



The Caledonian

Newsletter of the Caledonian Society of Baton Rouge

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Message from the President



Thank you for entrusting me with the Caledonian Society of Baton Rouge's highest office. My intent is to provide strong leadership to the Society in the spirit of service. I believe the strongest leadership comes in the soul of servanthood. This is your society and I will endeavor to pay attention & listen to the membership regarding the direction of the Society. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers and board members! Many thanks to our Immediate-Past-President Joe Campbell and all the out-going officers and board members! First and foremost the Caledonian Society of Baton Rouge is a Scottish heritage & cultural society and to that end much of

our focus will be directed. To this end, much of our efforts will be directed to the following: We are going to begin to develop a document called the "Standing Rules" of the CSBR Board of Directors, Begin a recruiting drive for new members and seeking the return of members who have left the CSBR, developing both a recruiting and a new member packet, as well as a trifold informational brochure. Our CSBR Secretary, James Mungall is working on revising the Society's informational brochure. James will also be working closely with the Society Treasurer Joan Bonds to update the membership roster.

We will be seeking out and developing a list of prospective CSBR members. Please, if you know someone who is interested in Scotland, their Scottish heritage or ancestry, piping, drumming, Scottish dancing, etc. please forward their contact information to me. You may e-mail me at: atheling@cox.net or call me at 225-819-2129. Prospective members will get an invitation to visit one of our events as well as information about the CSBR.

For the first time in 34 years, the CSBR will establish a fiscal operating budget, at which, our Treasurer Joan Bonds is working hard to establish. This budget will be useful to future Caledonian Society leadership in establishing future budgets for the Society. This year we are operating under the newly revised CSBR By-laws and the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors will be busy implementing these changes. A copy of the Revised By-laws will be available to the membership soon.

The Caledonian Society is in need of an Internet Webmaster to oversee and keep the website updated on a regular basis. If you have experience building websites and would be willing to serve in the capacity of Society Webmaster, please contact the CSBR Secretary James Mungall at 225-278-1577.

There are two Society events on the horizon; the first is the St. Andrew Dinner honoring Scotland's Patron Saint which will take place on Friday, November 12, 2010, 6:30 PM at the LSU Faculty Club. This year the Caledonian Society will again partner with the St. Andrew Society of Baton Rouge in sponsoring this event. If you have any questions, please contact the event chair, Dave McDougall at 225-924-1591.

I'm very excited about the Burns Supper in January! This year we are holding the event at the LSU Rural Life Museum. The museum is now housed in a new building and is first class in all respects. The Burns Night Supper will last longer this year beginning at 6:30 PM and lasting to 11:00. The traditional features of the night include: bagpiping, the Haggis Ceremony, readings of Burns' poetry, the Immortal Memory, dancing (both Scottish Country and general popular) and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne". As in any trade off there is a problem which I am hoping some of our CSBR members can help, the Rural Life Museum doesn't have enough (read very few) tables. We need to borrow tables, transportation and help!

I look forward to this year and to serving as the Caledonian Society of Baton Rouge President. Again, please feel free to call on me to discuss your thoughts and concerns about the Society.

Yours aye,

Tom Mungall

Upcoming Events:

- **Nov 7—Port Allen Veteran's Day Parade**
12pm Port Allen, LA (Come support our veterans and the band! If you are interested in marching with the band, contact the Pipe Major for more details).
- **Nov 11—Ascension Parish Veteran's Parade**
Time TBA (Late Afternoon), (Come support our veterans and the band! If you are interested in marching with the band, contact the Pipe Major for more details).
- **Nov 12—St. Andrew Dinner**
6:30pm LSU Faculty Club, (reservations are required.)
- **Nov 16—Broadmoor Presbyterian Kirking of the Tartan**
10:30am Florida Blvd., BR, Come spend this Sunday in a time of solemn worship and thanksgiving for our heritage.
- **Nov 19-21—Celtic Nations Festival**
Lake Charles, LA
- **Dec 4—Danny O'Flaherty's Celtic Christmas**
6:30pm Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge, LA
- **Dec 24—Bocage Christmas Parade**
Time TBA Baton Rouge, LA
- **Jan 15—Burns Night Supper**
6:30pm Rural Life Museum, Essen Ln., Baton Rouge, LA
- **Jan 26—Scottish Coterie Meeting**
6:30pm DeAngelo's Restaurant, Coursey Blvd., (Presenter: Pat Freshney)
- **Feb 23—Scottish Coterie Meeting**
6:30pm Home of Bill and Joan Bonds 6329 Double Tree Drive, (Presenter: Lyndon Williams)
- **TBA—First Presbyterian Kirking of the Tartan**
Downtown BR

Recurring Events:

- **Scottish Country Dance Class: Mondays**
at 7:00pm at Broadmoor Presbyterian on Florida Blvd. (Contact Lyndon Williams)
- **Pipe Band Practice: Thursdays at 6:30pm**
at First Presbyterian Church Downtown (Contact Stan Masinter)
- **Scottish Heritage Coterie (Study Group):**
Every last Wednesday at 6:30 (contact Polly Williams)
- **Caledonian Claymore Club: Every other Tuesday, 7:00pm**
at Broadmoor Presbyterian on Florida Blvd. (Contact Jamie Mungall)

A Taste of Scotland

By: Emily Mungall

Scotch Broth is a recipe that my husband, Jamie, holds close to his heart. His mother made it when he was young and it reminds him of his childhood in a way. His dad loved this soup and like father like son, Jamie also enjoys the earthy and hearty character of this dish. It is not a difficult dish to master.

After searching three local stores, I found Pearl Barley at Whole Foods Market. It was on the breakfast cereal aisle, which was NOT the first, or second, or even fifth place I thought to look (not with the oatmeal, grits, rice, or even the quinoa). I'd never purchased, cooked with, or eaten much of this grain, and when Jamie told me barley was one of the soup's main ingredients, I wondered if I would even like this dish. Turns out, I do, and I think you too will find this recipe warming and very filling.

Wash the barley and drain very thoroughly. I used a leg of lamb, but you can use any part—but it's best to use something with a bone; wash it off with lukewarm water and then wipe it off. Cut the meat from the bone and set the bone aside to use later. Cut the meat into pieces. In a large pot on medium-high heat, melt the butter. Once the butter is melted, add the lamb and cook until browned on all sides.

Peel the onions and chop them along with the celery. Add to the meat and cook 5-7 minutes until the onions are transparent, stirring often to avoid sticking. Add the barley to this mixture and cook 2-3 minutes more. Now sprinkle in the flour stirring constantly to ensure the mixture is evenly coated and to make sure the flour doesn't burn. Stir often and cook until the flour starts to turn brown. Gradually add the water and stir slowly. You need to bring this to a boil, so turn your stove up to high heat.

Once the mixture is boiling, turn down to medium heat, add the sugar, cover and simmer for at least an hour. At this time, add the leg bone.

During this time, you can prep the potatoes and carrots. The potatoes should be peeled and quartered, and then the quarters should be sliced again to make the potato pieces easier to eat in

Scotch Broth

Prep and Cooking Time: about 2-2 ½ hours

4 oz. Pearl Barley
2 lbs. Leg of Lamb
2 oz. real butter
2 white onions
4-6 celery stalks

2 tbsp. flour
4 pints water
1 tsp. sugar
1 lb. potatoes
4 carrots
1 leek

your bowl. The carrots should be scraped and slice in bite-sized chunks. Add to the soup and simmer for another 30 minutes.

Wash and finely chop the leek (which resembles a giant green onion) and add to the soup. Simmer for about 5 more minutes. Salt and pepper to taste.

You can serve this dish alone or with warm, buttered bread for a hearty dish that is truly a taste of Scotland.



Scottish Coterie Meetings (Scottish Cultural Study Group)

Want to learn more about Scotland and her culture? Why not come join the Caledonians for dinner and a presentation on Scottish culture?

The Coterie meets every third Wednesday of the month (typically) and breaks for summer time. This year's slated presentations aren't going to get back into swing until January, but that only means you've got time to make plans to attend!

The Study Group is coordinated by Society Historian, Polly Williams. If you have questions or are interested in attending, give her a call at: 225-231-2895.

This season's schedule is on the right.

January 26- At DeAngelo's Italian Restaurant on Coursey Blvd. Presentation by Pat Freshney

Feb 23- At the home of Bill and Joan Bonds located: 6329 Double Tree Drive, Baton Rouge, LA. Presentation "The Scottish Connection" by Lyndon Williams.

Mar 23- At Drusilla Seafood. Presentation "Scotland Forever" by Ricks Bowles.

Apr 27- At the home of Glen and Della Sinclair located: 2801 Three Oaks Drive, Presentation "Mary Queen of Scots" by Sugar McAdams.

May 25- At the Magnolia Grill 13214 on Coursey Blvd., Presentation "Scottish Hidden Treasures" by Liz McGowan.

Danny O'Flaherty's Celtic Christmas

Come join Danny and friends for an evening of story & song, as they share authentic Christmas carols that reflect Home, Hearth and the Christmas Spirit!

Saturday, December 4, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Broadmoor Presbyterian Church

9340 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tickets:

\$25.00 for adults \$20.00 Senior Citizens

(20 % of entire gate goes to Southeast

Ministries & Baton Rouge Food Bank)

For Tickets or more information contact:

225-924-4271

Burns Night: Jan 15, 2011



Burns season is fast upon us! The planning stages for the 2011 Burns night are already underway. What we need is your help! As mentioned in the president's message, Burns Night will be held at the LSU Rural Life Museum this year. They've graciously agreed to a trade with the Society: a day's performance from our pipe band for an evening's event at their new facilities. Considering the average rental cost of a hall in town, this was a great boon! It also allows us to keep the hall later into the evening, which will give us all more time for dancing (both Scottish and good ole' fashioned couples dancing) and socializing. As always, it will be a pot-luck dinner—and of course you are encouraged to make a Scottish-themed dish! We also want to include more of Burns' poetry this year. So if you have a favorite poem you want to read, practice that Scottish Brogue and let us know! If poetry isn't quite your thing but you want to participate in some other way, either up front or behind the scenes, let us know! Also, as has been mentioned elsewhere, we will be in need of tables as the Rural Life Museum is short on them. So if you know of a cost-effective way to handle this, contact any of the committee members below:

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Polly Williams----- polgeowms@cox.net
Ricks Bowles----- theoldcoach@att.net

Whisky Galore!

By: Tom Mungall

Blended Scotch makes up the vast majority of Scotch sold and consumed. Blended Scotch is a mixture of different single malts that are made in a copper pot still, usually from different distilleries and of varying ages. Sometimes as many as 40 or more single malts go into a blend. These combined or vatted malt whiskies are then, in turn, blended with grain whisky which is distilled in a "patient" or what is known as a Coffey still. The resultant whisky is what is known as Blended Scotch Whisky.

Blended Scotch is usually much more approachable by those on a budget. Here are tasting notes from one of my favorite blended whiskies and you will note that it doesn't cost an arm and a leg either!

Grant's Family Reserve No Age Statement (NAS)

ABV: 40% (80 Proof)

Color - Medium Gold

Glass - CM (Celtic Malt Spirits Glass)

Nose - Clean, Citrus fruity, vanilla (oak), some pineapple, slight peat smoke.

Flavor - Citrus fruit vs. Toffee. Strong sense of The Balvenie Founder's Reserve 10 year old & Glenfiddich 15.

Malt vs. Sherry! Grain.....Grape.....Oak.

Very Multidimensional!

There is quality here for as much as this costs (all of \$14! With tax!) It is worth many times the actual price! Much better blend than many of the so called "premium" blends.

Next: a taste off between Grant's Family Reserve vs White Horse. It would be interesting to compare Grant's Family Reserve to the "Monkey Shoulder", a Grant distilleries vatted malt which combines the Balvenie, Glenfiddich and Kilvenie.

Claymore Club



After a summer's hiatus, due to the heat—the Caledonian Claymore Club is looking forward to resuming its practices on the Highland Regimental drills through lessons from the Ceteran Society out of Portland, Maine. Practices will be held every other Tuesday at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church on Florida Blvd. Call Study Group Leader, Jamie Mungall at 225-278-1577 if you are interested in sword-fighting, have questions, or are just interested in coming to watch.

Flashback Photos!



Baton Rouge Scottish Country Dancers 1992, from left: Hayden Barclay, the late Eric Barclay, and Beryl Barclay, the late Miller and Dodie Dial, Eileen Mungall (now Stark), Tom Mungall, Polly and the late George Williams, Joanna Daniloff, Kenn and Ruby Campbell.

Photo courtesy of Dave McGee.



Caledonian Pipes of Baton Rouge 1992, from left: (partially cut-off), Jamie Mungall, Tom Mungall, Andy Anderman, Stan Masinter, the late Eric Barclay, ??????, Martin Schreiber, Dudley-Brian Smith, ??????, Hayden Barclay, and Kenn Campbell (partially cut off).

Please help us name the gentlemen between Eric and Martin and between Dudley-Brian and Hayden

Photo courtesy of Eileen Stark.

The Baton Rouge Scottish Country Dancers

The Scottish Country Dance group is as vibrant as ever and the dancers are looking forward to performing at both the Broadmoor Presbyterian Kirking (at the fish-fry following worship) and then later in the month in Lake Charles, at the Celtic Nations Festival.

A big congratulations goes out to dancers Morgan McGlone and Susie Poskonka on the announcement of their engagement! Congratulations and many happy returns!

As always, you're welcome to come join the dance on Monday nights at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church at 7pm.



Our dancing wounded: Lyndon Williams and Whitney McNabb walk through a Strathspey "Butterscotch and Honey" in a sling and walking-cast (respectively).

We just couldn't seem to keep them from dancing!

Broadmoor Presbyterian Kirking

Flowers of the Forest

KIRKING OF THE TARTANS AT BROADMOOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUN. NOV. 14

Our friends at Broadmoor Presbyterian invite everyone to their annual "Kirking of the Tartans" celebration on Sun. Nov. 14. The service itself is at 10:45 a.m. and will lead off with our own Caledonian Pipe and Drum Band led by **Stanley Masinter**. **Tom Mungall** will lead the "Roll Call of the Clans." **Dave MacLauchlan** and **Dave McDougall** will lead the Procession of the Bible, Sword, and Banners. The sword used in the procession will be dedicated at that time to the memory of **Johnny McDougall**, son of Dave and Margaret McDougall, who passed away last year; the sword is the gracious gift of **Kenn Campbell**. During the service, all military veterans of all wars or peacetime service will also be honored. After the service, the entire assembly will go the gym (Activities Building) for a huge Fish Fry put on by the Men of Broadmoor (\$10 each, \$25 cap per family, performers free). All you can eat! Then, entertainment by the Caledonian Scottish Country Dancers under **Lyndon Williams** will get us all tapping our toes. Don't forget to look at the display tables of Scottish culture: **please bring items for display!**

The Kirking of the Tartans was established on April 27, 1941 by Dr. Peter Marshall, Pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington DC and Chaplain of the US Senate. Dr. Marshall was a native of Scotland, and was then President of the St. Andrew Society of Washington DC. Originally this was conceived as a way to help raise awareness and support of the British war effort in WW2. It has evolved into a major event which celebrates the family and enhances awareness of our colorful Scottish culture!

Broadmoor Presbyterian Church is located at 9340 Florida Blvd. in Baton Rouge (phone 225-924-4271). All ages 0-99 are welcome! This is a great event to invite your friends.

The Flowers of the Forest

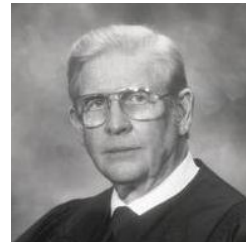
*I've heard the lilting, at the yowe-milking,
Lassies a-lilting before dawn o' day;
But now they are moaning on ilka green loaning;
"The Flowers of the Forest are a' wede away".*

*Dool and wae for the order sent oor lads tae the Border!
The English for ance, by guile wan the day,
The Flooers o' the Forest, that fought aye the foremost,
The pride o' oor land lie cauld in the clay.*

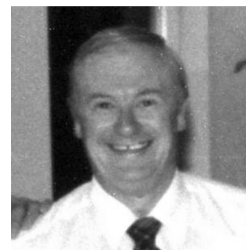
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-Jean Elliot ca.1727

George Lane - passed away at his home Thursday, July 15, 2010, after a short illness. He was born in Gallatin, Tenn., on Dec. 14, 1921, the son of Edwin Green and Ruth Day Lane. He leaves behind his best friend and wife of 65 years, Bettie Cadzow Lane, originally of New Orleans. George was a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps and was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross for his service in Rabaul, New Britain, during World War II. After the war, he attended the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he helped to found the honor Industrial Engineering Society and earned admission into Tau Beta Pi. George worked at Ethyl Corp. for 33 years and retired in 1985, giving up the corporate world to pursue his love of golf and travel. George and his wife Bettie became members of the Caledonian Society of Baton Rouge in its infancy and helped mold and shape it through the years. George was president of the Society from 1981-1982, Director in 1985-86, 1989-1990 and 1992-1993. He also served as Secretary from 1987-1988.



Judge Hugh Brunson - died October 5, 2010, in Crowley, Louisiana. Hugh Brunson served his country in the U.S. Navy during W.W.II and in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict as a Judge Advocate. After being honorably discharged from the military he started his own law practice in Crowley. He was elected Judge of Division F of the Fifteenth Judicial District Court on December 26, 1976, and served until his retirement on December 31, 1996. Judge Brunson served on the Board of Directors of the Caledonian Society of Baton Rouge. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Margaret McNair Brunson, and two children, Lauren Kathleen Brunson Schlamp and Jeffery L. Brunson.



Eric Barclay - died October 29, 2010, in Munster, Indiana. Eric was a native of Scotland. He was a consulting engineer. He served the Caledonian Society of Baton Rouge as a Board Member and Scottish Country Dance Teacher. He was a founding member of the Caledonian Pipes of Baton Rouge and served for many years as Pipe Sergeant. Eric was awarded the Caledonian Society's highest honor, The Grant Award. He was a charter member of the St. Andrew Society of Baton Rouge. He is survived by his wife Beryl and sons Angus and Hayden.

Baton Rouge Caledonian Report

By: Rosemary John

Stone Mountain Highland Games

CSBR Band Newsletter Report

Hello from the Pipe Band! As usual, we have been very busy since the last newsletter with various activities that range from performances to workshop instruction to competitions. The following is a short summary of what we have been doing.

Regarding band performances, early in the summer was the Kenilworth Fourth of July parade, held the evening of July 2nd to avoid some of the heat during the day. Later in the month was the Caledonian Society's Ice cream Social, held July 31st at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church. Everyone enjoyed delicious homemade ice cream and treats, the Scottish Country Dancers presentation and of course a bit of pipe music as well as individual performers! **The Moorheads** entertained with accordion and harp, and the **Brownlees** from Mandeville came and played for us as well.

On September 19th, the band played for the Kirking at the Zachary Community Church; the pastor of the church is our very own bass drummer, **David Murray**.

Later in the month on September 25th, five band members attended the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association's South-West Branch AGM, workshop and solo competitions held in Dallas, TX. In the solo piping competitions, **Rob Moorhead** placed 5th and 6th, **Stan Masinter** placed 5th, and **Rosemary John** took 3rd, 4th and two 6th places. Rosemary was also elected as an officer-at-large in the branch, joining **Bonnie Pedersen** who is Branch Secretary, and replacing Stan Masinter who had held an officer-at-large post for the past two years.

On September 26th, several band members attended The Society's AGM Fall Wine and Cheese party, and Stan Masinter presented the annual report from the band.

During the weekend of October 1st and 2nd, the band had an instructional workshop in town with Lyric Todkill and Tano Martone, two outstanding instructors from St Thomas Episcopal School in Houston, TX. These two young men work full time as piping and drumming instructors at the school. We all feel that we made a giant leap forward in our musical abilities during the weekend, and we hope that we can have these two excellent instructors come and work with us again on a regular basis.

On October 9th, five band members played for the World War II Women Veterans of Louisiana dinner and ceremony at the USS Kidd. It was an honor to play for these women, who served such a pivotal role during WWII both in Europe and in the Pacific. Other October events included the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, and the Relay for Life at Central High, both held on October 23rd.

Two more events are scheduled on October 31st; the Kirking at Grace Presbyterian Church in Lafayette, and the church picnic at First Presbyterian of Houma.

We also have two Veterans Day Parades scheduled this year; November 7th is the Port Allen Veterans parade, while November 11th is the Ascension Parish Veterans Day parade.

On October 15th, eleven band members, consisting of six pipers and five drummers, made the long drive up to Atlanta for the Stone Mountain Highland Games. We were glad to see old friends and new, including **Tom and Jamie Mungall** from Baton Rouge. During the band competition, four judges (two piping judges, one drumming judge, and one ensemble judge) took detailed notes of our performance. With a competition slate of 12 bands in our grade, we are proud to report that our band placed 7th, with a 4th place awarded by the ensemble judge. Sandy Jones, director of the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming, and who has followed our band's progress for the past several years, wrote on our score sheet about our playing during the competition, "Very nice performance – what an improvement!!" You can view the bands competition performance as videotaped by **Jamie Mungall** online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uq5USkraDFI

Also at Stone Mountain, a number of band members competed in the solo competitions, and we congratulate **Chris Pierce**, who placed 3rd in snare drumming, and pipers **Rosemary John**, who placed 3rd and 4th Grade IV Sr, and **Thomas Martin** who placed 6th in Grade III.

Other events in the band recently include the rental of a 5x10 climate controlled storage unit for both band and society use. This will be of great use for instrument, equipment and uniform storage and access, as well as be used to store society items.

We are proud to announce that **Thomas Martin** is now a Grade III Piper; he was upgraded from Grade IV Jr during the 2010 competition season at the request of one of his judges. Way to go, Thomas; this manner of upgrade doesn't happen very often! We also would like to announce that **Chris Pierce** was promoted to Drum Corporal, and will assist Bonnie Pedersen who is Drum Sergeant.

During the month of November, be sure to stop by the Bluebonnet Library and see the band display case near the Genealogy Department, created by **Rosemary John** and **Stan Masinter**.

November and December will continue to be busy months for us, with the St Andrew's Dinner, Veteran's Parades, Kirnings and Christmas Parades. We invite you to join us at these events, and to consider marching with the band or even taking pipe or drum lessons with us. We hope to see you soon!

Cheers from The Band!



Photo Gallery

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Top left: Friend of the CSBR, Morgan Brownlee, of Mandeville, LA took first place in her division in the Stone Mountain Tenor Drum Competition this October!

Top right: Thomas Martin accompanies new Drum Corporal Chris Pierce in his first snare competition at the SMHG.

Middle: Pipers Rob Moorhead, Patrick Colclough, Stan Masinter, Thomas Martin, and Arv Rowe gather around Lyric Todkill at the Pipe Band's workshop before Stone Mountain.

Bottom: Dancers wave to the camera from the balcony at Broadmoor P.C. as they walk through a ceilidh dance.



Past Events Report

Since the last newsletter, a number of Society events have occurred. In case you weren't able to attend, here's some of what you missed out on.

On July 31st, the Society held an Ice Cream Ceilidh in which members brought both homemade and store-bought ice cream (and other desserts) and enjoyed entertainment provided by the Pipe Band, the Dancers, and a number of Society members. There was more ice cream than could possibly have been consumed!

At the Bluebonnet Library, on August 12th, the Caledonians put on the "Learning Scotland" cultural seminar that focused on different aspects of Scotland's culture. This year we got a new look at bagpipes from Stan Masinter and his able assistant Thomas Martin, a visually edifying lecture on Scottish attire by Tom Mungall, and an explanation of Scottish Country Dance by Jamie Mungall, with the aid of the Baton Rouge Scottish Country Dancers.

This year's Annual General Meeting took place on September 26 at the lovely home of Bill and Joan Bonds. The day was rather rainy, but the wine and cheese was plentiful as always. The new officers were sworn in as Joe Campbell stepped down from his service as Society President. And what a productive presidency it's been!

If you missed it—you sure missed out!

A BIG 'Thank you!'

As this newsletter shows, we have a lot to be thankful for in our Society this Thanksgiving season. But a special thanks is due to our friends at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church. They've not only agreed to graciously host CSBR events, like the Ice Cream Ceilidh and invite our participation in their worship service at their annual Kirking of the Tartan. They also host our weekly Scottish Country Dance classes and now have given a home to the new Caledonian Claymore Club for their biweekly practices!

Thank you Reverend Hawley and B.P.C.! We look forward to our continued partnership!

-The CSBR



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