



The East London Caledonian Society

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NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

Yes folks, this is the last Newsletter before Christmas ! Still some time to go before Yule logs and Hogmanay but, as its still October, that means the Federation Congress and Halloween.

Firstly - Congress. Your Society again had the biggest contingent and I think we made our presence felt. Congratulations to the Organisers, the combined Johannesburg Societies on putting on an excellent Congress. Unfortunately, due to a "*constitutional oversight*", the resolutions taken in the business session were declared null and void ! Never mind, there's always next year



East London Delegation to Congress 2016

Before we leave Congress, many congratulations to Margaret Gardiner of Natal, on her well-deserved Federation Life Membership ... and also to our own Andrew Macdonell, who has been appointed Provincial Chieftain of the Cape Province and to Claude Macdonell, his Lady President.

Despite a puncture, police road blocks, the boot locking itself never to reopen, Rose and I and had a very pleasant few days in Clarens on the way back and even did a day's walk at Golden Gate. What a beautiful country we live in !

Next on the programme is Halloween at the McClelland Home. McClellands is 'our' charity and every year we entertain the residents with apple dunking, sticky buns and fun and games. The residents look forward to this every year and I always feel uplifted by their uncomplaining joy and happiness despite their many handicaps and few material belongings.

So, folks, I urge you to come along this year and join in the fun. You won't regret it, but if you really cannot come, then please consider giving a donation? For '*there but for the grace of God etc.*' Dave Rankin is the man collecting donations on behalf of McClelland, but any of the Committee will be happy to pass on your contribution.

Last - but not least - November means 'St Andrews Nict' – 26 November in the Oak Room at Parklands. See you there and at our Church Service on Sunday 27 at Cambridge Methodist.

NEWS OF MEMBERS Sad news to report is that Barbara Mayhead of Port Elizabeth recently passed away. Barbara was a piper and an active member of the Highland Dancing community, who will be greatly missed. Tumi Macdonell recently posted a qualifying time for the 2017 SA Junior Swimming Championships. Sue Piderit's son, Jarrod, has been promoted to Regional Marketing Manager in Bloemfontein; while Sue herself is recovering well from her operation. Britney Middleton has picked up many awards including one for the Best Junior Hockey Player; while both Britney & Emily have been awarded for academic achievement, hockey and drama. Two of Rose Thompson's grandsons have been awarded prizes (diligence & engineering drawing respectively) at Selborne College. Elizabeth Weare is making a good recovery, while Ruth Strong celebrates her 80th birthday this month. Finally congratulations to Mrs Jean Schutte (née Hubbard) on her marriage and best wishes for her future in Hogsback.

ENTERTAINMENT

- 29 October Halloween. 18.00 for 18.30 at the McClelland Home. Bring own food. R20 pp donation to McClelland. (See earlier comments about donations)
- 16 November Society's 140th Birthday at the Boma in Parklands. Bring and braai. 6pm
- 26 November St Andrews Dinner. Oak Room, Parklands R120pp (R80 for U12). 6.30pm

PIPE BAND The Band played at the Kennersley Park Bazaar, the Komga Agricultural Show, a wake at Catz Pub and will be on parade at the Remembrance Day Service on 13 November, at the Society's Birthday Braai on 16 November and St Andrews on 26 November.

LADIES GROUP Next meeting will be a showing of the "2016 Edinburgh Tattoo 2016 DVD" at the Oak Room, Parklands at 9.00am on Tuesday 1 November. R20 pp for tea and biscuits.

S.C.D.C Country Dancing continues at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm every Tuesday.

HIGHLAND AND IRISH DANCERS Dancers performed at Kennersley Bazaar, the Air Fest and Gonubie Methodist Church's Tea. Dancing exams will be on Saturday 26 November and the Piderit Highland Dancing Studio's End of Year Concert is scheduled for 14 or 15 December.

BIRTHDAYS

October 2016			November 2016		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
27	Ruth Strong	084 338 7448	1	Maureen Rankin	082 405 9730
			22	Norma Riddell	072 276 1999
			26	Sue Gibson	043 721 3272

COMMITTEE Next meeting – Thursday 10 November 2016 at 7.30 pm at the home of Nookie Middleton, C5, Parklands, Berea.

Yours aye,



Maareena 'Nookie' Middleton (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
29 Oct 2016	Halloween	McClelland Home	6pm	Bring and braai. R20pp donation
16 Nov 2016	Soc Birthday	Boma Parklands	6pm	140th Birthday Bring & Braai
26 Nov 2016	St Andrews	Oak Room Parklands	6.30pm	Celebrate our Patron Saint !
27 Nov 2016	St A's Service	Cambridge Methodist	8am	Bring biscuits / eats