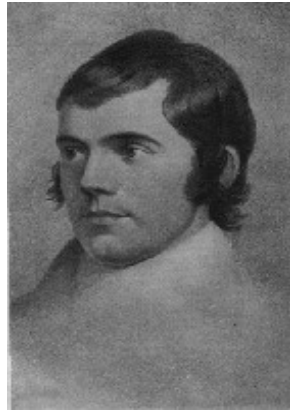


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BURNS' NIGHT 2012



17th Annual Burns' Birthday Celebration
Saturday, January 21, 2012

social hour
silent auction

address to the haggis

the immortal memory

harping

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16 January at 5:00PM
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bagpiping

poems & toasts

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Scottish fun

Tickets \$35

Reservations required



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From the President's Pen

I would like to thank you all for the honor given me by being elected President of our great Society. I am excited about what we can do together and want to talk to as many of you as I can soon. I plan to have a Board meeting later this month to address planning for the year. Feel free to call or e-mail me about any suggestions/ideas that you may have.

This is a busy time for us as our annual Burns Night will be held later this month. No program is planned for the January meeting, this is the meeting when we finalize plans for 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. And of course, a great deal of its success depends on the number attending. Reservations began arriving within days of the brochures being included in the last newsletter. Are your reservations made?

Yours aye,

Fran

➔UPCOMING EVENTS➔

- 17 January** **HRSS Regular Meeting**
7:00 P. M. at **The Celtic Cup**
Coffee House, Tullahoma
- 21 January** **HRSS 17th Annual Robert**
Burns' Night at Lakewood
Country Club, Tullahoma
5:00 P.M. Social Hour
6:00 P.M. Address to the Haggis
- 14 March** **HRSS Regular Meeting**
7:00 P. M. at **The Celtic Cup**
Coffee House, Tullahoma

Membership News

Moran taing to those members who have sent their 2012 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:

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Note: Dues can be paid at the January meeting.

Sympathy to **Kevin & Deborah Dawson** on the death of **Kevin's** father, Robert S. Dawson. He passed away suddenly at his home on 18 July 2011.

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Sutherland** and **Paul Burns** who were married on 22 October 2011.

Ron Cunningham retired from the Tullahoma Police Department on 31 December 2011 after 27+ years. He was Captain of the Investigations Division. His full law enforcement career totaled almost 36 years, preceded by 10 years in the US Navy. Good job!

Howell & Margie Graham celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 10 December 2011. Kudos!

Denise Smith did a **Celtic Cup** booth at the Motlow College International Festival at the main campus on 16 November 2011. **Chuck Lawson** assisted her again, in his kilt, representing Scotland.

FUNDRAISERS

BAKE SALE: The bake sale was held at Manchester Wal-Mart on 19 November, 2011. **Randal Cunningham** had us set up bright and early and was joined by **Desiree Porter, Sue Sheldon, Connie Gloyer, Rene Cavett, Christina Overman, Fran & Chuck Lawson, Carol Goodman, and Eleanor Gilchrist** for aid with sales and PR for all or most or part of the day. **Ruth Wells** sent and **Linda Hudson** brought contributions. **Chuck** was in his kilt which gave quite a boost to the PR as he stirred interest from passers-by. A steady stream of visitors stopped to chat and to buy. It was a very successful venture; money raised was \$556.50, including some money from donations and \$20 from cookbook sales. **Randal**, with input from members present, made the decision that the 2012 Bake Sale will again be held at the Manchester Wal-Mart. This venue has proven more profitable than any we have had in Tullahoma.

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 and contact 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 ea or 3 or more \$13/ea. 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.

Contact **Ron Cunningham** with suggestions for future fundraisers.

Tullahoma Christmas Parade 2011

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



November 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes

President **Chuck Lawson** called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. with sixteen (16) members and two (2) guests present. Quorum was announced.

Chuck Lawson has spoken with **Angela Arnold**, who is ailing and requests visitors. Please call first.

Minutes of Last Meeting: **Bill Jackson** moved that the minutes be adopted as printed in *The Sporrán*.

Treasurer's Report: **Ken Stewart** reported the balance after income and expenses of \$3723.67.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: **Fran Lawson** reported a total of 134. She also announced annual dues are now payable.

Conveners: **Fran Lawson** reported convening only one games this year, Glasgow (KY). **HRSS** will be The Honored Society there in 2012. **Chuck** also had a booth at Scottish Heritage Festival at Nashville PL.

Webmaster: **Desireé Porter** reported for **Ron Porter**, there is a need for more current photos on the website. Please email to the webmaster@hrsstn.org.

OLD BUSINESS

Bake Sale: **Randal Cunningham** reminded us to bring baked goods and show support on November 19, at Wal-Mart in Manchester. Arrangements can be made with **Chuck Lawson**, **Randal Cunningham** or **Desireé Porter** for pick-up or drop-off on Friday for transporting goods to Wal-Mart. Cash Donations are also welcome.

Christmas Parade: **Chuck Lawson** announced the Family Activity Center at First Methodist Church will be the gathering spot for the Nashville Pipes and Drums prior to the parade. **Randal Cunningham** and **Chuck Lawson** will carry the HRSS banner. After they have completed the parade route, Fast Jack's will treat the band to a buffet. All are encouraged to join in the festivities on December 2, 2011. Donations are being accepted to help sponsor NP&D in the Tullahoma Parade.

Burns Dinner: **Fran Lawson** asked for more volunteers and **Desireé Porter** stressed the need for more Silent Auction Items. **René Cavett**, **Randal Cunningham**, **Tammy Overman (per Gary)** and **Desireé Porter** all volunteered to help with the January 21, 2012 Burns Dinner. **Chuck Lawson** reminded us that this is the main fundraiser for the annual scholarships for Highland pipers, harpers and dancers.

Other Old Business: Hiking: It was reported new hiking events will have to wait for nicer weather.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: **Gary Overman** presented the slate of officers that he and the other committee

members **Eleanor Gilchrist**, **Randal Cunningham**, with **John Scarborough** as Chair, selected. The slate follows. President: **Fran Lawson**; Vice President: **Lee Snyder**; Secretary: **Desireé Porter**; Treasurer: **Ken Stewart**. **Ron Cunningham** motioned to cease nominations and proclaim the ballot as presented. **Howell Graham** seconded. The slate was accepted by unanimous vote.

Other new business:

Bill Jackson offered a motion of Thanks to our President, **Chuck Lawson**, for his service. **Randal Cunningham** seconded.

Howell Graham issued an invitation to his and **Margie's** 50th wedding anniversary reception at First Baptist Church, December 10, 2011, from 2-4pm.

René Cavett offered an invitation to the St. Andrew's Day celebration at St. Barnabas Church on November 30, 2011, at 7pm. There will be a piper and, tentatively, a Highland dancer..

A motion to adjourn was made by **Bill Jackson** and seconded by **Ron Cunningham** at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Desireé F. Porter, Secretary

2012 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? Reservation forms are available on the website if you need one. 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 2011 and we would be so happy to repeat or exceed that number in 2012. 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. This **HRSS** event is such an enjoyable evening, many patrons, some from miles away, return again and again to participate in the fun and fellowship there. We do not want this Robert Burns birthday party to be an exception in our line of tremendous successes. Please help.



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