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Monthly Meetings are held at:

Front Street Civic Center

2210 South Front Street, Melbourne, FL

Every 2nd WEDNESDAY

Months September thru April

Doors Open-Social Time: 6:00pm

Dinner is Served: Approximately 6:30pm

Meeting Time: Approximately 7:30pm

Entertainment to follow.

Officers / Staff:

President: **R. Gordon Crittenden**

Vice President: **Fran Reid**

Secretary: **Peggy Johnson**

Treasurer: **Paula Davis**

Program Coordinator: **Debbie Reid**

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Dining Room Organizers: **Joyce Wilfong**
Joanie McGibney

Dark Horse Organizer: **Peggy Johnson**
Jan Wilkerson

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February Monthly Membership Meeting

When: Wednesday, February 13th, 2019

Where: Front Street Civic Center, Melbourne

Doors Open: 6:00pm – Meeting to follow after room set-up

Dining: The dinner entrée for February will be **Baked Salmon**.

A \$9.00 donation per meal is requested to help cover cost of entrée, building rental, and entertainment. Remember to make a reservation by **email to info@scotsbrevard.com**. The total meal count needs to be tallied by Monday, February 11th. Plan on bringing a salad, fruit dish or dessert to complement the entrée'. This helps Phil and Mary Sue plan the dinner as well as letting your imaginations run free.

Entertainment: Debbie Reid, our Program Coordinator, says that we will have **Harbor City Harmonizers Barbershop Quartet** for entertainment this month. That is going to be good!

Dark Horse Raffle: There will be a **Dark Horse Raffle** at this month's festivities. We had a great selection at our raffle at January's meeting at the Robert Burns Celebration so it is guaranteed that our Dark Horse selections this month will be just as entertaining. We always seem to have fun with the selections because you folks have such great imagination's.

January Meeting: Robert Burns Celebration:

Members and guests began gathering for the festivities at 6 p.m. in the Grapevine Café of the Green Turtle Market in Indian Harbour Beach. The **Space Coast Symphony Orchestra Youth String Quartet** also began playing Scottish tunes (where three played as four) for the entertainment at this time. SASB President **Gordon Crittenden** gave the **Chairman's Welcome** at 6:30 p.m., **Dave Wilfong** led us in the **Pledge of Allegiance**, and a **Moment of Remembrance** was held for the passing of members **Mary Thomson** and **Janice Moore**, accompanied by **Amazing Grace**, played by the **String Trio**. Announcements were made about upcoming local events, such as the annual **Highland Games in Winter Springs** next weekend, the **Renaissance Fair** at Wickham Park for three weekends from mid-January through the beginning of February, and another **Burns Night Celebration** at Nolan's Pub in Cocoa Beach on Friday evening, January 25th, membership willing. The President then led us in the **Selkirk Grace**, and the buffet line was opened for **H'ors d'oeuvres** to be served, followed by a **Chef's Salad**, **Tatties & Neeps**, **Tenderloin Tips**, **Chicken Francaise**, **Rolls & Butter**, & **Assorted Desserts** for dinner. Beverages included **Coffee**, **Tea**, **Soda & Water**, with **White Wine** poured for the Toasts. After the meal, President Crittenden led the first of the traditional toasts with to *To be Continued on next Page:*

Continued from Page 1: After the meal, **President Crittenden** led the first of the traditional toasts with a **toast to HRH Queen Elizabeth & to the Office of the President of the United States**. These were followed by a **Toast to the Lassies**, performed by **Fran Reid**, and a **Toast to the Laddies**, read by **Debbie Reid**. The next presenter was **Phil McGibney**, who recited the traditional **Immortal Memory** to the **life of Robert Burns**. He sprinkled his presentation with various facts and legends of the man, such as this being **260 years since he was born**, and **118 years since the first Burns Night**. He also regaled us with other highlights of Burns' life, including his worldwide appeal & renown. The arrival of the **Dark Horse** was well received with many happy winners (including a **Haggis to Go** (on ice) (Catie Geist). The **Grand Prize** was won by a lucky Scottish Lass (Joanie McGibney). This was followed by a **Vote of Thanks** from President Crittenden for all those who worked on planning and coordinating this year's **SASB Burns Celebration**, including the entertainment provided by the **Youth String Trio**. The absence of those members who could not attend due to medical or other commitments was regretted - but we know they were there in spirit. At the end of the Celebration, everyone present joined hands in a large circle for our traditional **Scots-American Society of Brevard** rendition of **Auld Lang Syne**, accompanied by the **String Trio**. And once again, **A Good Time Was Had By All ! !**

2018 – 2019 Season Projected SASB Activities

February 13: 6:00pm – Monthly SASB Meeting: Melbourne

March 13: 6:00pm – Monthly SASB Meeting: Melbourne

March 16: Annual St Patrick's Day Parade

Annual Scots-American Society Officer Nominations

April 6: National Tartan Day

April 10: 6:00pm - Monthly SASB Membership Meeting: Melbourne

Annual Scots-American Society Officer Elections

May 8: 6:00 - Monthly SASB Membership Meeting – Location to be Determined

Annual Installation of Officers for Next Membership Season

Last meeting of Season – Installation of New Society Officers

Birthdays: Feb 22 – Bob Gillen; Feb 28 – Charles Davis; Feb 28 - Angela Giese; Feb 28 – Joyce Wilfong

Anniversaries: Feb 7 – Bob & Gaby Gillen; Feb 14 – Sandra Osbourn

