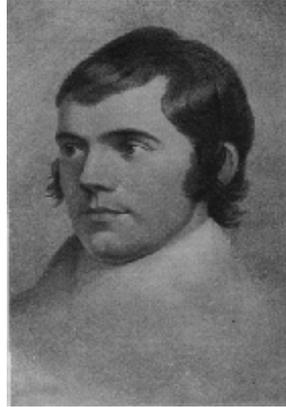


HIGHLAND RIM SCOTTISH SOCIETY

presents

BURNS' NIGHT 2010



15th Annual Burns' Birthday Celebration
Saturday, January 30, 2010

social hour
silent auction

highland dancing
ceilidh dancing

Scottish food
bagpiping

Starting at 5:30 PM

address to the haggis

Got your reservations?
Reservations requests by

poems & toasts

the immortal memory

25 January at 5:00PM

fiddling

Reserve NOW!

harping

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Scottish fun

Lakewood Country Club
1900 Country Club Drive
Tullahoma, Tennessee

starting at 5:30 PM

Tickets \$35

Reservations required



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From the President's Pen

We had a wonderful turnout for the AGM in November. Thank you to all who made attending an important part of your busy lives. The *Celtic Cup* was packed. Also, thank you for the confidence in me you indicated by electing me President again for the next two years. I look forward to working with the other fine officers you elected, **Heath Barkley**, **Desireé Siemsen**, and **Ken Stewart**. Together, and with the help of all the membership, we can continue to grow *Highland Rim Scottish Society* and make our name even stronger in our community. I'd also like to say a resounding 'thank you' to **John Scarbrough** who served most efficiently and effectively as our Secretary for the past two years.

This is a very busy time of year for the Society. In addition to the AGM, we had another successful Nashville Pipes & Drums Tullahoma Christmas Parade performance, a not so successful Bake Sale, and Burns Night is fast approaching. I'd like to see as many members as possible involved in all our endeavors. Many are, but if you haven't been, consider it part of your 2010 resolutions. The blood is strong!

I am always available at president@hrsstn.org

Yours aye,

Chuck

POUPCOMING EVENTSMN

19 January 2010 HRSS Regular Meeting

7:00 P.M. at *The Celtic Cup*
Coffee House, Tullahoma

30 January 2010 HRSS 15th Annual Robert

Burns' Night at Lakewood
Country Club, Tullahoma
5:30 P.M. Social Time

16 March 2010 HRSS Regular Meeting

7:00 P. M. at *The Celtic Cup*
Coffee House, Tullahoma

Membership News

Moran taing to all members who have paid their dues for 2010. Our membership year runs concurrent with our fiscal year, from 01 December to 30 November. With few exceptions, all memberships were renewable in November. Look on your mailing label on this newsletter, your dues expiration date is there. As we only mail *The Sporrán* to paid members, be sure to check your date so you will not miss future issues. This will be the only 'grace' issue to be sent. If you are due, you may pay at the January meeting, Burns Night, or mail your check to:

Fran Lawson, HRSS Membership Chair
P. O. Box 1701
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January Meeting

We know we have members who do not attend meetings due to health, work, travel distance, or other conflicting obligations. Your interest and commitment prompts you to support HRSS by paying dues and appearing at events, i.e., Burns Night or various games. However, if other areas of your life allow you to attend any of our regular meetings, we anticipate seeing you and hearing your voice in the business discussed. All members are urged to attend the **very important** January meeting where we will finalize the Burns Night preparation. **Beware:** Some volunteers will be selected from those who are absent!

Program

There will not be a program at the January meeting. Program Chair, **Ron Cunningham**, will be planning programs for the rest of the year. If there is something you would like to have done, contact **Ron**.

BAKE SALE

The annual HRSS bake sale was held the Saturday before Thanksgiving in front of Blockbusters Video. The number of members who supported this event and the amount of money raised were disappointing, and probably directly connected. Only six members (and a nonmember friend of the Society) furnished items to sell. **Randal Cunningham** and **Fran Lawson** worked all day, **Chuck Lawson** worked several hours, and **Ron Cunningham** was there for a time. The grand total for the day was \$176.50 for food-stuffs and we also sold a cookbook. In addition to workers and food contributors, thanks to members who came by and bought something. In years past, several members who do not plan to bake or work have made cash donations for the bake sale. There were none of those this year, either. Although this has been a successful fundraiser in years past, another year like this one could get this event cancelled.

OTHER FUNDRAISERS

BURNS NIGHT SILENT AUCTION: Proceeds will go into the scholarship fund as do all the Burns Night profits.

COOKBOOKS: The sale of the HRSS cookbook is an on-going project. It has become a very popular item. Cost is \$15/each or 3 or more for \$13/each. Contact **Fran Lawson** or order on the website. These make great gifts, especially for someone setting up a new home, Scottish or no. There are many excellent non-Scottish recipes in it.

DONATIONS: HRSS is a 501(c)3 organization. A donation to HRSS is tax deductible. It can be earmarked as you wish: Christmas Parade, Greenway Project, General Fund, Burns Scholarships, etc.

ROBERT BURNS

Robert Burns is unique among poets. There is no other literary figure in whose name, and on whose birthday (or thereabouts) each year, thousands of people, across the world, sit down and enjoy a ceremonial meal. The phenomenon of the Burns cult is truly remarkable. But the essential thing about Robert Burns is that he was a great poet. When he died, in 1796, in debt, aged 37, worn out by hard work and illness, well loved but far from being a cult figure, he was already a great poet. If, improbably, the 'Burns Suppers' ceased to take place, it would make no difference to the stature of the writer whom they celebrate. The truest way to appreciate and honor a poet is to read his work. Take every opportunity to do so.

Burns Dinner

The **Robert Burns Birthday Celebration** at Lakewood Country Club, Tullahoma, on 30 January is almost here. It is not too late to plan to attend and invite friends, family, neighbors. Reservations are being accepted. So are volunteers needed for set-up, handing out badges, bringing a clan banner, small speaking parts, etc. If you would like to help with any aspect of this event, see one of the Burns Committee members: **Fran Lawson, John Scarbrough, Linda Hudson, or Ken Stewart**. Also, **WE NEED MORE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS**. This very successful part of the Burns Dinner depends on contributions of items to auction. Call **Chuck Lawson** to donate an item. If need be, he can pick up. We will need your name as donor, a brief description, and a suggested starting price. Remember, proceeds from the Burns Night go into a scholarship fund to further studies by young students in the area who are pursuing their talents in bagpiping, harping, fiddling, or dance in the Scottish tradition. **DO NOT** let time run out on you. See you there.

Christmas Parade

The Nashville Pipes & Drums returned to perform in the Tullahoma Christmas Parade 4 December, a stirring performance as expected. **Heath Barkley** and **Eleanor Gilchrist** braved the cold and led with our banner. **Randal Cunningham** walked behind and served as a splendid ambassador for the Society. As usual, we met at Fast Jack's afterwards. This just keeps getting bigger & better. Jay Dawson directed almost the entire Pipes & Drums Corps in a mini-concert in front of the bar. And the crowd went wild, standing and crowding around. Was someone seen dancing on a table? What a FUN way to enter the Christmas season with a Scottish flair, to which everyone who came out can attest.

Minutes of 17 November, 2009, Meeting

President **Chuck Lawson** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with twenty-eight (28) members and four (4) guests present.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Secretary **John F. Scarbrough** moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in *The Sporran*. Angela Arnold seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Ken Stewart** reported a balance of \$5510.45 as of November 17, 2009. The expenses for the year were \$5706.71. The report was accepted and placed on file.

Minutes (continued)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospitality: **Randal Cunningham** is stepping down due to the organization's meeting at the Celtic Cup.

Membership Committee: **Fran Lawson** reported HRSS started the fiscal year with 126 members and, as of November 2009, we now have 113 members.

OLD BUSINESS

Bake Sale: The annual bake sale will be held on November 21, 2009 outside Blockbusters in Tullahoma from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The committee asks for baked item donations ASAP.

Burns Night: Brochures have been printed and are available for the annual Robert Burns Dinner on January 30, 2010, at Lakewood Country Club in Tullahoma. Reservations are being accepted. The brochure is also on the HRSS website.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Parade: The Tullahoma Christmas Parade will be held December 4, 2009. After the parade, the Nashville Pipes and Drums Corp will be treated to dinner at Fast Jack's in Tullahoma. Anyone who wishes to attend may do so. Also, donations are being accepted to assist in paying for the dinners. Those who wish to march in the parade need to assemble at First Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.

Election of Officers: Nominating Committee Chair **Gary Overman** proposed the following slate of officers:

President.....**Chuck Lawson**
Vice President.....**Heath Barkley**
Secretary.....**Desiree Siemsen**
Treasurer.....**Ken Stewart**

Ron Cunningham moved to accept the slate as presented and to elect by acclamation. **Randal Cunningham** seconded and the slate of officers was elected by acclamation.

ADJOURNMENT

John Scarbrough moved to adjourn the business meeting at 7:42 p.m. **Paula Arnold** seconded.

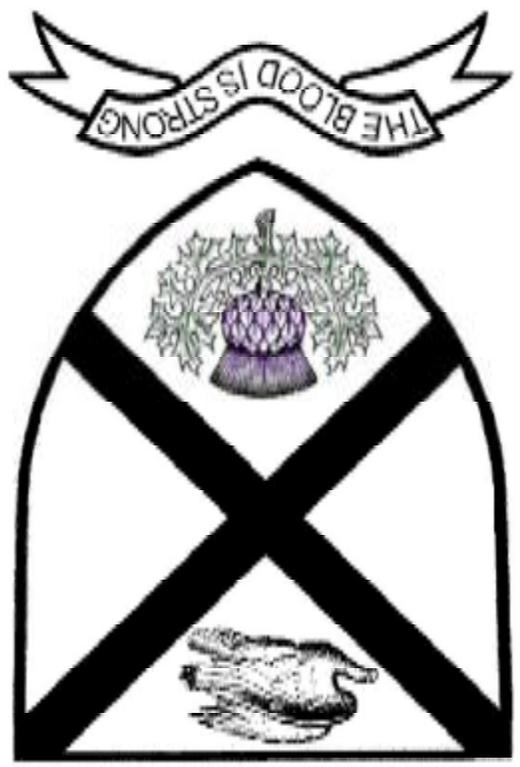
PROGRAM

Ron Cunningham presented a program on "Clan Origins" that was very informative and entertaining.

Respectfully submitted,
John F. Scarbrough
Secretary



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