



Scots—American Society of Brevard  
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# Palmetto & Thistle

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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.

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## January Monthly Membership Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Where:** Front Street Community Center, Melbourne, FL

**Doors Open:** 6:00pm

**Dining:** Phil Stall, our Dining Coordinator, says we will be having **Beef and Guinness Pie from Meg O'Malley's (but no Haggis !)**. Several people have signed up to bring sides, desserts, salads, etc. We will be asking people who have not signed up to bring something compatible with the entree, perhaps something Scottish from the list which was sent to the membership. Be creative !! Reservations are still needed. Do call or email Mary Sue and Phil to make your reservation so they can get the right amount of food organized. Remember to make a reservation to Mary Sue or Phil Stall by **email to [info@scotsbrevard.com](mailto:info@scotsbrevard.com)**. The total meal count needs to be tallied by **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**. A \$12.00 donation per meal is requested to help cover cost of entrée, building rental, and entertainment. *This will be our annual Robert Burns dinner presentation.* It will be abbreviated because of cost of supplies and member absences. But rest assured, those that are left will be doing their level best to help you celebrate the occasion.

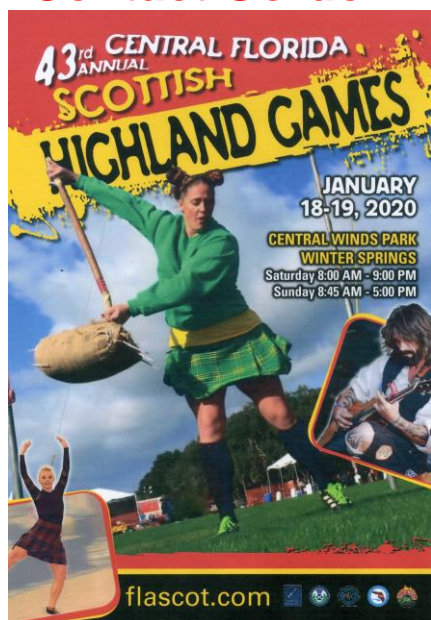
**Entertainment:** Debbie Reid, our Program Coordinator, has 'booked' **Kindred Spirits - four wonderful musicians**, for our listening pleasure. (( Our heartfelt condolences go out to Debbie on the loss of her Mom. Our blessings go out to you, Debbie. ))

**Dark Horse Raffle:** **There will be a Dark Horse Raffle at this month's festivities.** Instead of a Dark Horse Raffle last month we had a Christmas ornament exchange which worked out great !! Everyone brought an ornament and hung on a small Christmas tree and then we drew names to see who got an ornament to take home with them. It was great fun and as the pictures show, our members delivered !! See Page 4 !! So let's continue the tradition and use imaginations for this meeting !!

**December's Meeting.** To All, The December 2019 Meeting of the Scots-American Society of Brevard was special. After all it was Christmas month. Our membership drifted in on time, the dining area got set up with its normal efficiency and the Christmas Tree was soon set and lit up. It didn't take long for the expected Christmas ornaments to make their appearance. And what glorious and special group they were. The Tree stood even prouder once the ornaments made their presence known. The President made short work of the business portion of the meeting with no birthdays or anniversaries mentioned except, again, that of the *wee bairn* born so long ago in that manger in Bethlehem.

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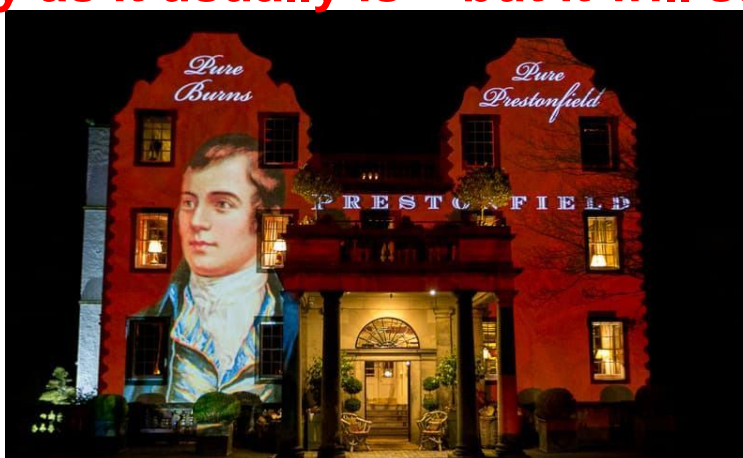
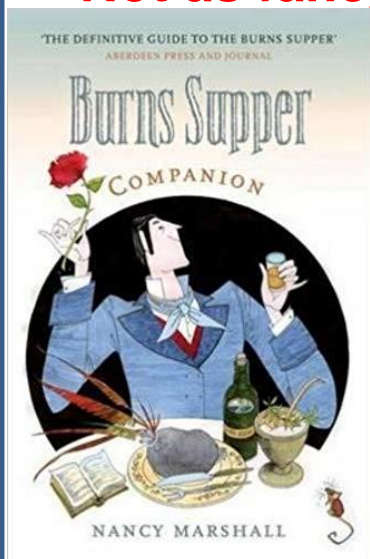
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**Continued from Page 1:** Flowers of the Forrest - we lost some dear friends and family of Society Members this year. I think that they have all been mentioned in recent e-mails and the newsletters. Our thoughts continue with their friends and families. The meal was super ( as usual ) with desserts to make you cry for. Good Job, Folks !! **The Renaissance Festival at Wickham Park** is a no-go for us this year. The deadline for participation closed out the first of November. I'm not sure how well we would fit in, but it was a thought. Maybe next year. We still have the **Highland Games** and **Robert Burns** this month. *We need participation to keep our Society spirits up !!* Please help Phil and Mary Sue with the Burns supper items. They work so hard at getting our menus organized. Your help is really appreciated. The **Olde Tyme Carolers** were at their usual best for our enjoyment. We have them every year but this year was spiced up with narratives as well as songs. Thank you so much, Folks. With no Dark Horse the ornament exchange was extra special. Then we did our Auld Lang Syne circle and we were ready to go for Christmas. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !!

See you all next month. Bydand, Gordon C.

**We will be having our Annual Robert Burns Supper – Not as fancy as it usually is – but it will still be good. --**



**Prestonfield House – Outside Edinburgh  
All lit up for traditional Burns Supper**



**Dinner**



**Haggis**