



Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast

The Scotsman

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Kaye's Komments

This year our Scholarship Committee awarded five students with scholarships. Max Dobrin, age 14, who has attended the Winter Springs Highland Games and will use his award to improve his snare drumming and will be attending the North American Academy of Piping & Drumming in North Carolina. Ella Duppenhaler, age 12, has achieved premium level in Highland dance. She plans to use her scholarship for additional training and plans to travel to Scotland in the future to compete. Jack Seem, age 15 was awarded grade three piper of the day at the Central Florida Highland Games and the Dunedin Highland Games. Jack has traveled to Glasgow, Scotland in August for the annual world pipe band championships and plans to attend the Invermark Piping camp for additional instruction. Facil Vargus, age 15, plans to improve his piping to enable him to compete in the World Pipe Band Competition. He plans to use his scholarship funds to purchase a new set of bagpipes. Allison Williams, age 17, a Highland dancer, has been dancing since she was six and has won over 40 awards and trophies. She plans to use her scholarship money to further her training and to compete in the Highland dance world championships in Scotland. We thank all of our members for this most worthy cause. We have received heartfelt thank you letters from each scholarship recipient.

The Scottish Society is expanding it's interaction with the Sebastian Chamber of Commerce and Steve and I have just completed a video interview with them and it will appear on their website. In the process, we have just gained three new members from the Sebastian Chamber of Commerce.

We have had many donations of Highland attire and will be presenting them for sale at all of our events beginning with the Annual Meeting, with all proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund. Please consider donating to our Scholarship Fund; we are a non-profit and all of our donations are tax deductible. Please help us develop creative fund raising events to increase our ability to help young scholars.

We have had many new members join us in the last few years and we ask that you please assist the Board with your varied talents. We currently need an editor who can help with our Newsletter, press releases, and flyers. We also encourage all of our members to please let us know what you think as the Scottish Society is inclusive. Our Society email is: tcscotsmembership@gmail.com.

We greatly appreciate all the work that Sylvia Gregory has preformed for the Society. We will be transitioning to a new Treasurer, Ron Redpath, a highly qualified individual who will be working with Sylvia during this transitioning period, as well as assisting Brad Mason with our scholarship investment securing a solid future.

Sincerely, Kaye Hicks



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

Annual Meeting - Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 5:00 pm. at the Pointe West Country Club, 7500 14th Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32966 772-770-3401
At 5:00 pm. sharp the recipients of this year's scholarship fund will make a brief presentation.

Cost: \$45.00 -- cash bar -- Reservations are required by October 2, 2025
(Confirm your reservation by calling 586-909-0509 Kaye Hicks)

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

After Nominations and Election of officers, we will have a music interlude by a local musician.



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

Name _____	Chicken _____	Fish _____	\$45
Name _____	Chicken _____	Fish _____	<u>\$45</u>
			Total _____

Please make check payable to: Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast and mail to: PO Box 5263, Vero Beach, FL 32961 or pay on our website (www.scottishsocietyofthetreasurecoast.com) by PayPal.

LIMITED PROXY

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

On Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 5:00 pm. 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 - Helena Krasa - Sarah Morley - Ron Redpath
Mason Russell - Donna Sherrard - Doug Wood - Roy Thompson (non-voting)
Hilary Dobson (non-voting)**

I am a current member in good standing of the Scottish Society and will be unable to attend the Annual Meeting on October 9, 2025.

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, P.O. Box 5263, Vero Beach, FL 32961

SOCIETY BEGINNINGS

The Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast was founded in early 1995 by Joyce Smith (Salter), Mac Grady, and Remson Paul. The very first affair was a Kirkin' Of The Tartans held at Trinity Church, Vero Beach on February 26th 1995 with the Rosie O'Grady's Pipe Band from Orlando providing a great performance. This was followed by an article in the Press Journal advertising an organizational luncheon on March 25th at the former Doctors Clinic on Indian River Blvd. There was an excellent turnout of just under 70 prospective members and the Society was formed for anyone who was interested in Scottish history; you did not need to be Scottish to become a member. Annual dues were initially set at \$5.00 for single membership and \$7.50 for a couple. Peter Dobson and I joined that day. Being both Scottish and new to Vero Beach it provided an excellent opportunity to meet "kindred spirits" as we didn't know many people. We are delighted to have been associated with the Society ever since.

Contributed by Peter and Hilary Dobson

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I am pleased to announce that our membership has now passed the one hundred mark; we currently have 104 members.

Since our last newsletter we have had several memorable events. Janet Baines passed, a long-time member and supporter of the Scottish Society. A celebration of life was held at First Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev Dr. Tim Womack with a grand musical performance by Jacob Craig.

A longtime member and WWII Veteran, Dick Crawford celebrated his 100th birthday at the River Run Club House in Sebastian. Dick had most of his family present and his son gave a delightful presentation highlighting many of Dick's most memorable moments. The Scottish Society worked with the Sebastian Area Veteran's Honor Guard who not only presented the colors, but gave a rousing speech and song in his honor. Dave Owen played several tunes on the pipes and Rev Dr. Tim Womack spoke of his interaction with Dick over the years.

Dale Richie a long-time member also passed, and a very fitting ceremony was held at First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Rev. Tim Womack did a fine job helping all present to find peace. Liam, her grandson played the pipes in her honor as well as a fine vocal presentation by the Deacon.

We have had three Pub Nights at Marsh Landing and now are having our next event at Woody's BBQ in Sebastian on September the 19th starting 5:00. This Pub Night is less formal, and you can order off their menu and spend time getting to know your fellow members. Kaye and I will have a slide show on the TV monitors of our Scotland Trip. We will ask anyone who has taken a trip to offer their insights and advice on travel.

We have renewed our membership with the Sebastian Chamber of Commerce, and they have chosen to feature the Society in a Video and written segment on their website. Three of them joined the Society. We look forward to working with the Chamber going forward.

The Central Florida Highland Games will take place in Winter Springs, Florida on January 17 & 18, 2026. I encourage everyone to attend. Kaye and I will be camping on site with our travel trailer the 16th through the 19th, we hope to have a booth with scholarship information and membership applications available. For more information go to Central Florida Highland Games for tickets, schedule of events and information on discounted hotel accommodations.

Steve Hicks
Director of Membership/Events

2025 ANNUAL DUES DUE

Joint Memberships are \$75 and Single Memberships are \$50 per person. If you have joined the Society in the last four months, your annual dues are now due.

Please send the check to Scottish Society of the Treasure Coast, P.O. Box 5263, Vero Beach, FL 32961 or go on our website. Bear in mind that your dues are tax-deductible, as we are a nonprofit organization.

Our website is (www.scottishsocietyofthetreasurecoast.com). You may pay your dues through our PayPal account or use your own credit card (by going on the PayPal account and choosing paying by credit card if you do not have a PayPal account), as that is an option available.

Please attend our annual meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 5:00 pm. at Pointe West Country Club, 7500 14th Lane, Vero Beach.

We are most grateful for your membership and continued support; if you have any enquiries about your dues, please contact the officer below.

Kaye Hicks, President—586-909-0509

**PUB NIGHT on September 19th 5:00 pm.
at**



13600 US Highway 1, Suite 18
Sebastian, FL 32958

The Scottish Society has reserved the back dining room for the evening. This Pub Night is for our members to enjoy each other's company. Order off the menu. Steve and Kaye will show some of their slides of their recent trip to the UK. There is no charge, we encourage all of our members to attend!

If you plan to attend, please call us at 586-909-0509. Thank you.

Sarah's Jokes

The Scotsman comes to his friend in tears. "My beautiful comb. I broke a tooth on it and now I can't use it anymore. What am I going to do? Now I'll have to buy another one." "Well," said his friend, "you don't need to buy another just because you lost one tooth on your comb." The Scotsman replied "You don't understand. It was the last tooth!"

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.'

A Scottish lad and lass were sitting together on a heathery hill in the Highlands. They had been silent for a while; then the lass said, "A penny for your thoughts." The lad was a bit bashful, but he finally said, "Well, I was thinkin' how nice it would be if ye'd give me a wee bit of a kiss." So she did so. But the young Scot again lapsed into a pensive mood which lasted long enough for the lass to ask him, "What are ye thinkin' now?" to which the lad replied, "Well, I was hopin' ye hadn't forgot the penny!"

PHOTO GALLERY OF RECENT EVENTS



Dick Crawford our 100-year-old member



**Indian River County Proclamation
presented to Dick by Laura Moss**



Dave Owens Piping for Dick's Proclamation



**The Sebastian Area Veteran's Honor Guard
presenting the Colors with a rousing speech
and song for Dick**



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THE MONTHLY TARTAN QUIZ

This month's tartan is the Sound of Iona Tartan. It's a fashion tartan created on the Isle of Iona, a three mile long and 1.5 mile wide island just off the west coast of Scotland. The tartan was inspired by the landscape and the ever-changing colours of the island. The pastel colors represent the white sands of Traigh Ban Nam Monach (White Strand of the Monks), the pink rock from the ancient granite and marble stone and the blues and greens of the translucent sea. Iona is woven into many people's hearts as it is the cradle of Christianity in Scotland and northern England. A monk, St. Columba and 12 of his followers landed on Iona in 563AD after being banned from Ireland. They established a monastery that would become Iona Abbey as we know it today.

2025 SOCIETY OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers

President - Kaye Hicks

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