



The East London Caledonian Society

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FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

Happy New Year, Caledonian Folk. Let us hope that this year will be a year of growth for us all and indeed the Caledonian Movement. Of course growth in the Caledonian movement is largely up to us – the Caledonian Family. So I do hope that you will make it one of your new year's resolutions to support and help grow the Society. YOU ARE NEEDED !

As you will see from the photo, your Committee is already hard at work. Thanks to Sandra, we had a very good start to our first meeting – a glass of bubbly! You will see that we are already planning some exciting entertainment. However, we would very much appreciate feed-back from members and suggestions for the type of entertainment you would like. Shall we have belly-dancing, or climbing a mountain (I would go for that!), picnics, discos (our younger folk would vote for this I'm sure !), travelling lunch, film shows, etc ...



Roxanne showing us how to take a 'selfie' !

Burn's Night is our first entertainment on Saturday 28 January and I can assure you that the Athol Brose (Elliot Murray), Haggis (Callum Maclver), shortbread and an excellent main course & pudding is well in hand. So put on your kilts or best bib and tucker. The amazing thing about Robert Burns is that he is celebrated all over the world. What other country's poet is? So, folks, be proud of your heritage and what it stands for. I look forward to seeing you all at Burns!

NEWS OF MEMBERS Firstly a warm welcome to new member, Leanne Harbottle - we look forward to seeing her at upcoming functions. News from the classroom is that Dave Rankin passed all eight of his MBA modules (including 5 distinctions) for 2016. Emily Frauenstein has passed matric and also obtained her driver's license. She has also just returned from a missionary trip to Cambodia and has registered to start studying for a B.Ed Degree at Rhodes University. Rose Thompson's grandson, Jarrod de Kock, matriculated with two distinctions and is beginning his apprenticeship as a 'tool and die' maker. Sarah Middleton will be doing her Masters in Organisational Psychology at the University of the Witwatersrand; while Tanya Macdonell has just started at Stirling High School. On the sports-fields, Tumi Macdonell recently broke Stirling Primary School records in the shot put, discus and (*keen not to be type-cast*) for backstroke swimming. Tumi has also been made a Prefect and is House Captain of Brown House. In career news, Sandra Rankin's daughter, Frances de Lange, has been promoted to Primary School Headmistress at the Academy for Life Christian Academy; while Dr Liezel Cilliers is now Information Systems Head of Department at the University of Fort Hare. And last but not least, Agnes Cowie's granddaughter, Sarah Kingon, recently got married.

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 28 January Burns Nicht. Oak Room, Parklands. 6.30pm for 7pm. R125 pp, R80 U12. Contact Committee ASAP to book place. Bring your own bar.

Saturday 25 February Fish and Chips by the river. Details still to be confirmed

Sunday 26 March "Music in the Park". Join us at the concert in the Berea Gardens. Our Pipe Band and Dancers will, no doubt, be performing

PIPE BAND Sad news for the band is that Piper, Sean Davy, has relocated to Zimbabwe – we wish him well. The Band will be at Burns Nicht on 28 Jan, the Knysna Celtic Festival on 18 Feb, Music in the Park on 26 March and the Urban Run on 21 May. They also may be playing at Belgrove & Snell's 125th Birthday on 25 January 2017.

LADIES GROUP Ladies' Christmas lunch in December at John & Lorna Thompson's home was enjoyed by all. First meeting of 2017 will be at 9.00am on Tuesday 7 February 2017 at Rose Thompson's home, Cottage E7, Fairlands.

S.C.D.C Country Dancing resumes at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm on Tuesday 7 February 2017. A special practice will be held at ComOffice at 3pm on Tuesday 24 January to practice for Burns Nicht.

HIGHLAND AND IRISH DANCERS Piderit Highland Dancing Studio held a "Year in Review" Concert at Port Rex THS on 18 January 2017. Highland Dancers will be at our Burns Nicht.

BIRTHDAYS

January 2017			February 2017		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
25	Elizabeth Weare	043 721 1533	12	John Fyfe	datnis@border.co.za
28	Andrew Macdonell	082 701 8868	20	Kim Mathieson	083 373 5864
			25	Peter McCausland	082 649 5528
			29 *	Maureen Illingworth	043 721 1727

* Sorry no birthday for Maureen again this year!

COMMITTEE Next meeting of the Committee will be on Thursday 9 February 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Macdonell Residence, 17 Fitzmaurice Road, Baysville

Yours aye,



Maureena 'Nookie' Middleton (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
28 Jan 2017	Burns Nicht	Oak Room. Parklands	6.30 pm (for 7pm)	R125 pp, R80 U12. Bring own bar
25 Feb 2017	Yachting / Fish&Chips	To be confirmed	TBC	Watch this space!
26 Mar 2017	Music in the Park	Berea Gardens	TBC	Join us !
21-23 Apr 17	Fed Chief Visit	TBC	TBC	Possible barge trip