
Manchester, TN

Tickets \$35

Reservations required



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From the President's Pen

With a successful Bake Sale and a fine return performance of the Nashville Pipes & Drums in the Tullahoma Christmas Parade, our Society's new year is off to a great start. The Burns Dinner is right around the corner and promises to be bigger and better than ever. So, I'm excited about the rest of the year and our future.

Many plans are underway to grow HRSS in membership and community activity, and I want all of you to be involved in those plans. Remain active, come to meetings, participate in projects, offer suggestions, socialize and get to know your fellow Society members. We are only as strong as the commitment and participation of our membership. Decide now to do one more thing for your Scottish Society than you have been doing and this effect will result in HRSS being a very phenomenal organization.

Between meetings and newsletters, I often send news items about members or events by e-mail. If you haven't been receiving those, I don't have your e-mail address. If you would like to be included, please send your e-mail address to president@hrsstn.org

Yours aye,

Chuck

POUPCOMING EVENTS MN

- 17 January** **Chattanooga Scottish Society Robert Burns Night** at Chattanooga Choo Choo
- 20 January '09** **HRSS Regular Meeting**
7:00 P.M. at C. D. Stamps Community Center
Tulahoma
- 31 January '09** **HRSS 14th Annual Robert Burns' Night** at Manchester Coffee County Conference Center
- 17 March** **HRSS Regular Meeting**
7:00 P. M. at C. D. Stamps Community Center
Tulahoma

Membership

Moran Taing to all members who have sent renewals to keep their memberships up to date and to **Rebecca Stamps** who upgraded her individual membership to family membership. **Ceud Mile Failte** to new members, **Christy** and **Ian Osborne**. At 5 months old, **Ian** (what a great Scottish name!) is now our youngest member, replacing **Casen Cheyne** in that category. However, **Casen** stills holds the title as the only HRSS member who joined pre-birth.

Dues are renewable annually; membership period is 01 December to 30 November. Check your mailing label for the date your membership expires. If the date is 11/08, you are overdue and this edition of *The Sporran* is your 'grace' issue. The newsletter is only mailed to current members and the membership list will be purged before the next mailing. Do not miss a single issue. Renew now if you have not already done so. We lost 21 members last year to non-renewals and we do not want that to happen this year. Dues are the foundation of the Society's operating expenses. This is YOUR Society and can only be as strong as YOU make it. Dues remain \$10 individual and \$15 family. Mail dues to:

Fran Lawson
HRSS Membership Chair
P. O. Box 1701

*!***FUNDRAISERS*!***

CHARITY BAZAAR: **Randal Cunningham** and **Fran Lawson**, in full Scottish attire, presided at the HRSS booth. Sales of cookbooks and calendars only netted \$60 but it was an opportunity to talk to people about the Society and promote membership and the Burns celebration.

BAKE SALE: **Randal Cunningham, Fran Lawson, Tana Cutcliff, Angela Arnold, Eleanor Gilchrist, Linda Hudson, Ruth Wells, Rena Fowler, Connie Work,** and **Bobbie Williams** contributed goodies to sell; and cookbooks and calendars were also offered. There was a good assortment of items this year. **Eleanor Gilchrist** and **Tana Cutcliff** came from Murfreesboro to assist **Randal Cunningham** and **Fran Lawson** in selling. **Randal** thanks everyone who participated but, as with other projects, he would like to see more members involved. Profits were \$525.75. We made lists of items requested that we did not have and items that sold out early and continued to be requested for planning for next year.

CALENDARS: We have several left. Although it is already 2009, it is not too late to purchase a calendar.

Bill Work did an outstanding job putting together the 2009 calendar with photographs from his & **Connie's** trip to Scotland last year. As **Bill** is a professional photographer, the pictures alone are worth the price. Call **Randal** or **Fran** or order on the website.

DONATIONS: Remember, HRSS is a 501(c)3 organization. If anyone makes a donation to HRSS, it is tax deductible. It can be earmarked as you wish: Christmas Parade, General Fund, Burns Scholarships, etc.

Christmas Parade

The Nashville Pipes & Drums received another enthusiastic reception in the Tulahoma Christmas Parade. It may well have been the coldest ever but that did not stop the crowds of spectators from being one of the largest ever. HRSS again fed the performers at Fast Jack's afterwards. Fewer members joined us because of the weather and sickness, but those that did, in addition to other restaurant patrons and staff, were entertained in a very rousing mini-concert by Jay Dawson on pipes and drummers on three different drums. Kudos to **Randal Cunningham** for soliciting donations from area businesses to cover the band's fee and to members who contributed toward the cost of the meals. Donations are still being accepted for the latter; we know of two that are still to be received.

Minutes of 18 November, 2008, AGM

President **Chuck Lawson** called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes of last meeting: **John Scarbrough** moved to accept September minutes as printed in the *Sporran*, seconded by **Randal Cunningham**, passed.

Treasurer's report: President **Lawson** reported for treasurer, **Ken Stewart**, who was on a business trip. Year beginning balance \$2623.51, inflow \$7154.70, outflow \$7208.69, current balance \$2369.52.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: Chair **Howell Graham** absent, no report.

By-laws: No report, no changes the past year.

Hospitality: No report.

Membership: **Fran Lawson** reported HRSS began the year with 119 members, lost 22 (one to death), gained 29 new members, current membership 126.

Program: Committee continues without a Chair but needs a new chair for 2009.

Publicity: President **Lawson** reported for Chair **Jack Burke**, who is recovering well from surgery last Friday, that the relationship between HRSS and local newspapers has improved

Ways and Means: Chair **Randal Cunningham** reported HRSS made \$872 from the yard sale, and the annual bake sale is coming up soon. In lieu of baked goods, money will be accepted. He also reminded that, although he will continue to serve on this committee, a new Chair will be needed for 2009.

OLD BUSINESS

Greenway Project: **Fran Lawson** stated that security cameras have yet to be put back in place. Dedication will take place sometime in the spring 2009.

Tartan Quilt Project: Announcement was made that only 16 clan tartan quilt scraps were received so this project had to be "scrapped."

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Parade: President **Lawson** stated that the annual Tullahoma Christmas Parade will take place on 5 December at 7:00 pm. HRSS normally hosts the Nashville Pipe and Drum members at Fast Jack's after the parade, probably about 20 – 25 members. If anyone wants to contribute to help feed the band, please do so.

Burns Dinner: **Fran Lawson** handed out Burns Dinner brochures and asked for items for the silent auction. Individuals who donate items need to establish a minimum bid for each item. Fran will be asking for other volunteers for the event.

Other New Business: HRSS calendars are now on sale for \$15.00 each, three or more for \$13.00 each.

Minutes (continued)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Refreshments

Refreshments prepared and served by **Randal Cunningham** were delicious as usual.

Program

The program was conducted by **Sandy Greig** who continued sharing about Scotland.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Scarbrough

Secretary

14th Annual Burns Night

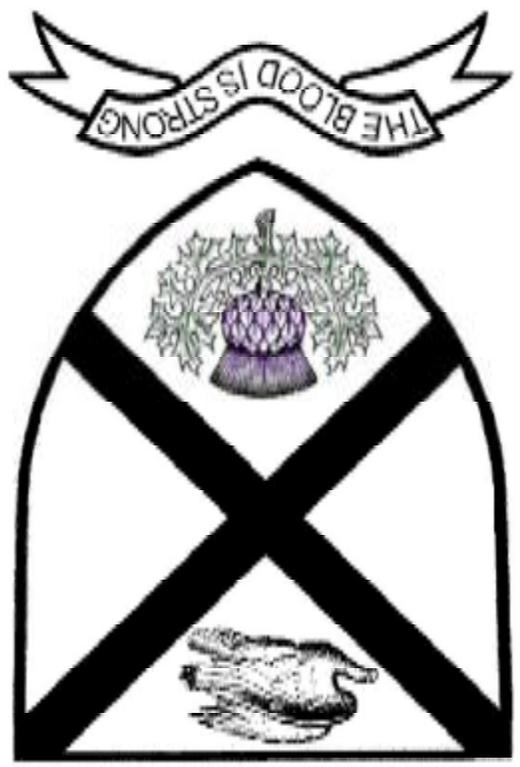
Preparations for our Robert Burns birthday celebration progress rapidly. The committee has planned another exciting evening of Scottish fun & entertainment. We need more volunteers for set-up, handing out badges, bringing a clan banner, small speaking parts, etc. If you will help in any way, let **Fran Lawson**, **Ken Stewart**, **John Scarbrough** or **Linda Hudson** know ASAP. We are not above volunteering you if you do not respond to this plea. We also need many more donations for the Silent Auction. Revenue from this adds significantly to profits for the evening. Please plan to donate ASAP. Bring your items to **Chuck Lawson** or call him for pick-up. We will need your name as donor, a brief description, and a suggested starting price. Also, we need all of you to attend and to encourage your friends &, family to attend. Together we can make this our most successful Burns Night yet! This is important as this year marks Robert Burns' 250th birthday. And, remember, profits go into a scholarship fund for the study of piping, fiddling, harping, or Highland dancing by beginning or intermediate students..

January Program

Following the business portion of the meeting, **Sandy Greig** will continue his presentation about Scotland. If you heard **Sandy** in September and November, you know that, as a native Scot, he is very knowledgeable on the subject and also very entertaining. You will not want to miss this next installment. You will also not want to miss this meeting as updates about the Burns Celebration will be shared and final plans will be discussed.



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