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From the President's Pen

Like **Fran** says, when you start naming names to say thank-you for any event's workers, you inadvertently leave someone out. In naming names for the Burns Dinner, we both left out our son, **Ed**; and we were highly appreciative to him for stepping up to the plate to do "A Man's a Man for A' That" to introduce the Haggis Address ceremony. Our volunteer for that from Scotland made it to town during the ice and snow but could not come back for the postponed date. **Ed** did a great job, but we knew he would. We just want to thank him for being willing to do it.

Our next big Society event will be the Glasgow Highland Games in June where we will be an honored Society again. Our long-standing relationship with these games is a very satisfying one that works to both ours and the games' benefit. For this reason, I would like to see many of you there: assisting **Fran** in our tent, visiting, and/or just enjoying yourselves. This is an excellent games, is one of my favorites, and is **Fran's** absolute favorite. And it is not that far away. In the past, several have driven back and forth rather than stay over and that is very doable. So, start making your plans.

Chuck

POUPCOMING EVENTS MN

- 18 May** **HRSS Regular Meeting**
7:00 P.M. at *The Celtic Cup*
Coffee House, Tullahoma
- 03-06 June** **Glasgow Highland Games**
Barren River Lake State Park
Glasgow, KY
www.glasgowhighlandgames.com
- 08-11 July** **Grandfather Mountain**
Highland Games
Linville, NC
- 20 July** **HRSS Regular Meeting**
7:00 P. M. at *The Celtic Cup*
Coffee House, Tullahoma

Membership News

Ceud Mile Failte to new members: **Ted & Sue Sheldon**, Murfreesboro, who joined at Tartan Day on the Square. They plan to be at the May meeting, so be sure to welcome them to HRSS. *Moran taing* to all members who renewed once they got a reminder notice. Our lives are so busy, we often need reminders. Only a very few are still in arrears and we hope to hear from them soon. We do not want to lose anyone. If you know of anyone interested in joining our Society, please have them contact:

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WEDDING BELLS

Desiree and Ron

Will be joining their two hearts in Gatlinburg, TN

In a private ceremony on June 16, 2010

[HRSS is invited to] Share in our celebration at a reception
June 26, 2010 at 6:30pm

Tullahoma Event Center

205 NW Atlantic Street

Tullahoma, TN 37388

RSVP is appreciated, however please join us if you are able. 931-581-3076

(*Desiree* is HRSS secretary and *Ron* is HRSS webmaster.)

HRSS congratulates **Ron** and wishes *Desiree* all the best!



FUNDRAISERS

YARD SALE: The yard sale will be held on South Jackson Civic Center grounds on September 18, 2010. It is time to start gathering donations. We have a storage unit. Call **Randal Cunningham** for information.

BAKE SALE: The bake sale will be held at Manchester Wal-Mart on November 20, 2010.

Highlandphoto Clan Seat Packages: A photo montage and album about your Clan is available from *Highlandphoto*. Two packages are available to members and interested persons, and HRSS will receive commission on those orders. Please check out the details at www.highlandphoto.org.uk and contact sue-brewer@highlandphoto.org.uk for further information to order. State your connection to HRSS.

COOKBOOKS: These make great gifts, Scottish or no. Cost is \$15/each or 3 or more for \$13/each. Contact **Fran** or order on the website.

DONATIONS: HRSS is a 501(c)3 organization. A donation to HRSS is tax deductible and can be earmarked as you wish.

BURNS SCHOLARSHIPS

Due to the resounding success of our Burns Night, HRSS has been able to award four scholarships this year, double the most we had ever done before. A Highland dance scholarship has been awarded to **Katie Snyder**, who will use the money for study and competition costs. Two full scholarships and one half-scholarship have been awarded for bagpiping to **Chris Cutcliff, Jessie Dean, and Steve McAmis**. These three fine young pipers will be attending the Balmoral Piping School session in Naperville, IL, this summer. All four of these very talented persons were part of our Burns event entertainment. As proceeds from the Burns Night have been earmarked for several years to encourage young people to carry on the Scottish tradition of dance, bagpipe, fiddle, and harp, it is exciting to have the money to do so much this year. We want to continue progress in this endeavor.

Glasgow Highland Games

2010 marks the 25th anniversary of the **Glasgow Highland Games** in Glasgow, KY. The event will be 03-06 June, and Fran Lawson will again be convening the HRSS tent. As an honored Society, HRSS members get a big break on tickets if purchased through the Games website. Members who volunteer to help Fran in the tent either on Saturday or Sunday will get free tickets from her. Lunch is made available in the tent to HRSS members on both days. Food contributions are welcomed for lunch to defray the cost to the Society. Please let **Fran** know how you can assist her.

Minutes of 16 March, 2010, Meeting

Address to the Haggis by **Chuck Lawson** and presented by **Denise Smith**.

President **Chuck Lawson** called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with nineteen (19) members and one unintentional guest present.

Minutes of Last Meeting: **Bill Youngquist** moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in *The Sporrán*. **Bill Work** seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Ken Stewart** reported a balance of \$4232.49 as of January 18, 2010. The current balance as of March 16, 2010 is \$5151.79. This year's Burns Night Dinner was very successful with a net total of \$2291.53. The report was accepted and placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: A welcome was given to new members **René Cavett** and **Susanne Brewer**. **Fran Lawson** reported our membership is growing. Keep up the good outreach. [A birthday cake ablaze with 70 candles was presented to **Chuck Lawson** amongst group singing.]

OLD BUSINESS

Burns Night: **Desirée Siemsen** expressed a big thank you to the Burns Committee. **John Scarbrough** expressed his thanks to **Fran Lawson** for her hard work on the Committee, keeping everyone on task. **Chuck Lawson** gave his thanks to **Desirée Siemsen** for helping with registration.

Fran Lawson reported a great satisfaction through comments made to her about this year's venue. All glitches were cleared up by the next day. Next year's Dinner will be held again at the Lakewood Country Club in Tullahoma on January 29, 2011.

Glasgow, KY Games: This is the 25th anniversary and as an honored Society, **HRSS** gets a big break on tickets if purchased through the Games website. **Fran Lawson** also stated that any **HRSS** volunteers would get a free ticket and lunch. Food contributions for lunch and volunteers to assist **Fran** in the tent are needed on Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6.

Other Old Business: none

NEW BUSINESS

New Assistant Treasurer: **John Scarbrough** was appointed and approved as 'in absentia' signer on the **Highland Rim Scottish Society's** bank account with Citizens Tri-County Bank should treasurer, **Ken Stewart**, not be available.

Tartan Day: This celebration hosted by **HOTSS** will be April 10, 2010, in Murfreesboro on the square, 1:00 – 6:00 pm. **HRSS** needs tent volunteers. A new addition to the festivities will be a whiskey tasting. There is no admission for this event.

North Alabama Highland Games: The games in Scottsboro have been changed to October 2nd and 3rd. **Fran Lawson** will convene a tent there again for **HRSS**.

Facebook: **HRSS** is now on facebook. **Heath Barkley** is one of the administrators. Events, meetings, photos and

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membership information are the main focus.

Kilted Hike: **Heath Barkley** recommended a hike, kilted or not, be planned to area venues to draw more focus and attention to our society during even months. The first hike will be mid-April. Please check facebook or contact **Heath** regarding this new event.

Highlandphoto Clan Seat Packages: **Sue Brewer** presented a new idea for fundraising, a photo montage and album about your Clan. Two packages are available to members and interested persons, and **HRSS** will receive commission on those orders. Please check out the details at www.highlandphoto.org.uk or contact sue-brewer@highlandphoto.org.uk for contact information and package details.

Other New Business: none

ADJOURNMENT

John Scarbrough moved to adjourn the business meeting at 8:07 p.m. It was seconded by **Heath Barkley**.

PROGRAM None.

Respectfully submitted,

Desirée F. Siemsen, Secretary

Regular Meetings

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 as often as they can. It is the best way to keep up with what is happening in **your** Society. And you never know what you will miss if you are not present. For instance, at the March meeting, **Denise Smith** of the **Celtic Cup** presented a haggis, made by her as she admitted, with Lynchburg Jack instead of Scotch whisky to give it a local flair. Our president immediately rose to the occasion and addressed it. It was devoured gustily without any complaints about the substitution. Then, later, during the meeting, the lights went out. **Denise** appeared bearing a cake with 70 lit candles. Those present sang Happy Birthday to President **Chuck** and presented him a card signed by all, much to his surprise. Thanks, **Denise**, for you & **Chris** not only sharing your business for our meeting place, but being so involved with our Society.



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