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From the President's Pen

Wow! Wasn't our Burns Night a rousing success! I hope you were there. If you weren't, I encourage you to make plans to attend next year. Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to this exciting and entertaining event.

I also want to thank members who contributed to dinner for the Nashville Pipes & Drums at Fast Jack's after the Christmas Parade: **Ron Cunningham, Heath Barkley, Ken Stewart, and Rebecca Stamps**. Your support is appreciated.

More thanks are due **Ron Cunningham** for volunteering to be Program Chair. Even with his health concerns, **Ron** always wants to be active for our Society. I appreciate his attitude. This leaves only one vacancy on the Executive Board; **Randal Cunningham's** interim status as Ways & Means Chair ended in January. If anyone is interested in serving HRSS in this capacity, please contact me. I will also be approaching some of you in the near future.

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

Yours aye,

Chuck

POUPCOMING EVENTS MN

- 17 March** **HRSS Regular Meeting**
7:00 P. M. at C. D. Stamps
Community Center
Tullahoma
- 16-18 May** **Gatlinburg Scottish Festival
and Games** www.gsfg.org
- 2,3,9,10,
16,17,23,
24,25 May** **Tennessee Renaissance
Festival at Triune, TN**
www.tnrenfest.com
- 19 May** **HRSS Regular Meeting**
7:00 P.M. at C. D. Stamps
Community Center
Tullahoma
- 28-31 May** **Glasgow Highland Games**
www.glasgowhighlandgames.com

Membership

Ceud Mille Failte to new members **Mary & Mike Nadeau** of Monteagle and **Catie & David Hunter** of Gallatin. **Mary** is one of **Greg Cutcliff's** piping students and **David** is a piper with the Nashville Pipes & Drums. Both these couples attended our Burns Night and **Mary** brought 8 other people with her. We are as excited to have these new members as they are to join us.

Moran Taing to all members who have sent renewals to keep their memberships up to date. ****In preparing to purge the membership roster, I discovered we have 30 memberships that have not been renewed. Only current members are eligible to receive *The Sporrán*. However, as I believe that many of those who have not renewed are still very interested in being involved in and supporting HRSS and their non-renewal is an oversight on their part, I have requested that this issue be sent to you. Look at your mailing label. If there is no date there, you are overdue. We would really hate to lose you. **** **Dues are renewable annually; membership period is 01 December to 30 November.** Dues remain \$10 individual and \$15 family and can be mailed to:

Fran Lawson
HRSS Membership Chair
P. O. Box 1701
Tullahoma, TN 37388

*!?!*FUNDRAISERS*!?!*

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, which has been reduced to \$10 while supplies last. Call or e-mail **Fran** or order on the website.

COOKBOOKS: The sale of the HRSS cookbook is an on-going project. It has become a very popular and much sought after item. Cost is \$15/each or 3 or more for \$13/each. Contact **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, Greenway Project, General Fund, Burns Scholarships, etc.

NEW PROGRAM CHAIR

Kudos to **Ron Cunningham** who has accepted the position of chair for the program committee. He has several ideas for some interesting programs for the Society this year. If there is a program that you would like to have presented, call **Ron** with your suggestions or requests.

THE CELTIC CUP OPENS

Please pay close attention to the insert in this newsletter about the opening of **The Celtic Cup**, **Chris & Denise Smith's** new business endeavor. **Chris & Denise**, with their children, **McKinley & Katherine**, have been loyal members of HRSS for many years. In fact, until the call to entrepreneurship became a priority, **Denise** was a very active member, having served in the capacities of Secretary, Burns Chair, editor of *The Sporrán*, and Membership Chair, in addition to assisting in all other activities of the Society. Because of her unstinting support of us for so long, we would like very much to support her and **Chris** in their new business endeavor. Everyone that can attend any and/or all of the events listed on the insert, please do so. Also, plan to drop in after these events are over to show your continuing support and to enjoy a brief respite and repast at what promises to be a fun gathering place.

HRSS is YOUR Society; support it in any and every way you can. Any organization is only as strong as its members!!

Minutes of 20 January, 2009, Meeting

President **Chuck Lawson** called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes of last meeting: **Fran Lawson** moved to accept September minutes as printed in the *Sporran*, seconded by **Ron Cunningham**, passed.

Treasurer's report: **Ken Stewart** reported balance of \$3800.18 as of 18 November, 2008. Profit for last year was \$486.87.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: **Fran Lawson** reported two new members were listed in *The Sporran* and encouraged current members who have not paid dues to do so.

Publicity: **Jack Burke** reported new contact at the *Tullahoma News* is Karen Best and **Fran Lawson** is handling publicity for Burns Night through a different contact.

Website: **Chuck Lawson** reported all that is lacking on the website now is the Gallery and that he needs to get photos to **Ron**.

OLD BUSINESS

Christmas Parade: President **Lawson** stated that the Tullahoma Christmas Parade was very well attended even in record-breaking cold. "There were a lot more people lining the street and the performers noticed." The Pipes & Drums gave a stellar performance with more pipers coming with them this year. The after-parade dinner at Fast Jack's was a rousing success, especially the 'concert' given by Jay Dawson and 3 drummers before we ate. Several members donated to the tab for the band.

Burns Dinner: **Fran Lawson** asked for volunteers to meet her at the Conference Center at 1PM on 31 January to assist with preparing the room for that night. **Paula Vance**, **Linda Hudson**, and **Tammy Overman** volunteered. Per Fran, reservations and silent auction items are still coming in but we have time to get others. Everyone is asked to invite friends & family and look for more auction items. The committee will be approaching others to 'volunteer' to be a part of the event.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business presented.

Adjournment

On motion by Paula Vance and second by Ron Cunningham, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Lawson

(in absence of)

John F. Scarbrough

14th Annual Burns Night

Another exciting evening of Scottish fun & entertainment is history, and, again, the most often heard comment was "Best ever!" Our attendance was down but still over 110, making us fare better than several other Burns Celebrations with whom we compared. Our profit was also down, in part due to the smaller attendance, in part due to a significant increase in costs at the Conference Center, in part due to fewer and smaller silent auction items, in part due to an additional entertainment fee. However, the event did more than pay for itself, which is always a primary goal. As to the secondary goal of scholarships, the committee will be looking at ways to add to the small profit and supplement the Scholarship Fund so HRSS can again give scholarships this year.

Thanks to **Paula Vance** and **Tammy Overman** for coming over early afternoon to help with set up, to **Eleanor Gilchrist** who filled in at the registration table, to **Bill Youngquist** who filled in to assist with the 'Address to the Haggis.' The latter two were subs for **Heath & Lisa Barclay** who had a family emergency and had to cancel at the last minute. Thanks to all who had parts, especially **Ken Stewart & Linda Hudson** for their Laddies & Lassies toasts. Thanks to everyone who came through with a silent auction donation, and, many, many thanks to **Greg Cutcliff** and his formidable group of entertainers again. **Greg** spends much time, effort, and energy in putting 'the show' together for a splendid outcome. His son, **Chris Cutcliff** deserves special mention because he & **Maritza** came all the way from Florida, where they moved last year, to be part of the evening. Most of all, thanks to all of you who attended and those who brought guests. We had attendees who traveled miles to be here, and we had several for whom this was their first Burns Night. Most all said, "See you next year," a high compliment.

The Burns Committee, **Fran Lawson**, **Ken Stewart**, **Linda Hudson**, and **John Scarbrough**, are already meeting and planning the 15th annual Burns Night. We welcome any feedback or suggestions that any of you would want to share with us. If we keep 'raising the bar,' we are going to keep needing more and more help with this event to meet our own standards. But, for those of you who attend, isn't it a FUN evening?!?



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Dear HRSS – You’re Cordially Invited to Our...

RIBBON CUTTING **Wednesday, 11 March** **2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**
“Be a part of this Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce Event...Tour Afterwards ”

OPEN HOUSE **Tuesday, 17 March** **11:00 am – 9:00 pm**
“Sample our coffee...Listen to the Turkey Hill Band from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm ”

GRAND OPENING **Friday, 27 March** **6:00 am – 9:00 pm**
“Wm Alan Ross Performs His Scottish Favorites from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm ”

GRAND OPENING **Saturday, 28 March** **6:00 am – 9:00 pm**
“Wm Alan Ross Performs Other Original Works from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm ”

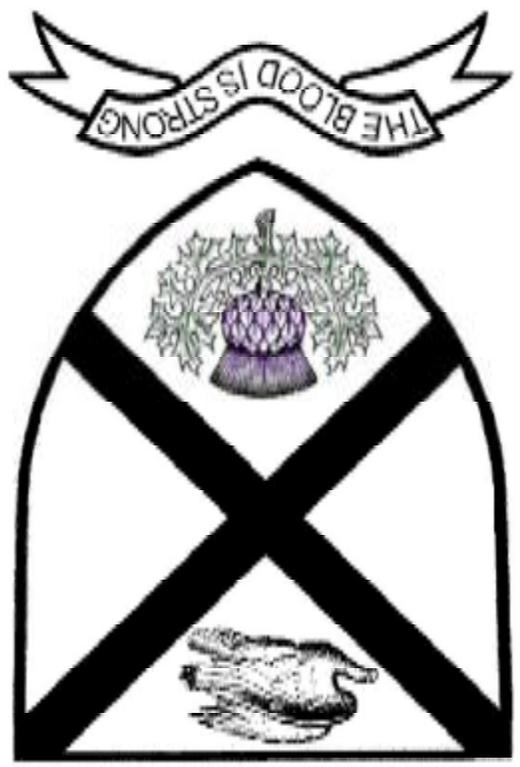
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Denise & Chris Smith, Proprietors/Baristas

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