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NEXT GATHERING

Members of the Caledonian & St. Andrew's Society will continue to gather using the electronic app Zoom for several additional months, due to continuing prohibitions on large gatherings of people.

Our next gathering is Sunday, September 12th, at 2:00 p.m. An e-mailed link will be sent to everyone who has computer access a few days in advance of this date. You can also join by clicking on this link or copying and pasting this address into your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/713418301?pwd=K1ZUQnBOSE53YURUYjE4SW4ySjlxQT09>

You can also participate by phone by calling 1-253-215-8782 and entering the meeting ID: 713 418 301 and then the passcode: 004905. For those without a camera on your computer, you can do both, letting you see everyone on the computer and connecting with people on your phone.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



Charles Lamb – Charles is known to those who have attended Highland Games for many years, not only because he had a tent at Games, but also

because he has made the haggis for a number of Burns Dinners and other events. He is an engaging speaker and has many stories to tell, not just about making haggis!

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Plan ahead to join us each month for gatherings on Zoom. We will have a variety of local, national, and international talent for the program.

October 10 – Blackthorn Band – Blackthorn is a Vancouver (Canada)-based folk group with repertoire rooted in the musical traditions of Scotland and Ireland. They bring their music to life with luscious harmonies and complex instrumentation. Many remember their annual performances at the Seattle Games.

SUMMER EVENT

Sunshine and comfortably warm weather graced the Caledonian yard party at the home of the McFaddens on August 15th. It was wonderful to see so many! 26 Caledonians attended this outdoor event, including many we hadn't seen for months because they don't have Zoom access. We were pleased to enjoy



pipering by Tyrone Heade. Many thanks to Selwyn Lane and Matthew Walker who helped set up tents; Bill Clarke, Chuck Cook, Joyce Stevenson, Rosemary Blakemore, and others who brought food to share; Bonnie Munro and Loveday Conquest who helped with staging the food and drinks; and Porter Patten who helped with putting tables and chairs away afterward. We were sorry to miss Art Henderson & Carolyn Harris and Harry & Diane McAlister, whose health didn't allow them to attend.



SUNSHINE REPORT

Bonnie Munro reports that Harry McAlister is home. Cards to encourage him in his recovery can be sent to him at 911 N. 12th St., Tacoma, WA 98403.

Tom Lamb is recovering from surgery, as is Rosemary Blakemore, who recently broke her wrist and had surgery to repair it. Their addresses are in the directory sent last spring.

Diane McAlister notified us that Seamus Neary (of the Piping Duo in Tacoma) died August 29th. We had hoped to have Seamus and his wife Suzanne as entertainers for one of our Zoom gatherings last winter, but he was already too ill to perform.

Calendar of Seattle Area Scottish Events

September 11-12 – Kelso Highlander Festival.

www.kelso.gov/visitors/highlander-festival.

Jamie Laval – YouTube videos – Scottish fiddler Jamie Laval won't have live performances until September. In the meantime, he invites you to view his YouTube videos at

<https://YouTube.com/playlist?list=PLWBtgXxJ11Yi8rrx27nrBw9YwzTa6bS-s>

Recap of the August Caledonian Gathering



Bill Mullen entertained Caledonians at the August gathering with a spritely collection of songs that he

performs as a set at concerts. His wife, Dorothy, joined him for several pieces. He ended the meeting by having us "join hands" virtually to sing *Auld Lang Syne*.

The Heather Bell is not usually printed in the summer. Regular issues will resume in October.



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