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AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — JUNE 22, 2019

First Christian Church of North Hollywood,
4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City

Potluck Supper 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.
Dance 7 p.m. Recorded music.
RSCDS members \$10, nonmembers \$15
EVERYONE WELCOME!

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CHAIR — Ann McBride

VICE CHAIR — no nominee

TREASURER — Doris Fisher

RECORDING SECRETARY — Audrey Prest

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY — Robb Quint

MEMBERS AT LARGE (vote for four) — Dana Dunaway, Kris McGinnis, Nancy Myers, Jon Reeves

Additional nominations for all positions will be accepted at the AGM.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings fellow dancers ...

It is hard to believe that in just a few weeks we will see the beginning of the summer hiatus of many Branch classes, but that doesn't mean that the work of your Branch committee comes to a halt. To the contrary, work is underway planning for the new dancing year ahead. It will kick off with the 30th Annual Interbranch Dance on Sept. 28 in Tustin.

Next we have the St. Andrew's Ball on Nov. 23 in the El Segundo Masonic Lodge, and lastly,

the Hogmanay Celebration on Dec. 31 at the El Segundo Woman's Club.

Preparations are also underway for the joint 2020 Los Angeles/Orange County Burns Ball, which will once again be held in the Torrance Woman's Club. Further details on upcoming events will be shared as plans are finalized.

The Teacher's Committee has been busy selecting new dances for the coming season. This entails many hours of work – in the form of

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SALE INTO SPRING

'Tis the season for spring cleaning ... for conquering that over-stuffed closet or venturing into the untamed wilds of the cavernous garage. As you perhaps find yourself reorganizing your living space in this invigorating spring weather, keep in mind that the AGM Sale is just around the corner on June 22.

Your donations of Scottish dance attire, accessories, shoes, miscellany, souvenirs, etc. go a long way to keep our branch books balanced. In fact, last year's sale brought in a nice bounty of more than \$400.

So, please heed the call and keep your eyes open for what you might add to our sale's selections this year. Let's make this one a splendid success! Live long and prosper, L.A. Branch!

Heather Chaney

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both dance workshops and planning meetings. By the time you receive this edition of the Ghillie Callum, the teachers will have formulated a dynamic program of dances for the coming year.

Our AGM on June 22 will be at the First Christian Church in Studio City. The schedule will be: doors opening at 4 p.m., potluck supper at 5 p.m. and the Annual General Meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Dancing will start at 7 p.m. We will be having a sale of Scottish treasures, once again skillfully orchestrated by Heather Chaney. Proceeds from the sale will help offset the costs of the hall rental. (See Heather's article at left for further information.)

Our own L.A. social year will once again begin with the long-established Halloween Dance & Costume Party, which once again will be at the First Christian Church in Studio City, and we look forward with excited anticipation to what creativity and imagination will go into costumes for this year's event.

So, happy dancing in the months ahead,

Ann McBride

CALENDAR

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

JUNE

22 AGM and DANCE. First Christian Church, 4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City. Potluck Supper 5 p.m., annual meeting 6, dance 7. Music: recorded.

JULY

27 SUMMER DANCE. Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Torrance Blvd. at Madrona. 7 p.m. Music: recorded.

AUGUST

24 SUMMER DANCE. First Christian Church, 4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City. 7 p.m. Music: recorded.

SEPTEMBER

28 INTERBRANCH DANCE. Tustin Senior Center, 200 C St., Tustin. 7:00 p.m. Music: tba.

OCTOBER

26 HALLOWEEN DANCE. First Christian Church, 4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City. 7 p.m. Optional: Wear a costume representing the name of a Scottish dance. Music: recorded.

OTHER BRANCHES

JUNE

8 OC AGM DANCE. 200 C St., Tustin. Meeting 6 p.m., potluck supper 6:30 p.m., dance 7:30 p.m. Music: recorded.

29 SGV TEA DANCE. Church of Our Saviour, 535 W. Roses Road, San Gabriel. 4 p.m.

JULY

13 OC MONTHLY DANCE. 200 C St., Tustin. 7 p.m. Music: recorded.

21 SGV TEA DANCE. Church of Our Saviour, 535 W. Roses Road, San Gabriel. 4 p.m.

AUGUST

10 OC MONTHLY DANCE. 200 C St., Tustin. 7 p.m. Music: recorded.

SCD-SoCal-mail

Regular e-mails about all local dance events, links to videos of dances, commentary about newly introduced dances and occasional tidbits of Scottish history, geography and culture are provided by Robb Quint.

To be added to the mailing list, contact Robb at volleyballjerry@aol.com.

Deadline for the September issue is August 1.

TEA DANCE



Photos by Bob Harmon, Martina Hanson and Kris McGinnis



SUMMER DANCE

July 27, 2019
Torrance Cultural Arts Center
Torrance Blvd. at Madrona

Jill's Gentle Jig	B J	Measures of Pleasure
The Countess of Dunmore's Reel	I R	Book 49
The Paisley Weavers	B S	3rd Graded Book
Twa Roguish Een	A J	Rondel Book
The Bonnie Tree	I S	Book 46
The Provost Wynd	B R	2nd Graded Book
Lady Catherine Bruce's Reel	B J	Graded Book
Reel Parenting	I R	L.A. 50th Anniversary
The Library of Birmingham	A S	Book 49
Bow Fiddle Rock	B J	Greenburn Book Vol. 3
MacDonald of Keppoch	I M	Book 49
The Happy Dancers	I J	10 Social Dances
The Celtic Cross	B R	First Carnforth Coll.
Janet Rennie's Strathspey	I S	L.A. 50th Anniversary
Itchy Feet	I J	Coast to Coast
A Tribute to Peter McBryde	A S	T.A.C. 50th Anniversary
The Australian Ladies	I R	Glasgow Assembly

SUMMER DANCE

August 24, 2019
First Christian Church
4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City

Haste to the Wedding	B J	Book 25
General Stuart's Reel	I R	Book 10
Eileen Watt's Strathspey	I S	Magazine Dances 2005
Welcome to Dufftown	I J	Jessie Stuart Leaflet
Butterscotch and Honey	B S	Alexander Leaflets
The Inimitable Derek	A R	Magazine Dances 2006
The Craven Jig	I J	Magazine Dances 2006
Davy Nick Nack	B R	Glasgow Assembly
Amanda Mae's Strathspey	I S	L.A. 25th Anniversary
The Ruby Rant	A R	Book 49
A Diamond for Belfast	B J	Belfast Diamond Jubilee
Rendez-vous à Vichy	I J	The Paris Book, Vol. 1
The Fusilier's Dream	I R	Jean Patrick Collection
The Paisley Weavers	B S	3rd Graded Book
The Lantern of the North	I J	Canadian Book
Bruce Frazer of Strathkinness	I S	St. Andrews 75th
The Reel of the 51st Division	B R	Book 13

CLASSES

Torrance

The McGinnis family observed a celebration of life on March 2 at First Christian Church of Torrance upon the passing of Mike's mother, Stella Mae McGinnis, at the age of 95. The family was surrounded with relations and friends as they warmly recounted Stella's vibrant, generous and active life.

Soon after, the McGinnis family celebrated the marriage of daughter Micaela to Steven King on March 16 in San Diego. The couple resides in Rancho Bernardo.

Doris and Eric Fisher have been enjoying exploratory adventures in their new RV and treasuring special moments babysitting their grandchildren in Orange County. Ruth Fleming-



Mike McGinnis with daughter Micaela in San Diego.

Stephens sang in the Torrance Civic Chorale's "We Sing Tomorrow's Song."

Rosemary Abend is expanding her English Country Dance skills in preparation for the Historical Tea and Dance Society's Colonial Ball this summer. Denis Rodgers is thankfully recovering from a fall.

Our area dancers miss our former class member Tony McQuilkin, who sold his home in Westchester and relocated to the San Fernando Valley following some health upsets. He is recovering and hopes to return to dance as his prognosis allows. Tony, we wish you the best!

Heather Chaney

Thousand Oaks

The Thousand Oaks Class is now (since Memorial Day weekend) on summer break and will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

We Thousand Oaks folks were most happy to host the Branch's April dance ... along with our Ventura County sister class in Ventura ... at our weekly class location.

A superb attendance of 45 dancers from near and far, four counties actually, helped make the event a great success, and we particularly appreciate the driving that

folks did to get there from as far away as Claremont, Costa Mesa and Goleta.

We are very glad to have Carmen Silva-Corvalán back with us on a regular basis and that she has been able to attend some dance events as well. Carmen was away from us for many months following a serious back injury.

Jennie and Terry Baker are performing a wonderful long-term service by raising and training a guide dog, whom they will have 1-1½ years before she is ready to become a helpful and so-needed companion. They have brought her ... Minnie they call her from her full name Dominica ... to class several times as part of her socialization training, and during the whole two-hour class with a lot going on around her she has remained still and quiet and behaved remarkably well. The Bakers say that it is their first time doing this, and a fantastic service to humanity it certainly is!

There's been some overseas travel o'er the past few weeks: Dana Dunaway and Deresa Kenney were off to Europe for a trip to Amsterdam, Paris and the small market town of Holsworthy in Devon. Dana came back with a hip injury that has kept her from dancing for a few weeks and which we hope will soon be finally healed. Christa Wilk and husband Bill headed in the same general direction for a cruise around the Iberian Peninsula. We're always glad when these and other class travelers come home to roost and can thus join us in class again.

Keeping an SCD class going is a group effort, and we all appreciate each other's regular attendance at class to do so, particularly thankful to those who regularly drive from as far away as Pacific Palisades and Santa Barbara County to be with us most every week.

Robb Quint

Santa Barbara

The Santa Barbara class has had a stream of visitors lately. Teri Reynolds brought her sister and brother-in-law to class one week, and we had a great time with them. The next week David Heald brought a delightful Danish dancer who was on her way to the Bay Area. We welcome newcomers without hesitation, and class members are happy to adjust to their limita-

tions. There is always the chance that they will catch the Scottish dance fever.

Recently, we had two drop-ins the same night, both experienced Scottish dancers who come to our class occasionally when visiting their parents nearby. Howard Carlberg joined us from Berea, KY, where he moved to become involved with the contra-dance community. Howard has visited before bringing his son, Bryce — they both dance barefoot and are wonderful fun to have in class. Gayle Koyanagi came first in 2016, while on a visit to her parents in Pismo Beach. She teaches Scottish Country dancing in Belfast, Maine.

Ilse Gilbert

Redondo Beach

The Monday Redondo Beach class has recently missed the delightful company of Molly Dawes due to her struggles with sciatica. The class has, however, been happy for the participation of Steve Murillo of San Pedro, an experienced dancer, who has successfully retained his past dance skills. Steve danced in Jack's class in Santa Monica some 25 years ago.

The Chaney's, who are currently becoming Monday-nighters, have lately enjoyed some new dance experiences: a night of swing dance at Fort MacArthur's Great LA Air Raid of 1942 and a full day in the English Regency era at the Jane Austen Spring Assembly. The Chaney's also participated in the Ameri-



Will it fall? Knox Chaney really gets into the game during the annual "games night" hosted by the Hartungs when Jack Renie's class is between sessions.

can Battlefield Trust's Park Service Day in order to care for the property at the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum in Wilmington.

Heather Chaney

Ventura

These past few months have simply flown by. We have had new dancers visit and some class members were traveling. A few are nursing injuries, and it was also a rough cold and flu season. By late March/early April almost everyone was on the mend, back home and ready to dance.

We spent at least six classes practicing for the April dance in Thousand Oaks. The evening of the dance was quite a success! Thank you so much to all of the dancers from the four local classes who were able to come and help with the setup and cleanup.

Thank you also to all of the dancers who traveled from near and far to support the dance and the L.A. Branch. And a big thank you to Robb Quint for sponsoring the dance!

Now we are getting ready for the June AGM and summer dances. We will be taking a break during June and July, then we plan to resume dancing on Aug. 2 so there is enough time to review dances before the August monthly dance.

Hope to see you all on the dance floor in the near future.

Lisa Sage

RSCDS WEBSITE

As many of you have discovered, the RSCDS recently redesigned its website. As part of the redesign, all user login information was reset. The login process now uses the email address Scotland has for you, and all passwords were invalidated.

If you click on the "My RSCDS" button, the process for creating a new password should be pretty much self-explanatory.

However, we've seen that Scotland has some outdated email addresses in their files, so if you are having trouble, please contact one of our branch administrators to update your address. Those admins are Melinda Brown, Doris Fisher, Ann McBride, Robb Quint and Jon Reeves. (If your primary membership is through another branch, you'll have to contact that branch's administrators.)

Jon Reeves

RALPHS REWARDS PROGRAM

The branch earns a contribution from the Ralphs Rewards Community Contribution Program when members register to benefit the Branch, while they continue to earn their own Ralphs Rewards points. Pick up a flier and learn how to register or call 800-443-4438. **You still need to re-register every September.** Our Organization Number is AV732. Then use your Ralphs Rewards card (or phone number) every time you shop.

AMAZON SMILE

The branch has yet another opportunity to earn donations. AmazonSmile will make a contribution when you shop using our account number. Learn how by going to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0205054>.

MEMORIAL FUND

The branch has money in a Memorial Fund, to be used for equipment purchases or special events. It can be used for scholarships to help members attend a workshop or something related to Scottish Country Dancing but who cannot afford the whole cost on their own. Applications are available from branch teachers.



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