

THE GREAT SCOT

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CHAN FHIACH CUIRM GUN A COMHRADH – A FEAST IS NO USE
WITHOUT GOOD TALK

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

OUR SUMMER WAS JUST NOT LONG ENOUGH BUT NOW IT'S FALL AND THE LEAVES ARE CHANGING AND DROPPING AS WELL. I'M GOING TO MISS THE WARMER WEATHER – THAT'S FOR SURE.

AS YOU MAY KNOW, RAY AND JAN EDWARDS HAVE RETURNED FROM THE WILDS OF MONTANA TO 'WINTER' IN MYRTLE CREEK. RAY'S GOING TO BE COORDINATING THE VETERANS DAY PARADE IN NOVEMBER BUT I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK KIP PAGE FOR ALL THE WORK HE DID THIS YEAR AS OUR PARADE COORDINATOR.

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE WON A TROPHY AT OUR RECENT 'MARCH' IN THE MELON FESTIVAL PARADE HELD IN WINSTON ON SEPTEMBER 10TH. ALSO, WE HELD OUR BOARD MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WINSTON PARADE AND IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE ANNUAL BURNS NIGHT DINNER WILL BE HELD AT SEVEN FEATHERS IN CANYONVILLE ON JANUARY 21ST, 2012.

OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING IN OAKLAND AND IT WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. OUR OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE GREEN GRANGE ON OCTOBER 21ST AT 6:00 PM. IT'S A MEXICAN POTLUCK SO PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!!!

THE NOMINATIONS FOR ALL THE ELECTED POSITIONS IN THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD AT OUR OCTOBER MEETING. THE ACTUAL ELECTIONS WILL THEN BE HELD AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING WHICH IS GOING TO BE HELD AT THE TRI-CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN MYRTLE CREEK. SO PLEASE THINK ABOUT BECOMING AN 'OFFICER' FOR 2012.....

SEE YOU AT THE GREEN GRANGE ON OCTOBER 21ST!

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President Lois Black

Douglas County Scottish Society - Calendar of Events

- Oct. 1 11:00 Games follow-up meeting and picnic. O.C. Brown Park in Dixonville, on Buckhorn Rd.
Oct. 21 6:00pm Meeting of the Douglas County Scottish Society – Green Grange Hall
This is a program meeting. Mexican Potluck. The Grange is on Grange Road, between Green and Winston.
Nov. 18 6:00 pm Election meeting of the Scottish Society – Tri City Presbyterian Church – Soup and Bread dinner
Dec. 16 6:00 pm Christmas Dinner – Tom Tom Restaurant, Roseburg

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Celtic Family Names **Forsyth**

This ancient Scottish name may have been derived from a Gaelic first name "Fearsithe" which means "man (or place) of peace". But there is also a legend that it originated from "Forsach" a Norseman who settled in Aquitaine in France and thence as the Viscomte de Fronsoc to the English court and lands in Northumberland and then into the Borders of Scotland and Edinburgh. In current usage, the name "Forsyth" in Scotland has the stress on the second syllable.

Osbert, son of Robert de Forsyth was granted land in Sauchie from [King Robert the Bruce](#) on 1306 and after giving a good account of himself at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. Osbert's son became the king's "macer" and constable of [Stirling Castle](#) in 1368.

David Forsyth, who lived in Lanarkshire, obtained lands there before 1488 and claimed that his ancestors were the Norman de Fronsoc and had heraldry similar to de Fronsoc. Forsyth castle near Dykes in Lanarkshire survived to the early 19th century. Other branches of the family settled Monkland at Inchnoch castle and spread to Ayrshire as well as around Glasgow.

A William Forsyth was a baillie in Edinburgh around 1365. His son moved to St Andrews and acquired the barony of Nydie. The fourth baron perished at the Battle of Flodden in 1513 but his grandson married a great-granddaughter of James III. He acquired lands around [Falkland Palace](#) and became king's macer and Puirsavant at the palace. The present chief of the Forsyths is descended from this line.

In the 18th century, the Reverend Alexander Forsyth from Aberdeenshire invented the percussion cap which replaced the flint lock. He turned down an offer of 20,000 pounds from Napoleon for the secret.

William Forsyth from Old Meldrum became a distinguished horticulturist and was appointed Chief Superintendent of the Royal Gardens. He is best remembered now for the family of plants known as "Forsythia". The Forsyth clan motto is "Instaurator ruinae" which means "A repairer of ruin"

WINSTON MELON FESTIVAL PARADE

By my belated count, we had 13 people and 1 dog brave the 95 degree heat for the Winston Melon Festival Parade. We were the Color Guard for the parade, even though some kids group managed to dash in front of us, halfway through the parade. (With horses no less, guess what we got to march through!) The Scottish Society received the First Place trophy for our entry.

Because of the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks, we also displayed all of the military flags, and the POW/MIA flag. Our last parade of the year will be the Veteran's Day parade, Nov. 11th in Roseburg. If we carry all our flags and banners, we need at least 17 people, plus a piper and a drummer. If you haven't come with us on any of our parades, this is a good one to come to. Ray will have the trailer again, if you don't want to walk, but this is our best chance to honor our Veterans as well as our Serving members of the Armed Forces. The parade usually forms behind the Courthouse, and I am just guessing, but it will probably start about 11:00, look in next months newsletter for more details.

ELECTIONS COMING UP

Now is the time to start thinking about Officer's for next year for the Society. Nominations will be made at the October meeting, and elections will be held at our November meeting. The nominating committee is Dennis Smith and Norm Nelson. Lois Black will not be running for President again, so we know that the offices of President and Treasurer will need filling.

If you are interested in running for an office, or know someone who is, contact Norm (672-3626, norm.n49er@yahoo.com), or Dennis (839-6666, cadimanden@frontiernet.net).

ROBERT BURNS DINNER

Our annual Robert Burns Dinner will be held at Seven Feather's next year. January 21st is the date, so you can start planning. One of the great advantages of being at Seven Feather's is the great exposure we will have to our community. You have to admit, a whole roomful of kilts does draw attention! If you are interested in helping with the planning of the Burns dinner, contact Lois Black.

KILTED SKIRT RAFFLE

We have sold a couple hundred raffle tickets for the Kilted Skirt, so far, but we really need to get going on it. Lois has lots of ticket packets available, so get hold of her if you would like some. Come on, guys! How often do you get a chance to buy a skirt for your Lassie for only a buck! At that price, you could buy 2 tickets. Remember, this purchase is being done through the Scottish Country Shop, so almost all tartan patterns are available.



HMS Victory (Lord Nelson's Flagship)

The most extensive restoration work ever undertaken on *HMS Victory* has begun. The historic ship's masts and rigging have been dismantled. The project is expected to take 10 years to complete. At its drydock in Portsmouth, *Victory* is expected to remain open to the public throughout its rebuild.

Celtic Classifieds

Need to sell Aunt Louisa's portrait because it won't fit in your new living room? Ladies, need to put your husband to work to get him out of your hair? Your pet Scottie just give birth to 12 puppies? You just might need our new Celtic Classifieds. For a small donation to the Society, I will include your Ad in our newsletter.

T-Shirts For Sale – These are this year's T-Shirts for the Games. Great looking shirts this year. Heather Grey, and with the flags of all the Celtic nations. \$25 each, sizes L, XL and XXL. If you are a 'small', buy one anyway, they make great Night-shirts for your Lassie. Contact Lois Black: 541-315-2172

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE . Worn once by mistake. Call Stephanie.

World famous Brighton Pier is for sale at bargain prices. Opened in May 1899, the 1760-foot pleasure pier that anchors Brighton beach has funfair rides, bars amusement arcades and a restaurant. For Sale by the Noble Group, they are expecting massive interest in the landmark. HURRY, HURRY, HURRY

Prince Harry Heading Back to Combat

Clarence House has announced that Prince Harry will return to Afghanistan, this time as an Apache helicopter pilot. The prince completed his Mountain Flying training this spring in the French Alps. After five years service as an

officer, prince Harry has also been promoted to Captain. *(Reminder that we still have allies serving with us in both Iraq and Afghanistan)*

Dorothy Brusatori

Dorothy Brusatori has been having a few medical problems, lately. Dorothy is one of our founding members, and is well into her 90th Decade. I understand she recently had a couple stints installed in her legs. Keep Dorothy in your prayers. It was a few people like Dorothy that made the Scottish Society what it is today.

Minutes of September Business Meeting

These are the Minutes as submitted by Secretary Marilyn Aird. Any additions or corrections, contact Marilyn. Approval of these minutes will be done at our next Business Meeting.

Douglas County Scottish Society
Sept. 16,2011

Meetings to be held 2011 at 6:00pm

October 16th-Green Grange-Winston-Mexican Potluck

November 18th-Tri-City Presbyterian Church, 355 Meadow St.-Soup and Bread Potluck

December 16th-Tom Tom Restaurant, Roseburg-Christmas Dinner w/ all the trimmings between \$12 and \$15- gift exchange, \$5.

We took 1st place at the Melon Festival, thank you to all who participated!

Motion was made to have our Christmas Dinner At the Tom Tom Restaurant in Roseburg. Motion passed.

Games update: Water fountain at skate park needs fixed, we could help dig trench that's needed as fountain is already there, and rental of bathroom for skate park should be deducted from cost of park rental for the games. Our games banners were put up a week ahead this year and taken down on 15th, and stored at Melon Festival unit. Needs to be done in a more timely manner, if we do it, should be taken off cost of park rental.

On our games program, the donation given by the Coastal Celtic Society was left out. We did announce their donation several times during the games. We will definitely triple check next year. Need sponsor for next year-20th Anniversary 2012 Games, also sponsorships.

Post game meeting Sat. 11:00am picnic potluck at O.C. Brown Park, Dixon Ville

Nomination Committee-Dennis Smith, Norm Nelsen

Scholarship Committee-Dennis Smith, Theresa Kaiser, Charles Lamb

Games Acct. already signed over

T-Shirt sales for games \$500.00 at \$25.00 each, Edged Weapons, expenses and income \$0-insufficient records, NEED games treasurer (responsible for games only)

Money for the Celtic Skirt raffle, bring to Lois.

Parade- Veterans Day, Nov. 11th 2011, 9.30am behind court house

Pass hat- \$40.00 received.

Thank you to all who attended.

Yours respectfully, Recording Secretary, Marilyn Aird

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Upcoming Events

Oct. 1 11:00 am, Followup meeting for the Highland Games – O.C.Brown Park, Dixonville - Picnic potluck

Oct. 21 6:00pm Program meeting of the Scottish Society

Nov. 11 Veteran's Day Parade

Nov. 18 6:00pm Business Meeting of the Scottish Society – Tri City Presbyterian Church

Dec. 16 6:00pm Scottish Society Christmas Dinner Meeting – Tom Tom Restaurant, Roseburg

Jan. 21 – Annual Burn's Night Dinner, Seven Feathers Resort

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