



The East London Caledonian Society

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NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

Folk are already talking about Christmas and it would seem that the 'silly season' is almost upon us. Most Societies seem to wind down at this time ... but not us! We have had a busy month since our last newsletter and there is a busy month ahead. So please read all the event news under "Entertainment". I hope to see you all there.

We have just returned from the Caledonian Congress in Welkom where, true to form, Goldfields, the host Society, went all out to ensure a successful and enjoyable Congress. Patrick and Norma Craven are our New Federation Chief and Lady President and we wish them every success in their year of office. Meanwhile our new Provincial Chieftain and Lady President are Gavin and Ida Wilson and we look forward to working closely with them.



East London Congress Delegation



Ladies Group presenting proceeds of Fundraising Tea

Another exciting event this last month was the presentation by our Lady President, Rose Thompson, to Dave Rankin, Gathering Convenor, of an amount of R4,700 that was raised at the recent tea hosted by the Ladies Group. Well done to them on a sterling effort and a big thank you to all those who contributed towards making the tea such a success.

NEWS OF MEMBERS Cynthia Murray has recovered from recent ill-health and Rosita Moorcroft has been in hospital recently. Agnes Cowie has spent a week in Port Alfred, while the Macdonells have been in Jeffrey's Bay. Emily Middleton went to Rustenburg for badminton, Rose Thompson's grandson has been awarded the Golden Boot for the 4th year in a row, while Tumi Macdonell recently swam in the Eastern Cape Provincial Swimming Trials in Port Elizabeth. Finally apologies to Geoff & Caroline Liddle for incorrectly reporting in the last newsletter that they were involved in two car accidents – it was one ... which, I am sure, was more than enough !

ENTERTAINMENT

- Sunday 25 October Gathering Fundraiser: "Sunset Cruise on Nahoon River". 16.00-18.00hr Numbers limited, so confirm with Dave Rankin if there is any space left.
- Saturday 31 October Halloween Party at McClelland Home. 6pm for 6.30pm. Bring and braai with R20 donation to McClelland ... do join us for a fun evening!
- Saturday 28 November St Andrews Night function. Oak Room, Parklands. 6.30 pm for 7pm. R100 pp, R75 for U12s. Tickets available from the Committee.

PIPE BAND The Band have been busy and played at the Battle of Britain Parade (13 Sept), a piping competition in Grahamstown (20 Sept), the De La Salle Old Boys Reunion (25 Sept), the Aloe Awards function (26 Sept), the Kennersley Park Bazaar (3 Oct), an Inter-Prov Golf Competition (11 Oct), the MOTH W.A Biennial Conference (16 Oct) and will be playing at our Halloween function (31 Oct) and an SPCA fundraiser (28 Nov). The Band will also have their "End of Year" Braai after the Remembrance Day Parade – 8 or 15 Nov, date to be confirmed.

LADIES GROUP As mentioned earlier, the Ladies hosted a very successful fundraising tea. Ladies' meeting in October, hosted by Sandra Rankin, was enjoyed by all. Next meeting will be at 9.30am on Tuesday 3 November at Agnes Cowie's home, Cottage J2, Fairlands.

S.C.D.C Country Dancing continues at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm on Tuesdays. The dancers also put on demos at the Aloe Awards function and at the Ladies Fundraising Tea.

HIGHLAND AND IRISH DANCERS Dancers performed at the Kennersley Park Bazaar (3 Oct) and at the Aloe Awards Gala Dinner and competed at the E.L Highland Dancing Festival. Congratulations to Emily Frauenstein, Georgia Webber & Busiswa Balintulo, who have received Honours Awards at Clarendon for Highland Dancing and to Tanya Macdonell, who received the "Happy Highlander" Award at the recent Aloe Awards function.

HIGHLAND GATHERING Next meeting of Gathering Committee will be at 9 Nelson Ave, Cambridge at 7.00pm on Thursday 19 November. All welcome.

BIRTHDAYS

November 2015		
Date	Name:	Contact:
1	Maureen Rankin	082 405 9730
22	Norma Riddell	072 276 1999
26	Sue Gibson	043 721 3272

COMMITTEE Next meeting – Thursday 12 November 2015 at 7.30 pm at the home of Rose Thompson, Cottage E5, Fairlands, Cambridge West.

Yours aye,



Maareena 'Nookie' Middleton (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
25 Oct 2015	Nahoon Sunset Cruise	Beacon Bay Picnic Site	4pm – 6pm	R100 pp
31 Oct 2015	Halloween	McClelland Home	6 pm	Bring and braai
28 Nov 2015	St Andrews Function	Oak Room. Parklands	6.30 pm	R100 pp, R75 U12
23 Jan 2016	Burns Nicht	Oak Room. Parklands	6.30 pm	R120 pp, R80 U12