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Happy Birthday L. A. Branch
Put Another Candle On The Birthday Cake!

This year's annual Hogmanay party will not only welcome in the year 2006, it will also herald the beginning of a very special year for the Los Angeles Branch. We will be celebrating our 40th birthday! In recognition of this momentous milestone, plans are underway for a very spectacular birthday ball on April 29, 2006 at the Ports O' Call Restaurant in San Pedro with its shining Harbor lights upon the ocean water.

As a part of the celebration, I am really excited to announce that we have secured The Music Makars, one of the best Scottish Country Dance bands in the U.S., to provide the music for our birthday ball. Those of you who attended the InterBranch Workshop on Catalina some years ago will remember that they played for the ball in the gorgeous Catalina ballroom.

The December Ghillie Callum will have the full ball dance program and after the New Year, teachers will begin practicing the dances so everyone will be up on the floor when the band strikes up.



I am delighted to announce that Rosemary Abend and Marion Reeve have volunteered to help with the groundwork for this special event and I would love to hear from anyone else who would like to help. Volunteers would be very, very welcome. So if you would like to help with suggestions for table decorations, publicity, anything.. please email me at : mcbridea@cshs.org or call me at home (818) 841-8161. The more the merrier!

Because our 40th anniversary will be a really special event, keep watching future Ghillie Callums for updates on the celebration plans.

Although it's still many months away, I would ask you to please mark your calendars now and save the red letter day - Saturday, April 29, 2006 - for the birthday ball!
Ann McBride Chair, Anniversary Ball Committee.



Photo to the left: a demonstration by the L.A., Orange County and San Gabriel Valley Branches at the Pomona Games in May at the Los Angeles Fair Grounds. The event replaced the Costa Mesa Games and is still run by United Scottish Society.

By Aase Hansen

**LOS ANGELES BRANCH
SCHEDULE OF DANCES FOR
SEPTEMBER 05-JUNE 06**

September

24, 2005 - **Interbranch Dance.** Tustin Senior Center. 7:30 pm. Musicians: *Susan Worland & Lisa Scott.* Cost: \$ 16 Member, \$18 Non-member, \$8 Spectator

October

22, 2005 - **Costume Dance.** Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Senior Center. 7:00 pm. Musicians: *Heathertones.* Cost: \$10 Member, \$12 Non-member

November

26, 2005 - **St Andrews Ball.** South Bay Masonic Center. 6:00 pm. Musicians: *Hood, Wink & Swagger.* Cost: \$25 Member, \$30 Non-member, \$15 Spectator

December

31, 2005 - **Hogmanay Party.** Westchester Senior Center: 8:00 pm. Musicians: *Heathertones.*

2006

January

28, 2006 - **Burns Birthday Bash.** El Segundo Woman's Club. 6:00 pm.

February

25, 2006 - **Monthly Dance.** Gold Crest Rebekah Lodge. El Segundo. 7:00 pm. Recorded Music. \$8 Member, \$10 Non-member

March

25, 2006 - **Beginner Dance.** Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. 7:00 pm. Recorded Music. \$8 Member, \$10 Non-member.

April

29, 2006 - **40th Anniversary Ball.** Ports O'Call Restaurant. San Pedro. Musicians: *The Merry Makars.*

June

24, 2006 - **AGM.** VN/SO Senior Center - 5:30 pm Musicians: *Heathertones.* \$10 Member, \$12 Non-member

Mark these dates on your calendar and we'll look forward to seeing you there!

OTHER EVENTS

**OC = Orange County Branch;
SD = San Diego;
SGV = San Gabriel Valley Branch.
2005-06**

2006

March

31-April 2, 2006 - **Interbranch Workshop.** Camp Cedar Glen, Julian.

April

28-May 1, 2006 - **Far North Queensland Annual Ball and weekend.** Contacts: John Bell <bellsat60@optusnet.com.au> or Anne Archdeacon archdeacon@iig.com.au Phone 07 4055 9329, FAX 07 4055 9260.

December

9&10, 2006 - **Bonnie Rideout - Christmas Concert.** (Dance Team: Robert McOwen & friends.) Pasadena, CA.

Lisa Krause and Roger Sage walk up the aisle after their marriage on June 25, 2005 in Ventura. Lisa previously was a member of the Demonstration Team, and Roger is learning to dance. So we hope to see lots of both of them.

By Aase Hansen



RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIR

From all accounts, the July summer dance at a new venue, the Culver City Senior Center was a success. All those who attended had a great time, and I have yet to hear any complaints (but the laudatory comments are coming in). Okay -- it may have not had a sprung floor, but it was easy on the feet -- and it was coooool!

The 40th anniversary of the Los Angeles Branch is upon us, and as you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, plans are already underway for a gala celebration. The focus of the celebration will be a dinner and dancing at the Ports O' Call Restaurant in San Pedro. Ann McBride has agreed to chair the event, and is already forming her committee. Any thoughts, ideas or suggestions for ways to commemorate our 40 years will be welcome. If you want to send them to me, I can see that Ann and her committee get them.

With the proximity of the Anniversary Ball, your branch committee, under the tutelage of our most able and talented vice-chair, is planning a unique approach for our annual celebration of Robert Burns' birthday. Mark your calendar for a January 28th semi-formal buffet supper at Poesie Nancy's Tavern (known to some as the El Segundo Woman's Club). We hear talk of a menu including meat pies, mashed neeps and peas.

And don't forget that the Interbranch Dance is fast approaching, September 24th at the Tustin Senior Center. Look forward to a good program with great music.

A reminder that the Branch Committee of Management meets on the second Sunday of the month. You are all welcome to attend and help us make our events fun! (Call ahead in case we need to change the date for some reason).

Happy Dancing as always—remember we are the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, and dancing is what we do!!
Ray

Photo to the right: teachers attending the 2005-06 AGM received small packages of appreciation by the Board.

By Carol McOwen



Anselm Lingnau, Frankfurt, Germany anselm@strathspey.org
I have a friend who told me that the greatest computer system ever built by mankind was by the Druids at Stonehenge. Well, that's an old story. But what I liked was that he felt that the Druids didn't die out, they just went bankrupt trying to debug the software. -- James Finkle, "Omni", August 1983
Taken from the Strathspey List 8/1/05

More good stuff from the Vice-Chair:

Just for the fun of it, I added up the admission price to all the events put on by L.A. Branch in our July 04-June 05 dance year. If you attended every event (from summer dances to the Burns Supper), your average cost per month for all that fun, food and fellowship with Scottish dancers was only \$13.00!

Plan now to come to St Andrews Ball the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It will be the perfect opportunity to dance off your turkey & pumpkin pie calories! We are looking forward to the excellent music of Hood, Wink & Swagger, as well as the excellent cooking of Maddie Rackley, who has once again agreed to take charge of the kitchen for this event.

Our Burns' celebration will take on a new format this year. We are planning to celebrate Burns' birthday the way he probably would have chosen; hanging out with friends and dancing at Poozie Nancy's Tavern (aka the El Segundo Womans Club). We will have live fiddle music, hearty pub-style food, spirits, a toast to the haggis and more. So plan to come and celebrate with us.

Thanks are due to:

1) My Members-At-Large for last year: Deborah Ash, Anne Clark, Robyn George, Barbara Mackenzie, and Claudia Pedersen. These are the wonderful people who helped set up and take down tables and chairs, layout food, punch and tea, and helped with clean-up. Special thanks is owed to unofficial MAL's, my husband, Eric Fisher and Barbara's husband, Mike Mackenzie, who pitched in along with us.

2) Terry Schaeffer who willingly tied those tiny ribbons on our cue books for both the St Andrews Ball and the Burns Supper. Thank you, Terry!

Doris



By Rosemary Abend with Audrey Ramsay Prest's camera Part of the 2005-06 Committee of Management (the Board) of the L.A. Branch at Stoner Park following their first meeting of the year. From the left: Irv Cohen, Claudia Petersen, Deborah Ash, Russell Ham, Audrey Prest, Ray Tucker, Aase Hansen and Doris Fisher.



The Branch is pleased to welcome the following new members: Monica Cherrix, Ken Evans, Margaret Falconer, Ilse Gilbert, Clarisse & Shelley Lawrence. We hope that you enjoy dancing with us.

Melinda & Frank.

THE GHILLIE CALLUM -- is this your last issue?

Of course we hope not, but if there is a ✨ on your address label, it means that it is time for you to renew your Branch membership or your subscription. We sent you a copy of the membership form in March issue of the Ghillie Callum.

If you have lost it, contact our

Membership Chair: Melinda Brown
Address: 565 Azure Hills Dr.
Simi Valley CA 93065
email: mjt1002@hotmail.com

You will want to know all the details for the Anniversary Ball. Join now!



By Aase Hanssen

Above: a photograph of the dance after the Pomona Games, held at the St. Barnabas Church in Eagle Rock.

DANCING WHILE VACATIONING

The last time I visited my brother in Bend, smack dab in the middle of Oregon, I was pleasantly surprised to see an announcement in the local paper of a Scottish country dance class being held weekly in Bend. It gave the name of the instructor (Susie) and her phone number. I called, and we had a lovely chat. As it turns out, she knows Leone and Robert Burger from several years ago when they lived in Klamath Falls, Oregon. (Small world!) I vowed I'd go to the class next time I visited. (I usually go once a year.)

In June of this year, I was back up there and did attend the class. Since I've never danced anywhere other than Southern California, with people and instructors I know, I was a bit apprehensive walking into a group of strangers, one thousand miles from home.

Walking into the room (of about 30 dancers) I was warmly welcomed. It was as if they'd known me but hadn't seen me in a while. That was terrific, but I was still anxious about dancing. Would their strathspey resemble the one I'd been taught; did they even do the strathspey, or some step I'd never heard of?

The warm-up started; it was almost identical to the warm-ups both Aase and Deanna do in their classes! Then Susie briefed the first dance, just as our teachers do, and she used terms with which I am familiar. The dance began; I was doing my part, and having a blast! People complimented me on my dancing skills! The next dance was announced - "Seann Triubhas Willichan" - a dance I've done!

I had an experience that night like none other I've had. I likened it to going to a foreign country and knowing the language. Knowing the language so well that I could instantly communicate with strangers and with the added benefit of having a common love/interest (the dancing), which provided the basis for spontaneous relationship.

At the end of the class, people asked when I'd be back (the next time I'm in Bend, for certain), and could I come up in October for their annual ball (I'll definitely consider it). It was great!

Deborah Ash



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Colin Gordon passed away on July 29, 2005 after a two year battle with metastatic melanoma. He was age 71 and he had been in a hospice program for a short time, passing on at his home at 511 4th. Street, Montara, Half Moon Bay, CA. 94037.

I had a 45 minute phone conversation with him the day before and we recalled all the wonderful times for several decades we had when he was a fiddler with the Thistle Dance Band as we traveled the USA and Canada, playing for Scottish dance groups. Colin was also co-founder of the Los Angeles Scottish Fiddle club.

Shauna, his wife, was at his side. She will announce memorial service dates shortly, following the cremation.

Jack Rennie

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY
LOS ANGELES BRANCH, INC.

GENERAL FUND, MEMORIAL FUND AND DEMONSTRATION TEAM ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

JULY 1, 2003 - JUNE 30, 2004

INCOME

Net Profit/Loss from:

Membership & Ghillie Callum			
Membership	\$	4,179.00	
Less to Scotland		-2,636.05	
Less cost of liability insurance 139x\$4.50		-625.50	
Less cost of Ghillie Callum		<u>-1,016.36</u>	-98.91
Interest			15.40
Class Income:			
Sales of books, CD's and supplies			409.73
Weekly classes			223.50
Special events: Asilomar ball review			8.33
Informal Dances			909.20
Special Functions:			
Burns' Supper			386.03
Hogmanay			-6.05
St. Andrew's Ball			388.24
May Tea Dance			66.99
Costa Mesa Games Dance			82.38
Other:			
Membership directory advertising			80.00
Misc.			

\$ 2,464.84

EXPENDITURE

Administration Expenses:

Bank charges	\$	5.00
Historian Supplies		288.78
Licenses and Permits		10.00
Stationery, printing & supplies		286.49
Postage & P.O. Box		600.84
Professional Fees: CPA		250.00
Publicity and Subscriptions		170.00
Telephone		5.00
Class Expenses:		
Teaching Supplies		203.42
Informal Dances:		
Equipment & Repairs		130.00
Special Functions:		
Other:		
Gifts & flowers	50.00	
Misc.:		
Donations to Memorial F\$	50.00	
Books to members	12.15	
Hall rental AGM	20.00	
Misc.		132.15
Seed money returned from InterBranch Comm.		<u>-200.00</u>
Subtotal	\$	<u>1,876.68</u>
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		<u>588.16</u>
		<u>\$ 2,464.84</u>

REGULAR BANK ACCOUNT

Bank balance 7/1/03	\$	15,164.89
Less Memorial Fund balance		<u>-595.25</u>
Net General Fund balance		<u>\$ 14,569.64</u>
Net receipts for the year	\$	2,464.84
Less net expenses for the year		<u>-1,876.68</u>
NET PROFIT		588.16
Net diff. in carryback/forward accounts	\$	-44.95
Increase in Store inventory		<u>-509.44</u>
General Fund balance		<u>\$ 14,603.41</u>

Memorial Fund

Balance forward	\$	595.25
Donations		<u>175.00</u>
Memorial Fund balance		<u>770.25</u>
Total bank balance 6/30/04		<u>\$ 15,373.66</u>

STORE INVENTORY

Inventory 7/1/03	\$	1,624.51
Increase in Store inventory		<u>509.44</u>
Inventory 6/30/04		<u>\$ 2,133.95</u>

DEMONSTRATION TEAM BANK ACCOUNT

Bank of America balance 7/1/03	\$	2,055.34
RECEIPTS		
Demonstrations		1,750.00
EXPENDITURE		
Teaching fees	\$	
Costumes		
Misc.		0.00
Bank balance 6/30/04		<u>\$ 3,805.34</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

JULY 1, 2004 - JUNE 30, 2005

INCOME

Net Profit/Loss from:

Membership & Ghillie Callum			
Membership	\$	3,848.00	
Less to Scotland		-2,562.64	
Less cost of liability insurance 141x\$4.65		-655.65	
Less cost of Ghillie Callum		-822.64	-192.93
Interest			15.27
Class Income:			
Sales of books, CD's and supplies			647.70
Weekly classes			-81.50
Special events: Asilomar ball review			
Informal Dances			796.77
Special Functions:			
Burns' Supper			30.01
Hogmanay			142.62
St. Andrew's Ball			-235.45
May Tea Dance			-202.32
Queen Mary and Pomona Games Dances			81.86
Other:			
Membership directory advertising			
Camp Cedar Glen workshop			278.16
			<u>1,280.19</u>

REGULAR BANK ACCOUNT

Bank balance 7/1/04	\$	15,373.66	
Less Memorial Fund balance		-770.25	
Net General Fund balance		\$ 14,603.41	
Net receipts for the year	\$	1,280.19	
Less net expenses for the year		-1,735.74	
NET PROFIT			-455.55
Net diff. in carryback/forward accounts	\$	-322.97	
Increase in Store inventory		78.11	-244.86
General Fund balance		\$ 13,903.00	

Memorial Fund

Balance forward	\$	770.25	
Donations		-100.00	
Memorial Fund balance		670.25	
Total bank balance 6/30/05		\$ 14,573.25	

STORE INVENTORY

Inventory 7/1/04	\$	2,133.95	
Increase in Store inventory		-78.11	
Inventory 6/30/05		\$ 2,055.84	

EXPENDITURE

Administration Expenses:

Bank charges	\$		
Historian Supplies			131.54
Licenses and Permits			30.00
Stationery, printing & supplies			330.51
Postage & P.O. Box			407.88
Professional Fees: CPA			250.00
Publicity and Subscriptions			333.75
Telephone			5.00
Class Expenses:			
Teaching Supplies			11.25
Informal Dances:			
Equipment & Repairs			28.02
Special Functions:			
Other:			
Gifts & flowers		142.94	
Misc.:			
Donations to Memorial F\$			
Books to members		14.85	
Hall rental AGM		50.00	
Misc.			207.79
Seed money returned from InterBranch Comm.			
Subtotal	\$		<u>1,735.74</u>
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR			-455.55
			<u>\$ 1,280.19</u>

DEMONSTRATION TEAM BANK ACCOUNT

Bank of America balance 7/1/04	\$	3,805.34	
RECEIPTS			
Demonstrations			1,400.00
EXPENDITURE			
Teaching fees	\$	845.00	
Costumes		40.00	
Misc.		211.00	1,096.00
Bank balance 6/30/05		\$ 4,109.34	

INTERBRANCH DANCE
September 24, 2005.
Tustin Area Senior Center
200 C Street, Tustin
Music: Lisa Scott, Susan Worland

ST. ANDREWS BALL
November 26, 2005.
South Bay Masonic Hall
520 Main St., El Segundo
Music: Hood, Wink and Swagger

Jubilee Jig	B/J	RSCDS Leaflet
Flowers of Edinburgh	B/R	Book 1
The Celebration Strathspey	I/S	Book 43
General Stuart's Reel	I/R	Book 10 #3
Farewell to Auchterarder	A/J	Hamilton
The Royal Yacht Britannia	I/R	Book 43 #3
Bonnie Stronshiray	A/S	Campbell 3
The Duke of Atholl's Reel	B/J	Book 16
Linnea's Strathspey	I/S	Dunsmuir
Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	I/R	Goldring
Flights of Fancy	I/J	Boston 50th
Balquidder Strathspey	I/S	Book 24
The Falls of Rogie	I/R	Alexander Bk 1
12 Coates Crescent	B/S	Book 40 #5
Macleod's Fancy	A/J	Book 33 #3
Follow Me Home	I/J	Book 38
Reel of the Royal Scots	B/R	RSCDS Leaflet

Dashing White Sergeant	B/R	Book 3
The Chequered Court	I/J	Book 42
Delvine Side	B/S	Book 2
Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	I/R	Goldring
Flights of Fancy	I/J	Boston 50th
The Reel of the 51st	B/R	Book 13
Sands of Morar	A/S	Book 45
Gloria's Wee Jig	B/J	Devil's Quandary
The Three Sisters	I/S	Drewry
Bratach Bana	A/R	Bon Accord
The Cranberry Tart	I/J	Glasspool
Andrew's Fancy	B/S	L.A. 25th Anniv.
The Falls of Rogie	I/R	Alexander Bk 1
Linnea's Strathspey	I/S	Dunsmuir
Macleod's Fancy	A/J	Book 6
Shifftin' Bobbins	B/R	Clowes
Tattie Bogle	I/S	Carnforth Coll.



HALLOWEEN DANCE
October 22, 2005, 7:00 p.m.
Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Senior Center
5040 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks

HOGMANAY
December 31, 2005, 7:00 p.m.
Westchester Senior Center: 8:00 pm.
Musicians: Heathertones

Naughty Nancy	B/J	Solstice
The Duran Ranger	B/R	Book 13
Linnea's Strathspey	I/S	Dunsmuir
Galloping Carousel	B/J	Ottawa 25 years
The Tri-Mariner	I/R	Ann Dix Book 2
Haste to the Wedding	B/J	Book 25
The Celebration Strathspey	I/S	Book 43
The Reel of the 51st	B/R	Glasspool
12 Coates Crescent	B/S	Book 40 #5
The Cranberry Tart	I/J	Glasspool
The Piper and the Penquin	I/R	Scotia Suite
Fair Donald	B/S	Book 29
Gloria's Wee Jig	B/J	Devil's Quandary
Cherrybank Gardens	I/S	Bankhead 1
Shifftin' Bobbins	B/R	Clowes
Tattie Bogle	I/S	Carnforth.
Kelso Races	B/R	MMM II

The Duran Ranger	B/R	Book 13
The Cranberry Tart	I/J	Glasspool 7 yr Itch
Delvine Side	B/S	Book 2
Bratach Bana	A/R	Bon Accord
Linnea's Strathspey	I/S	Dunsmuir
Galloping Carousel	B/J	Ottawa 25 years
Knotwork	I/J	Book 44
The Celebration Strathspey	I/S	Book 43
Shifftin' Bobbins	B/R	Clowes
Macleod's Fancy	A/J	Book 33
Campbell of Cawdor	B/S	Holden
The Royal Yacht Britannia	I/R	Book 43
The Dashing White Sergeant	B/R	Book 3
The Corian Strathspey	A/S	Book 43
Ladies' Fancy	B/J	Book 13
Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	I/R	Goldring
Glasgow Country Dance	I/M	Book 23
The Glenora Ferry	A/J	An Itch to Dance
Mrs. MacLeod	I/R	Book 6

CLASS REPORTS

LOMITA CLASS

The Monday night class in Lomita continued through the summer on an intermittent basis, meeting only when there were enough to make a set. People were busy with vacations and trips but we managed to have some fun dancing in spite of absences.

Tony McQuilkin had some rehearsals for "Kiss Me Kate" which kept him away, Ray Tucker had a trip east and then a "Change of Command" ceremony to attend involving his son Craig. This was quite impressive by all accounts. Anne Dwyer made a nice trip to Washington State to see her daughter, and was accompanied by her sister-in-law visiting from Scotland.

Rick St.Amant took advantage of a short vacation in Mexico, and then underwent lasik treatment on his eyes which kept him from dancing for three weeks. Roz Gotfried and her entire family enjoyed a summer cruise to Germany and into Russia, including an exciting visit to St. Petersburg. Rose and Joe Peters visited class only a few times due to health problems and Aneliese Grohs was absent most of the summer while visiting her family in Germany.

It was interesting and fun to try out the dances in the new book 45 and quite a few of them proved challenging and no doubt we will see them appearing on our dance programs in the coming years.

Jack

TORRANCE SUMMER CLASS

The city sponsored Torrance class had a nice summer registration with several new dancers joining in the fun. Prior to the commencement of the class, members participated in a "Showcase" night featuring performances on stage of the Armstrong Auditorium by most of the classes offered by the Parks Department.

The ten week session was well attended, and it was good to have some new young people taking up the dancing, and even looking forward to St. Andrews summer school next year. The new fall class begins September 23rd. and new dancers and those present class members should register with the city by calling 310.618.2720 during the first two weeks of September.

Jack

VENTURA

The Friday night class of Scottish Country Dancing at Ventura College has been a lively place these past two months. Enriched by the presence of two new dancers, Margaret Falconer and Monica Cherrix, there have been no less than two sets every evening. In addition, three English Country and Contra dancers from Santa Barbara have joined us: Susan McNeil, Gary Shapiro and Robert Winokur. Susan and Robert are musicians, as well, and Gary leads Contra and English Country dancing in Santa Barbara and Ojai. We have also been lucky to have Dore Ozdy and Erin Holman, both of whom attend teacher Frank Ibbott's Agoura class on Sunday afternoons.

They made up for the loss of Margaret Falconer while she was traveling in Russia, Bill Livingston while at a villa in the south of France and Gerry and Jean McGuire, while they were entertaining guests.

Frank left for St. Andrews when the class took a hiatus in August. When it resumes in September, he will undoubtedly be a fully credentialed Scottish Country Dance teacher. Not that the class will care. We think he's great the way he is.

Lillian Goldstein

LANCASTER CHILDREN'S CLASS

Once again the Children's Class finished its year with an evening ceilidh for family and friends. The nine members of the class ably demonstrated ***Rabbie's Reel, Haste to the Wedding, and The Machine Without Horses.*** Everyone gamely joined in the audience-participation dances, including three non-dancing families who attended.

Class will resume in September with all of last year's dancers planning on joining us again.

Kathy Byers

Be sure and see the photograph of the children's class by Aase Hansen on the following page.



By Aase Hansen

The Children's Class in Lancaster

Sue Holcome Bids Farewell!

Sue Holcombe came to the last Manhattan Beach class of the season to say "Good Bye" to her friends. Sue and her Dad are relocating to Farmington, New Mexico, sometime in August, to be with other family members.

As well as a constant attendee at classes, dances and workshops, Sue was responsible for many beautiful table decorations for the Burns Suppers and St. Andrews Balls for many years in the L.A. branch. She also started putting together many photo albums of past Branch activities.

She brought the books to the Manhattan Beach class on the last night, and we all had fun going down memory lane and seeing ourselves (many years younger). We also remembered names and faces of the past. Sue currently is cleaning house, and brought a big box of tartan ribbon remnants to pass along to our Chairman, for the Branch to use.

Sue danced and socialized with the Manhattan Beach and Torrance classes, and was a member of the LA Branch for many years.

We are also losing our "kilt adjuster". In recent years Sue was responsible for adjusting, resizing and fixing many kilts and jackets.

We all wish Sue and her Dad a great life in New Mexico. We will miss her many talents in the LA Branch. *The Manhattan Beach and Torrance Classes*



VALLEY COLLEGE

In June, Audrey Prest had a visit from her daughter, Julie, and granddaughter, Cierra. Later, in July, Audrey went to Sioux City, Iowa, to help baby-sit her two grandchildren while her daughter and son-in-law packed up the house for a move to Des Moines.

Erin Holman, Dora Ozdy, Frank Ibbott, Terry Schaeffer, Audrey Prest and Aase all went out to Tehachapi to attend the BBQ and dance put on by Barbara and Mike Mackenzie and Kathy and Dean Byers. We all had a lovely time. The weather was perfect with lots of shade and a nice breeze. The dancing was in a covered area in the park.

Kathrin Segal and Steve Kaplan took off on vacation to Hawaii in July.

Both Terry Schaeffer and Aase were on the waiting list to attend the TAC summer school on Vancouver Island in British Columbia. Only Terry got in. While there she and her husband also visited former class members Karen and Mitch Streicher on Whidbey Island in Washington State.

In August, it was time for Aase to head to Wisconsin/Minnesota to visit friends. Lisbet came up from Tampa, Florida, to join her for a week.

Christine Richard had a short visit from her mother, who came over from Switzerland.

Robyn George worked most of the summer. She is trying to get American Airlines to change it so she has L.A. as her home-base. If she succeeds we may see more of her next year in class.

Aase

TEHACHAPI BBQ

Thirty-seven adults and children enjoyed an afternoon of eating, talking, and dancing at Brite Lake July 9. After a week of high winds, the weather cooperated by giving us sunny skies, cool temperatures, and just a light breeze.

We began the day with a piper from the Tehachapi Pipe Band, continued through burgers and potluck, and finished by dancing some new dances and old favorites under the pavilion as dusk approached.

A group of new dancers and some non-dancer friends from Bakersfield participated with great enthusiasm, and most of the children danced anything they could.

Thanks to Barbara & Mike Mackenzie for co-organizing with me, Frank Ibbott for teaching us Double Sixsome (a great dance!), and especially to my husband Dean for cheerfully doing all the extra work I volunteered him for.

Kathy Byers



By Aase Hansen
Audrey Prest and Frank Ibbott were solving the world's problems.

The photo to the left, also by Aase, shows Terry Schaffer looking at fliers weighed down by rocks as she talks to Barbara Mackenzie. Below. And what do Scottish do after the barbecue? They dance -- in the pavilion!

by Audrey Ramsay Prest



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"We were met with a beautiful arch of colored ballons in front of the band. created by Carol Johnson. Jack Rennie's band... struck up the music and dancing began in earnest.

"It was at the break that we really became immersed in our history. Ann McBride presented those past Chairmen who were able to attend and read the names of others who couldn't.

"There were two beautiful cakes with inscription and an arrangement of tall candles which spelled out "30"...There was an eloquent tribute by David Brandon to C. Stewart Smith, who played such an important part in the founding of the L.A. Branch of the RSCDS."

Each attendee was presented with a commemorative booklet researched and written by Rosemary Abend with lots of photographs and memorable quotes.

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