

The Whistlin' Thistle

Newsletter of the Scottish Society of Wilmington, NC Founded in 1993



December 2017

SSOW Officers

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Joyce Elliott
Bob McLeod

Vice President

Mike Hosick

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our Website at
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for event updates and
membership
information.

Editor: Ron McCord

25th Annual Robert Burns Supper ***Saturday January 27, 2018, 6:00pm***

The Landfall Country Club
800 Sunrunner Place, Wilmington, NC

This is the Society's premier formal event and a popular international tradition celebrating Robert Burns' birthday.

The evening begins with a cocktail hour with live music followed by a performance by the Port City Pipe and Drum Band and Scottish Highland Dancers from the Nicholson Academy of Dance.



The plated table service dinner will feature traditional Scottish dishes including Haggis. Attendees will preselect their main course from choices of leg of lamb, roasted sirloin of beef, or seared salmon.

There will be tradition toasts and "The Address to the Haggis" along with Burns' songs and poems. Music by the Lisa and Galen band will be played during the evening for your listening enjoyment and dancing. A cash bar will be available for your favorite libations.

Come join us and bring your friends for an enjoyable evening of delicious food and entertainment.

Admission and Dinner

SSOW members - \$52.00 per person
Non-members - \$62.00 per person
Includes tax and gratuity.

Reservation forms will be sent to you by the end of December.

For other information or questions,
contact Scott Cromartie @ 910-512-7009

Changes in Society Leadership

The Annual General Membership meeting was held in conjunction with our St. Andrews dinner on March 18, 2017. This was an election year for officers and board members of the Society. With the retirement of Ron McCord following 8 years as the Society president, the attending members approved a new provision to the Society By-Laws to allow for co-presidents. The nomination committee presented a slate of candidates for election as follows:

Officers:

Co-Presidents-Joyce Elliot and Bob McLeod

Vice-President-Mike Hosick

Treasurer-Scott Cromartie

Secretary-Janine McClellan

Board of Directors:

Lloyd MacAskill

Ron McCord (as outgoing president)

Kathleen McLeod

Nel Nichols

Forest Lee Piver

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The slate of officers and directors were elected by the members for a two year term, 2018-2019, by acclamation. Retiring president Ron McCord and board members Jerry Dockery and Lan Nichols were recognized and thanked for their service to the Society. New board members Nel Nichols and Otis Wright were welcomed to the board as well as previous board members, Joyce Elliot, Bob McLeod, and Mike Hosick to their new officer positions. We wish them all success in leading the Society over their two year terms of office.

SSOW celebrates its 25 Year Anniversary in 2018

In 1993 a group of Wilmington residents of Scottish heritage came together and formed the Scottish Society of Wilmington (SSOW). They elected Grover Gore as the First President. A set of By Laws were developed and approved for the administration and operation of the Society. One of the first events that the Society put in place was the annual celebration of the Scottish traditional Robert Burns Supper which continues with the 25th celebration on January 27, 2018. The Society continues to grow in membership and conducts an expanding variety of events and activities for members and interested friends.

A New Scholarship Program for the Study of Scottish Music

Wanda Lamm Moore was one of the original organizers of the SSOW and served as the second President of the Society in 1997-98. Wanda Moore (mother of Nel Nichols) recently passed away and had bequeathed a sizeable amount to establish a scholarship fund for students to study in the field of Scottish and Celtic music. A sub-committee of the Society's Board will direct the administration and investments of the fund as well as selecting and awarding the scholarships to applying students. As soon as all the details have been established for the operation of the fund, the details will be communicated to Society members and the general public.