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## From the President's Pen

Since last I wrote this column, our Society has been well represented at two Highland events, the Glasgow (KY) Highland Games and the North Alabama (Scottsboro) Highland Festival. Both were opportunities to present ourselves to the general public and we were well received in both instances. Many people visited our tent to learn more about us and the benefits of that will continue to be forthcoming. It is also great to see the many members who participate in helping Fran with her convener duties. One person cannot do it all, it takes a Society (apologies to the former First Lady). The responsibility of being your President is very much offset by the pleasure of having such a fine membership under our umbrella. It is gratifying to ask someone to do something for the Society and get an enthusiastic reply in the affirmative. This spirit of fellowship is what keeps us active and growing. My highest regards to all our members.

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](mailto:president@hrsstn.org)

Yours aye,

*Chuck*

## POUPCOMING EVENTS MN

- 9-12 July**      **Grandfather Mountain Highland Games**  
[www.gmhg.org](http://www.gmhg.org)
- 15-19 July**      **USIR Dance Competition**  
Double Tree Hotel  
Nashville, TN
- 21 July**        **HRSS Regular Meeting**  
7:00 P.M. at C.D. Stamps  
Community Center  
Tullahoma
- 25-26 July**     **The Gathering**  
Edinburgh, Scotland
- 11-13 September** **Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival**  
Elizabethton, TN
- 15 September** **HRSS Regular Meeting**  
7:00 P.M. at C.D. Stamps  
Community Center  
Tullahoma

## MEMBERSHIP

*Ceud Mile Failte* to our new members **Stan & Rhonda St. Clair** of McMinnville, **Tom & Joan Bentley** of Tullahoma, and **Mark & Julie Lane** of Lenoir City. Personally welcome them at your first opportunity. *Moran Taing* to members who have renewed to reactivate their memberships once the oversight in paying their dues was brought to their attention. We still hope to hear from others in that category. **Dues are renewable annually; membership period is 01 December to 30 November.** Dues remain \$10 individual, \$15 family, and can always be mailed to:

**Fran Lawson**  
**HRSS Membership Chair**  
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## THE BLOOD IS STRONG

Continuing the theme from last issue about the continuity from old-timers to young'uns, through generations of family, friends, and fellow travelers, this is apparent in our Society. At Tartan Day in Murfreesboro, **Rebecca Stamps** brought her 5 month old son, **Ian Osborne**, wearing tartan. At Glasgow, **Jeff & Leslie Cheyne** brought their 22 month old son, **Cason**. HRSS is proud of our youngest members!

## \*!?!\*FUNDRAISERS\*!?!\*

**CALENDARS:** We have a few 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 \$8/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. These make great gifts.

**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. We recently received \$600 in donations to the Burns Scholarship fund.

## A PROGRAM CHAIR VACANCY

Although several members continue to work on the Ways and Means Committee, the chair of that committee remains vacant. 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

Continue to support **The Celtic Cup**, **Chris & Denise Smith's** new business which is becoming a favored gathering spot in the community. We're proud that the **Smith** family. **Chris & Denise**, with **McKinley & Katherine**, have been loyal members of HRSS for many years and of their success with their new business.

## Burns Scholarship Awarded

A Burns Scholarship in the amount of \$300 was awarded to **Katie Snyder**, the young Highland dancer who entertained for us at our Burns Night earlier this year. She is a very deserving recipient, very talented and very committed to furthering her craft. Her 'thank you' note appears elsewhere in this newsletter. Let's support her in her national competition in Nashville in July.

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

To: the Highland Rim Scottish Society

I wanted to thank you for awarding me your generous scholarship. Some of these funds will be used for dance camp. This is an intensive week under the direction of Diane Krugh. Miss Judy is there, too, of course. I plan to use the remainder of the funds for private lessons and entry fees for competitions.

As you may have already heard, I am the alternate dancer for my age group for the U. S. championship. I will be dancing in the pre-championship on Friday and Sunday. I will dance my choreography, Celtic Spirit, on Sunday as well.

I'll look forward to seeing members of the Highland Rim Scottish Society at the USIR. Know that when I dance, I will do everything possible to make you all proud of me. Your generous scholarship makes so many things possible and I am so grateful. I hope to have the opportunity to dance for you all again soon.

Thank you again for supporting me. It means the world to me.

Much love,

Katie Snyder

Note: See "Burns Scholarship Awarded" and "Upcoming Events" elsewhere in this newsletter for a full understanding of this letter.

### Glasgow Highland Games

The HRSS tent convened by **Fran Lawson** was set between Clan MacLaren convened by President **Chuck Lawson** and Clan Barclay convened by Vice President **Heath Barkley**, so there was a row of Society representation. **Eleanor Gilchrist** was there Friday afternoon and helped unload the van. **Bill Work** and **Ken & Charlene Stewart** were there for exhibit set-up assistance early Saturday morning and throughout until take-down on Sunday afternoon. Bill was really clicking that camera shutter so we can look forward to some great pictures. **Greg & Tana Cutcliff** and **Gordon & Cindy Duffus** were in the tent most of the two days hanging out and helping. **Jeff & Leslie Cheyne** brought son, **Cason**, on Saturday. **Cason** is now old enough to enjoy the color & spectacle of the event, and he seemed to do just that. **Connie McKenzie** dropped in on Saturday and **Bobbye Greek** visited between her own duties to Clan McLean. Attendance was down for the games but visitors were welcomed to our tent where we sold cookbooks and calendars and gave out information about our Society. We were well represented in the Parade of Tartans with **Heath** carrying our banner and **Greg** dressed in his Drum Major of the games finery. **Fran, Chuck,** and **Ken** were proud to march in this fine looking group.

### North Alabama Scottish Festival.

On an unseasonably hot day, **Fran Lawson** convened for HRSS in Scottsboro, AL, on 20 June at the re-emergence of the North Alabama games in a new venue. The latter was very good, may surpass the original venue, but the heat was oppressive and possibly reached dangerous. Considering that, participation and attendance were very good but both folded earlier than the planned games closing. We had several visitors to our tent, much interest expressed in our Society, and sold 2 calendars. It is a very friendly group of people in North Alabama, and heat notwithstanding, it was a good event at which to have HRSS represented. **Heath & Lisa Barkley** were there; **Heath** competed in Amateur Athletics. **Bobbye & Clarence Greek** and **Mark & Julie Lane** were across Clan Row convening for Clan McLean, and **John Scarbrough** was very much involved in the Clan Donald tent next door. On the other side, our neighbor was **Chuck Lawson** with Clan MacLaren. **Chuck** and **Fran** were hopping back and forth to cover breaks for the other. This is a good event to plan for future participation by HRSS.

### Minutes of 19 May, 2009, Meeting

President **Chuck Lawson** called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting. **John Scarbrough** moved to accept the minutes as published in *The Sporrán*. Motion was seconded by **Fran Lawson** and passed.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer **Ken Stewart** reported a balance on March 16 of \$2982.06 and on March 19 a balance of 2815.96. The report was accepted.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee. **Fran Lawson** reported that individuals who had not paid dues received a letter instead of the Newsletter. Two have renewed. One individual upgraded to a family membership. **Chuck Lawson** reported **Doug Frazier** is bedridden with a bad back. **Mary White** is in the hospital.

Ways and Means. HRSS needs a committee chair. There are still a few calendars and cookbooks left.

### OLD BUSINESS

Glasgow Highland Games. The Glasgow Highland Games are May 29, 30, 31. **Fran Lawson** is in charge of the HRSS tent and needs help Saturday and Sunday. Anyone going, please volunteer to help or bring food for the lunch table. either or both days.

Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration Tartan Day. The HOTSC Tartan Day took place on April 4 on the square in Murfreesboro. Four calendars and one cookbook were sold. If repeated, HRSS will go.

### NEW BUSINESS

North Alabama Scottish Festival. **John Scarbrough** moved that the HRSS attend the Goose Pond Festival at Scottsboro, Alabama, on June 20, 2009. **Ron Cunningham** seconded. Motion carried.

Street Festival – Murfreesboro. A street festival will be held in Murfreesboro on June 19. **Greg Cutcliff's** band will be playing. All are encouraged to attend.

### ADJOURNMENT

**John Scarbrough** moved to adjourn, motion passed.

### REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments served by the hospitality chairman, **Chef Cunningham**, were enjoyed by all.

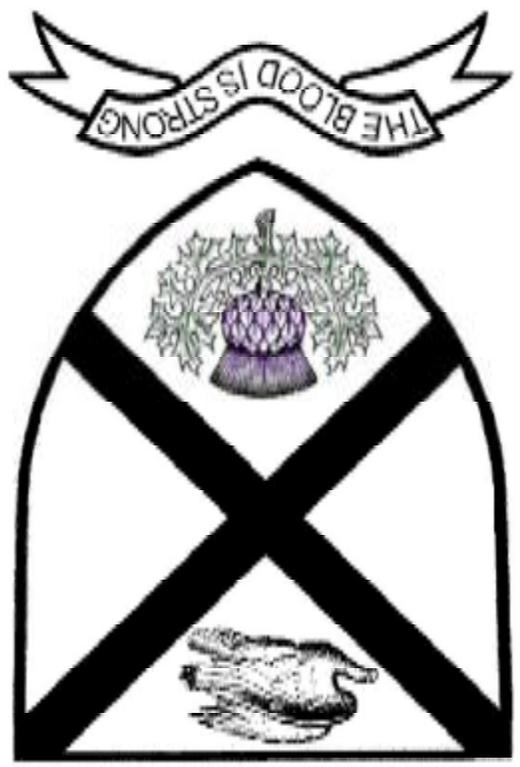
### PROGRAM

**Ron Cunningham** introduced the new HRSS member **Stan St. Clair** who presented a program on the history of the St. Clair family.

*John F. Scarbrough, Secretary*



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