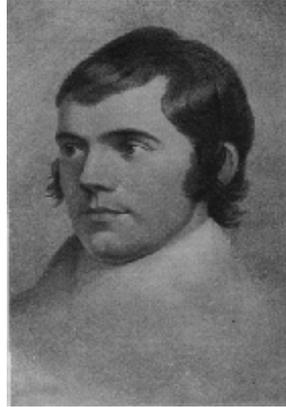


# HIGHLAND RIM SCOTTISH SOCIETY

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## BURNS' NIGHT 2011



**16th Annual Burns' Birthday Celebration**  
**Saturday, January 29, 2011**

*social hour*  
*silent auction*

highland dancing  
ceilidh

*Scottish food*  
*bagpiping*

address to the haggis

**Got your reservations?**  
**Reservations requests by**  
**24 January at 5:00PM**  
**Reserve NOW!**

poems & toasts

the immortal memory

fiddling

*harping*

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*Scottish fun*

**Lakewood Country Club**  
**1900 Country Club Drive**  
**Tullahoma, Tennessee**

starting at 5:00 PM

**Tickets \$35**

**Reservations required**



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**Program**

**Publicity**

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**Fran Lawson**

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## From the President's Pen

This is an exciting time for our Society as our annual Burns Night will be held later this month. There is no program planned for the January meeting, which is customary, as this is the meeting when we finalize plans for our Burns Night. If you already have a part in this event, or would like to have a part, your presence at this meeting would be appreciated. A great deal of its success depends on the number of volunteers who work on the event. Our Burns Committee has refined this event into such an enjoyable evening it is the talk of the Scottish community. Many, some from miles away, return again and again to participate in the fun and fellowship available there. Reservations began arriving within days of the brochures being included in the last newsletter. Have you made your reservations yet? Don't miss out.

If you haven't been receiving news items via email from me and 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

- 18 January**      **HRSS Regular Meeting**  
7:00 P. M. at **The Celtic Cup**  
**Coffee House**, Tullahoma
- 29 January**      **HRSS 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Robert**  
**Burns' Night** at Lakewood  
Country Club, Tullahoma  
5:00 P.M. Social Hour  
6:00 P.M. Address to the Haggis
- 15 March**        **HRSS Regular Meeting**  
7:00 P. M. at **The Celtic Cup**  
**Coffee House**, Tullahoma

## Membership News

*Céud Mile Fáilte* to new members **Bonnie & Steve Davis** of McMinnville, **Mark, & Sarena Cunningham** of Manchester, and **Justise Cunningham** of Manchester. *Moran taing* to those members who have sent their 2011 membership renewals and dues. Our membership year is 01 December to 30 November, so it is past time for renewals. **If your membership is not current, this newsletter is your grace issue and you will not receive another one until your dues are paid.** Dues remain at \$10 individual or \$15 family. Continue to invite friends and family with ties to or interest in Scotland to become members. Dues for new or renewing members can be sent to or interested parties can contact:

**Fran Lawson, HRSS Membership Chair**

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**Note: Dues can be paid at the January meeting.**

## Tullahoma Christmas Parade 2010

For the seventh year, HRSS brought the Nashville Pipes and Drums to Tullahoma to march in the Christmas Parade. They did their usual outstanding performance, in delighting the parade spectators. As has become a tradition, we treated them at Fast Jack's afterward and they treated the restaurant patrons to an impromptu concert. Jack so appreciates their appearance there that this year he spread a gratis BBQ buffet for our enjoyment. A fun night! Donations to assist with event costs came from two members and area businesses.

## FUNDRAISERS

**BAKE SALE:** The bake sale was held at Manchester Wal-Mart on 20 November, 2010. **Randal Cunningham** had us set up bright and early and was joined by **Fran Lawson, Heath & Lisa Barclay, Desiree Porter**, and **Chuck Lawson** for aid with sales and PR. **Gary Overman** drove over with **Tammy's** baked goods and **Ron Cunningham** stayed for a time when he brought **Linda Hudson's** contributions. **Randal** and **Chuck** were in their kilts which gave quite a boost to the PR as they stirred much interest from passers-by. A steady stream of visitors wanted information about the Society, many saying they were not aware of our existence. Some who stopped to talk, but did not purchase, gave donations. It was a very successful venture, especially in light of the networking accomplished. Our new **Cunningham** members learned of us at this event. All our fare sold, if we had more, we could have sold more. Money raised was \$485.55, with \$187 being from donations and \$60 being from cookbook sales. **Randal**, with input from members present, made the decision that the 2011 Bake Sale will again be held at the Manchester Wal-Mart. We want to have many more cooks involved next year so as to maximize our profits

**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. HRSS will receive commission on those orders. Please check out the details at [www.highlandphoto.org.uk](http://www.highlandphoto.org.uk) and contact [suebrewer@highlandphoto.org.uk](mailto:suebrewer@highlandphoto.org.uk) for further order information. State your connection to HRSS.

**COOKBOOKS:** These make great gifts for any cook, Scottish or no. Cost is \$15/each or 3 or more \$13/each. Contact **Fran Lawson**, order on the website, or buy at **The Celtic Cup**.

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

**FUTURE EVENTS:** **Ron Cunningham** continues to solicit suggestions for fundraising events that could benefit our Society. Please contact him with any suggestions you may have. Likewise, he continues to solicit suggestions for future programs. We have many members with special talents and interests who could do a program about those. Offer feedback to **Ron**.



## Minutes of 16 September, 2010, Meeting

President **Chuck Lawson** called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with eighteen (18) members present.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** **Desireé Porter** moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in *The Sporrán* with second by **Ron Cunningham**.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer **Ken Stewart** presented the annual report, with highlights that have previously been presented in *The Sporrán*. The current report will be emailed for inclusion in the business meeting reports.

### ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Heath Barkley** noted that the executive board has not met for 2 years and a meeting needs to be convened soon. A couple of issues (details reported later in this report) arose that will be dealt with in an Electronic Board meeting.

**Hal Graham**, auditor was not present.

**Hospitality:** **Randal Cunningham** continues to meet and greet but had no report since **Denise** and **Chris Smith** have made *The Celtic Cup* available for our meeting space and refreshments are available for purchase.

**Program:** **Ron Cunningham** reported that 80% of the meetings had programs this past year. The next scheduled program will be presented March 2011 by **Ted Sheldon**.

**Publicity:** **Jack Burke** continues to do well with the Society coverage in the media. **Jack** and **Chuck Lawson** will collaborate on an article for *The Tempo*.

**Ways and Means:** **Ron Cunningham** requested ideas.

**Website:** In the absence of **Ron Porter**, **Desireé Porter** requested photo submissions and related links for inclusion on the website.

**Tent Convening:** **Fran Lawson** reported she convened 3 tents this past year. Spring: Murfreesboro, which resulted in 2 new members; Summer: Glasgow, which resulted in 2 new members; Fall: Scottsboro, no new members, but goodwill continued between the two Societies.

**Membership:** **Fran Lawson** reported 115 current members; annual dues have expired, renewals are coming in.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Kilted Hike:** The Walls of Jericho hike has been postponed twice due to weather. No new hikes are scheduled during the holidays. **Chuck Lawson** and **Linda Hudson** presented a slideshow throughout the meeting of their recent Appalachian Trail Hike.

**Bake Sale:** The bake sale will be at Manchester Wal-mart on 20 November, 2010. Deliver baked goods to **Randal Cunningham**, **Fran Lawson** or **Desireé Porter** on Friday afternoon and they will take them to Wal-mart on Saturday morning. Any contributions or baked goods can also be delivered to Manchester Wal-mart on Saturday. **Randal Cunningham** suggested the bake sale be advertised in both the *Manchester Times* and *Tullahoma News*.

**Other Old Business:** **Chuck Lawson** and **Denise Smith** represented the HRSS and *The Celtic Cup* at the Motlow State Community College International Day.

HRSS cookbooks are for sale at *The Celtic Cup*.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Christmas Parade:** HRSS will again sponsor the Nashville Pipes and Drums in the Tullahoma Parade. **Eleanor Gilchrist**, **Heath Barkley**, **Chuck Lawson** or **Randal Cunningham**, will be banner carriers ahead of the band. **Ron Cunningham** requested the Society consider entry of an automobile, carrying our president, first lady, vice-president, and second lady as passengers. The entry deadline has passed so the idea will be considered for next year's parade. **Denise Smith** also suggested collaboration with *The Celtic Cup* for next year's parade.

**Tullahoma Magazine:** The chamber has asked if HRSS would like to advertise. Once the cost and details have been obtained, an email will be sent to the Executive Board for a vote on a submission.

**Burns Dinner:** **Fran Lawson** reported brochures for the Burns Dinner scheduled for 29 January, 2011, at Lake-wood Golf and Country Club were mailed with *The Sporrán* and are available at this meeting. **Fran** requested silent auction items be brought to the 18 January, 2011, meeting. A number of volunteers are needed for a smoothly run Burns Dinner. **Eleanor Gilchrist** suggested transportation be offered to those in need.

### ADJOURNMENT

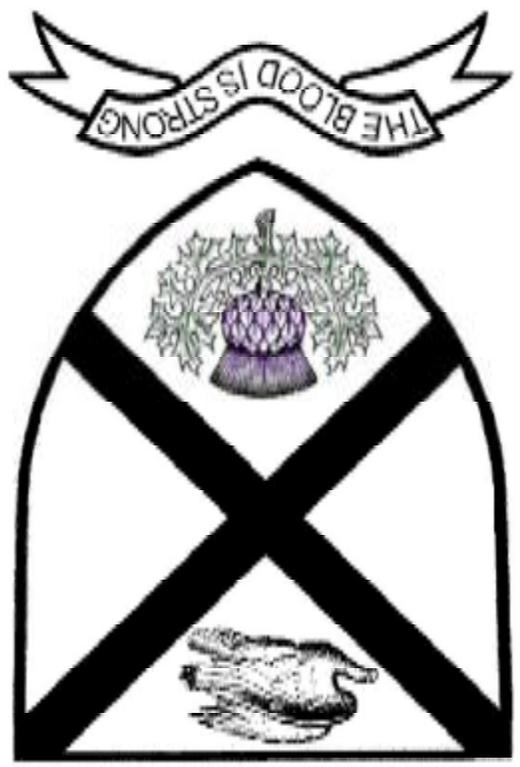
**Ron Cunningham** moved to adjourn at 8:17 p. m. and was seconded by **Randal Cunningham**.

*Desireé F. Porter*, Secretary

### 2011 BURNS CELEBRATION

As time for our beloved poet laureate's birthday party draws ever nearer, **ask yourself** what **you** are doing to assist in the success of this event. Have you made reservations, have you invited and encouraged friends and family to come? Have you volunteered for a small, or large, part in the actual event? Have you accumulated and donated items to the Silent Auction? This is the fund-raising part of the evening that guarantees money for scholarships to study Scottish music and dance to guarantee our Scottish heritage, culture, and traditions continue to survive in the future. We were able to give four scholarships in 2010 and we would be so happy to repeat or exceed that number in 2011. We can take pride in this accomplishment. Donations for the Silent Auction can be delivered to **Chuck Lawson** at his home or he can be called to pick them up from you. Every year, we attempt to have a bigger and better Burns Night. So far, we have, and we do not want this 16th Annual Tribute to **Robert Burns** to be an exception in our line of tremendous successes. However, it takes all of us to make it happen. Help make it happen! **Note: Reservation requests must be received by 5 PM, Monday, 24 January.**

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