

And, on the other hand,

A farmer's wife, who was rather frugal with her whisky, was giving her shepherd a drink. As she handed him his glass, she said it was extra good whisky, being fourteen years old. "Weel, mistress," said the shepherd regarding his glass sorrowfully, "it's very small for its age."

MEMBERS' NEWS

We were sorry to hear that **Keith MacFarlane** had had a fall and broken his hip. He tells me that he has had a hip replacement and is making slow progress. We wish him well as he recuperates, in bed, as we guess how uncomfortable he must feel. Luckily, he likes reading and has a good stock of books. He was pleased to have his daughter out from Scotland for a short while.

Ishbel Mulvey has had family to visit from the UK and she's going back with them by ship for a holiday in the Spring and early Summer. She said that she will be back with us in June/July. We wish you a wonderful time on board ship and in the UK with family. Don't forget to show us plenty 'photo's on your return.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members:

February

10th Will Carter
Leigh Reinecke
16th Gloria McWalter
21st Chelsea MacMillan
Danie Steyn
23rd Jacinta Munro

March

1st Sharon Hyman
6th Duncan MacMillan
12th Leonard McLeod
18th Ronald Conyngham
23rd Kerry Farrelly
26th Frank Duk

PAST EVENTS

BURNS' NICTH was, once again, a memorable occasion. A crowd of seventy to eighty people enjoyed the whole evening tremendously. We were regaled by our Chief, Stuart, addressing the Haggis and our Chieftain Peter Ross, who paid tribute to Burns in The Immortal Memory. The toast to the Lassies by Rev David Gray and the reply by his wife, Rosemary, kept us laughing. The meal was superb. The haggis was served with the main meal, in the form of a patty, and I would say that it was probably the best-tasting Haggis we have had for years. The Cape Town Caledonian Pipe Band entertained us with excellent playing of the pipes and drums. A new feature of the evening, which seemed a hit, was that we had a sing-along using the lovely Burns' songs as well as waltzing to Burn's tunes. Thank you to all who had a hand in running the evening.



NEW MEMBERS

It's a great pleasure to offer a warm welcome the following new members to the Society: **Mr Andrew and Mrs Heather Hodgeson; Mr Graeme and Mrs Laura Hendry; Mrs Helen Botes and Miss Jacqueline Botes.** We hope you will all have many years of enjoyment with the Society. Thank you for sharing in our Scottish heritage and culture.

FUTURE FUNCTIONS

FEBRUARY:

THE VISIT OF THE FEDERATION CHIEF will be on **Saturday, 26th February at 19:00 for 19:30**, in the **Catholic Church Hall, Pinelands**. It will be a combined function with Pinelands Caledonian Society, and will take the form of the **Edinburgh Military Tattoo and Fish and Chips Evening**. The DVD of the Edinburgh Tattoo will be projected onto a large screen, so you will feel as if you were almost watching a live performance, close-up. The cost of the evening is R50. Please complete the Booking Form at the end of the newsletter, **and contact Jacinta by Thursday 24th February, should you wish to attend.**

MARCH:

CHINESE EVENING AT TAI PING: Those of you that came along to the Fund Raising Evening for the Western Cape Highland Gathering at the **Tai Ping Chinese Restaurant in Newlands** last year will know that it was a fantastic evening with excellent food and a great ambience. Well, on **Tuesday 29th March** we will be holding our own annual fund raising dinner there. For only **R85 each** you will experience a multi course meal not to be forgotten. We are looking at filling the restaurant with at least 100 people so it's important that you, and as many friends as you can invite, come along for this special treat to tickle your taste buds – and learn to eat with chop sticks if you're brave enough. **Dress code is optional – casual and/or tartan** – and we will be welcoming you at **7 o'clock to start the first course at 7.30**. The restaurant has become so popular that there are evenings that they have to turn people away so we are very privileged to be able to book the entire restaurant for the evening. But, remember, we need to fill it, so your support is important. **Start saving NOW!** Please let Jacinta know you're coming, and how many friends to book with you, by no later than **Friday 25th March.**

APRIL:

EASTER TEA PARTY: This is for all Members, Pensioners and Friends of any age. It will be on **Saturday 16th April**. We expect the Ladies to wear their best Easter Bonnets and the Gentlemen to be able to Doff their Hats – and there will be prizes to be won for the best Bonnets and Hats as well as for the Best Dressed Couple. We'll have a sing-along and as much fun as we can generate. **Entrance is FREE!!** There will be finger snacks and tea, coffee and juice but if you can bring along a plate of eats we would be grateful. The time (some-time in the afternoon) and venue will be confirmed before and at the Tai Ping dinner. Please let Jacinta know the number of guests by **Tuesday 12th April** for catering purposes.

MAY:

WHISKEY TASTING AT KELVIN GROVE CLUB: This has always been a popular event and is often over-subscribed as the numbers are limited to about 30 guests. This year we're looking at having a light supper afterwards to round off the evening. Details of the cost of tickets and the date will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

We have great plans for June/July as well as September/October. Of course our AGM will be in August as usual but, probably, in a different venue. Plans are already in hand for St Andrews Nicht in November and for Burn's Nicht at the end of January 2012. Keep an eye open for the details of these exciting events in forthcoming newsletters.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF FEBRUARY 2011

Well the New Year 2011 is now well underway and, so far it's been quite exciting. Those of you that came along to Burns Nicht at Kelvin will know just what I mean. Looking to the future, the visit of the Federation Chief, Frances Dickson, and her Consort, Ivan, will give us all the exciting opportunity to meet them face to face as well as making new friends and greeting old ones when we join together with the Pinelands Callies for a combined celebration of the visit. Those of you on Email will have received a pre-function flyer from me highlighting the Tattoo and Fish&Chips (the best!) that we'll be enjoying that evening. BUT, what I forgot to put in there was the time of the function: PLEASE BE THERE AT 7.00pm FOR A PROMPT START AT 7.30pm. I know our scribe, Stuart Rennie, will be saying more about this special function elsewhere in this newsletter.

Other great functions are being planned for you such as an "Easter Parade Tea Party" where the ladies can show off their Easter Bonnets and the Gents can....well we'll let you know more about that later! There will be "Christmas in July" – in July!! – and, of course, there's our "130th Anniversary Celebration" in September. Talking about functions, I'm a little saddened by the lack of support from members. For example, at Burns Nicht, less than 50% were members of the Society. Nevertheless a great time was had by all and we had 6 new members join the Society during the evening. It reminds me of the saying: "The Proof of the Pudding is in the Eating". In other words, if you don't come along, there's no way you can enjoy the fruits of your Society. I'm aware that, over the years, the cost of coming to functions has gone up – although, this year, we charged the same as two years ago for Burns Nicht – but why not put a little aside every month and save up for that 'special' function if you can't make it to every one? Sometimes it may be that transport, particularly in the evening, is a problem for some of our Members. In that case, why not call me or Jacinta and we'll see what we can arrange for you. Don't let any problems keep you away from your Society – just ask or talk to us – that's what we are here for.

Thank you, to all of you that regularly come to your Society's functions, often bringing along friends, and also offer positive suggestion for the future. Your enthusiasm is great and I look forward to seeing you many, many, more times so that we can enjoy each other's company, together with others that we haven't had the pleasure of seeing for a while. See you all soon!

A Few Quotes to Digest:

I must say that, when I'm preparing something to share in public, I'm always reminded of what Jenkin Lloyd Jones once said, "*A speech (or sermon) is a solemn responsibility. The man who makes a bad thirty-minute speech to two hundred people wastes only a half hour of his own time. But he wastes one hundred hours of the audience's time - more than four days - which should be a hanging offence.*"

From Ann Landers: "*The Lord gave us two ends - one to sit on and the other to think with. Success depends on which one we use the most.*"

From Emil Zatopek – Czeck Track and Field Olympian: "*You can't climb up to the second floor without a ladder. When you set your aim too high and don't fulfil it, then your enthusiasm turns to bitterness. Try for a goal that's reasonable, and then gradually raise it. That's the only way to get to the top.*"

I've many quotes of Albert Einstein in my records but these are ones that I find really interesting and, some of which, I really can identify with:

On Knowledge

"The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education."

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing."

"The only real valuable thing is intuition."

His Understanding of the World

"The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax."

"Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character."

"Science without religion is lame. Religion without science is blind."

"Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding."

"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe."

"Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts."

(Sign hanging in Einstein's office at Princeton)

On People and Life

"Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one."

"I never think of the future. It comes soon enough."

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."

"Great spirits have often encountered violent opposition from weak minds."

And lastly: "You see, wire telegraph is a kind of a very, very long cat. You pull his tail in New York and his head is meowing in Los Angeles. Do you understand this? And radio operates exactly the same way: you send signals here, they receive them there. The only difference is that there is no cat." And I add on: Mobiles; e-mail; Twitter; Facebook; Skype and all the other new fangled electronic devices we have today and not known to Einstein.

"Ach weel – Ah din'a ken what their all about onyway!"

Finally just remember:

Live simply.

Love generously.

Care deeply.

Speak kindly.

Leave the rest to God.

People will forget what you said,

People will forget what you did,

But people will never forget

How you made them feel!

LETTERS TO THE CHIEF

Email From Lance Wiseman: “Hi Stuart, Many thanks for the interesting newsletter. I am however extremely disappointed that the passing of Audrey Young was not conveyed to members, especially members who held office. Richard and Audrey were great supporters of the society over many years, and for us not to be there at that time to support Richard is really a very poor show. The council must keep members up to date on such important matters. Regards Lance”

Hi Lance: Thanks for your message. We're very happy that you like our newsletter and found it interesting. We share your disappointment that we were not able to share the sad news of Audrey Young's death with everyone more timeously. In fact, if it wasn't for a member 'phoning us late in the evening of the day before the funeral and asking if we knew where the church was, we would not have known at all. The members of Council were contacted immediately and tried to contact those that knew Audrey and her family to let them know the news. Please know that I and your Council did the best we could in the short time we had. However, I can say that at least four members of the Society, that I am aware of, were able to be present at the funeral to support the family and I, personally, was in contact with them to pass on the condolences of the Society.

However, you highlight a good point and, in future, all those on Email will be advised as soon as possible of any important news that may affect Members. Also, if we are able to contact them, the members that do not have Email will be advised by 'phone or SMS. I have to say that I have no record of all the Members that have held office, only a few and certainly not those that have left the Society, but Members currently on our Membership List will be contacted as soon as, practically, possible. Maybe you have an answer to make this task more effective and easier. If so, I await your suggestions. I hope that we will be seeing you at the Society's functions during this year. We miss you and are waiting to publicly present you with your Past Provincial Chieftain badge. **Stuart.**

From Margaret Currie: “Please accept my most sincere thanks for your generous gesture which enabled me to attend the Burns Supper – and how much I enjoyed it!

It was a really good evening, the atmosphere laden with Scottish feeling – the décor was excellent as, indeed, was the menu – and the toasts were in keeping with the high standard. I had a really good time and wish you all success as you proceed in office. Sincerely Margaret Currie.

Hello Margaret: Thank you so much for your encouraging words and for telling me just how much you enjoyed Burns Nicht. I think that everyone there was thrilled when you won the special prize of the evening worth about R2000.00 – a weekend at the Central Hotel Guest House, a top class guest house in Simonstown. Congratulations! Thank you for sharing our special celebration of Burns Nicht with us. Your delightful hand painted programme covers were prized by all that became proud owners. I was observing the gracious way you greeted guests and guided them to their tables and I could see that you were having fun meeting old friends and talking to new Members. Thank you, also, for your kind wishes. Together with Jacinta, as Lady President and Secretary, and your Council, I will continue to work at providing good experiences for all Members, and ensure that we don't loose the vision of our Scottish heritage and culture. **Stuart.**

Comment from the Chief: I'm waiting for more letters from you all – come on, let's see if we can get something good and communal going here. It's up to you. **Stuart**

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Should you have forgotten to make your payment, please do so as soon as possible, as we rely on your payments to assist us with the administration costs of running the Society.

Lastly, a Regimental toast of The Royal Scots:

“Slainte mhath, h-uile latha, na chi ‘snach fhaic. Sláinte!”

(“Good health, every day, whether I see you or not. Health!”)

From your Chief, Lady President, Council and Scribe.

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BOOKING FORM FOR FEDERATION CHIEF’S CELEBRATION 2010 EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO & FISH & CHIPS EVENING SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2011	
NAME(S): _____	CONTACT NUMBER: _____
ADDRESS: _____	E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____
No. of Adults: @ R50 each = R..... [] <u>Please tick here if paying by CHEQUE on arrival.</u> (If possible, please avoid paying by cash but don't let that stop you from coming!!!!!!)	
Cheques to be made payable to: Cape Town Caledonian Society, and crossed: /Not Transferable/ Direct internet payments (EFT) can be made to: Cape Town Caledonian Society, First National Bank, Rondebosch, Branch code: 201509, Current a/c No.: 55161140154 (Reference: Your Surname + Tattoo)	
PLEASE FORWARD THE COMPLETED FORM TOGETHER WITH YOUR REMITTANCE (OR PROOF THEREOF) TO: THE SECRETARY, CAPE TOWN CALEDONIAN SOCIETY, PO BOX 442, CAPE TOWN 8000 OR E-MAIL HER A SCANNED COPY TO: jacinta.munro@uct.ac.za OR SEND HER A FAX TO: 021 761 0568	
THANK YOU FOR COMING - WE KNOW YOU WILL ENJOY THE EVENING	

*Unfortunately though, we have to add one other little thing:
Any cancellations MUST be given to us no later than
Thursday 24th February.*

*Any cancellations after that cannot be refunded
and those bookings not paid for but cancelled after that will be charged for.*