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**NEWS RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**The Douglas County Scottish Society Celebrates “Annual Burns Supper”**

Join the Douglas County Scottish Society (DCSS) for dinner the evening of Saturday, January 19, 2008 at Seven Feathers Hotel and Casino Resort for our “Annual Burns Supper,” which honors the memory and work of Scotland’s national bard, Robert Burns (1759-1796). Doors open at 5:00 p.m., no-host social hour from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.; dinner and entertainment from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35/person and available at the Seven Feathers Box Office, Premier West Bank of Winston, Hanson’s Jewelers of Roseburg and by calling Ray Edwards, DCSS President (541) 863-6424, Myrtle Creek. Tickets must be purchased by January 15, 2008. All are welcome to join the DCSS for their annual celebratory tribute to the life, works and spirit of the great Scottish poet, Robert Burns. Celebrated on or about the Bard's birthday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, for over 200 years, Burns Suppers range from formal gatherings of esthetes and scholars to uproariously informal rave-ups of drunkards and louts. DCSS’s Burns Suppers fall in the middle of this range, and adhere, more or less, to the time-honored form which includes the eating of a traditional Scottish meal, the drinking of Scotch whisky, and the recitation of works by, about, and *in the spirit of* the Bard. Traditional Scottish dress or business dress is required.

The evening’s entertainment includes bagpipe music from DCSS’s own Heidi Wood and Erika Thorsen as well as the Eugene, Oregon five-piece band, *Tonn Nua* ([www.tonnua.com](http://www.tonnua.com)), made up of youth fifteen to eighteen years of age who perform a lively blend of Scottish and Irish music. Sweet sounds from the Celtic harp will be provided by Jo Gray. Enjoy the “Ode to the Haggis” which includes bagpipe music and a ceremonial introduction and serving of haggis. This is a participatory event, so be ready to give a toast or read a line of Burns’ poetry. Don’t forget to bring extra cash, as the DCSS will hold a silent auction and raffle off many wonderful items such

as bountiful baskets and traditional Scottish accessories and accoutrements. Proceeds from the raffle support the DCSS's Scottish/Celtic Heritage Scholarship fund, which supports cultural education. The evening will culminate in the singing of Burns' traditional, *Auld Lang Syne*. The dinner menu will be scrumptious, with a buffet-style menu from the wonderful Seven Feathers Chefs. All meals will include Chef's choice of accompaniments, assorted breads and rolls, haggis and soda bread.

For more information, call 541-863-6424, 541-580-8416 or email [hfaldalen@yahoo.com](mailto:hfaldalen@yahoo.com). For more information on Robert Burns, visit [www.robertburns.org](http://www.robertburns.org) or [www.rabbie-burns.com](http://www.rabbie-burns.com)

The Douglas County Scottish Society is a non-profit organization striving to involve and educate adults and children in Celtic culture.