



# The East London Caledonian Society

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## OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

This is a very delayed newsletter – and I have to apologise. Moving house has been chaotic to say the least and, along with a number of work and dancing trips plus the Congress thrown in for good measure, the newsletter dropped right off my infamous ‘to-do’ list. Since our last newsletter, a very successful fundraising tea was held at Parklands, in aid of the pipe band’s centenary in 2020. Congratulations and thanks to Sandra Rankin and the band members for hosting a very enjoyable event. A few members also attended the Grahamstown Highland Gathering.

As has become customary, the East London Caledonian Society made their presence known in Bloemfontein for the Annual Congress of the Federated Caledonian Society of Southern Africa (see photo). This was a historic Congress, as changes proposed by our Society came into effect. This meant that Nookie Middleton and Rose Thompson stepped out of office as the last Provincial Chieftain and Lady President of the Cape Province.



In place of the Provincial Chieftains, a single National Chieftain and Lady President were installed for the first time – mom and myself.

*East London Caledonians at the Bloemfontein Congress*

This is an honour which we do not take lightly.

Our next event is our annual outing to McClelland for Halloween on 26 October. As continually increasing our involvement in charitable events is one of my goals for this year; I would hope that we can get as many members as possible to attend and/or contribute. We hope that we can surpass the targets set at our 2018 event.

### NEWS OF MEMBERS

All the Society were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Elizabeth Weare on 8 September. Elizabeth was an active member of the Society, who attended many of our functions. Just last month, she generously donated a figurine to be auctioned for the Society and the proceeds went towards next year’s Band Centenary. She will be greatly missed.



*Elizabeth Weare*

In happier news, Ruth Strong has become a great-grandmother and Ralph & Rose Anley, as well as Nookie Middleton, are now back from hiking in Scotland. Five East London dancers competed at the SA Highland Dancing Championships in Johannesburg recently (see Highland Dancing section for results). In sporting news, Sue Piderit will be representing Southern Gauteng in an upcoming Grandmasters Hockey Tournament and Tumi Macdonell won the Senior Skins Race at a recent swimming gala – an achievement that featured in a recent GO Newspaper.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

Saturday 26 October 2019: Halloween at McClelland. 18:30 for 19:00. Bring & Braai. R20 pp

Saturday 30 November 2019: St Andrews Dinner. Comrades Club. 18.30 for 19.00.  
R110 pp for members, R130 pp for non-members

## **PIPE BAND**

The Band recently performed at the Fundraising Tea on 7 September and the Battle of Britain Parade on 15 September. Some members were present at the Grahamstown Highland Gathering on 21 September. The band also performed on 28 September at the Komga Agricultural Show.

## **LADIES GROUP**

Ladies enjoyed a get-together at the Dot Com Café on 3 September. The October meeting was at 09.30 on Tuesday 8 October at the East London Aquarium.

**S.C.D.C** Enthusiastic meetings continue with the two new dancers are making good progress.

## **HIGHLAND DANCERS**

Five dancers from the Piderit Highland Dancing Studio competed at the South African Highland Dancing Championships held in Johannesburg on 14 September. In the junior sections, Mari-Juan Machin won the Novice All Ages National section; and Jada-Nicole Simons won the Intermediate 13 years and under Highland section and was Runner Up for the National Section. In the senior sections, Hannah Thorne, Tanya Macdonell and Chelsea Randall danced against some tough competition. All three managed a few placings, with Tanya placing or medalling in every dance. Tanya and Chelsea came home with overall trophies for the National sections. A few dancers also competed in the Grahamstown Highland Gathering, with a number of East London dancers bringing home trophies. After a very long dancing year, the dancers have taken a well-deserved break, before attempting the new steps for 2020.

**CONGRESS / TASK TEAM** East London has started planning for the 2020 Congress / Band Centenary. Task Team met briefly on 22 August to prepare resolution for the Bloemfontein Congress.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

September 2019			October 2019		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
6	Riona MacKenzie	072 432 3174	7	Cynthia Murray	<a href="mailto:elliott@murrays.co.za">elliott@murrays.co.za</a>
20	Jamie Gibson	043 721 3272	7	Jim Gibson	083 443 3680
21	Rose Anley	<a href="mailto:randr@hyperlink.co.za">randr@hyperlink.co.za</a>	8	Robert Rankin	082 897 8571
22	Agnes Cowie	081 588 9958	14	Evelyn Stoddard	072 248 5510
23	Sheila Godfrey	082 510 3863			

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** For those who have not paid, the following subscriptions are now due: Full Members: R100, Country Members: R75; Junior Members: R35. Please pay to the Committee (if not already done so) - thanks

**COMMITTEE** Next Committee Meeting will be at 19.30 on Thursday 10 October 2019 at Roxanne Piderit's new home, 5 Suffolk Road, Berea. Note: Meeting to be preceded by Congress / Centenary Meeting at 19.00.

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
26 Oct	Halloween	McClelland Home	18:30 for 19:00	Bring & Braai. R20 pp
30 Nov	St Andrews Dinner	Comrades Club	18:30 for 19:00	Details to follow