



Scottish Society of the TREASURE Coast

The Scotsman

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Kaye's Komments

In the past year, I am very proud of our Board members who have stepped up and done an excellent job in their diverse roles. We were able to give out 10 scholarships this year and look forward to awarding additional scholarships next year. Our funds are doing well due to our member's generosity. You will be receiving your Annual Dues letter and envelope in the next few weeks - please return these promptly and all donations to the Scholarship Fund are greatly appreciated. Our Society has grown in the last few years, becoming stronger and our events have become memorable occasions. The Society is a member of the Vero Beach and Sebastian Chambers of Commerce and Steve and I have attended numerous meetings and events to represent the Society. We live in a thriving community and have strong support from both Chambers. Our New Board will be elected at our Annual Meeting on October 4, 2026 at Pointe West and please make every effort to attend. We have several new Board members who bring a high level of professionalism and talent to our Society. I urge all of you to please support our events and look forward to your comments and suggestions.

Kaye Hicks, President

GENEALOGY GIG GOING GANGBUSTERS!

The Scottish Genealogy Interest Group (GIG) that your Society started in 2024 is taking a welcome Summer break after a highly productive Fall/Winter/Spring season. We've seen steady to increasing attendance, even after the snowbirds head home. With our Society membership also growing, we're expecting even better attendance and participation come October when we resume meeting.

Last year's program activity focused heavily on the use of AI tools to support genealogy research as well as strategies for attacking "brick walls" in family research. In the coming year we will feature deep-dive presentations on resources available in specific regions in the New World where Scots migration occurred from the 1600s through the early 20th century. One such area is Atlantic Canada – Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Labrador, and Prince Edward Island – which saw considerable immigration from Scotland over extended periods. The New England Historical Genealogical Society currently is hosting a multi-part online series on tracing one's roots in Atlantic Canada. Here's a link to the YouTube recording of the first seminar in case you're interested: <https://youtu.be/HZNhuxQZXTg?is=0-Ao1ewnzYRtqqxX>

Our first meeting of the new season – due to a scheduling conflict at the IRC Main Library - will be WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you there!

Roy Thompson and Mason Russell, Co-Chairs

SARAH'S JOKES

A little Scotch on the rocks

What's the difference between a lawn mower and a bagpipe?
You can tune a lawn mower.

Need reinforcements for the rescue mission. Send six tanks...
or one bagpiper.

What is a haggis? A small animal with shorter legs on one side so it can run around hills.

A tourist asked a Scotsman "Why do you wear those skirts?" The Scot replied, "The last person who called it a skirt got kilt."



TREASURER'S REPORT

This is a quiet time of year for the Society. The Wells Fargo account has an adequate balance to support current operations. As the new membership year begins, renewals along with our four major events, will bring in additional funds.

Early donations to the Scholarship Fund have jumpstarted fundraising for the 2027 Scholarship Awards. The current Fidelity account balance is \$15,502.46 of which \$5,502.46 is available for scholarships. This is close to the amount awarded last year and fundraising has only just begun. All event registration forms will include an option to donate to the Scholarship Fund to encourage additional contributions.

Ron Redpath

The Dentist and the Scotsman (Fiscal Responsibility from a Treasurer's Point of View)

A Scotsman goes to the dentist and asks how much it is for a tooth extraction. "\$100 for an extraction sir" was the dentist's reply. "Och... huv ye no got anythin' cheaper" replies the Scotsman getting agitated. "But that's the normal charge for an extraction sir," said the dentist. "What about if ye din't use any anesthetic?" asked the Scotsman hopefully. "Well it's highly unusual sir, could be quite painful, but if that is what you want, I suppose I can do it for \$80," said the dentist. "Hmmmm, what about if yer used one of your dentist trainees and still without anaesthetics," said the Scotsman. "Well it's possible but they are only training and I can't guarantee their level of professionalism and it'll be a lot more painful. I suppose in that case we can bring the price down to say, \$50," said the dentist. "Och... that's still a bit much, how about if ye make it a training session and have yer student do the extraction and the other students watchin' and learnin'," said the Scotsman hopefully. "Hmmmmmm, well, OK, it'll be good for the students I suppose, I'll charge you only \$25 in that case," said the dentist. "Now yer talkin' laddie! It's a deal" said the Scotsman. "Can you confirm an appointment for the wife on Tuesday?"

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The number of visitors to our web site has increased dramatically in the past few months. A fair number are from out of state. Maybe the word is getting out. Be sure to check out the "This Day in Scotland" tab to see some interesting historical facts. The data changes every day. For a recorded video of Steve and Kaye go to our "Events" page and click on the link at the top. They are quite entertaining and cover a lot of ground. The St. Andrew's Celebration is coming up on Nov 15. As soon as the details are worked out, you will be able to order your seat and dinner for you and your guests directly online. The event will be linked from the "Events" page or you will be able to go directly to the "Donations" page. We will also send out a notification email. Be sure to send in any suggestions for our web site.

<https://www.scottishsocietyofthetreasurecoast.com/>

Doug Wood

MEMBERSHIP/EVENTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Since my last report, we entered the off-season with no events. During this time we have been pursuing potential new members and have made personal contributions to St. Augustine Pipes & Drums Band. They will be gracing us with a performance on Sunday, November 15, 2026 for our St. Andrew's Celebration.

The Events Committee has met with Pointe West and we have set the dates, times, and menus for the Annual Meeting (10-4-26), St. Andrew's Celebration (11-15-26), Burn's Supper (1-30-2027), and the Annual Tea (3-7-2027). The Vero Beach Pipes and Drums Band has confirmed they will be playing at the Burn's Supper.

We are planning a Pub Night in September and will send information via our mass emailing shortly.

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I am waiting for the Vero Beach Polo Club to post their schedule and will notify our members through our email system when those dates are announced.

The 49th Central Florida Highland Games will be held January 16 & 17, 2027 at Central Winds Park in Winter Springs, FL (near Orlando). Kaye and I will be attending and staying on-site in our travel trailer. We look forward to seeing our fellow Society members at this memorable event.

Steve Hicks

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Following a record-setting 2026 campaign in which \$5500 was raised, we have already collected just slightly more than that amount for 2027. Our goal is to reach \$7,500, with the intent of awarding \$6,500, and building an escrow with the remainder. We strive to maintain consistency in our annual awards and to create greater solvency for the future.

Of note, is that the mainstay of what funds have been raised is limited to just three donors. We have small fund raisers built into our annual events and these will add marginal amounts to the cause. What is needed is broader participation throughout our membership.

When you renew your annual membership this year please consider using that as an opportunity to add a donation. You will see a blank to check for that purpose on your renewal form. We have approximately 100 members. If every member adds just \$25 to their renewal, we will easily achieve our funding goals.

A fundamental pillar of our Society is to perpetuate Scottish heritage and culture. The young people we support are the life blood of that imperative and become our collective legacy. Your support is appreciated and will help to ensure our long term viability and relevance.

Brad Mason

SCOTTISH LINGO YOU SHOULD KNOW

Line - Queue	Sausage - Banger
Cash Register - Till	Trash - Rubbish
Mashed Potatoes - Mash	Potato - Tattie
Can (as in throw away) - Bin	Turnip - Neep
Ground Hamburger - Minced	Television - Telly
Apartment - Flat	French Fries - Chips
Elevator - Lift	Chips - Crisps
Freeway - Motorway	Yes - Aye
Windshield - Windscreen	Little - Wee
Vacation - Holiday	Beautiful - Bonnie
New Year's Eve - Hogmanay	Bum - Tramp
Pharmacist - Chemist	Awesome - Ace
You're Welcome - Cheers	Friend - Mate
To Go - Take Away	Goodbye - Cheers
Cracker - Digestive	Cheers - Cheers
Cookie - Biscuit	Car Trunk - Boot
Car Fender - Wing	Vehicle - Motor
Cross Walk - Zebra Crossing	Oat Cakes - Bannocks
Miserable Weather - Dreich	To Chat - Blether
Child - Bairn	To Cry - Greet
Grocery Shopping - Going for Messages	
Pleased or Proud - Chuffed	Sandwich - Piece
Freezing - Baltic	Clueless Person - Numpty
Cold Sea Mist - Haar	Sneakers - Trainers
Rain Boots - Wellies	Young Lady - Hen
Buttocks or Backside - Bahookie	
Excellent or Pleasant - Braw	To cuddle - Coorie
Sly or Cunning - Sleekit	To Be Quiet - Weesht

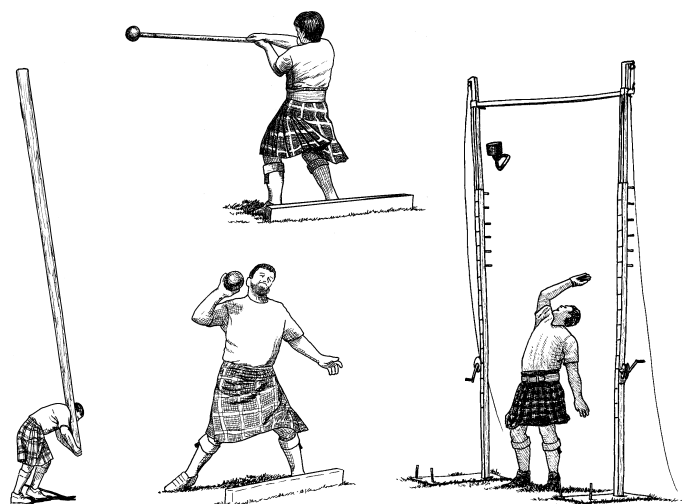


Central Winds Park,
Winter Springs, Fl 32708

Saturday 08:00am - 9:00pm
Sunday 08:45am - 5:00pm

The history and culture of these events are centuries old and the Scottish-American Society of Central Florida are honored to represent that heritage at the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games. Experience traditional Highland athletics, dance, art, music, culture and food!

<https://www.flascot.com>





**Come Celebrate and Welcome
Our Newly Elected President and Board Members**

Annual Meeting – Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Pointe West Country Club, 7500 14th Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32966 - 772-770-3401.

At 5:00 p.m. sharp some of the recipients of this year's scholarship fund will make a brief presentation.

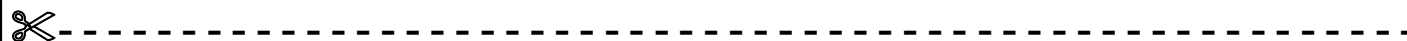
Cost: \$55.00 -- cash bar -- All reservations and payments must be received by September 25, 2026, as a head count is required by Pointe West.

MENU

ENTRÉE: (Choice of One)

**Chicken Alfredo with Penne Pasta and roasted vegetables ---- OR ----
Grilled Mahi-Mahi with rice pilaf and roasted vegetables, Mango relish
House Salad, Freshly Baked Rolls, Brownies, and cookies with Coffee, Tea,
and Lemonade**

Clip and send this coupon to choose your entrée for this special evening.



Name _____	Chicken _____	Fish _____	\$55 _____	
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Donation for Scholarship Fund _____			Total _____	

Please make check payable to: Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast and mail to:

PO Box 5263, Vero Beach, FL 32961 or pay using our website

(www.scottishsocietyofthetreasurecoast.com) by PayPal or your credit card.

Any questions, call Kaye at 586-909-0509



LIMITED PROXY

THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF THE TREASURE COAST A STATE OF FLORIDA 501(C)3 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

On Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. our Society will hold our Annual Membership Meeting at the Pointe West Country Club, 7500 14th Lane, Vero Beach, Florida, 32966. During our annual meeting, we will elect a new Board of Directors for the coming year.

Our nominating committee has identified the following candidates for the new Board of Directors.

Nominated New Directors

**Kaye Hicks - Steve Hicks - Brad Mason - Sarah Morley - Ron Redpath
Mason Russell - Donna Sherrard - David Stewart - Doug Wood**

I am a current member in good standing of the Scottish Society and will be unable to attend the Annual Meeting on October 4, 2026. I _____ (print your name) do hereby assign my voting rights for the election for the Annual General Meeting to the bearer of this proxy.

Signature of the Voting Member: _____

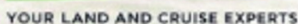
Date: _____

Please mail this proxy to the following address if you are unable to attend:
The Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast, PO Box 5263, Vero Beach, FL
32961

Owners: Philip & Carol Van Vynckt



Phone: 772-563-2856



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★ This tartan was designed to celebrate the 250th
 ★ anniversary of the United States and the history of the
 ★ relationship Scotland and the US have had for centuries.
 ★ The colours are intended to reflect a combination of both
 ★ the American and Scottish flags. Incorporated are accent
 ★ colours to represent James Wilson and John
 ★ Witherspoon, the two Scottish signers of the Declaration
 ★ of Independence. The design was inspired by significant
 ★ dates that led up to the signing of the Declaration of
 ★ Independence including 1607, when the first colony
 ★ settled in Jamestown, the 13 colonies, and the 4th of
 ★ July, which marks the date on which the Continental
 ★ Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.

President - Kaye Hicks
Vice President - Mason Russell
Secretary - Sarah Morley
Treasurer - Ron Redpath
Communications Director - Doug Wood
Membership/Events Director - Steve Hicks
Scholarship Funds Director- Brad Mason
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