



Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast

The Scotsman

DEC 2024

Kaye's Komments

The Scottish Society has gained several new members and our schedule for this season is finalized.

We just had our St. Andrew's Day Celebration at Pointe West with 43 members attending on November 21st, which included a very talented three piece group that played for several hours starting with O' Flower of Scotland, led by Don Symington and we all joined in.

Steve and I spent 5 weeks in Scotland seeing all the major cities and driving for 23 days exploring the Island of Skye, the Outer Hebrides, the Orkney and Shetland Islands as well. From this visit to the UK, two phrases stood out, that can have various meanings, depending on how they were said..."Lovely" and "Perfect"! The travel books and videos we studied could not prepare us for the beauty of this wonderful country and warmth of its people.

The Central Florida Scottish Highland Games will be held in Winter Springs on January 18-19. Steve and I will be attending, camping on site in our travel trailer. I hope everyone who can attend to please do so.

Our next MAJOR event will be the annual Burns Supper at Pointe West on January 23rd. This event is a do-not-miss event. We will have guest speakers, the Vero Beach Pipes and Drums Band as well as Highland Dancers, all with great food and a festive atmosphere.

We will be having our Afternoon Tea at the Vero Beach Garden Club on Sunday, March 23rd and hope that you make your reservations early as there is limited space available. This will be a special tea as our Society will be celebrating our 30 year anniversary.

Once again the Westminster Church on 58th in Vero has invited us to hold the Kirkin 'O' the Tartans at their facility on May 4th. There will be a Piper and a parade of Tartans with a service blessing the clans represented by attendees.

This years Polo Season kicks off in January. The Society will be attending on February 9th and the Vero Beach Pipes and Drums will be playing at this match. We will also be attending on March 2nd, March 30th and the April 13th matches. You pay at the gate (\$20) to the Polo Club. We are not charging anything and will provide two canopies with tables. Please bring your own chairs, beverage of choice and a dish to pass. Please call me early at 586-909-0509 if you plan on attending as space is limited.

There will be much more information available about all these events on our website: www.scottishsocietyofthetreasurecoast.com

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kaye Hicks, President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - DECEMBER 2024

We are thrilled to have many new people joining us this year! I am confident that our membership will continue to grow as our traditional events improve and we offer new selections, like Polo.

We are fortunate to have two members (Roy and Mason) bringing ancestry research to all of our members.

I am looking for new and relevant events to add to our program.

Pub Night was a popular reoccurring event that needs volunteers to keep it get going.

We currently have over 90 members, and our season is just starting. Our next event that will help spread awareness of our Society will be the Sunset Saturday concert series on the ocean side at Humiston Park on December 14th starting at 5:00. We will be recognized as the Non-Profit Organization of the month and will have our pavilion up, meeting new people and giving out information about our unique organization. Please plan on attending.

Our seven week adventure to Scotland and a wee bit of England generated a very large number of pictures and videos that we hope to condense and make a presentation to all who are interested.

Our fees for membership are \$50.00 for a single and \$75.00 for a joint membership. The bronze \$100.00, silver \$250.00, and gold \$500.00 memberships are only for a donation to the scholarship fund (that is tax deductible) with dues being a separate fee.

I wish everyone the best for the Holiday Season.

Steve Hicks, Membership Director



EVENTS CALENDAR

December 6, 2024

Sean Ryan's Pub, Vero Beach 10:00 am. Any member is welcome to attend, please call as space is limited (Kaye 586-909-0509)

December 14, 2024

Sunset Saturday with live music, Humiston Park, Ocean Dr., Vero Beach 5:00 pm. We will be recognized as the Non-Profit Organization of the month. Society will have booth with our canopy.

January 18-19, 2025

Central Florida Scottish Highland Games, Winter Springs, Florida.

January 23, 2025

Burns Supper 5:00 pm. Pointe West Country Club, Vero Beach. Reservations required by 1-16-25. Call for info 586-909-0509. Details on website.

February 9, 2025

Vero Beach Polo Club Sunday Funday, featuring the Vero Beach Pipes & Drums Band

March 02, 2025

Vero Beach Polo Club, Pointe West

March 23, 2025

Afternoon Tea at the Vero Beach Garden Club

March 30, 2025

Vero Beach Polo Club, Pointe West

April 13, 2025

Vero Beach Polo Club, Pointe West

May 4, 2025

Kirkin O' the Tartans at Westminster Church on 58th in Vero Beach

GLASS OF CHAMPAGNE, ANYONE?

Our Society was incorporated in 1995, so in 2025 we celebrate our 30th anniversary – definitely worth a very special Scottish Afternoon Tea and cracking open a bottle (or two!) of champagne or a Mimosa if that's more to your taste.

We're still in the planning stage and don't yet have a confirmed date or venue but we hope it will take place on Sunday March 23rd from 2-4pm at the Garden Center. More news later.....

Come along and help us celebrate!

Sylvia Gregory

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS UPDATE

As we approach the end of the year, it's time to give some serious thought to finding suitable candidates who would benefit from receiving an award from our Scholarship Fund.

The candidate does not have to be of Scottish descent but must be interested in furthering, learning and experiencing various aspects of our wonderful Scottish heritage. In the past, we have awarded Scholarships to young people to further their expertise in piping, rugby and highland dancing, so put on your thinking caps and let me know of anyone who would be a worthy recipient for an award. I look forward to hearing your recommendations.

Since introducing our new Bronze, Silver and Gold Donors specifically for our Scholarship Funds, I am delighted to report that we have received almost \$1,000 which will allow us to make further awards to ensure that our Scottish Heritage will continue – thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Sylvia Gregory



THE VERO BEACH POLO CLUB SUNDAY FUNDAY 2025 Schedule

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1084 E. Polo Grounds Lane

On 12th Street between 74th and 82nd Avenues

\$20.00 per person pay at gate **The VBPB will Play 2/9/2025**

SCOTTISH JOKES

Said the Englishman to the boastful Scot: 'Take away your mountains, glens and lochs, and what have you got?' 'England,' replied the Scot.

Why are they putting Englishmen at the bottom of the ocean? They found out that deep down, they're really not so bad. Then there were two Scots who bet a pound on who could stay under water the longest. They both drowned.

Old Sandy was dying. Tenderly, his wife Maggie knelt by his bedside and asked: 'Anything I can get you, Sandy?' No reply. 'Have ye no' a last wish, Sandy?' Faintly, came the answer... 'a wee bit of yon boiled ham.' 'Wheesht, man,' said Maggie, 'ye ken fine that's for the funeral.'

The minister was sharing a rail compartment with a Scot the worse of drink, who insisted on talking. 'Please don't speak to me,' said the minister. 'You're drunk.' 'Drunk?' replied the Scot. 'You're worse than me — you've got your collar on back to front.'

THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF THE TREASURE COAST PRESENTS:



Date: January 23, 2025; Cocktails & entertainment begin at 5:00 pm., Dinner at 6:30 pm
Cash bar.....Price **\$70.00** members; **\$75.00** non members

Where: Pointe West Country Club, 7500 14th Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32966 772-770-3401

Menu: Dinner choices include: House salad, rolls & butter, green beans almondine, beverage and coffee station, cranachan for dessert
Entrée choices: Roast beef with Au Jus and creamy horseradish sauce, roasted potatoes **OR** Salmon with Bearnaise sauce with rice pilaf. Vegetarian option is available. **RSVP by 1-16-2025**

THE SOCIETY WILL BE FEATURING THE VERO BEACH PIPES AND DRUMS BAND AND THE HIGHLAND DANCERS FROM THE CENTER FOR DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS.

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Clip and send this coupon to choose your entrée for this special evening. Reservations are requested for our Burns Dinner as follows:

Name _____	Beef _____	Salmon _____	\$70/\$75 _____
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Please make checks payable to: Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast and mail to:

P. O. Box 5263, Vero Beach, FL 32961 OR Pay on line at

www.scottishsocietyofthetreasurecoast.com. RSVP Deadline by 1/16/2025.

For further information call: Kaye at 586-909-0509.

All are welcome, and feel free to invite your friends!

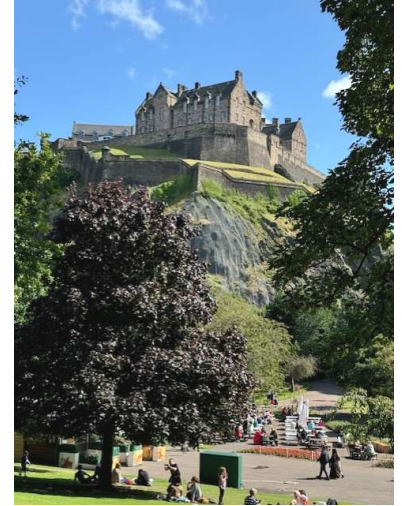
Photos from Steve and Kaye's trip to Scotland



The ubiquitous Red Phone Box



The Mystical Kelpies in Falkirk



Edinburgh Castle



Road traffic in Scotland



Cliffs in the Orkney Islands



Souvenir shop on the Royal Mile in Edinburgh

Stevens Printing

950 Old Dixie Highway, Suite A-11
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Phone: 772-563-0863

Owners: Philip & Carol Van Vynckt



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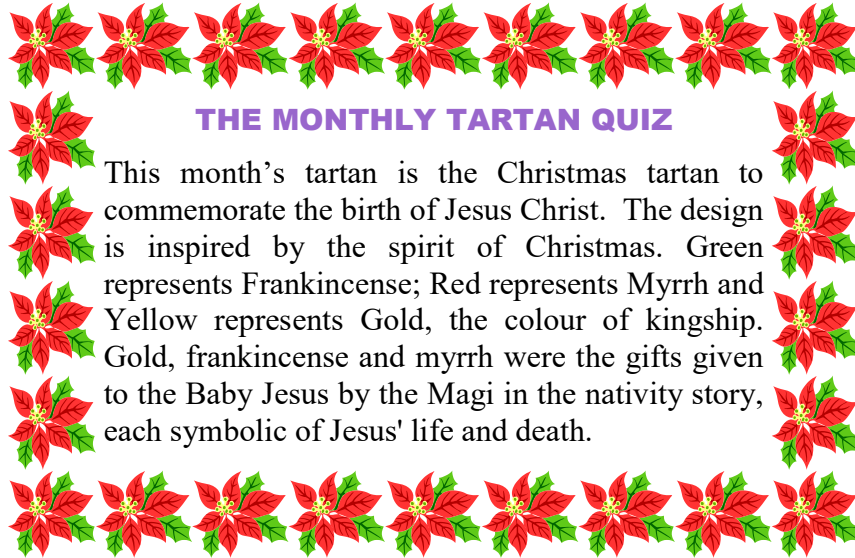
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THE MONTHLY TARTAN QUIZ

This month's tartan is the Christmas tartan to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. The design is inspired by the spirit of Christmas. Green represents Frankincense; Red represents Myrrh and Yellow represents Gold, the colour of kingship. Gold, frankincense and myrrh were the gifts given to the Baby Jesus by the Magi in the nativity story, each symbolic of Jesus' life and death.

2024 - 2025 SOCIETY OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers

President - Kaye Hicks

Vice President - Mason Russell

Secretary - Sarah Morley

Treasurer - Sylvia Gregory

Communications Director - Open Position

Events Coordinator - Open Position

Membership Director - Steve Hicks

Director at Large - Helena Krasa

Director at Large - Donna Sherrard

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