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Audit	Carol Goodman
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Historian	Bill Madewell & Denise Smith
Hospitality	Randal Cunningham
Membership	Alan Clark/Denise Smith
Newsletter	Alan Clark
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POTG	René Cavett
Program	Tom Bentley
Publicity	Alan Clark
Registered Agent	Crawford Parrish
Ways and Means	(Open)

While the pandemic has slowed us down, it has not stopped the HRSS from trying to maintain a presence in our community and among our friends who cherish the Scottish backgrounds in our history. Stay with us, members, as we swing back towards a new normal and have the chance to greet each other again in fellowship and reverie that is uniquely Scottish.

Join us for meetings again, let's get our membership back, and enjoy the blessings of one another.

Blessings, Alan Clark, Editor

2021UPCOMING EVENTS

Society Meeting: 20 July 7pm at The Celtic Cup and on Zoom

April 23, 2022 Piping on the Green.

Middle Tennessee Highland Games and Celtic Celebration Sept 11, 2021, Percy Warner Park, Nashville, TN 9 AM-5 PM

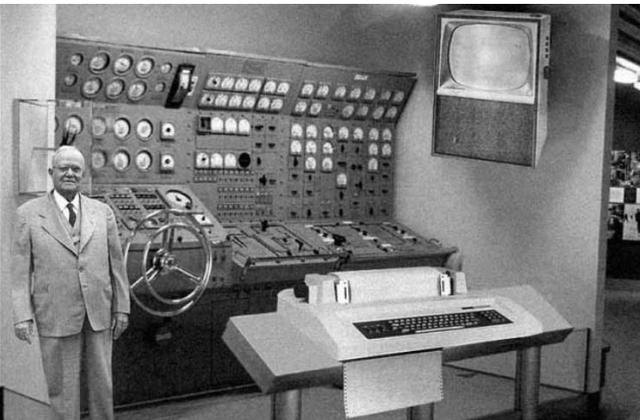
Sir Walter Scott Dinner: Sunday, September 26, 2021 (tentative).

Chili Cook-Off, October 17, 2021, Frazier-McEwen Park-McEwen Park, 12:00 pm—3:00 pm.

HANDS ON SCIENCE CENTER OPEN!



“HOME COMPUTER” Makes it Debut!



Scientists from the RAND Corporation have created this model to illustrate how a "home computer" could look like in the year 2004. However the needed technology will not be economically feasible for the average home. Also the scientists readily admit that the computer will require not yet invented technology to actually work, but 50 years from now scientific progress is expected to solve these problems. With teletype interface and the Fortran language, the computer will be easy to use.

The board meeting began at 7:02 and was attended by **Historian - Bill Madewell, Past -President – Denise Smith, Program Chair – Tom Bentley, Second Signer – Carol Goodman, Secretary – Desiree Porter, Treasurer – René Cavett, and Ways & Means Committee member – Randal Cunningham.**

Treasurer, René Cavett disclosed the current balance as \$18,930.46.

The tentative date for the Sir Walter Scott dinner will be Sunday, September 26, 2021.

Please let a board member know if you would like to help with the details.

The Chili Cook-off is October 17, 2021 at Frazier-McEwen Park from 12pm to 3pm.

Members can submit their list of famous Scots to **Tom** or any board member for future programs.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 by motion from **Tom** and seconded by **Carol**.

Respectfully submitted by Desiree Porter, Secretary



The Sporrán is the bi-monthly newsletter of HRSS, edited by Alan Clark. We welcome news of events, book reviews, and articles from the membership. The next due date for the **September** newsletter will be **August 30**. Let the membership hear from you!

Have a wonderful memory & story to share with the Society? Let **Tom Bentley**, Program chair, know and get scheduled for a 15 minute presentation after one of our Society meetings! Contact htbntley@lighttube.net to schedule your presentation. Thank you!

May 18, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

As **President, Brandon Hunt**, was on protest alert and **Vice President, Crawford Parrish**, was out of state, **Past President, Denise Smith** headed up the meeting starting at 7:02 pm. There were 12 members present and 3 attending by Zoom.

Secretary, Desireé Porter asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes as printed in *The Sporran*, as there were none, minutes were accepted.

Treasurer, René Cavett was unable to be in attendance and **Second Signer, Carol Goodman** announced the balance as \$18,915.46.

Piping on The Green member, Denise Smith announced that South Jackson Civic Center holds a current musical license and will be the music sponsor.

Publicity, Alan Clark will continue to get the word out about the Society with a heavy accent on Piping on The Green.

Web-Master, Ron Porter has the Clan updates to add to the website and will pass the information onto **Historian, Bill Madewell**.

Denise brought up the fact the **Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival** at Maryville was very well attended. She also mentioned that the Walter Scott Birthday celebration needs further discussion. The Burns Dinner is still in need of caterers.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 by motion from **Carol** and a second by **Alan**.

Program: Tom Bentley presented an interactive, fact-finding program on Scottish scientist.

*Respectfully submitted by Desireé Porter,
Secretary*



SIRWALTER SCOTT DINNER BACKGROUND

Sir Walter Scott, one of the most prolific beloved writers of all time, author of many notable novels and narrative poems, was also a social historian who had a keen interest in Scotland's food and gastronomic traditions. Early in the 19th century, there was a notable renaissance in Edinburgh and the Lowlands of old Scots' dishes and dining customs that were looked upon with new respect, and "The Whole World's Darling" did a great deal to foster and promote the revival of Scottish self-awareness and make people proud once again to be Scots. It has been said that if ever a man was a publicity agent for Scotland, it was Scott.

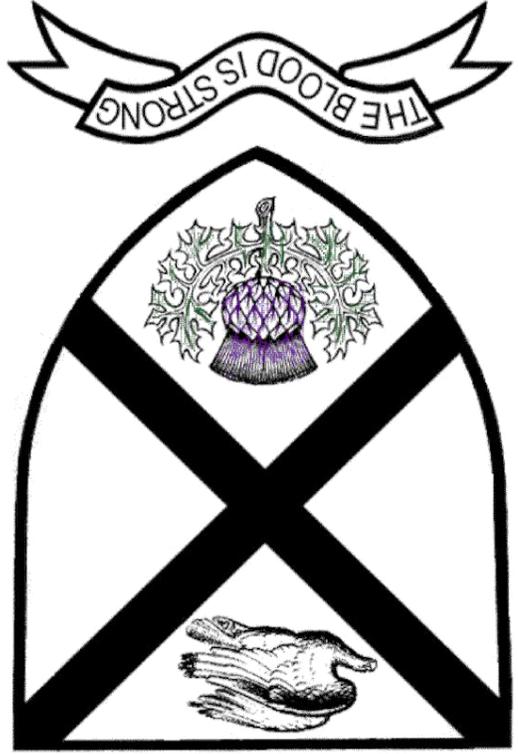
Scott's tastes in food were said to be plain and Scottish, and he maintained a lively interest in foods that were grown in his country, regional fare, and is known to have enjoyed the conviviality of fine dining in his home, at clubs, and while traveling. "The Wizard of the North" was familiar with the kitchens of royalty, aristocrats, and crofters.

While some persons may consider the gastronomic world of Scots to be of trifling importance, it is interesting to consider a few references in his notable works in which the acclaimed author welded the Highland and Lowland culinary traditions to achieve a heightened awareness of the past and make the rest of the world take notice. He gave us a wealth of valuable and fascinating information for food historians and devotees of Scottish gastronomic lore.

At Abbotsford House in the Borders where the author lived the life of a country magistrate and the landowner, his breakfast, served about nine, is said to have comprised porridge with cream, "salmon, fresh or kippered," "a home-made ham, a pie, or a cold sheep's head," followed by "oatcakes, or slices of brown bread spread thick with butter."

-The Gastronomic World of Sir Walter Scott, by Kay Shaw Nelson.

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