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November Monthly Membership Meeting

When: Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Time: 12:00 – 3:00PM

Where: Irish/American Club, 1471 Cypress Avenue
Eau Gallie District, Melbourne, Florida



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To all,

The Scots-American Society of Brevard has come out of darkness and we held our first meeting of the season this past Wednesday/14 Oct. 2020. This was also the first meeting since March of this past Spring. Our usual meeting place on Front Street was closed for renovation this month, so we decided to use a new location rather than miss another month. The October meeting was held instead at the facilities owned by the Italian / American Club at 1471 Cypress Avenue in the Eau Gallie neighborhood of Melbourne. It was also a luncheon (12:00 to 3:00 PM) rather than our usual dinner.

Our attendance by Members was only at about half strength due to the ongoing Coronavirus. We wish all the Members not attending the best of health. The Members who were there observed 'social distancing', the wearing of masks and the washing of hands. There were six guests to help fill the seats and add to conversations. Dave Wilfong led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and we all recited the Selkirk Grace. The new venue has a working kitchen, so we took advantage of this and were served a delicious meal of chicken Parmesan with pasta, green beans, a salad, Italian bread and a dessert. They also have an open bar which many Members took advantage of. The meeting/dining area was quite roomy with round and rectangular tables. We used our Tartan table covers and American-Scottish Flag centerpieces to give the room a personal touch. For a seasonal touch (Hallowe'en) there were assorted pumpkins, Jack o'lanterns and wee cauldrons with treats within - on each table. We had no planned entertainment, but used the club's large screen and overhead projector to show a Travelogue of Scotland DVD while a Bagpipe music CD played softly in the background during lunch. (I know that 'Bagpipe music' and 'softly' are words that don't go together, but it allowed conversation at the tables).

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There was a very brief business meeting/treasurers report, Birthdays and Anniversaries. This was followed by general Society Members discussion on how to proceed with the SASB from this point forward. Subjects for discussion were as follows - where do we go from here? Should we stay at Front Street or try the new venue at the Italian-American Club facilities for a while? Should we meet at a luncheon at 12:00 noon or a dinner at 6:00 PM? Or a combination of the two? Do we like the the prepared meals served at the tables or do we want buffet style as before or a combination of these two? How do we want to handle entertainment and programs? These are all matters for consideration by Society Members and will probably not be decided by the next meeting. Society Members may e-mail SASB Officers with ideas anytime, you do not have to wait 'til the next meeting. Your suggestions are ALWAYS welcome.

The Luncheon has come to an end. We had our traditional 'Dark horse' and prizes were given out. All Members and guests formed a circle for the singing of "Auld Lang Syne". We observed 'social distancing' and did not hold hands. It was not the same. This ends the October SASB meeting. Corvid19 be gone!

Everyone stay safe and be well. Bydand, Gordon Crittenden, President SASB



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We'd like to say a hearty Welcome to the guests we had at our luncheon. You were more than welcome and are welcome to come back: Brenda Henk, Marie McCafferty, Hiuya Crass, Lucille Staunchfield, and Betty Wiley Tsatiris - BettyTsatiris@icloud.com . A band member, Brian Nemeth – BrianNemeth@msn.com had been to a meeting at Front Street but we had lost him somehow. To everyone – Welcome and Come Back.