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The 2013-2014 Committee of Management (aka the Board) includes, from left, Claudia Pedersen, Kris McGinnis, Kim Baily, Jon Reeves, Audrey Prest, Doris Fisher, Rosemary Abend and Deanna St. Amand. Not present: Roberta Gotfried.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Hello, Dancers –

I hope you have enjoyed a leisurely summer whether your class took a break or you were able to learn some new dances in continuing classes.

As usual, the fall promises to be a very busy time for us. First up is the 24th Annual Inter-branch Dance, Sept. 24 at the Tustin Senior Center. Hood, Wink & Swagger will provide the music. This dance is a great opportunity to meet others you might not see at our own monthly dances. Car-pool down to Tustin for a great evening.

Our St. Andrew's Ball will be held Nov. 23 at the Masonic Lodge in El Segundo. (This is not Thanksgiving weekend.) Lisa Scott and Susan Worland, who played at last year's St. Andrew's Ball, will be back. (I have been told that the trifle bar will also be back!) Fliers should be available by the end of the month.

Hogmanay will once again be held New Year's Eve at the El Segundo Woman's Club. The Burns Supper & Ball (Jan. 25, 2014) will be back at Ports o' Call restaurant with Hood, Wink & Swagger providing the music. So, there are many good dancing opportunities in the next five months.

On a more serious note, if you have renewed your branch membership, thank you. We can only continue to hold our monthly events with the support of our local dancers. If you have not yet renewed, please take the time to fill out a renewal form (available from your teacher or on our web page) and send it in with a check to Melinda Brown, our membership chair.

I hope to see many of you at the Interbranch Dance.

Rosemary Abend

NEWS NOTES

The Branch has a scholarship program to off-set the cost of registration at an event such as the Catalina workshop.

The Clans of the Highlands also offer small scholarships to anyone studying or promoting Scottish culture. See their web page for more information: COHgeneral@gmail.com (or 949-770-2622).

The Thousand Oaks Class is now a Los Angeles Branch class. For information, contact Robb Quint.

If you shop at Ralphs, you can help raise money for the Branch (at no cost to you) if you register in their Community Contribution Program. If you already participate, you must renew your enrollment after Sept. 1. Forms are available in classes and at monthly dances.

The Burns Supper & Ball will be held at Ports o' Call restaurant on Jan. 25, 2014.

Half the remaining balance for the Catalina Workshop is due Sept. 30, 2013.

Robyn MacGarva has offered to be our publicity director this year.

Rosemary Abend

MEMORIAL FUND

The L.A. Branch has money set aside in a Memorial Fund, to be used for special equipment the Branch might need or special events like a beginner workshop. It can also be use for scholarships for members who might want to attend a workshop, institute, summer school or something else related to Scottish Country Dancing but cannot afford the whole cost of the event on their own.

The Branch Board of Management has just approved the guidelines for scholarship applications. The application will be available from Branch teachers in September.

The money in the Memorial Fund has mainly come from two sources: The Branch has transferred \$25 from the General Fund into the Memorial Fund when a member of the Branch has died, and from members or friends of the Branch who donated money in memory of a deceased member.

Aase Hansen

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

SEPTEMBER

28 Interbranch Dance, Tustin Senior Center, 7:30 p.m. Music: Hood, Wink & Swagger

OCTOBER

20 Bring a Friend Tea Dance, 1 p.m., South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula

26 Halloween Dance, 7 p.m. First Christian Church, Studio City, Music: recorded

NOVEMBER

23 St. Andrew's Ball, South Bay Masonic Center. Music: Susan Worland and Lisa Scott

DECEMBER

31 Hogmanay Party, El Segundo Woman's Club. Music: recorded

JANUARY

25 Burns Supper & Ball, Ports O' Call restaurant, San Pedro. Music: Hood, Wink & Swagger

OTHER BRANCHES

SEPTEMBER

14 OC Monthly Dance, Anaheim Downtown Community Center, 7 p.m., Music: recorded

OCTOBER

12 Seaside Scotch Hop, First Methodist Church of Ventura, 7 p.m. Music: recorded

19 SGV Tea Dance, Dabney Lounge, Caltech, 4:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

16 Souper Supper Dance at Lindberg Park, Culver City, 6:00 p.m. for soup, salad, bread and dessert, dance at 7 p.m.

DECEMBER

14 OC Christmas Ball, Tustin Senior Center. Music: Hood, Wink & Swagger

MARCH

5 SGV Back to Basics Workshop and Ball

INTERBRANCH DANCE

Tustin Senior Center
200 C Street, Tustin
September 28, 2013

Jubilee Jig	J B	RSCDS Leaflet
Silver Tassie	S I	Bon Accord Book
John of Bon Accord	R I/A	Book 33
Fair Jenny's Jig	J I	From the Redwood Forest
Robertson Rant	S A	Book 39
Flowers of Edinburgh	R B	Book 1
Links w/ St. Petersburg	J I	Book 46
Barbara's Strathspey	S I	Book 46
Pinewoods Reel	R I/A	Yankee Sampler
Capital Jig	J I	5 for 2009
Bauldy Bain's Fiddle	R I	Lothian Collection
Lochindorb Strathspey	S B	Aberdeen Collection
Christine M. Phillips	J I	Book 46
The Sailor	R B	Book 24
Fair Donald	S B/I	Book 29
Laird of Milton's Daughter	J I	Book 22
Montgomerie's Rant	R I	Book 10



BRING A FRIEND TEA DANCE

South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula
October 20, 2013

On The Quarter-deck	R B	The Harbour City
The Welcome Reel	R	Let's All Dance
New Caledonia Jig	J	Graded & Social 2
Corn Rigs	R	Book 4
The Ferryboat	J	Let's All Dance

Tea Break

Gay Gordons	M	Collins Book
Dashing White Sergeant	R	Collins Book
Through the Garden Gate	J	Let's All Dance Too
Virginia Reel	R	Collins Book

Tea Break

Maxwell's Rant	R I	Book 18
Pelorus Jack	J I	Book 42
Hana Strathspey	S I	Alex Gray
EH3 7AF	J B	Book 40
Bauldy Bain's Fiddle	R I	Lothian Collection

SEASIDE SCOTCH HOP

First United Methodist Church
1338 E. Santa Clara St., Ventura
October 12, 2013

EH3 7AF	J B	Book 40
Pinewoods Reel	R I	Yankee Sampler
Mrs Hamilton of Wishaw	S A	Book 23
Links w/ St. Petersburg	J I	Book 46
Forty-Five Years On	R A	5 For 2009
The Gentleman	S I	Book 35
Granville Market	J B	2nd Graded Book
The Lass of Richmond Hill	R B	2nd Graded Book
Fair Jenny's Jig	J I	From the Redwood Forest
Hana Strathspey	S I	Alex Gray
John of Bon Accord	R A	Book 33
Pelorus Jack	J I	Book 41
Barbara's Strathspey	S I	Book 46
The Sailor	R B	Book 24



HALLOWEEN DANCE

First Christian Church
4390 Colfax Ave., Studio City
October 26, 2013

Border Meeting	NEW	J B	24 Graded/Social
The Lass of Richmond Hill		R B	2nd Graded Book
Mrs Hamilton of Wishaw		S A	Book 23
The Invitation Dance		J B	Auld Friends Meet
Rakes of Glasgow		S B	Book 11
Maxwell's Rant		R I	Book 18

EH3 7AF	NEW	J B	Book 40
The Highland Lass		R B	Book 30
New Abbey		S B	Graded & Social 2
Pelorus Jack	NEW	J I	Book 41
Corn Rigs		R B	Book 4

Links With St. Petersburg	J I	Book 46
On The Quarter-deck	R B	The Harbour City
Hana Strathspey	S I	Alex Gray
Trip to Gretna Green	J B	Unknown
Bauldy Bain's Fiddle	R I	Lothian Collection

ST. ANDREW'S BALL
 South Bay Masonic Center
 520 Main St., El Segundo
 November 23, 2013

HOGMANANY
 El Segundo Woman's Club
 Mariposa at Standard, El Segundo
 December 31, 2013

Border Meeting	J B	24 Graded & Social	Trip to Gretna Green	J B	Unknown
Scotia Sea	RI	Scotia Suite	John of Bon Accord	RA	Book 33
Barbara's Strathspey	SI	Book 46	Her Majesty's Crown	SB	Central Kentucky
Pelorus Jack	JI	Book 41	The Kelloholm Jig NEW	JI	RSCD Leaflet
Rakes of Glasgow	SB	Book 11	Duke of Perth	RI	Book 1
J. B. Milne NEW	RA	Angus Fitchet	Hana Strathspey	SI	Alex Gray
			On The Quarter-deck	RB	The Harbour City
Fair Jenny's Jig	JI	From the Redwood Forest			
On the Quarter-Deck	RB	The Harbour City	Maxwell's Rant	RI	Book 18
The Robertson Rant	SA	Book 39	Pelorus Jack	JI	Book 41
EH3 7AF	JB	Book 40	Largo Law	SB	MMM I
Duke of Perth NEW	RI	Book 1	J. B. Milne	RA	Angus Fitchett
			The Valentine	SI	5 Dances for 2009
Maxwell's Rant	RI	Book 18	The Brudenell Jig	JB	2nd Graded Book
The Highland Lass	RB	Book 30			
Sandy's Scotch Broth NEW	SI	Katannuta	Granville Market	JB	2nd Graded Book
Equilibrium	JA	Scottish Archives	Mrs Hamilton of Wishaw	SA	Book 23
New Abbey	SB	Graded & Social 2	Scotia Sea	RI	Scotia Suite
Bauldy Bain's Fiddle	RI	Lothian Collection	Sandy's Scotch Broth	SI	Katannuta
			Fair Jenny's Jig	JI	From the Redwood Forest
			The Lass Richmond Hill	RB	2nd Graded Book

SPOTLIGHT ON

Most of you know Bill Hartung, immediate past chair, but you may not know Nancy, his "better half."

Nancy is a true local, having been born at what is now UCLA-Harbor Hospital. She is a graduate of Aviation High School. She met Bill at Garrett Air Research, where they both worked.

Many of the South Bay dancers will remember their fantastic island wedding anniversary celebration a few years back. They have one daughter and two grandchildren, Daniel and Haley. They recently added a kitten to their feline menagerie, bring it to a total of three.

Nancy loves to dance and is a zumba teacher at the local Curves, which she says is an easy half-hour class for those who just want to move a little.

When Bill and Nancy decided they needed more exercise, they saw Scottish Country Dancing advertised in the Torrance Parks and Recreation bulletin — and the rest is history.

Rosemary Abend



Nancy Hartung

SEASIDE GAMES

The Seaside Highland Games will be Oct. 12-13 in Ventura — and Scottish Country Dancing will play a vital role, with dancing performances taking place in McBride Hall on both Saturday and Sunday.

The LA Branch Demonstration Team will perform on Saturday, as well as any LA classes that would like to present a short demonstration followed by audience participation. The Clan MacLeod Dancers will perform on Sunday, as well as the Ventura and Santa Barbara classes.

If you plan to attend the Games and find that your class is not participating, you are welcome to dance with another class. Contact Deanna St. Amand, dgsa@pacbell.net or 818-761-4750.

Deanna is also looking for volunteers to

staff the RSCDS information booth. If you are willing to cover a two-hour shift, you will be provided with an entrance ticket to the Games.

By request, what was called the “Flash Mob” will be repeated this year as the “Street Dance” on Saturday, after the opening ceremonies. Instructions for the 32-bar jig are posted on the web at <http://tiny.cc/c05b0w>. At approximately 1 p.m. guitarist David Key will “spontaneously” begin singing. More musicians will join in, followed by dancers.

The “Scotch Hop” dance will be held Saturday evening at 7 p.m. at the First Methodist Church, 1338 E. Santa Clara St., Ventura, same location as the Branch’s April dance.

Linda McWade



The Costa Mesa Games weekend included two performances each on Saturday and Sunday (Saturday’s dancers are at left) and the popular Games Dance on Saturday evening (above).

RALPHS REWARDS PROGRAM

A big thank-you again to all of our members who have signed up with the Ralphs Rewards Community Contribution Program. These members continue to earn their own Ralphs Rewards points, as well as help the Branch. If you’re a Ralphs shopper and have not yet registered your card to benefit our branch, please go online to do so or pick up a flier to take to your store. If you previously registered your card, the program requires you to re-enroll annually, beginning Sept. 1. Our Organization Number is 93159.

Pick up a Ralphs flier at class or the next dance and have your grocery shopping count!

Audrey Ramsay Prest

IN REMEMBRANCE

LARRY STUMPF

It was with great sadness I learned of the passing of long-time LA Branch member Larry Stumpf at the wonderful age of 90! Larry was a constant and faithful member of my Friday night Santa Monica College class. He always seemed to time his arrival to coincide with mine so that he could help me carry in my record player and record boxes. (No CDs in those days).

I have many lasting memories of Larry and his family, but the most enduring were his cheerful sense of humor, his seemingly unlimited wardrobe of brightly colored Hawaiian shirts and his wonderful shock of blondish-reddish hair. Two years ago he and Christine “dropped in” on the St. Andrew’s Ball at American Martyrs Church in Redondo Beach – his hair was slightly gray, but still gloriously thick!

Our deepest sympathies go out to Christine, Justin, Linda, Nancy and Diana and his grandsons.

Ann McBride

SUE TIFFANY

It is with great sadness that the family of Susan Racz Tiffany announces that she passed away on June 5, 2013, after a long battle with a brain tumor. Susan and her husband John Tiffany were among the founders of the Los Angeles Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and Demonstration Team.

Susan and John, along with Dave Brandon, Anthony Ivancich and Don Green, were recruited at a folk dance camp by C. Stewart Smith to start the Los Angeles Branch of the RSCDS. For many years Susan and John hosted Jean Milligan whenever she came to Los Angeles.

She is survived by her son Michael Tiffany, her daughter Maryanne Reimer and her grandchildren Kathleen and Matthew Reimer. She was preceded by her beloved husband, John Tiffany, who passed away in 2007.

Susan’s memorial service and celebration of life will be held in September in the San Fernando Valley. In lieu of flowers, her family would appreciate you offering assistance or making a contribution in her name to a person or cause that would benefit from your help.

Mike Tiffany

HUGH FINLAY

An admirable life ended July 18 for Hugh Finlay, 83, former long-term life member of the LA Branch. Hugh was an ardent dancer back in the 1960s and ’70s until he suffered a massive stroke at age 49, leaving him severely handicapped and ending his dancing and his space-engineering career.

He inspired everyone who knew him as he worked to keep his independence, even attending our events to watch the grand march, “jiggin’” to the music that he always loved.

His last wishes were observed when his ashes were spread at sea near Catalina, perhaps to be carried back to his native Scotland.

Jack Rennie

DEMONSTRATION TEAM

Our final demonstration before the summer break is always the fundraiser for the Daughters of the British Empire. It's a fun day with each branch of their organization hosting a booth or activity that raises funds for their retirement home. This year can definitely be described as memorable!

First of all, Rosemary Abend volunteered to help fill out our set. Roberta worked out a program of favorite 3-couple Branch dances. At the last minute, Jim Bell was unable to dance with us, so Roberta quickly came up with several two-couple dances that could be danced in a three-couple set.

If you remember early June, that's when we had that sudden spike in temperatures, which happened the day of our dem. We could feel the heat when we were doing the walk-through. But that was nothing compared to the dem itself. The parquet surface laid on the grass absorbed so much heat that it literally melted Rosemary's shoes as soon as she stepped on the floor. We were grateful for the two-couple dance format because it allowed the non-dancing couple to step onto the grass for 32 bars. By the end of the dem, Roberta's shoes were also gone, and Alison was limping on blisters. *But we completed the demonstration with smiles on our faces!*

We were able to mark the end of our season and catch up with Ann McBride over fish and chips at Finn McBride's, a pub in Santa Monica. Jim Bell, Randy Scherer and John and Judith Allen joined Roberta, Carol, Alice, Larry and Alison.

While celebrating, we also raised a glass to the end of Alison's career as a primary school teacher. Now that she's done with report cards and parent conferences, she will have more time for important things like gardening, knitting and, of course, dancing.

When we reconvene at the end of summer, we will prepare for the Dana Point Highland Games and, of course, the Seaside Games. We are also looking forward to the 90th Anniversary Garden Party at the South Coast Botanic Garden. It's going to be a busy fall season.

Alice Allen

NEW MEMBERS

The Los Angeles Branch welcomes new members Mary Cahill, Donna Ingram and Christina Von Mayrhauser. Moving back into the area are Ric Simmons and Christine Richard.

Melinda Brown



HOGMANAY

Our Hogmanay dance has become an LA Branch tradition as dancers enjoy celebrating New Year's Eve together. We want to continue holding the dance again this year, but we can't do it without your help!

The Branch needs volunteers to assist with some of the smaller jobs: purchasing the champagne and sparkling cider (you'll be reimbursed), opening and pouring them at midnight, blowing up balloons, setting out the food, set-up and clean-up, etc.

If you are willing to help out in any way, please contact me or Hogmanay chairs Nancy and Bill Hartung.

Rosemary Abend

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If your address label on the envelope for this Ghillie Callum has a ★ or if you receive your Ghillie Callum by email and an application form is included, you need to renew your membership in the Branch. Please contact membership chair: Melinda Brown 30547 Mehrten Dr., Exeter, CA 93221 mjtb1002@hotmail.com

CLASSES



The Long Beach Class on a Saturday afternoon at El Dorado Park.

LONG BEACH

Summer started with its usual bang as we celebrated Memorial Day weekend at ScotsFest in Costa Mesa. Both days of demonstrations offered a chance for at least three branches to unite and showcase our passion. Katherine, David, Connie, and Karen participated both days.

Thank you, Rosemary, for directing and narrating on Saturday, and Shirley Saturensky and Deanna St. Amand for Sunday's leadership. Also thank you to all who supported the dancers and staffed the booth.

We started the brief summer session with a new beginner, Ann, who, unfortunately, pulled a muscle and is now nursing her leg back to health. We know we'll be seeing her again, for her enthusiasm has not slackened.

Even though we ended in mid-July, the short time was enjoyed by all, trying out some new dances that Roberta discovered on her spring trip to Ireland and other excursions. Four classes full of challenges and old favorites will carry us through until September when we recommence.

Karen Kerman

REDONDO BEACH

The Monday night Redondo Beach class continued on through the summer and sustained better summer attendance than in past years.

Gil Gotfried suffered a slight heart problem and has now received a pacemaker. Anneliese Grohs spent most of the summer in her native Germany with family, and we hope she returns soon having solved her foot problem.

Many in the class attended the Sunday matinee performance of "The King and I," thanks to Tony McQuilkin getting tickets for us all at a discount. Tony, of course, is in the cast of the Aerospace Players production at the Torrance Armstrong Theater.

Class starts up again the Monday night after Labor Day at 7:30.

Jack Rennie



THOUSAND OAKS

Thousand Oaks Class — newly affiliated with the Los Angeles Branch — has been on summer break since Memorial Day Weekend, but we'll be resuming class on Sept. 10.

We'll be practicing all of the dances on the upcoming Seaside Games Scotch Hop and Halloween Dance programs, and I'll also be taking any and all requests for Interbranch dances from anyone who may be attending that event.

If you are not too far away (we're about 15 minutes from the west end of the San Fernando Valley) and have a regular or occasional Tuesday evening available, please join us. We meet at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts in Thousand Oaks for all experienced (that does not mean advanced!) dancers from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., and we'll meet through the 19th of November ere our typical six-week holidays break.

Robb Quint

VALLEY COLLEGE

I hope everyone had a splendiferous summer and is ready to jump back into our regular flurry of fun classes and dances! I've been in touch with a few of you this summer.

Kathrin Segal and Steve Kaplan had some quite incredible Florida fiascos trying to get to Turks and Caicos: getting rained out, delayed, cancelled ... plus I believe another crew stole their plane at one point. :)

Aase continues to insist she is doing nothing of note but my surveillance team is paid up till the end of August so we shall see ...

Dave Drecker visited The Lake of the Woods and the adjoining towns of Keewatin and Kenora, which, coincidentally, is my birth place! It was such a happy coincidence I decided to accompany him! We stayed at the cottage on the lake that has been in my family for generations, and filled our days with boat rides and swims, early coffee on the deck, and happy hours with family and old friends — rain or shine! (You always have to add that if you're planning a holiday to Canada.)

Audrey Prest spent more than a week in Iowa and Illinois. She called it a past-and-future themed vacation — visiting grandchildren (ages 11 and 15) and chasing after facts about ancestors (great-great, and great-great-great grandparents). I have to believe the latter will at least move slower than the former.

Jeff Altman is spending his summer traveling back and forth between SFO and LAX enjoying summer activities with his friend Margaret. He was trying to rope everyone he knows into a golf game since his annual golf weekend with the guys was coming up and he hadn't golfed since the last one!

Jon Reeves attended Comic Con in San Diego ... that's all I've got ... you'll have to ask him for the details!:

Robyn MacGarva

NORTH VALLEY

Dancers from the North Valley class have enjoyed a summer of travel and many visits with family and friends. Laura and Matt Husman and their two boys took a trip to Boston, and then Peter particularly enjoyed a summer session with a focus on science.

Audrey Prest's excursions took her to Iowa to spend time with her daughter Julie and family, and she was there to send both grandchildren off for their first day of school.

Claudia Pedersen enjoyed a week having all three grandchildren together. Her son's little girl Kylee joined Gabriel and Brynna, Erika's children, for a series of adventures in Legoland, the San Diego Zoo and any swimming pool they could jump into. Many hugs and hot dogs later, "Gamma" is a happy grandparent!

Alice Allen's travels took her up to Santa Barbara for visits with Mary Brandon, and then for fun and adventure, she took a six-week course on the history of opera. Wow!

Of course we all look forward to our class resuming and getting back to Scottish Country Dancing!

Claudia Pedersen

BEVERLY HILLS

The Beverly Hills class is on a summer break from July 25 until after Labor Day. If you're interested in joining us, we meet in a lovely dance studio at Beverly Hills High School until our new Roxbury facility is ready in 2014. We understand we will have a large dance room with wood floor when the new facility opens.

We are sad to say good bye for now to Leanne Good, who started dancing with her husband in 2012. Leanne, who received her PhD in history from UCLA recently, was fortunate to get a tenure track position as assistant professor of medieval history at the University of South Alabama. We wish her all the best in her teaching career and we know we'll see her on the dance floor again!

Roberta Gotfried

VENTURA

The Ventura class continued on and met almost every Friday over the summer. Lisa Sage tried to do a Youth Beginner class for a second summer of trying to encourage new dancers.

We welcomed a new dancer Kate Horwick whom Deresa Kenney invited from her National Disaster Search Dog Foundation. We also were visited by several dancers throughout the summer when they had a chance to make the long, but beautiful drive to Ventura County.

Barbara Evans took some time off from dancing due to her knee surgery in July. We are hoping for a speedy recovery and that soon she will be able to rejoin class.

The Waddells and others spent time traveling. However, the class primarily spent the summer learning some new dances and practicing for the two monthly Summer Dances.

Towards August, we started working on preparing for the Seaside Highland Games. Please plan on joining us in October for the Games, the street dance, and the fun dancing events that weekend.

Lisa Sage

TORRANCE

The 10-week summer session of Scottish dancing was a huge success with a nice infusion of new beginners who experienced fun and laughter the first night. One even posted remarks and a picture on Facebook. Enrollment numbers were the best we've had in years, so we are hoping the trend continues.

A big "hurrah" for the intermediate dancers who came to assist and encourage the new arrivals. The summer class ends at Labor Day weekend, but the nine-week fall session runs Sept. 20 to Nov. 15.

Dancers must be enrolled Sept. 6; class number is #3251. Registration can be accomplished by calling 310-618-2720 or online Enroll@TorranceCA.gov or www.TorranceCA.gov/9087.htm

Jack Rennie



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