



## DECEMBER/JANUARY ECHOES



### **ST ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF OAKLAND**

C/O 3565 WHITEHALL CT, PLEASANTON, CA 94588

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*Hope you all had the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years!*

**SOCIETY NEWS**

Our last meeting of the year, an informal night held in December, included the installation of the new officers, a bit of banter, chit chat and the eating of Fish N Chips. Our Officers for 2010 were duly installed by Jim Hutchinson and they are as follows:

President : Kenny Lawrence  
Vice-President : Kay Deehan  
Treasurer : Ian Myles  
Secretary : Nancy Wigley  
Sick/Relief : Karina Tharp  
Chaplain : Ann Kelly  
Trustees : Steve Wigley, Alan Purves, Martin Deehan, Joe Collins and Ian Myles  
Historian : Ian Myles  
Flag Bearer : Colin Ritchie  
Editor : Vacant

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, you have read that correctly! The position of Editor is open to anyone who wishes to take up this post! This is my last newsletter and I would love to hand it over to a willing volunteer. Okay, okay – don't all rush at once! However, if no-one comes forward, you won't receive a wee monthly newsletter giving you up to the minute information on your Society. So, it's up to you now.....I'm waiting for your calls.....



**December and January Birthday Wishes go to:**

Bill Meek – Dec 4  
Charlotte Houston – Dec 19  
James Muir – Dec 25  
Eleanor Hotchkies – Dec 28  
Sean Collins – Jan 1  
Ann Kelly – Jan 2  
Dorothy Mackay-Collins – Jan 10  
Pete Chrupalo – Jan 23  
Ernestine Moir – Jan 27  
Best Wishes and Happy Birthday from all your friends of the Society!



## **End of the Year Wrap Up**

The 21<sup>st</sup> November witnessed another rip-roaring Banquet success! The Pipe Band and Dancers gave a brilliant performance as did Eddie Galley on the Accordion and the DJ, Steve Fox kept the music flowing. The dance floor was busy all night long! Good job and many thanks go to the Entertainment Committee for all their hard work in organizing such a memorable evening, making sure that it all ran smoothly.

***Short Bio about the Prince Charles Pipe Band*** written by Ken Sutherland, Pipe Major. *This organization was founded in 1968 and continues to honor its founding principles of developing young pipers and drummers through quality instruction, dedication, and discipline. As pipers and drummers move through the ranks and gain experience, they are expected to give back to the organization, serving as teachers for the next generation. Because of this process, there are very few bands in California (and, indeed, in many other States and countries!) that do not have a former Prince Charles member in their ranks.*

*Besides entertaining for thousands of events, the various Prince Charles bands have competed in the United States, Canada and in Scotland for over 40 years, with much success including World Championships in Grade 2 in 2000 and Grade 3 in 2003.*

### ***The Prince Charles Pipe Band, Grade 2***

*The newly-formed PCPB Grade 2 made its 2009 debut at the Woodland games in April. During the competition season the Band competed at Costa Mesa, winning the MSR, and the Caledonian Club of San Francisco Gathering and Games in Pleasanton where the Band won 1<sup>st</sup> in the MSR, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Medley and the overall Grade 2 aggregate. The Band is pleased to have earned the title of Grade 2 Western U.S. Pipe Band Association Champions for 2009.*

*The Band is under the direction of Pipe Major Ken Sutherland and Drum Sergeant Molly Steuber.*

### ***The Dancers***

*Champion Highland Dancers Lauren and Madeline Cooper.*

Two weeks later on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, the Wigleys opened their home for the Seniors party and this year, a wee surprise attended the party too – Father Christmas! A Big Thank You is extended to Douglas Unsworth for providing this half-time entertainment.

On the following Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup> December, the “*Quiz the Season to be Jolly*” event took place at Redcoats Pub and this was another sellout! The Pub was full to bursting with every seat taken. Mairi, owner of Redcoats, provided a delicious Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Nicola Golden, Chairperson of the Marketing and Fundraising Committee, organized the Quiz with Alan Purves, the society’s resident Quizmaster. Thanks go to Nicola, Alan and her team for putting on a wonderfully amusing, brain aerobics, mind exercising event.

## **What’s Our Next Event?**

Okay – let’s talk Burns Supper. I have managed to secure the banquet hall at Dick’s Restaurant for the 20<sup>th</sup> February, so keep this date free and keep a lookout for an email with more details. We’d like to think that you will all want to come along and make it another great night. Bring your friends and family for some haggis, a wee dram, some Scottish country dancing and some Burns poetry.

## **Sad News**

It is with regret that I have to inform you of two deaths which took place in December.

Mary Morrison passed away on the 10<sup>th</sup> December. Her husband, Joe, was given life-membership for all the services he provided for the Society. He used to play at most of the Society functions and dances (before we went to hotels for the banquets). He was a one man band and after Joe passed away Mary stopped attending any of the Society functions. Mary fell at home on November 17th, and suffered 4 broken ribs, a broken femur and cracked or broken pelvis. Also concussion. That led to pneumonia setting in and being put on life support. She was taken off life support after her brother came over from Scotland and died on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December aged 66.

The second person to pass away was Society member Charlie Denham on December 31<sup>st</sup>. A service will be held on Friday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. The address is Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Ave Walnut Creek. The church is one block south of the BART station off N. California Blvd. Instead of flowers please make a donation by check to the Mesothelioma Research Foundation of America, 5716 Corsa Ave, Suite 203, Westlake Village, California 91362.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> January at Roundtable Pizza, Main Street, Pleasanton. This will be a regular Business Meeting so come along to hear what the Society will be doing for the year 2010. We will also determine where the Social Meeting in February will be held.

### **Joke Time**

The following was sent in by Dorothy Mackay Collins:

*I am a little fairy  
On tap o' the Christmas Tree  
It's no a joab a fancy  
Weel how wid yi like tae be me*

*Aw tarted up with tinsel  
It's enough to mak' ye boak  
An' a couple o' jaggy branches  
Rammed up th' back o' ma froak*

*Wi' thur wee lichts aw roon me  
I cannae get nae sleep  
An' there's the yearly visit  
Frae Santa – the Big Fat Creep*

*On Christmas Day am stuck up here  
While you're aw wiring in  
An' naebody says "Hey you up there  
Could ye go a slug o' gin"?*

*It's nae joke bein' a fairy  
The joab's beyond belief  
To go roon aw the weans's beds  
An' lift their rotten teeth*

*But o' aw the joabs a fairy gets  
An' I've mentioned only some  
The very worst is up a tree  
Wi' pine needles up yur bum*

*When aw the fairies meet again  
By the licht o' the silvery moon  
Ye can tell the Christmas Fairies  
They're the wans that cannae sit doon*

*The Christmas tree's a bonnie sicht  
As the firelight softly flickers  
But think o' me am stuck up here  
Wi' needles in my knickers*

*So soon as Christmas time's right by  
An I stoap bein' sae fu' o' cheer  
I'll get awa back tae Fairyland  
An' I'll see yoos a' next year*

## Officers

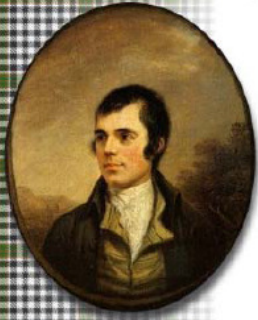
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### Calendar of upcoming events:

February 20 <sup>th</sup>	SASO Burns Supper, Dick's Restaurant, San Leandro. 6:30 pm cocktails, 7:30 pm dinner Ticket Price probably the same as last year, but still to decide. Please inform Kay Deehan or any of the Officers if you would like to do one of the speeches, toasts or entertain (sing, dance, play an instrument).
January 22	Caledonian Club of San Francisco Burns Supper
January 23	SASF Burns Supper (see flyer)
January 30	PBFSCO Burns Supper (see flyer)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL**

# BURNS Supper 2010



❖ SATURDAY, JANUARY 30th ❖

FEATURING Golden Bough

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL TRIBUTE TO  
ROBERT BURNS, THE BARD OF SCOTLAND

*5:30pm No Host Bar/Registration*

*7:00pm Dinner*

*Pleasanton Marriot ❖ 11950 Dublin Canyon Road*

*Dinner \$65 ❖ Group Table (10) \$600*

*Advanced Reservations Required by January 20, 2010*

*Your cancelled check is your receipt ❖ No Refunds*

*For information please visit [www.PBFSCO.org](http://www.PBFSCO.org)*

*or contact*

*Malcolm Carden 510.654.7627 or [mcarden@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcarden@ix.netcom.com)*

**Presented by the**

**Pleasanton Blairgowrie Fergus Sister City Organization**

Please do not drink and drive—Rooms are available for \$89.00 + tax, breakfast included  
Please call 925.847.6000 and ask for the Burns Supper block. Rate available until January 16, 2010.  
[www.MarriottPleasanton.com](http://www.MarriottPleasanton.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_ (made payable to PBFSCO)

Dinner Choice: Beef # \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken # \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon # \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian # \_\_\_\_\_



Please print legibly, complete this form in full and mail with check to:  
PBFSCO ❖ c/o Malcolm Carden ❖ 76 Wildwood Avenue ❖ Piedmont, CA 94610

# **REMINDER:**

*St Andrews Society of San Francisco  
Commemorates  
the 251<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of*

*Robert Burns*

*With a traditional Burns Supper Night  
Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010*

*At*

*The Family*

*545 Powell St (at Bush) San Francisco*

*Best parking at Sutter/Stockton Garage*

*Prices went up Jan. 01, 2010*

*Member & 1<sup>st</sup> Guest: \$85*

*All others: \$90*

*6:00 pm: no host Cocktails*

*7:00 pm: Members, Wives, and Guests Piped to dinner*

*Formal Attire Encouraged*

*Reserved seating and tables of ten can be accommodated if cheques and names are received by  
"John Allison" no later than January 13, 2010.*

*Cheques for reserved tables and groups must be received in a single envelope and clearly marked:*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DAYPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ No. of GUESTS \_\_\_\_\_  
AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ No. of VEGETARIAN meals \_\_\_\_\_

*Make cheques payable to: **The St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco***

*Reply to:*

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