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From the President's Pen

Your Society was well represented at Tartan Day on the Square in Murfreesboro hosted by HOTSC (Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration). It was a really fun event, kind of a laid back and relaxed afternoon of fellowship with our many friends and visitors. I really enjoyed talking and listening to stories of times gone by from **Leon Southerland**, **Bobbi** and **Clarence Greek** and other "old timers". I can say that because at 69, I was a baby among those guys! And **Heath Barkley**, one who could be described as a "young'un," did a pretty good job of spinning yarns, too. We also had an opportunity to tell our story and answer numerous questions about our Society. Some bought cookbooks and calendars which we appreciate very much. If this event is continued, you may want to attend next time. It's free, it's fun, and it's close by.

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

- 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
- 9-12 July **Grandfather Mountain Highland Games**
www.gmhg.org
- 21 July **HRSS Regular Meeting**
7:00 P.M. at C.D. Stamps
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Membership

Moran Taing to all members who have sent renewals to keep their memberships up to date. In a recent purge of the membership roster, it was discovered we have 27 memberships that have not been renewed. This includes 16 individuals and 11 families with 24 family members, or a total loss of 40 members. This is a big loss. If you think you know someone who has neglected paying dues for the current year, please encourage them to do so. 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. Reminder letters are being sent, we really hate to lose anyone. **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
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HRSS is YOUR Society; support it in any and every way you can. Any organization is only as strong as its members!!

*!#!*FUNDRAISERS*!#!*

CALENDARS: We have some left. Although 2009 is moving on, it is not too late to get 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 is now \$10/each or 2 for \$15 while supplies last. Contact **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.

PROGRAM CHAIR VACANCY

Although several members continue to work on the Ways and Means Committee, the chair of that committee remains vacant since the end of **Randal Cunningham's** interim appointment. If any of you are willing to accept this job, please contact Chuck Lawson. Having committed members already in place on this committee will make the job easier.

THE CELTIC CUP IS OPEN

The Celtic Cup, Chris & Denise Smith's new business endeavor, had a very successful opening. We're proud of the **Smith** family. **Chris & Denise**, with their children, **McKinley & Katherine**, have been loyal members of HRSS for many years. Anyone who has not been there is encouraged to go. It will be a treat for you. Everyone who has already been, plan to drop in again and again to show your continuing support and to enjoy respite and repast at what is turning out to be a fun gathering place.

THE BLOOD IS STRONG

In reading the President's message, I am reminded of the continuity of our Scottish heritage, from old-timers to young'uns, through generations of family, friends, and fellow travelers. This was also brought home to me when **Chuck** attended the Loch Norman Games recently and his companion was our daughter, **Michele**. It was her first big Highland game and the joy, and yarns, associated with that for the two of them will be told and retold unto the next generation.

HOTSC TARTAN DAY

On 4 April, a beautiful spring day in Murfreesboro, HRSS was represented on the square at the HOTSC Tartan Day Celebration by **Chuck & Fran Lawson**. The tent was set up next to the Barclay tent convened by our own **Heath & Lisa Barkley**, so HRSS was well represented. **Greg & Tana Cutcliff** hung out between performances in **Greg's** newly formed Celtic band, *Slainte*, which showcased a lot of talent was a smashing hit. Did you know **Greg** can sing?! **Jessie Dean** is also a member of the band and paid his respects at our tent, as did **Nick Cutcliff**. **Ron Cunningham & Linda Hudson**, **Leon & Sarah Sutherland**, **Don & Kathy MacDonald**, **Loyce McGregor** & a friend, **Eleanor Gilchrist**, and **Connie McKenzie** were in attendance and spent time at the tent, and **Clarence & Bobbye Greek** and **John & Sandi Mauldin** visited between their own duties to their clans and HOTSC. We also visited with many old friends from our Burns Nights and from other Scottish events. There was very good public participation and many visitors were welcomed to our tent. We sold cookbooks and calendars and gave out information about our Society. All in all, it was a very pleasant day. If HOTSC makes this an annual event as they are considering doing, HRSS will be plan to be there.

HRSS HONORED by GLASGOW HIGHLAND-GAMES

We have received a Certificate of Recognition that reads: *The Highland Rim Scottish Society is awarded this certificate in recognition of the many volunteer hours you give to The Glasgow Highland Games this 19th day of April in the year 2009. Signed Maureen Hendrick and Erika Huffman*. If you attend the Glasgow Highland Games this year and see these ladies, be certain to tell them we appreciate this recognition. The Society and the Games have a close, rewarding, and long-standing relationship and look forward to continuing the same.

HOMECOMING SCOTLAND

Everyone is probably aware that Scotland is having homecoming all of 2009 in honor of **Robert Burns** 250th birthday celebration. The big even in The Gathering in Edinburgh the last weekend in July. **Ron Cunningham & Linda Hudson** are planning to attend those festivities w/Clan Cunningham. We look forward to pictures and a full report from them upon their return. Sounds like an easy program, **Ron**.

Minutes of 17 March, 2009, Meeting

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

Minutes Last Meeting **John Scarbrough** moved to accept the minutes as published in *The Sporrán*, seconded by **Paula Vance** and passed.

Treasurer's Report. **Ken Stewart** reported that HRSS started the year with \$2912.18; as of 17 March, balance is \$2682.00. Report was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Burns Committee **Fran Lawson** reported insufficient scholarship funds due to a lower profit from the Burns dinner. **Ron Cunningham** issued a challenge. He will contribute the first \$100.00 to the Burns Scholarship Fund and challenges others to contribute the same or what they can. **Randal Cunningham**, **Ken Stewart**, and **Angela Arnold** donated \$100.00 each, and **Chuck & Fran Lawson** pledged \$100.00. If anyone has other ideas for raising money for the scholarship fund, contact **Fran**.

OLD BUSINESS

Greenway Project **Fran Lawson** reported no progress in the Greenway project because the security cameras have still not been re-installed. **John Scarbrough** suggested the building of a cairn to honor **Jim Murray** and a plaque be mounted on one face of the cairn. **Woody Cunningham** offered a suggestion for the plaque. If anyone has any ideas, contact **Fran Lawson** or **Howell Graham**. **Paula Vance** volunteered to serve on the committee. The committee will meet and report back at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

HOTSC Tartan Day On 4 April, HOTSC will host a Tartan Day Celebration on the square in Murfreesboro from 1 to 6 p.m. Participation is free. **Chuck & Fran Lawson** are planning to convene a HRSS tent.

Glasgow Highland Games **Heath Barkley** moved to approve registration of a HRSS tent again at Glasgow, Kentucky, Highland Games (May 29-31). **Ron Cunningham** seconded. Motion passed.

Other New Business President **Lawson** appointed **Ken Stewart**, **John Scarbrough**, and **Randal Cunningham** to review the Celtic Cup as a possible site for the HRSS to hold its meetings.

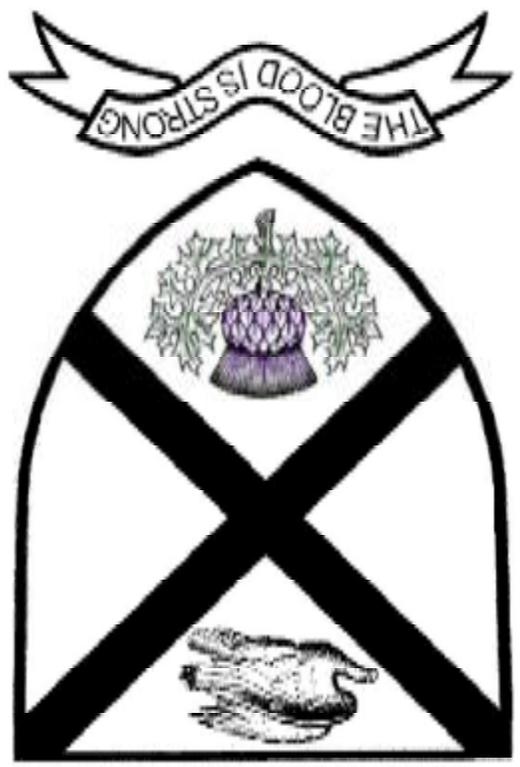
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned to the Celtic Cup at 7:42 pm.

John F. Scarbrough, Secretary



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