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FEBRUARY 2017



Tartan Day Scottish Faire

Presented by: The East Bay Scottish Association
Ardenwood Historic Farm - Fremont, CA

Come celebrate National Tartan Day locally at the Tartan Day Scottish Faire. Join in the pageantry as Scottish folk from all over the area gather their clans and celebrate their heritage. Enjoy bagpipe bands, highland dancing, traditional Scottish food, and historic re-enactments. You can also enjoy the wonderful Ardenwood Historical Farm at no additional cost: Two great things at one location.

Saturday April 1, 2017 • Ardenwood Historical Farm, Fremont, CA • Gates open at 10 AM
Admission: Adults: \$12.00, Seniors: \$6.00, Children (4-17): \$5.00, Children under 3 Free
Come help at the SBSS tent! Contact: Bob Anderson, chief@southbayscots.org

ANNUAL KILTED BOWLING

Keep it rolling

Feb 11 Kilted Bowling at Homestead Lanes at high noon. So, you don't know what Kilted Bowling is? Well, let me tell you ... bowling with a kilt (kilt optional) ... see, that wasn't too hard. There isn't a historical/cultural connection between bowling and the Scots, it's just fun. Come roll a spheroid and strike some stationary defenseless pins....

PLEASE let Dorrie Scherer (sennachie@southbayscots.org) know by Feb 4 so she can tell the bowling alley. It will be group bowling for two hours no matter how many games you play.



TARTAN DAY PROCLAMATION CEREMONY

The county of Santa Clara and the City of San Jose present the Tartan Day Ceremony at the New San Jose City Hall.
200 E. Santa Cara St., San Jose, CA
April 4, 2017

Tartan Day is a US observance on April 6 each year, commemorating the Scottish Declaration of Independence, on which the American Declaration of Independence was modeled. It also recognizes achievements of Americans of Scottish descent.

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APRIL POTLUCK & GENERAL MEETING

7:00 PM

West Valley, San Jose Public Library
1243 San Thomas Aquino Rd

Come enjoy a wonderful potluck with other members of the SBSS. Bring a dish of your choice.

After a brief business meeting, stay for a talk on the book *Born in Internment*, an account by author Anna Fiorina Hess of her birth during WWII in Scottish Internment.



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THANK YOU

John Dewing

I want to thank my long-term collaborator, Andy McFarlin, on the editing and publishing of the SBSS quarterly newsletter. He is the one who got me started as the newsletter editor with the December 2010 issue. I would not have continued this long without his support and help.

I wish him well on all his future adventures.

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17 Movie Night – “Are you being Served?”
7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA
[map](#)

April

1 Tartan Day Scottish Faire
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Ardenwood Historic Farms
34600 Ardenwood Blvd.
Fremont, CA

3 SBSS Board of Governors Meeting
7:00 PM
Mountain Mike’s Pizza Parlor
301 E. Hamilton Ave, Campbell, CA

4 Tartan Day Proclamation Ceremony
12:00-1:30 PM
San Jose City Hall
200 E. Santa Cara St.
San Jose, CA

7 SBSS General Meeting
7:00 PM
Potluck Dinner, entertainment
West Valley, San Jose Public Library
1243 San Thomas Aquino Rd,
San Jose, CA [map](#)

21 Movie Night – “Dr. Who” (David Tennant)
7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA
[map](#)

February

6 SBSS Board of Governors Meeting
7:00 PM
Mountain Mike’s Pizza Parlor
301 E. Hamilton Ave.
Campbell, CA

11 Kilted Bowling
12:00 PM
Homestead Bowl
[map](#)

17 Movie Night –
“Hetty Wainthropp Investigates”
7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA
[map](#)

March

6 SBSS Board of Governors Meeting
7:00 PM
Mountain Mike’s Pizza Parlor
301 E. Hamilton Ave, Campbell, CA

2017 HIGHLAND GAMES SEASON

HERE IS A PARTIAL LIST OF SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

April 1 - [Tartan Day Scottish Faire](#) [Ardenwood Historic Farm](#), Fremont

April 29 & 30 – [Sacramento Valley Scottish Games](#) [Yolo County Fairgrounds](#), Woodland

June 24 - [Alaska Scottish Highland Games](#) [Alaska State Fairgrounds](#), Palmer, AK

Aug 5 & 6 - [Scottish Games & Celtic Festival](#) [Monterey County Fairgrounds](#), Monterey

Sep 2 & 3 – [Scottish Gathering & Games](#) [Alameda County Fairgrounds](#), Pleasanton

Oct 7 - [Big Trees Scottish Games](#) [Roaring Camp](#), Felton



BURNS SUPPER

Nathan Irvine

On Sunday, January 22, 2017, the South Bay Scottish Society held its 23rd Annual Burns Night Dinner at the Mountain View Masonic Temple. Although we had a few tickets left unsold, we had a tremendous program this year, and reached out to many new participants.

The festivities began with bagpipes played

by Burr Nissen and Wes Weber at the entrance, the doors opening at 4:00 PM. This Happy Hour allowed our members and their friends time to socialize with other Scottish enthusiasts in our community. Our caterer provided the tasty hors d'oeuvres, including salmon pate, Scotch Eggs and other refreshments. The "Crooked Road Ceili Band" provided lively traditional Celtic music for everyone's enjoyment. Many people also used this time to check out the raffle basket prizes displayed and purchase tickets from Dorrie Scherer. Some of us were lucky enough to enjoy Kim Silverman performing Magic for a short time as he roamed from table to table.

George McCombe officially started the event by giving a warm welcome to everyone at the dinner as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. George McCombe has demonstrated his dedication through his involvement with Caledonian Club Of San Francisco and Scottish Society of The Monterey Peninsula. He did a wonderful job of presenting our various events and entertainers throughout the evening while entertaining us with some Scottish stories and jokes.

Our Former Chief Andy McFarlin introduced the officers for this year, noticeably the addition of Cheryl Comento taking the place of long time Board member Frank Cameron.



Robb Moore's humorous "Immortal Memory" with Rob Burns looking on!

After Burns Selkirk Grace by Father Basil Rhodes, our beloved haggis was paraded in, led by Chef Anna Grande. Daryl Turner gave the traditional Burns poem "Address to a Haggis." The Scottish three-course meal started with Cock-a-leeky soup with large chunks of chicken, and salad served at the table. Then we piled our plates with neeps and tatties, peas and carrots, roast beef, salmon, or pasta with a side of the honored haggis. Among the friendly conversation and Burns background music, we finished the meal with Scots Trifle, Tea, and Coffee.



Bountiful, Beautiful Raffle Baskets won by: Melva Irvine, Maria Rhodes Labrecque, Aaron Labrecque, Basil Rhodes, David Irvine, and Jesse Munn.

The rest of the evening was filled with live music and three sets of Scottish County Dancing lead by Kathy Allen. The featured Musicians and singers were Peter Daldry, Russ Bennett, Erin Ruth Thompson, and Burr Nissen—all with delightful renditions of Burns' songs.

The other key components covered in the traditional Rabbi Burns Supper incorporated Robb Moore giving a wonderful and humorous "Immortal Memory" speech, followed by a grand tongue-in-cheek "Toast to the Lassies" and "Reply from the Lassies" by Basil and Joan Rhodes. Everything was followed with a wee dram toast in our commemorative SBSS shot glasses.

The evening came to a close with everyone clasp hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne!" Our 2017 Burns Night was a great thematic celebration of food, spirits, entertainment, and camaraderie!!!



Scottish County Dancing lead by Kathy Allen

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make it happen!!!



WHUPPITY SCOORIE DAY

Andy McFarlin and Wikipedia

Whuppity Scoorie (not to be confused with Whuppity Stoorie—see page 12) is a traditional festival dating from the early 19th century observed by people in Lanark, Scotland, on March 1st to celebrate the approach of spring. Local children gather around the local St Nicholas kirk where the wee bell is rung at 6 PM. This is the starting sign for the children to run around the

church in a clockwise direction, making noise and swinging paper balls on strings above their heads as they run. It is no longer a race for safety reasons and to increase fairness for the younger participants. After three laps the children scramble for coins thrown by members of the Community Council who host the event. The Community Council also hosts a "Whuppity Scoorie Storytelling Festival" and art workshops after the event until March 7th.

While the origins of Whuppity Scoorie are unknown, there are several theories which try to explain how the ancient custom evolved. The most common theory is that Whuppity Scoorie came from a pagan festival that was intended to celebrate spring and frighten off winter or evil spirits. Others believe it marks the time when days got longer allowing curfews to be lifted or changed so children could play outside longer. Another theory connects the event with an ancient religious penance in which the penitents were whipped three times round the church and afterwards "scoored" (washed) in the nearby River Clyde, but the burgh and kirk session records make no mention of such punishments. The celebration could also have been instituted to remember the murder of William Wallace's wife.

41ST ANNUAL ST. ANDREW'S DAY CELEBRATION

John Dewing

This year we were afforded a break in the weather, though cool, for the 41st Annual St. Andrew's Day Celebration at Evergreen Valley College (EVC) in San Jose. I had a different perspective of the event this year; I was helping Betty Bedford of the Ministry of Food prepare bangers and Celtic rolls for sale next to our favorite source of Celtic merchandise: The Celtic Shoppe of Campbell.

I could ramble on about the glories and smells of preparing bangers (and onions) on a propane stove... but I think most people were more interested in the presentations in front of the Gullo II Center.

The event started with bagpipes, of course. It was the Stewart Pipes and Drums led in by our own SBSS Andy McFarlin. Also in the procession was the Scottish American Military Society (SAMS) Post 1921, led by Fran McVey. What a site to see on this campus and it definitely caught the attention of students and staff.



John Simmons and Basil Rhodes performing



Celtic Shoppe

The presentations were varied and involved many people. The Master of Ceremonies was EVC English Professor, Sterling Warner. We had poetry and readings by EVC students, singing by SBSS Basil Rhodes with John Simmons, songs by Ivan Colonna and Mike Masuda, dancing by the San Jose School of Highland Dance led by Susanne McDougal, and Scottish Ceilidh Dancing with Kathy Allen. More piping. More bangers (sold out).

Overall it was a really good day with music, fun, food, poetry, merchandise, history, songs, dancing... wow!

HOLIDAY PIPES & MORE

Dorrie Scherer

On December 3, at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Saratoga, the 23rd Annual Stewart Tartan Pipes and Drums holiday concert occurred.

The program was orchestrated by Alison van Diggelen, Master of Ceremonies. Returning from previous years of this event was the Peninsula Scottish Fiddlers, the San Jose School of Highland Dancing (Director Susanne MacDougall), and Vocalist Burr Nissen. The Stewart Tartan Pipes and Drums performed, among other tunes, Dawning of the Day, Scotland the Brave, and Amazing Grace. The Celtic Ensemble (Adam Blaine, Stephen Beitzel, Dave Kelly Melody Farquhar-Chang, and Abe McCarty) performance was another highlight of the program. There were also other enjoyable performances of music, song, and dance.

I give the event the accolades it deserves. I thank the organizers and others involved in bringing this great event back this year. Great Show !!



JOHN AND LANA RALSTON'S SCOTLAND HOLIDAY

AUGUST 4-16, 2016

John Ralston

On Thursday, August 4, John and Lana Ralston flew Aer Lingus to Dublin, staying three days to adjust to the time change, tour the Guinness Brewery (actually the Storehouse, just across St. James's Gate) shop, and see Trinity College and St. Stephen's Green. 2016 was the 100th anniversary of the Easter Uprising that was put down by the British authorities, and Dublin featured plaques of the battle sites.



On August 8, they took a quick flight to Edinburgh. After settling into a B&B in the New Town, they took a bus to Morningside, the neighborhood where they bought our classic 1966 Ford Anglia, then another bus back to the Royal Mile, revisiting attractions they had seen nine years earlier. Tuesday the 9th they toured the Royal Botanic Garden in the morning, then went to the National Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street. Wednesday the 10th they took a bus out to the Rosslyn Chapel, which featured briefly in the Tom Hanks/Audrey Tatou film *Da Vinci Code*. On the return, they got off the bus at Princes Street: Lana to check out the shopping while John

walked up to Heriot Row to see Number 17, the house where Robert Louis Stevenson lived in his teens, which is privately owned but available for events.

They had written John's Paisley cousins Matt and Katy Struthers about their visit to Scotland, and they generously invited us to stay at their new home. On August 11, they took the train from Edinburgh's Waverley Station to Glasgow Queen Street, where Matt and Katy met them for a wonderful reunion. John had said they would like to see the Falkirk Wheel, about halfway between Glasgow and Edinburgh, so after taking the little Glasgow Underground to a car park, Matt drove Lana, John, and Katy to Falkirk.

The "wheel" is an engineering marvel that employs a principle discovered by Archimedes to rotate boats with passengers from one height to another, instead of using locks like those in the Panama Canal or Scotland's Caledonian Canal. Matt and Katy treated them to another attraction. A little over two miles east of Falkirk, in a new parkland called the Helix, rise the Kelpies, stunning horsehead sculptures 30 meters high (they appeared higher)—the largest equine sculptures in the world. The name "Kelpie" derives from Scots myths and legends. Creatures in or near water, Kelpies could change shape, sometimes from human form to horses,

which if mounted, would plunge into the water drowning their unwary riders. Scottish sculptor Andy Scott, who had created other large-scale artworks, modeled his Kelpies on Clydesdale horses, like the ones in Budweiser commercials. Tubular steel frameworks were covered with individual steel plates, not solidly, but with spaces to allow nighttime illumination from within. Construction began in February 2013, and finished the following November. John was struck by the Kelpies' lifelike aspects, in spite of their size. They then drove back to Matt and Katy's new, refurbished home in Paisley for dinner and to stay over.



John's maternal grandmother Ruth's maiden name was Guthrie; she was directly descended from the old family that built Guthrie Castle, a few miles east of Forfar in Angus across Scotland. On August 8, after saying goodbye to Katy, John and Lana were driven by Matt to Glasgow airport where they rented a Renault. Driving carefully on the left, they took the M8 through Glasgow, then turned north on the M80. (British roads are designated by a letter and number or numbers. "M" is motorway, similar to U.S. 101. Narrower roads are designated "A" followed by digits indicating width, straightness, etc.). They hoped to at least look at the castle; John had called from home but was told no. The last member of the Scottish Guthries who owned the property died in 1983, after which it was bought by an American businessman who rents for weddings and other events, but doesn't allow visitors.

On the Arbroath Road east of Forfar they passed a locked gate to the castle, then continued to the town of Guthrie where stone pillars flank the castle main entrance. By a stroke of luck the castle was hosting a wedding and the gate was open. They strolled onto the grounds and were promptly asked by a staffperson if we were caterers or something. They answered no, but explained we were descended from the ancient family. Lana brazened their way in, and they walked about a half mile to where the wedding was being set up. It was a scene out of a movie: well-tended gardens, paths, and benches. The original tower was built in the 15th century and the castle was enlarged over the centuries.



The castle's history, like so many others', was violent: a cousin murdered by a cousin, a laird murdered, and a feud. They didn't approach too near the buildings, as they got the impression that the owner doesn't like people on his property, and they didn't want to get thrown into a dungeon.

Mid-afternoon they had lunch in Forfar, then crossed to the A9 and north to Pitlochry, where they stayed at the beautifully remodeled Craigatin House. The owner gave them very helpful advice about their route the next morning, Saturday, the 13th. They continued north on the A9, until Dalwhinnie, where they turned left on the A889. As mentioned, digits designate road characteristics: one- or two-digit roads look drivable to an American, but a three-digit road? Well, watch out. The A889 is very narrow and follows the land contours, over and around hills; essentially, it's a paved path, barely wide enough for one car, let alone two.

They turned left at the A86, then right on the A82 and continued north to Fort Augustus, at the southwest end of Loch Ness. They looked for Nessie, but didn't see her (him?). Retracing their route on the A82 they stopped at Fort William, where we stayed at the St. Andrews' Guest House, owned by genial Tom and Sheena Wynne.

On the 14th, they continued down the A82 and turned east to Glencoe, site of the infamous massacre of the MacDonalds by the Campbells in 1692. The glen was appropriately overcast and gloomy. They continued along the banks and braes of Loch Lomond to Balloch, staying at Balloch House, and took an evening stroll to Balloch Castle, being renovated, and further along the loch. Monday morning the 15th, the skies cleared somewhat--wouldn't you know it would be on their last day? They continued down the A82 until they connected with the M8, the motorway from Glasgow with Edinburgh, about the same distance apart as San Francisco and San Jose, with similar commute traffic. Dropping off the rental car at Edinburgh International Airport, John and Lana boarded Aer Lingus's short flight back to Dublin, stayed at an airport hotel, used up their Euros, and on the 16th, boarded the Aer Lingus flight home.



SOUTH BAY SCOTTISH SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

San Jose Public Library, West Valley Branch
Friday, January 6, 2017

Minutes of the January General Meeting

7:00 PM Members and friends arrived, socialized, and enjoyed a potluck dinner.

7:40 PM QUORUM VERIFIED – Sennachie, Dorrie Scherer

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Chief, Robert Anderson

ROLL CALL – Scribe, Graeme Coakley

Board Members Present: Robert Anderson, Dorrie Scherer, Father Basil Rhodes, Frank Cameron, Graeme Coakley, Maria Rhodes-Labrecque, and Nathan Irvine.

Board Members Absent: Lori Daly.

STEWARDS REPORT – Dorrie Scherer reported on the current accounts in Lori's absence.

Income:	\$1,060.00
Expenses:	\$659.04
Checking and Savings:	\$8,631.82

APPROVAL OF GENERAL MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 29, 2016 – Dorrie moved to approve the minutes, Ed seconded, all in favor.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Graeme moved to approve the agenda, Aaron seconded, all in favor.

New Business

Board of Governors 2017 Nominations – Bob asked for any nominations for the Board of Governors 2017. Currently, one of the Governor-at-Large positions is available.

Chief	Robert Anderson	Scribe	Graeme Coakley
Deputy Chief	Father Basil Rhodes	Gov.-at-Large	Nathan Irvine
Steward	Lori Daly	Gov.-at-Large	Maria Rhodes-Labrecque
Sennachie	Dorrie Scherer	Gov.-at-Large	Cheryl Comento

23rd Annual Burns Night – Scheduled for January 22 at the Masonic Lodge in Mountain View, Bob reported that 32 people have purchased tickets so far. On this subject, Marjorie mentioned that she sent out an email advising members to renew their membership and purchase their Burn's Night tickets. Since vegan food options were limited last year, the attending membership voted to offer a discounted ticket price to Lori Daly.

In addition, Bob mentioned that Alison Van Diglan is not available and asked Andy about student poetry readers. In response, Andy stated that he will contact the instructor. On this subject, Marjorie mentioned that we should invite Sterling Warner and the attending membership agreed.

Old Business

Membership Drive – Bob reported that our membership is declining and we should consider a Membership Drive.

Report & Announcements

Movie Night Begins – The first two movie nights are scheduled for February 17 and March 17. For this year, the Social Committee will handle the movie selection.

County Tartan Day – Bob reported that he is still awaiting a response from the City.

Kilted Bowling Tournament – scheduled for February 11 at 12:00 PM. To attend, please contact Dorrie before February 1 to reserve your space.

Time Location of Next General Meeting

West Valley Branch Library: April 7 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

7:58 PM – Graeme moved to adjourn, Dorrie seconded, all in favor.

Entertainment

Travel to Scotland with the Ralstons – John and Lana will share their recent trip to Scotland.

San Jose Fire Department – Firefighters from next door visited before the meeting to share information on preparing for the rainy weather.

GETTING IN STEP WITH SCOTTISH HIGHLAND DANCING

Andy McFarlin
Part 1

I watched my first “live” Scottish Highland Dancing sixty-five years ago, observing a very good and lifelong friend of mine performing. However, it was not until about forty years ago that I became personally involved in arranging for highland dancers to take part in the St. Andrew’s Day at Evergreen Valley College.

Even then I had not thought about the details of the dances. This occurred when I was attending a Northern California Highland Dance competition being held at Wildwood Park in 2009. I became curious about how the judges evaluated individual dancers. So, I asked my good friend George McCombe. This led me to conduct personal meetings with George, a long-time President of the Northern California Highland Dance Association, Susan MacDougal, who, since the passing of Noreen Harmon, has conducted the San Jose School of Highland Dance, and Fred De Marse, leader of Dance instruction and Fellow of the British Association of Teachers of Dance (BATD), The United Kingdom Alliance (UKA), and the SOBHD, the worldwide judging panel.

Out of this series of meetings I have extracted a somewhat clearer concept of what is involved in the classification of the dancers and the basis of how the dancers are judged.

This article is based on my interviews originally conducted seven years ago when this article first appeared in the SBSS newsletter.

What are the classes or levels of dancers? How are these competitions controlled, judged, and organized, so that dancers from New Zealand can compete on an equal basis with those from South Africa or Pleasanton, CA?

At some time prior to 1950, local rules prevailed; this made for difficulties if any sort of wide geographic competition was to take place. The Scottish Official Board of Scottish Highland Dancing (SOBHD) was formed. This is a large, widespread and fairly complex organization consisting of a main body that meets in Scotland with other bodies from different countries and regions; they participate and pass on various modifications and changes. Each year the specific steps in each dance are changed for judging requirements of international competitions. Dates and locations, as well as levels of competitions, are also approved by the major body.

Specific and uniform regulations have evolved. All judges must first be qualified teachers of Highland Dance before they can be on the panel of qualified judges. They must also pass examinations on the theory of Highland Dance and pass mock judging tests. Further, no Highland Dance judge who teaches can judge dancers who may be their pupils.

Each Highland Dance competition is judged on three major points: timing, technique, and general deportment. This may seem very simple but let’s touch on a few of the specific items that are covered. Under “general deportment” for example: the ability of the dancer to express the spirit and motif of the dance. Their balance, general appearance, and bearing, including the carriage of the head, arms, body, and hands. Does the dancer exhibit enjoyment, supple movement, upright carriage, lack of strain, freedom from elaborate “showiness,” and buoyancy without exaggerated elevation? It goes without saying that techniques, timing, following the rhythm of the music, correct footwork, and coordination of hands, feet, and body movements are essentials.

It is difficult for the casual observer of Highland Dance who watches a three- or four-minute dance to fully appreciate not only the history and development of the particular dance but, more importantly, the hours and hours each dancer has had to put in to their mastery of a single dance, their physical training, and the stamina that are required—all while looking buoyant and showing a lack of strain. Continued next newsletter with common dances you will see at most Highland Dance competitions.



TOYS FOR TOTS

Dorrie Scherer

SBSS teamed with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program

to collect new, unwrapped toys for the Marines to distribute as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community. On Friday, December 2, SBSS Members, family, and friends gathered at Harry's Hofbrau in San Jose for our annual Toys for Tots fundraiser.

The larger room in the back was reserved for our group and the room fee was waived by generous manager Ron Wayne of Harry's Hofbrau. The hall was decorated by Marjorie, Elly, and Graeme Coakley with a festive Scottish Christmas flair. The banquet hall is far enough from the main dining hall to accommodate a proper PA system and we played Scottish Christmas songs throughout the evening. Once all SBSS members and guests arrived everyone was ready to line up for their choices of Harry's always delicious and hearty dinner selections.

Before and during dinner, Dorrie Scherer was busy with selling raffle tickets for the fundraiser. Dorrie had worked tirelessly in visiting local businesses to gather donations to raffle. A special thank you goes out to our generous donors; Celtic Shoppe (Campbell Ave.), Trader Joe's (Prospect Rd.), Safeway (Hamilton Ave.), Lucky Store (El Paseo De Saratoga) and Sprouts (Prospect Rd.).

The Marines and their families were invited to join us for dinner and Harry's Hofbrau kindly provided dinner for the Marines free of charge as a thank you for their service. After our dinner, we commenced with the evening's festivities by first calling out the winning tickets for raffle prizes. After the raffle, Marjorie Coakley provided amusing and challenging seasonal quiz games and then the beautiful voices of all joined together to celebrate the Season with some traditional Christmas Carols. Marine Tim Stevenson presented Dorrie with a plaque recognizing South Bay Scottish Society's continuing support of the Toys for Tots program and the generosity of SBSS members, friends, and family for donating so many toys year after year.

At the end of the evening, the Marines packed up a huge assortment of donated children's gifts and filled several large boxes. Again, our SBSS group and guests have helped make Christmas more joyous and cheerful for many local youngsters. The 2016 SBSS Toys for Tots fundraiser was a phenomenal success. Thank you to everyone who participated.

SBSS 2017 BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BOG)



Left to Right:

Nathan Irvine - G@L

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Cheryl Comento - G@L

Graeme Coakley - Scribe

Maria Rhodes-Labrecque -
G@L

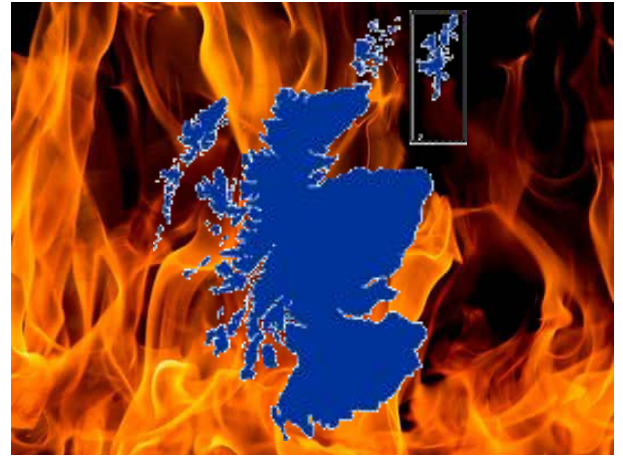
Basil Rhodes - Deputy Chief

Bob Anderson - Chief

Please welcome the new BOG.

With their work and your help, this will be a great year for the SBSS.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING WAS A TRIP AND ON FIRE!



It was also tasty. As usual the potluck was yummy with an assortment of dishes. After a short meeting, we all happily moved on to the entertainment.

First off were a couple of Firemen from San Jose Fire Station 14 located next door to our meeting place. They gave a talk on emergency preparedness. Remember, this was when our area was experiencing several strong storms in a row.

Next was a presentation By the Ralstons on their trip to Scotland. Included in this issue is an article "John and Lana Ralson's Scotland Holiday" written by John Ralston about the trip; enjoy. So ended another great General Meeting. The only thing missing was you. :)



NEW MEMBERS JOIN OUR SOCIETY

Please make these new members feel welcome at upcoming events.

Christine Jeffers, Santa Clara
Leslie Ann Fiedler, Mountain View
Taylor Ashlock, Saratoga
Freeman and JoAnn Branch, San Jose
Suzette Spencer, Mountain View

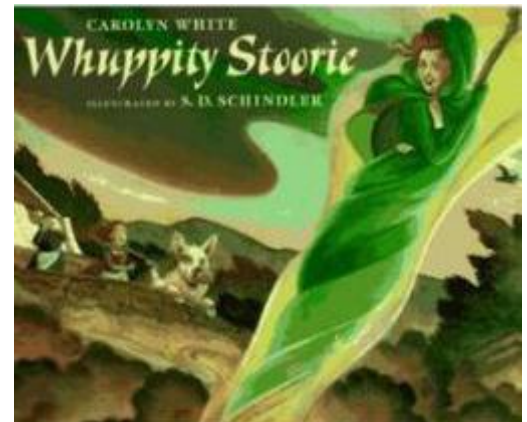
WHUPPITY STOORIE

Wikipedia

Whuppity Stoorie is a Scottish fairy tale collected by Robert Chambers in *Popular Rhymes of Scotland*.

A woman's husband went to the fair and never returned; she was left alone with her baby son and owning only a big sow. The sow was about to farrow and the woman hoped for a good litter, but one day she went to the pen to find the sow dying. She was distraught and a fairy woman asked what she would give her if she helped the sow. The woman promised her anything she liked. She saved the sow and demanded the baby. Though she would not listen to any pleas, she did tell the woman that under the fairy laws, she had to wait three days, and the woman could stop her by telling her her name. The woman was distraught the first day, but the second day she went for a walk, and in the forest, she finds a quarry where the fairy is spinning and singing that her name is Whuppity Stoorie.

When the fairy came the next day, the woman pleaded with her to take the sow, and then to take herself. The fairy scorned her, asking what she would want with such a woman, and the woman said she knows she is unworthy to tie the shoestrings for Whuppity Stoorie. The fairy woman went screeching away.





MOVIES, MOVIES, MOVIES

SBSS MOVIE NIGHT!

Starts Friday, February 17, 7:00 PM

Round Table Pizza Parlor
1400 Campbell Ave.
Campbell, CA 95008

[map](#)

The 2017 season will have a mix of movies and serials. As per usual you can order drinks, pizza, and other snacks at the counter. Come enjoy the evening's viewing with fellow members of the SBSS.

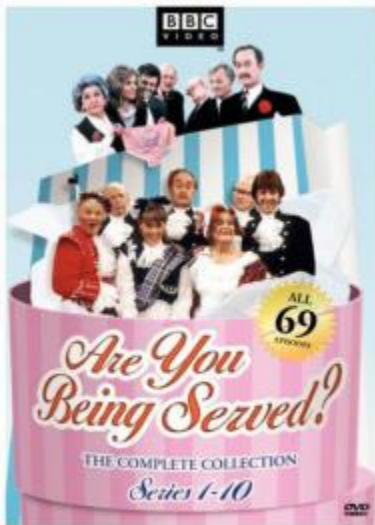
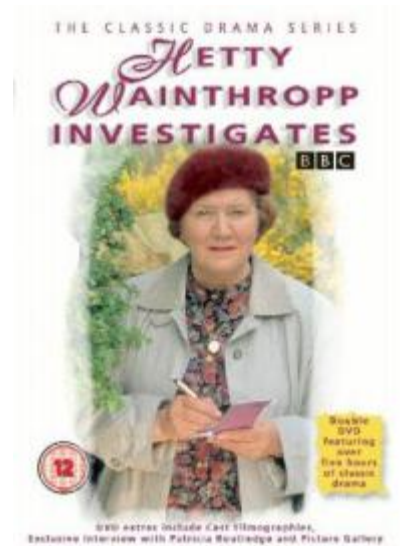
Feb 17th



"Hetty Wainthropp Investigates"

Episodes 1 and 2. 'The Bearded Lady' & 'Eye Witness'
Hetty wakes on her 60th birthday and decides to become a private investigator. With assistance from a teenager called Geoffrey and her husband Robert, combined with her own common sense, Hetty is confident she can solve any case.

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Mar 17th



"Are You Being Served?"

Volume 1
The misadventures of the staff of a retail floor of a major department store. [more](#)

Apr 21th



"Doctor Who" (David Tennant)

Disc 1
This is the first series to feature David Tennant as the tenth incarnation of the Doctor, an alien Time Lord who travels through time and space in his TARDIS, which appears to be a British police box on the outside. He continues to travel with his companion Rose Tyler.

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