

THE SCOTSMAN

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Dear Members:

Hello again....

First of all, my apologies to everyone for the newsletter being late this month; it's my entire fault. Mary Jo and I have been dealing with serious family illness back in Ireland and we've been really distracted. So don't blame Maggie!!!!

I can't believe how fast this year is going. Here we are in May already. The usual request is for everyone to keep a track of the upcoming events and to please see where you can help out. We had a good response from potential new members at the Lexington Festival, and it just goes to show again that a busy booth is more attractive than an empty one. While I'm on the subject of the Lexington Festival, I'd like to express my appreciation on behalf of the Lexington Lions Club for the Foundation's continued support. This year we again had glorious weather, and the attendance continues to improve. One of the areas the Festival needs to do better in is keeping track of the number of people that show up. Based upon receipts we believe that the crowd was up by about 10% this year, which means about 1200-1300 people showed up during the day. We're quite pleased with that since it was a day when there were several other events competing with ours.

Well I think that just about does it for me this month..... I hope everyone stays well and look forward to seeing you somewhere soon!!!!

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John Morman
President

**CEILIDH
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2009
8pm - 11pm
Annie Moore's Irish Pub
419 Electric Road, Roanoke**

Please join Burt & The Nicky Tams for another Ceilidh, come join the fun, sing, dance or just enjoy the music. Next date is June 6th I am sure he will be sending everyone a reminder. For further info contact Burt at MITCHELLB@vmi.edu.

TARTANS
Blue Ridge Highlands Heritage &
Scottish Foundation of the Virginia Highlands

Please consider placing an order the cost is \$60 per yard for members and \$75 per yard for nonmembers. We need 27-yards ordered to get these prices. This is a medium weight fabric (13 oz), good for kilting, sashes scarves etc. When placing an order, please specify either the Blue Ridge Highlands Heritage or the Scottish Foundation tartan. Contact Jean Oxley, djoxley@rbnet.com and 540-992-4979 to be added to the order; a 50% deposit is required.

BURNS NICHT
Saturday, January 23rd, 2010
Holiday Inn, Tanglewood
Cocktails 5:30pm

Mark your calendars for our next Burns Nicht on January 23rd 2010! More details soon! For information please contact Maggie – mbrall@jetbroadband.com.

EVENT REPORTS

We had a busy time in April with lots of events:

March 14th - St Patrick's Day Parade – a few people turned up to march on this chilly day which also rained and festivities were then held inside but everyone had fun.

April 4th - Scots – Irish Festival, Lexington – Maury River Middle School – SFVH had a booth at this small but fun festival, SFVH were the ‘honoured’ clan and we lead the march around the field. Everyone had a great time we had about 1200 people attend. Thanks to Dave & Lori Kendrick, Bob & Charlene Hutcheson, Maggie, Jean Oxley & Judy Rogers for helping set up and man the booth.

Membership Meeting was held at the festival and a great turn out as people were already there!!! Everyone should be receiving a copy of the minutes soon.

April 6th – Tartan Day – a lot of us gathered to celebrate Tartan Day at Flanary's (old Gunther's/Kara's) and we had a great time.....we all wanted to go back there for PUB NIGHT.....more details in **UPCOMING EVENTS**.....

April 17th-19th - Loch Norman Games, NC – SFVH had a booth here too...with lots of people asking about information on their ancestry. The weather was wonderful but on Sunday it was Scottish weather....chilly, windy, damp & drizzly. A few members stopped by and some helped out with the booth. Thanks to Lori & Dave Kendrick for organizing the booth and transporting the items needed to set up.

April 25th - Sedalia Festival, Big Island, Bedford – 10am-8pm - we had a booth here too.....and were busy helping people find their Scottish names. Enter the Haggis were great and also Virginia Highlands Pipes & Drums. Thanks again to Lori & Dave and also to Bud Shaw for helping.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**PUB NIGHT
AT FLANARY'S
JEFFERSON STREET (old Gunther's/Kara's)
FRIDAY, MAY 15th 7pm**

Come on out and join us for pub night at this new pub.....well sort of new.....a few things have been changed and it's **NON SMOKING!!** Food is great. Musicians bring your instruments. Further info from Charlene at cdhut@aol.com.

**LOCAL COLORS
SATURDAY, MAY 16^{YH}
11AM - 5PM
Elmwood park**

SFVH will have a booth at this local festival, Parade of Nations will be at 11am so wear your tartan and come march with us. Phyllis will be in contact about helping with the booth. If you can help contact her at irishmother1@verizon.net.

BLUE RIDGE CELTS CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS.....

PRYDEIN.....IN CONCERT

**Saturday, May 23rd, 2009
At Colonial Presbyterian Church, Poplar Drive
OUTSIDE PAVILION
Doors open at 6:30pm - Concert begins 7:00pm**

Prydein from Vermont give a high energy performance loved by young and old, a Celtic rock band new to our area. Originally started in 1995 as the band Whisky Before Breakfast by college friends they have been playing the Festival circuit for more than a decade, Prydein are Aron Gareau (guitar, vocals), Iain Mac Harg (bagpipes, flute), Andy Smith (bassist), Caleb Bronz (drummer) and Willa Davie (bagpiper) they will have us dancing!! Prydein is Welsh for Britain. Check out their web site, www.prydein.com listen to their music!

Please bring a chair and a blanket as this concert takes place in the pavilion outside on the grounds of the Church. There are some picnic tables and seats but probably not enough for everyone.

Tickets: \$12 SFVH, CPC members and seniors, \$15 non-members, \$8 students, under 10 years free.

Further info from Maggie - mbrall@jetbroadband.com or Charlene - cdhut@aol.com.

Upcoming 2009 Concerts:

September 27th - Davies-Brenchley-Davies from Wales, venue TBA

November 21st - Ian Bruce from Scotland at Colonial Presbyterian Church

PERSONALS

This space is for you to communicate with others in SFVH. Offer items to sell, tell us of a great service, etc. **Send your information to Maggie by 20th of the month for our next issue.**

SFVH T-shirts

*****NEW*** CAFÉ PRESS SHOP** – the SFVH have now opened a shop online where you can buy a variety of items with the SFVH logo, to access the account go to www.cafepress.com/sfvh, this is a new fund raiser for us to help with our scholarships and concerts. There are a lot of great gifts; children's clothes, tote bags, sweatshirts, hooded shirts, mugs.....please check it out.....members have been buying things!

*****The sale of our T-shirts supports many of our events and projects, inclusive of the concert series and the tents at various Highland Games and festivals. These shirts are sold as a fund-raiser making a very modest profit for the Foundation.**

*****A new order of T-shirts is now available. In women's, there are several lovely pastel colors, short and long sleeved, mostly V-neck, but also mock-turtleneck (long sleeves only) and scoop neck. These are in "misses" S-XL and "womens" 1X-3X. The cost remains \$20 each for S-XL; \$24 for 1X-3X and long-sleeved. There are traditional men's Ts (S-XL) in dark tan, gray, and a few XXL and XXXL in several shades of blue and a few other colors. Cost for the men's Ts are \$20 S-XL; \$24 for 2XL and 3XL and long sleeved. "Scottish Foundation" is tastefully printed on the upper left front and our logo is on the back. To place an order, please contact Maggie mbrall@jetbroadband.com or see us at one of our events. Think birthday and Christmas presents! ...or just because...**

*****We also have denim chambray shirts available with the SFVH logo embroidered on the left side, we sold out on our first order and have re-ordered, sizes are S-XL - \$35; XXL-XXXL - \$40. To place an order, please contact Maggie mbrall@jetbroadband.com.**

SFVH BOARD MEETINGS

Our Board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. All members are welcome. Contact Maggie for location and directions. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, May 5th and June 2nd. ***The Board of Directors would like to thank Doug Densmore and Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore for allowing us to use their offices for our monthly meetings.***

The Board of Directors currently has four vacancies. Any members who are interested in filling those positions should contact John Morman or Maggie Brall for possible election.

Officers & Board of Directors:

President: John Morman – celtictides@embargmail.com, Vice President: Ed Scott – ejs24018@yahoo.com, Secretary: Maggie Brall – mbrall@jetbroadband.com, Treasurer: Jean Oxley - djoxley@rbnet.com, **Directors:** Dave Kendrick, Phyllis Mardian – irishmother1@verizon.net, Burt Mitchell – mitchellb@vmi.edu, Alan Silver – laphroaiglover@aol.com.