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NEWS

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AN OPEN THANK YOU *To the Burns Night Committee & Participants*

Dear Burns Supper Participants and Committee Members,
I personally would like to thank each and every one of you for your diligence and hard work with yet another great Burns Night.

Mr. MC, Bob Elrick, you have the gift, and I can't name them all, but you know! Yet another Haggis was sacrificed for our cause, thank you Mike Spence for slaying the beast... But before the slaying, the Haggis was paraded by Jacquie Whittingham and blessed by Norm Birkett!

Madam Prez, Holly Hooton, you made us so welcomed. The poems were read with ease and clarity by Jill Montgomery and Robert Menzies. Thank you, Robert Menzies for our Red Roses. Kitty Seiler presented a lovely toast to the Veterans, and Elizabeth Williams toasted to our absent loved ones.

The Lassies were praised by Dave Alexander and Michele. Spence had the lads pants down and kilts up! Mr. Mike Thomas, our official historian, gave us the goods and kept our attention! Why I bet Burns did not know all that information about himself! Dalton Fitzgerald, thanks for the songs, they livened things up. It was like being in old Scotland during Burns' time!

Jefferson Pipe Band, WOW, WOW, WOW. It was perfect, not too much or little, and left us wanting more! The special

drumming was cool and really added a treat! The sound was perfect and the special lighting dresses up the room, thanks Casey Hickok and Pete Bilton for doing this year after year.

The raffle was beautiful and caused the of emptying of wallet and purses. Thanks, Diane Elrick, for saving our program to keep it going. Cherry McCabe, the members loved their gifts, I know I love mine. And all of this was done by 9:15! It was a good time had by all!

— Chris Alexander, Burns Night Committee Member 





Thank You to All Who Attended the SCS 22nd ANNUAL BURNS NIGHT SUPPER



ST. PATRICK'S DAY...

Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day! Come decked out in green as we celebrate the with other fun-loving people in Shasta County!

To add to the fun many of us find the Jefferson Pipe Band who play a different events and venues during St Patrick's Day celebrations.

The JPB will be playing at Shameless O'Leary's on Saturday and Sunday in the late afternoon and evening.

A Little St Patricks' Day History...

St. Patrick's Day celebrates the Roman Catholic feast day of the patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick died on March 17, 461. But did you know that he wasn't even Irish? Here are some fun facts about St. Patrick and some activities you can use to teach about his day.

History: Patrick's birth-name was Maewyn. He was born in Roman Britain. He was kidnapped into slavery and brought to Ireland. He escaped to a monastery in Gaul (France) and converted to Christianity. He went back to Ireland in 432 as a missionary. While Christianity had already taken hold in the country, tradition has it that Patrick confronted the Druids at Tara and abolished their pagan rites, making Christianity more widespread.

Patrick became a bishop and after his death was named Ireland's patron saint. Celebrations in Ireland were understated though. When the Irish emigrated to the U.S., they created the bigger celebrations and parades known today.

Eighteenth century Irish soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War held the first St. Patrick Day parades. The celebrations became a way for the Irish to connect with their roots after they moved to America.

The Shamrock: According to legend St. Patrick used the three leaf clover (or shamrock) to explain the Trinity.

Dyeing the river green: The practice of dyeing the river green started in Chicago in 1962, when city officials decided to dye a portion of the Chicago River green.

Corn beef and cabbage: This is an Irish American dish. Irish Americans were so poor they could not afford certain meals. On St. Patrick's Day, the best meal they could afford was beef and cabbage. It became a staple for the holiday.

5 OBLIGATORY IRISH FOODS YOU SHOULD BE EATING ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY...



Even if decking yourself in green on St. Patrick's Day isn't your thing, odds are you can get down with some traditional Irish foods.

By: Allison Milam (FoodNetwork.com)

Even if decking yourself in green on St. Patrick's Day isn't your thing, odds are you can get down with some traditional Irish foods. These hearty dishes are so good, we don't wait around for St. Paddy's Day to dig in — but we're so glad to have another excuse.

Corned Beef: Tyler Florence treats brisket to a flavor-packed brine, before slow-cooking it in a Dutch oven for hours on end. In the end, he achieves fall-apart Corned Beef and Cabbage you'll want St. Patrick's Day or any day.

Shepherd's Pie: For a comforting main dish that is the stick-to-your-ribs cure on any cold winter night, Melissa d'Arabian's recipe for the meat-and-veg classic, Shepherd's Pie, is a go-to. Pile a garlicky mashed potato topping, plus a good sprinkling of cheddar, over a meaty base fortified with dark beer for super-rich flavor.

Irish Soda Bread: Bread baking is notoriously a whole to-do, but Ina's easy-to-make Irish Soda Bread doesn't call for any kneading, rising or waiting. Simply throw the ingredients in the mixer to bake a loaf that gains a subtle sweetness from orange zest and currants.

Colcannon: Serve up a traditional Irish side that one-ups mashed potatoes. Tyler Florence's Colcannon recipe is made with mashed potatoes and cabbage, and it's killer against that corned beef you already have in the works.

Cabbage: Throughout history, plentiful and nutrient-rich cabbage has been a mainstay in Ireland. Ina Garten's Sautéed Cabbage celebrates this sturdy vegetable, by sautéing it simply with butter, salt and pepper.

JEFFERSON PIPE BAND ANNUAL WHISKY TASTING

Ladies and Gentlemen: Please join us for our annual Spring whisky tasting fundraiser benefiting the Jefferson Pipe Band, Inc., a registered 501(c)(3) tax-exempt educational nonprofit organization. By popular demand, Sir Paul returns to Redding to share and increase your whisky knowledge with Whiskies from Around the World.

"Whiskies from Around the World" will offer you an opportunity to taste whiskies not previously featured, bringing new flavors in from around the world to include Scotland's treasure, our most popular single malt Scotch Whisky. Enjoy a light meal and quality time with others who find the same pleasure in sharing good conversation and whisky. Tables are available for parties of 8 or 10! Call Molly at (530) 243-5240 to reserve. Must be 21 years or older. Kilted servers, prizes, bagpipes and drums, food, drink, and great conversation. Don't miss it! Kilts and tartans highly encouraged. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with outdoor entertainment.

About our presenter: Sir Paul was born and raised in Scotland and his book, "Whisky Traveler" has been published and is available on Amazon.com. Sir Paul is an Author, a Reconteur, a Wedding officiant and is a well-known Whisky Ambassador.

All proceeds benefit The Jefferson Pipe Band, currently forming a Youth Band and focusing on a return trip to The World's Bagpipe Championships in Glasgow, Scotland.

Can't attend but want to make a donation? All donations in any amount are appreciated. Please send your donation to The Jefferson Pipe Band, P.O. Box 1526, Redding, CA 96099-1526 or call Bob Skinner at: (520) 243-5240.

Share this event on Facebook and Twitter. We hope you can make it!

Cheers

– The Jefferson Pipe Band, Inc. 



A TASTING:
"WHISKIES FROM
AROUND THE WORLD"
Saturday, March 23, 2019
6:00-8:30pm
St. Luke's Anglican Church
Parish Hall
1750 Canby Road
Redding, CA 96002
Call Molly at (530) 243-5240 to
reserve your table for 8 or 10
(Must be 21 years or older)



SAVE THE DATE
Can you hear the kettle whistling?
Save the date for the SCS Tea!
May 4, 2019
Open to the SCS and the community, the SCS Afternoon Tea is a gathering of family and friends to enjoy friendship, conversation and entertainment. Traditional foods will be served that will include international teas, scones, sandwiches and treats.
AND if you are lucky...
You might get one of Jacquie's sausage rolls!
There will be a great raffle! If you have an item or two that you would like to "Spark Joy" in someone's life, please donate to the raffle. There will also be the traditional bagpiper to greet and entertain us!
Table Hostesses are needed! If you are interested in volunteering to be a Table Hostess or donating to the tea please contact Chris Alexander at 547-5517.

A CELTIC CONCERT
Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 6:30 pm
(doors open at 6:00pm)

The Redding School of Arts
Amphitheatre
955 Inspiration Place • Redding



Featuring North State musician CALEB COX, The Jefferson Pipe Band and the Jefferson Youth Band students. Caleb's performance will highlight the Irish Uilleann Pipes and pipes from various parts of the world including the Giata bagpipes and small pipes. The Jefferson Pipe Band will feature music from several of the Celtic Nations on the Great Highland Bagpipes and Scottish Drums, duets, quartets and more!

\$20 General Admission • \$10 students with ID
Children under 8 accompanied by an adult are free. DOORS OPEN at 6:00 p.m. Show begins at 6:30 p.m. For more information please email shastapiper@gmail.com.

Proceeds benefit The Jefferson Pipe Band, Inc., an educational 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization for its operational expenses and for costs incurred teaching, providing kilts, instruments and music to form a Junior Band for children, ages 18 and under.

Tickets are available at EventBrite:
A Celtic Concert

IRISH ROVERS CONCERT REVIEW

We had the privilege to see this iconic Irish Band on February 28th at the State Theater in Red Bluff. The concert started 45 minutes late due to weather stalling the band in Bend Oregon. The band entered and immediately began the concert without the usual sound check and settling in. It was as if they had it all worked out before they set foot in the theater. As true musicians they trilled us from the beginning.



It has been a long and magical journey for these Irish lads, and the magic continues today and yes we sang along, clapped to the beat and actually we saw a unicorn or two before singing along to Drunken Sailor.

For 50 years, The Irish Rovers have become cherished music icons, touched three generations of music lovers, and now receiving some of the best concert reviews of their career, including this one. As this is their final tour before retiring to a quieter schedule, we had the full experience for joy, laughter, and just a great time with our friends, Bob and Molly Skinner, and all other Rover Fans in attendance. Now go find a unicorn.

– Dave and Chris Alexander 



Patty Hood Photography

ANNUAL CELTIC GAMES & FESTIVAL

Woodland Celtic Games
April 27 and 28, 2019
at the Yolo Fairgrounds

The 2019 Woodland Celtic Games & Festival is on its way, with all the elements you've loved through the years, along with new activities that will feature the Irish, Welsh, and Cornish cultures. The Jefferson Pipe Band will be competing both days at the games. Entertainment includes - Wicked Tinkers They play the Tribal Celtic style and been playing haunting, heart-pounding bagpipes and irresistible tribal drums. Seamus Kennedy Guitarist with a ready wit and a vast store of songs, he travels the country making folks laugh, sing and forget their cares for a while.

More info at woodlandcelticgames.org

SCS ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Wednesday, May 8th
at 6:00pm**

Join us in the Breakfast area
(opposite the Lobby) at the Red
Lion Hotel in Redding for this year's
election for the Board of Directors.

**We are in need for dedicated
volunteers who wish to serve on
the board. Please call Holly Hooten
530-243-8094 if you would like to
serve as a director on the board.**



A little humor from our member Jean Cannon ... how true!

Conversation between younger
person and older person:

"Do you spend much time thinking about
the hereafter?"

"Oh, absolutely. I often find
myself alone in a room
thinking, what did I come in
here after?"



Shasta Celtic Society
invites you to their annual

SCOTTISH AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday
POSTPONED
2:00pm-5:00pm

NEW LOCATION:
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
(2440 Hilltop Drive • Redding)

Come enjoy an Afternoon Tea with Savory Eats
and Scottish Treats. Our Bagpiper will welcome you!
Raffles and Door Prize Drawing • \$16 per Person
Purchase Advance Tickets at ShastaCelts.org (link to
eventbrite & paypal) or ask a SCS Member.
More Info: 547-5517



CELTIC CALENDAR

Annual JPB Whisky Tasting

"Whiskies from Around the World"

Saturday, March 23 • 6-8:30pm

St. Luke's Anglican Church Parish Hall • Redding

More Info/Tables 8-10 People Call: 530.243.5240



JPB Spring Celtic Concert

Saturday, April 6 • Doors Open @ 6pm

Redding School of the Arts Amphitheatre • Redding



SCS Monthly Meeting

Wed., April 8 • 6pm • Red Lion Hotel • Redding



A Celtic Concert (featuring Caleb Cox)

Saturday, April 13 • Doors Open @ 6pm

Redding School of the Arts Amphitheatre • Redding



Annual Celtic Games & Festival

Sat.&Sun., April 27-28 • Yolo County Fairgrounds

More Info: woodlandcelticgames.org



Annual SCS Scottish Afternoon Tea

Saturday, May 4 • 2-5pm

NEW SPOT: Trinity Lutheran Church • Redding

We Need Volunteers, Call: 530.547.5517

Shasta Celtic Society monthly meeting:

Every Second **WEDNESDAY** at 6:00pm

at Red Lion Hotel Redding



Shasta Scottish Country Dance Class:

Every Thursday at 6:30pm

at the Millville Grange

More info call: 347-0825 or 244-4183



Jefferson Pipe Band Practice:

Every Tuesday at 7:00pm

at Shasta High School Cafeteria

More info call: 941-2238 or 949-7430



Become a member of the Shasta Celtic Society!

Membership applications forms available at:

www.shastacelts.org

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