



Scottish Society of the TREASURE COAST

# The Scotsman

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## Kaye's Komments

We are pleased to announce that we have chosen an organization to receive a Scholarship reward. After reaching out to our community and related groups that share Scottish heritage, the Board has decided, based on the recommendations of our Scholarship Committee, to award \$1,000 to the Center for Dance and Performing Arts, lead by Ms. Katherine Austin. Ms. Austin and her troupe of four highland dancers performed at our January Burns Supper and were talented and well received. The Board also elected to give an award of \$200 to the young women that helped with our Annual Tea.

We are also pleased to announce that our new website will be up and running soon. This improved website should allow for members to pay for events and dues online; more information to follow. Look for our website at The Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast.

Our membership is growing and we now have 72 individual members. We would like to see many more. Our two newest members are Roberta Moore from Fort Pierce and Phyllis Stewart Dixon from Sebastian. Welcome Aboard!

Our events for the Season will be: our Annual Meeting on September 21, 2023 (please see flyer in this newsletter) at the Vero Beach Yacht Club; St. Andrew's Day to be held at Pointe West in Vero Beach on November 30, 2023 and our Burns Supper to be held on January 25, 2024 also at Pointe West. By using Pointe West we will be able to accommodate many more members and not have to turn away members due to size constraints. Please follow the instructions to submit your reservations before the cut-off date. It is essential to comply to allow the facility to accommodate us with meals and table space.

We will be scheduling our Downtown Friday participation this fall with our new booth and a piper and hope to attract many new members. Those dates will be emailed to you when they are determined, and we encourage your participation.

Sincerely,  
Kaye Hicks, President

## UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

**We hope you will join us whenever possible**

Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023 - Annual Meeting,  
Vero Beach Yacht Club, Commodore Room,  
3601 Rio Vista Blvd., Vero Beach, FL 32963  
Reservations Required

Friday, Oct. 27, 2023 - Downtown Friday Event,  
14th Avenue, Vero Beach

Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023 - St. Andrew's Celebration,  
Pointe West Country Club, 7500 14th Lane,  
Vero Beach, FL - Reservations Required

Thursday, December 28, 2023 - Ne'er Day  
Celebration, TBD

Thursday, January 25, 2024 - Burns Supper,  
Pointe West Country Club, 7500 14th Lane,  
Vero Beach, FL - Reservations Required

For Reservations call the Scottish Society number:  
772-783-6891

## NOTICE OF DUES INCREASE FOR 2024

The Board of Directors has reviewed the many costs involved with maintaining the Scottish Society as many of our costs have risen substantially. In order for us to continue serving our members, the Board has voted to increase our dues in 2024 to the following:

**Individual Dues - \$50.00**  
**Joint Dues - \$75.00**

The Scottish Society has not increased dues for many years. We have tried to prevent this, but it now needs to be addressed and we thank you for your understanding. You will soon receive an envelope and a letter to return your dues payment in; please fill out the few questions on the envelope. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
The Board of Directors

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Currently, we have 72 members and our goal this year is to reach 100 by September. I encourage every member to be a recruiter and help us reach our goal. As our membership grows, we will be able to have additional events and greater interaction with our community.

Steve Hicks, Director of Membership

## IS TARTAN AND PLAID THE SAME?

Some people say that tartan is Scottish and plaid is Irish. Not so. The difference is that the tartan is recorded with the Scottish Registry of Tartans (a division of the National Archives of Scotland) as an authentic weave of one's family. Each authentic tartan has a specified thread count (so many threads of green, so many threads of red and so on. This doesn't mean that every time a tartan is woven, the actual number of threads must be exactly as the thread counted listed by the Scottish Registry. It is the ratio of colors to one another which is important and providing this remains constant, the number of threads in a tartan may be varied according to the type of cloth being woven.

One complete thread pattern is called a sett. The setts repeat themselves forming the tartan. Plaid doesn't follow this ratio or thread count and therefore cannot be certified as authentic.

So the key to tartan identification is in the 'sett' or pattern. It is the pattern, not the width of the sett or the shade of color that identifies the tartan.

Today, modern tartan weavers generally use dark blues and greens and bright reds and yellows produced by man-made dyes. The 'old', 'ancient', 'muted' and 'weathered' colors tend to be in lighter and softer shades because they were originally produced using vegetable, mineral and plant dyes hundreds of years ago. Modern man-made dyes can create an infinite spectrum of colors that duplicate the older colors. Many people have difficulty understanding and accepting this distinction. They have been brainwashed into thinking that if they are wearing a kilt in ancient colors, they are wearing a more authentic tartan than one in a modern color. Also, the color palette varies depending on which woolen mill produced the cloth. Whatever color your kilt, wear it with pride!

**SOCIETY PHOTO GALLERY OF RECENT EVENTS**



**Burns Supper Highland Dancers**



**Kirkin of the Tartans at Westminster Presbyterian Church**



**Afternoon Tea at the Vero Beach Garden Club**



**Downtown Friday in Vero Beach with piper, Rich**

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### **THE MONTHLY TARTAN QUIZ**

This month's tartan is the Edinburgh District tartan. It was designed in 1970 to mark the Commonwealth Games being held there that year. In more recent times this pattern has provided inspiration for two different patterns named Dunedin in Florida and Dunedin in New Zealand. 'Dunedin' is an alternative (or lyrical) form of Edinburgh used by the towns in these countries. The colors have symbolic references to the City of Edinburgh.



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