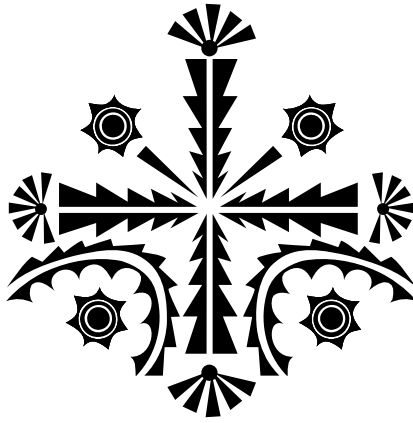


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President's Piece

Hello SASH Members!

I am so pleased to be writing to you because this means that our first edition of The Thistle Times is finally ready for publication!

I don't even know where to start! There is so much going on and we have lots of fun events in 2008, but let's start at the beginning.

I want to remind you who sits on your board of directors. The officers on your Board are as follows; President, Cesci Pérez de Wang; Vice-President, Ian Wilson; Secretary, Ming Constable; Treasurer, Elizabeth Graham; Convener, John Cameron McClain, and the directors are; Deanne Busch, Ron MacPherson, Bruce McEwan, Denny Meyer, Brenda Reichel & Buffy Rewick.

Please make an effort to approach the new members of the Board at any of our events and let them know who you are and how you would like them to represent you. You know that we are here to serve you and with your input, we can improve that service!

Now for the many new and interesting events scheduled for 2008! It all started with the Celtic Taste Fest last Saturday. The menu was extensive with each Celtic Nation represented by at least one dish and one beverage. We had about 40 members and some guests attend who critiqued this event and I believe it was a 5-Star evening! If you couldn't come, don't worry, we'll be making this an annual event.

In February you can help us Rock the President's House at our "50's Rock 'n' Roll Casino Night" & we have two events in March. The Annual General meeting is first, followed by The Kilted Classic Golf Tournament. Don't forget to mark your calendars for April 5th & 6th – The Scottish Festival at Kapiolani Park!

Check your calendars or our website for upcoming events that are of interest to you!

As for the Celtic Cultural Center. We have come to the conclusion that this is not something that is going to happen overnight and we are not going to be able to do this on our own. It is a huge project and we are going to need a lot of help. Although we have taken the reins on this, we have approached our sister societies (The Caledonian Society, The Celtic Pipes & Drums & The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society) as well as other Celtic organizations such as the Hawaii Harlequin Rugby Team, The British Car Club of

Hawaii and Jig This Dance Studio. It seems that everyone agrees that upon completion, this is going to be of enormous benefit to the Celtic community here in Hawaii, but nobody really knows how to get started.

The achievement of this Center is in our mission statement and our by-laws, so we feel that it is time to get this project underway. Are you a lawyer? A realtor? A contractor? A professional fund raiser? These are areas where strong leadership is required. Even if you are not available to serve on a committee, if you could scroll through your address book and see if you have any connections that we could reach out to, this would be a great contribution. I hope you will all feel free to call me anytime with questions or suggestions as this is going to benefit us all, so voice your concerns or give us advice!

Finally, I would like everyone to try and help us reach one of our short term goals. It is a fairly easy one. All you have to do is invite a friend to an event, mail a friend a Saint Andrew Society Membership Application, or perhaps, sponsor someone for membership this year. We have finally attained 70 members, and we average about 45-50 people at every event. I would love to see this number double in the next 2 years, and with all of your help, I think it will happen sooner than that.

Cesci Pérez de Wang
President - Saint Andrew Society of Hawaii



Fare Thee Well...

We wish to bid farewell to a member and Director of our Board who has left us. John Craver has moved to Southern California. We wish John & his lovely wife, Jackie, a fond farewell with the hope that whenever they visit the islands; they know that they will always be welcome to join us.





Letter from the Editor:

Welcome to the first edition of The Thistle Times!

As this is my first attempt at editing a newsletter, I'd like to take this occasion to offer every one of our members the opportunity to make contributions to this publication. I will be looking for stories, articles, photos, jokes & recipes, pretty much anything you'd like to share with our members. Don't forget to contact me with your birthdays, anniversaries, and celebrations of all kinds so that we can send you our congratulations.

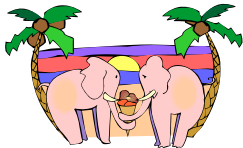
Please feel free to send anything and everything to hapahulamama@hawaii.rr.com for publication.

Mahalo,
Ming Constable



Birthday Salutations!!!

Sue Akana, Leighton Chong, Ming Constable, Skye Constable, John Craver, Brian Dinsmore, Mary Jane Feldberg, Claire Grushey, Tripper Harrison, Victor Hawthorne, Nancy Hazelbaker, Jean Jaycox, Darlene Jones, Larry Jones, Denny Meyer, James Redmond, Chris Rollins, Bob Walden, Kaila Wang & Ian Wilson are all celebrating birthdays this quarter, Congratulations Everyone!!!



Feel Like Sharing?

The Society is always ready to accept donations!
In return we will send you a letter of receipt for your 100% tax deductible donation!

Society News

This winter season has been a wonderful one for our society. There have been some really fun events and we already have several new members, too!

2008 has started out very auspiciously for us with the Celtic Taste Fest. We received rave reviews, so be assured that this one will be added to our event calendar.

We have several really fun events coming up, but our big spring event is our golf tournament. This will be the 2nd Annual Kilted Classic Golf Tournament. Last year was a huge success and all of the golfers have committed to attend this year! Do not fret – we have doubled our head count so there is room for everyone. We will soon be sending out flyers and posters advertising this event to the general public, so make sure to get your reservation in quickly if you want to play. The tournament is followed by a banquet & awards ceremony, so even if you are not a golfer; it is another event for all of us to meet up with old friends, not to mention making new ones!

In other news, we are constantly striving to keep you informed of our various events and are in need of the supplies which enable us to keep on top of this. SASH would really appreciate donations such as: paper, stamps, envelopes (invitation size & reply card size), Avery address labels (#6241), door prizes (of any value) and table favors. In return we will furnish you with a letter of receipt because all donations are 100% tax deductible!

Now, let us do something for you! The next time you are planning your own event, keep in mind that as a SASH member, you have access to all of the items that have been purchased with your dues and through donations. Some of the things we have to lend out are: tables, chairs, lavalier microphones, speakers, punch bowls, chafing dishes, extension cords, tablecloths, coolers, platters, coffee urns, a chocolate fondue fountain, decorations for themed events i.e./ Halloween, Mardi Gras, luau, and of course, sailing ship props! Several of our members have taken advantage of this offer and were generous enough to make donations to the society in lieu of paying someone else rental fees. A win-win situation!

Volunteer Opportunities!!!

We will have our booth at the Annual Scottish Festival on April 5th & 6th. We are looking for outgoing members who can commit to a 2-hour shift to man our table and give out brochures and information. This is a great chance to share information about our society to the public and for you to learn more about your own Celtic heritage. Lunch/refreshments will be provided, so please make some time in your busy schedule to support your society. An email with a sign-up sheet will be going out soon, so keep an eye on your mailboxes & participate in this fun-filled activity!! As always, you can contact Ming or Cesci for more information.

Mark Your Calendars!

Our next two events will be the *50'S Rock 'n' Roll Casino Night* on February 23rd and our *Annual General Meeting* on March 22nd. The Casino Night is always a blast and our AGM is the occasion where you will hear what has been going on for the past year, as well as the time for you to voice your opinion on events, programs & society policies. Make sure you attend these great programs hosted by your Saint Andrew Society!



Haggis Stuffed Chicken Breasts*



<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ingredient</u>
6	boneless skinless chicken breasts
1	medium onion, chopped
1	can Caledonian Kitchen haggis
2	carrots, julienned
	Olive oil or butter
	Bread crumbs
	Toothpicks

Pre-heat oven to 400°.

Rinse & pat dry chicken breasts, cut a horizontal slit in each, set aside.

In a large frying pan over medium heat, soften the onions and carrots in olive oil or butter, remove and set aside.

Stuff each chicken breast with equal amounts of the haggis, onions and carrots and seal the edge with a toothpick.

Roll in bread crumbs.

Heat olive oil or butter over high heat, add stuffed chicken breasts and brown quickly on all sides, remove.

Place in pre-heated oven to complete cooking for 15 minutes or until cooked through.

Remove, cover, and allow to rest for 10 minutes.

Remove toothpicks and serve immediately.

Serve with neeps (turnips) or clapshot (mashed turnips & potatoes).

Submitted by The Caledonian Kitchen

~ Joke of the Month ~

An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman were standing looking at a prize cow in a field.

The Englishman says, "Look at that fine English cow."

The Irishman disagreed, saying, "No, it's an Irish cow."

The Scotsman thought for a moment and then clinched the argument.

"No, it's a Scottish cow - it's got bagpipes underneath!"

Why do pipers like to march as they play the bagpipes?

A moving target is harder to hit.

~ Words ~

In the highlands, in the country places,
Where the old men have rosy faces,
and the young maidens
Quiet eyes.

- Robert Louis Stevenson