



# Cape Town Caledonian Society

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## NEWSLETTER MAY AND JUNE 2009

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Dear Members,

I wonder how many of our members have been to Orkney. It is an archipelago made up of seventy or so islands. Most of the islands are low-lying, gently sloping and richly fertile. The island of Hoy is the second-largest in the archipelago. Hoy has a dramatic landscape with some of the highest cliffs in the country. The port of Stromness found on Orkney Mainland is an important harbour town and fishing port, serving as Orkney's main ferry terminal, and is the focus of the popular four-day Orkney Folk Festival, held in May.

Early in June, the Caledonian Brewery Beer Festival is held in Edinburgh. And there are week-long festivities in Lanark, culminating in the crowning of the Lanimer Queen, a ceremony dating back to the fifteenth century.

The Cape Town Highlanders have just celebrated 124 years, with a march up Strand Street to St. Andrews Church, where a service was held and a wreath laid. Mieke Gordon gave me two photographs of Denzil Loveland leading the march past the Parade in 1985 when the Highlanders celebrated their centenary. I will be visiting Bobby Loveland soon to give her the two photographs.

If any of our members would like to learn Scottish country dancing with the Lynfrae Scottish Country Dancing Group, please contact Rowan at 021 689

8053 (Cell 072 2701740) or Ingrid at 021 531 5589. You can also have a peek at their website <http://www.lynfrae.scd.org.za/>

## MEMBERS' NEWS

We hear that Norma Harris has not been well. Eleanor Wiseman has also spent some time in hospital but is now back at home. Phyllis Cruickshank has also been unwell. We hope that you are all on the mend and that you will all soon be much better!

We wish to welcome six new members, Jennifer Amm, Catherine Smith, Steve Horwood, Carol McFarlane, Claire Alexander and Leigh Reinecke. We hope you all have many happy years as members of our Society.

Congratulations to Tony Reis and the Cape Town Caledonian Pipe Band on doing so well at the Highland Gathering held in East London at Easter.

## FROM THE CHIEF

Please excuse the delay in getting this newsletter out to you. Quite apart from those involved just being terribly busy lately, the next function – the Fed Chief's Visit – has taken a while to wrap up. While some of you know what goes into function planning, some of you may not appreciate all of the meetings, phonecalls, negotiations, setting suitable dates, etc which is required. Really hectic!

A word of warning though – when you get this newsletter there will be less than 2 weeks to go to the Fed Chief's function! So please do not delay - phone through your booking as soon as possible!

What has been encouraging in the last few months is a steady flow of new members joining us. I suggest that all new members make a concerted effort to attend as we would love to make your acquaintance!

Well, believe it or not, we will soon be calling a meeting to start planning for the Western Cape Highland Gathering next year in April, 2010. Efforts will need to be coordinated with the other stakeholders - Pinelands Caledonian Society Council, the CT Caledonian Pipeband, Judy Lucas School of Dancing – to name some of them. We have been approached by a big corporate selling a beautiful brownish coloured beverage requesting if they can be the anchor sponsor for the event so this is a really good start. We will be doing our best to make this a special gathering which precedes the 2010 World Cup by two months. This all takes great effort of course so if any members are interested in becoming involved in this team please let us know.

I, with the support of my fellow councillors, have co-opted a young new member, Claire Alexander, a lovely Scottish lass with a lilting Stirling accent

and who swam for Scotland, onto Council. She is young and makes no secret that she is passionate about Scotland and everything Scottish. But she has also adopted this country with zest even taking the time to learn to speak Afrikaans! Claire's enthusiasm and positive attitude is like a shining light to me. She has been a member for but a month and has already agreed to come onto Council and has even volunteered to help with the Gathering in spite of holding down an extremely busy job in uplifting the poorer communities. Wish there were a few more Claires around! Come and watch her partner, Leigh "playing the didge" at the Fed Chief's function on 6 July.

Some of you may know that the Chief of Pinelands, Shirley Miller, whose mother and Lady President, Anne Miller, passed away last year, has decided to emigrate to Scotland. I was present at her last tearful function in her capacity as Chief where the news came as quite a shock to many of their members. We wish Shirley well and hope that she has settled well. Eddie Stevenson has taken over as Acting Chief. He and his wife Anne will be special guests at our next function.

Yours aye, Peter.

## FUNCTIONS

### Provincial Chief's Visit and Seniors Lunch:

The lunch for Provincial Chief, Sandra Rankin combined with the Seniors' lunch was a great success. As a gift the Society gave Sandra a beautiful book of Cape Town.

### Federation Chief's Visit:

Join us for this ceilidh-style function to welcome Federation Chief Norma Craven and her consort, Patrick Craven to Cape Town! This should be a really entertaining evening with the skirling of the pipes of our Cape Town Caledonian Pipe Band, dancers from the Judy Lucas School of Highland Dancing and some didgeridoo played by new member Leigh Reinecke!

- ❖ Date: Friday 5 June 2009
- ❖ Time: 19h15 for 19h30
- ❖ Venue: Pinelands Congregational Church Hall (3 Nerine Avenue, Pinelands)
- ❖ Meal: Delicious 2 course meal (main course consisting of lasagne, sweet potato and veg followed by Oom Japie se Gunsteling Pudding!)
- ❖ Please bring your own drinks and glasses
- ❖ Cost: R85 per person (Great value!)

Without delay, please confirm your attendance with Colleen Rennie (021 762 3253 / Cell 072 152 8805) or Nicky Ross (021 712 2506 / Cell 083 499 0888).

***Directions: Proceed down Forest Drive from City end ,turn right into Howard Drive, at T-junction turn right into Ringwood Drive, then first left into Crassula Way and then first right into Nerine Avenue. Church on your left hand side!***

Congress:

Congress for the Caledonian Societies of SA will be held at Carnival City from the 9-11 October 2009. If any of our members wish to go please contact the Chief for further details.

BIRTHDAYS – A very Happy Birthday to you all!

MAY – 1<sup>ST</sup> Basil Kellar

Joseph MacMillan 26<sup>th</sup>

Pam Sandenberg 14<sup>th</sup>

Dennis Shillitto 28<sup>th</sup>

JUNE – Joanne McCann 4<sup>th</sup>

Ian Aldcorn 9<sup>th</sup>

Steve Horwood 11<sup>th</sup>

Anne McLeod 12<sup>th</sup>

Lynda Smith 13<sup>th</sup>

Jane Mitchell 25<sup>th</sup>

Stuart Rennie 26<sup>th</sup>

Gordon Smith 27<sup>th</sup>

Keith McFarlane 29<sup>th</sup>

Hannah McMillan 29<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday to you all!

From your Chief, Lady President and Council

And your scribe.

**BOOKING FORM FOR FEDERATION CHIEF'S VISIT  
FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2009**

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

No of persons: ..... @ R85 each = R.....

If you have a specific seating requirement, please state it:  
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If you require vegetarian food please indicate Yes / No .....

**KINDLY ARRANGE PAYMENT BY MONDAY 1 JUNE 2009**

Cheques to be made payable to: Cape Town Caledonian Society

Direct online payments or telegraphic transfers can be made to: Cape Town Caledonian Society, FNB  
Rondebosch, Branch code : 201509, Current account : 55161140154 (Please use surname as reference)

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THE SECRETARY, CAPE TOWN CALEDONIAN SOCIETY, PO BOX 1433, CAPE TOWN 8000**

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