

DRAGON TALES



The Welsh Society of Central Ohio

Cymdeithas Gymreig Canolbarth Ohio

Promoting a Strong and Vibrant Welsh Community in Central Ohio

St. David's Day Celebrations

Friday FEBRUARY 27 at the STATEHOUSE

Ken Evans, Event Chair

We kick off our 2015 St. David's Day celebrations with the Welsh **FLAG raising** at the Ohio Statehouse in downtown Columbus [SE corner of Broad & High streets] on **Friday FEBRUARY 27**. Meet at **11:40am** on the West Plaza or just inside the West doors. We will raise the Welsh flag just before noon and sing the Welsh and U.S. national anthems and a few Welsh hymns.

If you park in the City Center garage you can stroll thru the new downtown park where the shopping mall used to be.

TOUR possibilities before and after the flag raising:

STATEHOUSE - there are regular tours every hour between 10:00am and 3:00pm weekdays. Meet in the Map Room near the 3rd Street entrance. 614-728-2695. Visit www.statehouse.state.oh.us for general information about the Statehouse.

SUPREME COURT of Ohio - 65 South Front Street [at State Street]. To schedule a 1-hour tour, call 614-387-9223. Visits are scheduled weekdays 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Saturday Feb. 28. Luncheon. Annual Mtg.

Jeanette Muench and Jeanine Watters, Event Chairs

Our second celebration of St. David's Day will be on **Saturday, February 28**, once again at the **Worthington Hills Country Club** at 920 Clubview Blvd. South, Columbus, OH 43235. The club is located west of State Route 315 north of Hard Road. A map and directions can be found on page 4.

For our luncheon you will have a choice of **Pecan Crusted Chicken with brown sugar bourbon sauce** or **Cracker Crusted Cod with chive cream sauce**. Both meals include roasted redskin potatoes and green beans. The vegetarian option will be a **Vegetable Platter**. For children ages 10 and under we will have **Chicken Fingers and French Fries with fruit**. Cost for adults is \$28. The children's option is \$10.

All meals include assorted rolls and butter. We will have **Welsh leek soup** as a starter and dessert will be ice cream with **Welsh tea cakes**. Water, coffee, lemonade, or iced tea are all included in the cost of the meals. A 23% gratuity/service charge is included in all meal prices. Completed reservation forms and payment **must be received** by Friday, February 20, 2015.

This year there will be a cash bar available for those who wish an alcoholic drink.

For our **entertainment** we are planning several activities. All of the activities have not been finalized but they will include such things as an ice breaker game for all ages, informal singing, meeting a new Welsh author and some of our young artists, a short film, a remembrance of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Dylan Thomas, and an auction of four 2015 Columbus NAFOW Grand Concert tickets, each a \$60.00 value with a minimum starting bid of \$35.00 each.

Registration will begin at 9:30am, **Activities** and socializing will start at 10:00am, and the **Annual Meeting of the Society** will begin at 11:30am. The **Lunch** itself will be served at 12:15 pm.

*****Any special meal requests will be made at the discretion of the chef and must be made through Jeanette Muench no later than Monday, February 16*****
Call 614-891-8880 or email jeanettemuench@gmail.com.

A **reservation form** can be found in the middle of this newsletter. Please make checks payable to WSCO and send both form and check to the address on the form.

WSCO Members:

Be sure to look within this newsletter for information about an issue to be voted on during the Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 28, 2015.

President's Message

Charlotte Prior

Hello,

I hope you had a beautiful Christmas and I wish you a happy, healthy, prosperous new year 2015.

I expect to see you all at St. David's Day festivities. There is an issue to be voted on at our Annual Meeting (see related articles in this newsletter), interesting activities plus a tasty luncheon. Don't forget the Welsh flag-raising the day before that. (see article on page 1)

You received my Christmas letter and I hope you follow with generous support for WSCO and also find time to volunteer at the annual NAFOW Labor Day weekend here in Columbus. We will need all kinds of helpers, such as ticket takers, ushers, and tea room helpers. WSCO's **Laura Gorun** and **Beth Ransopher** are working closely with **Megan Williams**, of the Welsh North American Association, to make Columbus a wonderful Festival of Wales.

There will be NAFOW Grand Concert tickets auctioned at our St. David's Day luncheon. (see article on page 1)

Membership Matters**BASIC WSCO MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:**

Membership Benefits include a subscription to WSCO's newsletter, *Dragon Tales*, a vote at the Annual Meeting (except children under 16), advance notice of WSCO events, a membership roster, and great new friends. WSCO General members are also welcome to silently observe WSCO Board Meetings. Note - to present an item for discussion at a Board meeting, arrangements must be made in advance with the current President.

Annual memberships (membership period Jan 1 - Dec 31): **\$25 for an Individual or Family Unit** (parental unit and dependent children), due by January 1st of each year. Annual memberships begin the day they are received by WSCO (if received between Jan 1 and Sept 20), *OR*, those received Sept 21 - Dec 31 will be applied to the **next** membership year, and will begin on Jan 1 of that next year. Please note - memberships not current as of January 31 may not be included in the annual member roster, and membership must be current to vote during the Annual Meeting.

Lifetime Memberships (begins on date received): **\$175 for an Individual or a Family Unit - or - \$30 for individuals over 80 years old.**

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Current WSCO Membership Application and other information is available on the Membership page on WSCO's website, and questions may be emailed to info@WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org, or call WSCO at 614-500-7998.

Laura Jenkins Gorun (*Current Membership Chair*)

<http://www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org>

SAVE THE DATE!!**Saturday, July 18, 2015, 11:30am****WSCO's Potluck Picnic****Watch for details in next newsletter.****Dragon Tales***Newsletter of the Welsh Society of Central Ohio***Editor** Donna Boyce**WSCO Officers**

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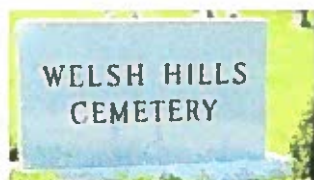
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Dragon Tales

is published three times a year, about three-four weeks before each of our annual events

Submissions can be made to:
newsletter@WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org
 Please include your name, phone number, and email address;
 or leave a message at 614-500-7998
 and include your name and phone number

Submission deadlines: January 8,
 June 8, and September 8



Welsh Hills and Granville, Ohio Spring Bus Tour

Beth Ransopher



The Welsh Society of Central Ohio last sponsored a bus trip to the Welsh Hills and Granville area in 2007. This year a bus trip to Granville and the Welsh Hills in Licking County will be offered as a tour to participants attending the North American Festival of Wales in September. WSCO is offering the same trip to our membership prior to NAFOW and hope you will be interested in joining us. Reservations will be required to participate in this WSCO-sponsored fund raising event.

Trip Details

DATE: Saturday, June 13, 2015

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please arrive to the bus by 8:45 a.m., so that everyone can be settled on the bus. The bus will leave Columbus promptly at 9:00 a.m. We plan to return to Columbus by 4:00 p.m.

BUS LOCATION: The bus departure location has not been determined yet. Anyone registering will be notified as to the departure location. It will most likely be somewhere in the northern part of Columbus.

COST: \$50.00 per person, payable by check only. The cost of the ticket includes bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, and donations for the Granville Historical Museum, Ohio History Connection and WSCO. It does not include lunch. Checks should be made payable to "Welsh Society of Central Ohio".

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: Friday, May 8, 2015

LUNCH: The cost of the ticket does not include lunch. We will stop somewhere for lunch, the cost of which is on your own.

Bus Tour Contact: Questions regarding the Granville/Welsh Hills bus tour may be directed to Beth Ransopher at 614-478-0631.

Tour Cancellation Policy: Should the tour need to be cancelled all of those who registered will be contacted by Monday, May 18 and will receive a full refund. If the tour takes place and you need to cancel after Monday, May 18, the ticket cost will be non-refundable.

Tour Details

Leaving from Columbus, the tour bus will travel east to Granville, Ohio (established in 1805) and the beautiful rolling hills of Licking County which has been home to many cultures for thousands of years. Evidence remains from the Welsh immigrants who left their Welsh-named homes and streets scattered throughout the village of Granville and the adjacent Welsh Hills (established in 1802), as well as the prehistoric Native Americans known as the Hopewell Moundbuilders.

The tour begins at the museum of the Granville Historical Society and Museum where artifacts from the early pioneer families to more modern 1950s displays can be viewed. A short video of the early settlement of the Welsh pioneers will be presented at the museum that includes early photographs of the Welsh Hills and Granville.

The bus tour will continue as we drive through Granville into the countryside, known as the Welsh Hills, with a stop at the historic Welsh Hills Baptist Church and the Welsh Hills cemetery. Throughout our journey various historic sites will be viewed from the bus and detailed by our guide, **Janet Philipps Procida**, a descendant of the founding fathers of the Welsh Hills.

The bus will proceed to the historic Bryn Du Mansion with its expansive front lawn, once owned by Welshman John Sutphin Jones, whose fortune was built on coal mines and railroads. Following a brief stop at Bryn Du we will stop for lunch, the cost of which is on your own. Those who wish to bring their own non-perishable bag lunch may do so.

Following lunch, the tour will continue to the Great Circle Earthworks and Museum which includes an interactive video and 1,000-square-foot exhibit. Time will be provided to visit the museum and walk the historic grounds, part of a 2,000 year-old set of geometric earthen enclosures built by the Hopewell Indians. Owned by the Ohio History Connection (formerly known as the Ohio Historical Society), staff will be on hand to answer questions and direct you to the best viewing spots.

Souvenir books will be available for sale at both the Granville Historical Society Museum and the Great Circle Earthworks Museum.

Food and beverages will be allowed on board the bus (please no glass bottles). We will have complimentary bottled water available on the bus throughout our journey.

A huge thank you to WSCO member **Maggie Brooks** and Janet Philipps Procida for assisting in the planning and implementation of this bus tour!

Again the cost for the full-day bus tour is \$50.00 per person. To secure your seat on the bus, mail a completed registration form and check payable to "Welsh Society of Central Ohio". Reserving your seat early is helpful for planning the size of the bus, but please make your reservation no later than Friday, May 8.

Look for the Tour registration form included with this newsletter

Upcoming WSCO Events

Most Months, 4th Wednesday, 8pm

Trivia team

Coaches Bar & Grill, 1480 Bethel Rd., Columbus

For more information call 614-500-7998 or visit

www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org/Live%20Trivia.htm

Monthly thru May, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30pm

Welsh folk dancing classes

Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, 15 Clinton Hts. Ave.,
Columbus

For more information call 614-500-7998

Monthly (except July, August & December),

2nd Tuesdays, 7-9pm

Board Meetings

Valleyview United Methodist Church

2833 Valleyview Dr. Columbus

For more information call 614-500-7998, or visit

www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org/about.htm

Feb. 27, 2015, Friday

WSCO's St. David's Day Welsh Flag Raising

Ohio Statehouse, downtown Columbus

See article on page 1

Feb. 28, 2015, Saturday

WSCO's St. David's Day luncheon and Annual Meeting

See article on page 1

July 18, 2015, Saturday, 11:30am-4pm

WSCO's Potluck Picnic

Blendon Woods Metro Park, Westerville

Watch for details in next newsletter

October, WSCO's Gymanfa Ganu and Te Bach

Early Alert!! Cancelled for this year *only* --

join us in September for NAFOW!!

Other Events of Interest

March 7, 2015, Saturday – annual St. David's Day luncheon, Oak Hill, OH, Presbyterian Church. 1 p.m. A program is being planned and a buffet lunch will be served. Contact: Madog Center for Welsh Studies, 800-282-7201, ext. 7186.

July 19-26, 2015 – Cwrs Cymraeg, Portland, OR. Contact: www.madog.org/.

July 19-26, 2015 – Welsh Heritage Week, Boston, MA. Contact: www.welshheritage.week.org, email hwyl@ptd.net, or 570-814-7689.

September 3-6, 2015 – North American Festival of Wales (NAFOW), Columbus, OH!! For Info and Registration -- www.nafow.org.

30-Year-Anniversary – But Classes End Soon!

The folk dancing troupe was formed in 1985, thanks to the efforts of WSCO members **Carolyn and Weldon Abels** and others. Through the years, the demo teams have performed and taught dances at many Celtic and international festivals; private functions including schools, corporations, senior residences and a wedding; the Ohio State Fair; and for WSCO's St. David's Day celebrations (both the Banquet and the Flag-raising) and the Picnic.

The folk dancing classes have been in existence for 30 years, and members of the troupe taught dancing seminars during the 1998 National here in Columbus.

Sadly, due to dwindling numbers of both demo dancers and class attendees, Welsh folk dancing classes will be discontinued in a few months.

The last Welsh folk dancing class will be May 20, 2015.

Want to learn some Welsh folk dances before your convenient local opportunity is gone? Join Us Soon!!

When: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays through May 2015 from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. (verify schedule on or around holidays)

Where: Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, 15 Clinton Heights Ave. (at N. High St., one block south of North Broadway), Columbus

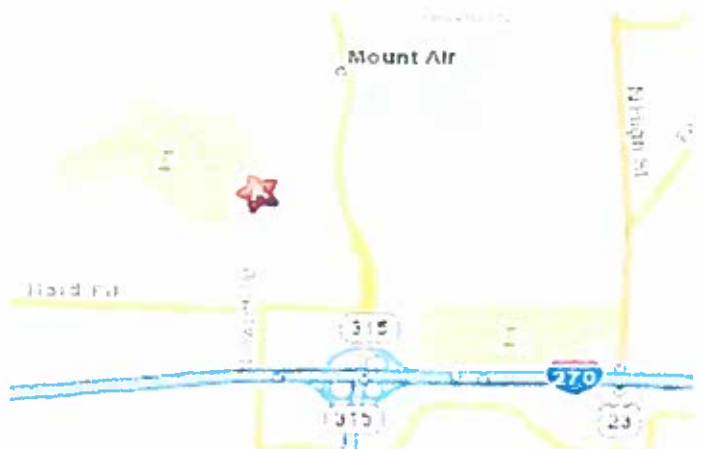
Contact: 614-471-2620 or through WSCO: 614-500-7998 or info@WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org.

Map and Directions for February 28, 2015

(see event article on page 1)

The Worthington Hills Country Club is located at 920 Clubview Boulevard South, Columbus, OH, 43235.

Clubview Blvd. South runs west from Rt. 315 / Olentangy River Rd. and is north of I-270 and north of Hard Rd. Once you make the turn onto Clubview Blvd. South be sure to continue "straight" and not make a right turn on Clubview Blvd. *North*.



Member News

Welcome Wagon

WSCO sends a big *Croeso!* (Welcome!) to all our new members.

Members can find the WSCO Constitution on the website at www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org. Click 'About WSCO' and then, near the bottom of the page, click 'Constitution'. Members without access to Internet can request to have a copy mailed by leaving a message at WSCO's Information Line 614-500-7998.

Final Farewell

After the October, 2014, issue of this newsletter was in the mail, WSCO discovered that **Rosemary A. Thomas**, Reynoldsburg, OH, died on August 1, 2014, at the age of 96. She was married for 63 years to the late Joseph J. Thomas of Oak Hill, OH. Rosemary shared a passion for travel with her husband, and together they visited every state in the Union, Canada, Central America and Europe. During World War II, she served as a Red Cross volunteer at the canteen set up for servicemen coming into the Cleveland airport. From 1961 until her retirement in 1984, she taught English in three Ohio school districts – Jackson City, Pickerington and Reynoldsburg, and devoted many years to volunteer work at her church, Blacklick Park, a cancer thrift store, and school libraries in Reynoldsburg.

WSCO Life member **Joan (Evans) Hayslip** of Dublin, OH, died December 29, 2014, at age 80. She was born near Verona, OH, and was retired from Dublin Schools where she was an administrative assistant. Joan was an active member of Jerome United Methodist Church and since retirement enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, gardening and sewing. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Richard E. Hayslip, one brother, five sons and daughters-in-law, eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

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"There are 54 Joneses in 'The Dictionary of Welsh Biography', but this is a five-finger exercise for anyone who has to locate a Jones in an average Welsh telephone directory (hence the familiar Jones the Fish, Jones the Bread and, in recent times, Jones the Spy.) The recent rise of Welsh nationalism has led some people to reverse the process; even the "ap" is returning. But the most engaging last stand was made in the 18th century by a genial bankrupt who signed himself "Siôn ap William ap Siôn ap William ap Siôn ap Dafydd ap Ithel Fychan ap Cynrig ap Robert ap Iorwerth ap Rhyrid ap Iorwerth ap Madoc ap Ednawain Bendew, called after the English fashion John Jones". –**Gwyn Alf Williams (1925-1995), When Was Wales?: A History of the Welsh, published 1985**

"The name of John Jones is in Wales a perpetual incognito." **Anonymous 1853; Report of the Registrar General**

2014 WSCO Gymanfa and Te Bach

Laura Thomas, Gymanfa Chair



Photo of gymanfa director by L. Thomas

Thanks to all who attended the WSCO annual Gymanfa at Central Presbyterian Church on October 19, 2014. Our conductor was **Jay Williams III**, who traveled from New York state to be with us and to lead our singing with such enthusiasm, and our accompanist was **James Hildreth** of the Broad Street Presbyterian Church, who has served us in this role with dedication for so many years.

The Columbus Children's Choir New World Singers, conducted by **Jeanne Wohlgamuth**, touched our hearts with their rendition of *Suo Gan*, sung in Welsh, as well as their other beautifully prepared choral pieces. We were greatly impressed by their professionalism and sound.



Photo by L. Thomas

The Memorium recognized those WSCO members who have passed on in the last year, with special recognition for two of our beloved long time gymanfa conductors, **Dr. Jack Lewis** and **Lloyd Savage**, both known at the local and national levels for their many years of service as choristers, as well as **Ann Gillard**, who reestablished and led our local Welsh Singing Society in recent years, and conducted our WSCO gymanfa.

The Te Bach afterwards in Ballard Hall gave all an opportunity to mingle, greet old friends and acquaintances, meet new people, and enjoy tea, coffee, and Welsh cakes.

We greatly appreciate the dedication of all who helped to make this event such a successful one.



"Behind the scenes" in the te bach prep room...

Photo by D. Boyce

Volunteer at the 2015 Columbus NAFOW

Laura Jenkins Gorun, WSCO Board Member

As the new year begins, we find ourselves closer still to this year's North American Festival of Wales (NAFOW), here in Columbus. That means, among other things, it's time to begin solidifying certain local coordination efforts, including lining up local volunteers to help during the 4-day festival this September 3-6!

We'll need people to help in a variety of roles and times throughout both the days and evenings of the festival. Here are the areas for which we'll need volunteers during the festival:

- Ushers to help greet and direct people at various festival activities
- Ticket-takers for meals and concerts
- Tea-room volunteers (day-time)
- General "runners" to help out as needs arise
- Marketplace volunteers (day-time)
- Tour volunteers (day-time)
- Volunteer leads / supervisors
- People with Audio/Visual expertise

More details will be provided, and schedules solidified later in the spring and summer, and some training will also be provided, as necessary. If you've already let me know that you'd like to volunteer, I have your information, and will be in touch in the early spring to get your availability and discuss other preferences.

If you'd like to volunteer, please indicate the volunteer areas that interest you, along with your schedule availability and contact information, on the "NAFOW VOLUNTEER FORM" included with this newsletter. You may either email this information to me at blakespa@gmail.com, or mail it at your earliest convenience to the following address, preferably before **June 1st**:

WSCO, attn. NAFOW Volunteers
PO Box 12023
Columbus, OH 43212

You may also sign up to volunteer at the NAFOW during WSCO's St. David's Day event on Saturday, February 28th. We will be contacting volunteers to provide more specifics and training, as necessary, throughout the coming months, especially after mid-April.

Remember to watch the NAFOW website (www.NAFOW.org) for further details about the Festival and the National organization (WNAA). Don't forget to register for the festival, through the NAFOW website or by mail, as the registration materials are made available by the WNAA.

Again, please direct any questions or ideas regarding the festival to me, **Laura Jenkins Gorun**, chair of the Local Venue Committee (LVC). You may either contact me by email, at blakespa@gmail.com, or leave me a voice mail at 614-450-2278. It may be several days before I respond, but I will definitely be in touch! If I'm

unable to answer your questions, I can definitely direct you the right person. Please keep in mind that the overall structure of the Festival has changed substantially in recent years, and most of the decisions regarding festival activities and performances have already been made. At this point, the focus has shifted to refining logistical details, along with marketing and fund-raising efforts. If you think you can help in these latter two areas, especially, we'd love to hear from you!

History of Welsh in Columbus (Ohio)

Beth Ransopher, WSCO Board Member

With the North American Festival of Wales (NAFOW) coming to Columbus in September, we have a great opportunity to not only showcase the Welsh Society of Central Ohio (WSCO), but the history of the Welsh who lived in the capital city.

I anticipate that there are artifacts and a great wealth of information within our membership. I have made it my goal this year to collect what we can regarding the history of the Welsh here in Columbus, and displaying it at future WSCO events, as well as at NAFOW later this summer. So I need your help. If anyone has any books, articles, pictures, or any other information regarding the Welsh in Columbus could you please contact **Beth Ransopher** at 0051erans@msn.com or by phone at 614-478-0631. If you are willing to donate items, my goal is to keep everything as a collection. Should you wish to have items returned, I can make arrangements to do that.

WSCO member **Myron Cherry** has already been a tremendous help, allowing me to view papers from the Miami Avenue Presbyterian Church as well as other newspaper articles and photos. If anyone has a copy and is willing to donate "*The History of the Miami Avenue Presbyterian Church (1849 – 1949)*" please let me know. I have read documentation that states the Welsh were in Columbus as early as the 1820's, and possibly even before that. So there is a great deal to uncover.

In the future I will plan on providing articles to publish in *Dragon Tales* on things I have learned. Here is some real-time information, especially for those not currently residing in Columbus. The Welsh have been in the news lately with the latest renovation of the Welsh Presbyterian Church. Located at the corner of East Long and Sixth Streets, the church was constructed in 1887 by congregation members who migrated from Southern Ohio. The church congregation remained at this location until 1919 when they built and then moved to the Miami Avenue Presbyterian Church (corner of Long Street and Miami Avenue). I invite everyone to download an article from the December 28, 2014, *Columbus Dispatch*, which further explains the recent renovation of the building to be a community center for the new Normandy apartments next door.

This little tidbit is just the beginning of a rich and vibrant history of the Welsh in Columbus.



Cropped section of photo of the international students attending UWTSD – Kathryn is second from the right

Scholarship Recipient Returns to USA

Kathryn Campbell

Hello all!

I would like to first thank the Welsh Society of Central Ohio again for selecting me to receive this scholarship. Upon returning home from a three month stint studying abroad through The Madog Center at The University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College, I am thrilled to share a little bit about my experiences in Wales.

While attending The University of Wales, Trinity Saint David, I was presented with an experience of a lifetime; to travel all across Europe and meet people from every culture and religion imaginable. As an American, the curriculum and classes offered were difficult to get the hang of at first, but by the end of the courses, I had fallen in love with the self-sufficiency that the less structured classes had given me. UWTSD, being the phenomenal institute that it continually proves to be, offered international students an abundance of opportunities to build relationships with one another through international socials, dances, and teas. There was never a dull moment in the flats of foreign exchange students. I not only got to meet all these wonderful people, but we became friends. I now have a connection with students from Wales, England, Greece, China, France, India, Africa, Canada, and other places in the United States. We were given the opportunity to travel about the UK, visiting places in England and Wales, with the help of Cultural Exchange leader Gruff Owens, and that was the most astounding part to me. Seeing Big Ben, The Eiffel Tower, the Castle Llansteffan, Big Pit Coal Mine, and a plethora of other beautiful landmarks has entirely changed my life.

Taking the chance to study abroad and throw myself into it fully was the best decision I have ever made, and I would encourage anyone to do the same. I love Wales, and a piece of my heart will forever reside there, in Carmarthen. *Mae fy nghalon yn Gymraeg bellach.*

Related article -- DT - Oct. 2014-Jan. 2015 issue, page 7.

TO BE VOTED ON AT 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL: Lifetime Membership Installment Payment option

With board approval, the following will be put to a vote of WSCO membership at the 2015 Annual Meeting. (per article VIII.A. of the WSCO Constitution, "The amount of membership dues in the Welsh Society of Central Ohio shall be proposed by the Board and approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting.")

Become a Lifetime member after 3 annual installment payments of \$75 each, due January 1st each year**. WSCO will send an invoice each November, as a reminder of the second and third payments. Final payment must be received within four (4) years of initial application.

Until the membership is paid in full, it will be recorded as a "Pending Lifetime Membership," and will be otherwise treated like an annual membership (expires at end of membership year if dues not received prior to due date).

***Membership begins when Member Application (with first payment) is received by WSCO. If begin date is after Sept 20, 2nd installment will be due the Jan 1st following one full year of membership. Example: App received Oct 19 2014, 2nd installment will be due Jan 01 2016.*

- Membership will not be considered "current" during any lapses in payment, and member benefits will be discontinued, accordingly, similar to annual membership.
- "Pending" designation will be removed from WSCO's records, and Lifetime Member pin will be sent shortly after all installment payments are received.
- Exceptions will be handled at the discretion of the WSCO Board of Directors.

Membership fees (full or partial) are non-refundable. WSCO is registered with the IRS as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, and donations are tax-deductible.



Cawl or Welsh Stew

Inviting the family over to celebrate St. David's Day, having the gang in to watch 6 Nations Rugby, or just need something great to eat on a chilly day? WSCO member Gene Beard sent in this recipe for Welsh Stew (Cawl).

Greg Cledwyn Jenkins, in his "The Renaissance Chef" column (Renaissance Magazine, issue #95, page 35) said "Today, this hearty stew remains as traditional as it was long ago" and that "The late Welsh chef extraordinaire Ken Thome..." insisted that a good piece of Welsh cheese and hot bread were the proper accompaniment for a traditional cawl.

1 gallon of beef or lamb stock (any stock works well)
 2 tbspc bacon fat or lard
 1 pound white or new potatoes, cut into small dice
 8 leeks, cut and diced thin
 2 onions, coarsely chopped
 2 parsnips, cubed
 4 carrots, sliced in chunks
 1 Swede-turnip, coarsely chopped
 1 pound brisket of beef, cubed small
 1 ½ pound lamb (any section, diced small)
 1 ½ pound smoked bacon (collar or shoulder)
 13 whole black peppercorns, crushed
 ½ tsp clove powder
 1 sprig of fresh thyme

In a large skillet, slowly heat the lard (preferably bacon fat) until slightly browned. Add in all the vegetables except the potatoes and leeks. Brown all until thoroughly cooked and slightly soft. When done, remove with a slotted spoon and set aside. Now add the meat to the pan and brown until fully cooked, and then return the vegetables with the meat; add in herbs, and let all slowly cook on low heat until all is evenly browned. Cover and let simmer on the lowest setting.

In a large pot, bring the stock to a rolling boil, adding in the meat and other ingredients, including the oils from the pan. Cover, and continue boiling for about 15 minutes, and then reduce heat to a slow, steady simmer for 2 to 3 hours, remembering to stir occasionally. Toward the last 30 minutes of cooking time, add in the diced potatoes and half of the leeks, and cover again for the remaining time. When ready to serve, dole out into wooden bowls and garnish the tops with the remaining half of uncooked leeks. Serve together with the cheese and warm bread, and offer this dish with stout ale or burgundy wine.

Serves 4 to 6 respectably.

Provide everything yourself, or prepare the cawl and ask those folks you invited to bring the bread, cheese and beverages.

Bon Appétit! Err-r-r...Archwaeth Dda!!

CORRECTION

Those of you who attended WSCO's July, 2014, picnic probably wondered if your Newsletter Editor needed new glasses when I mentioned in the 2014 October issue that "Canada geese" joined us at the picnic – do you think those *wild turkeys* would have hurt feelings if they knew what they had been called?? I apologize to the turkeys, and hope the rest of you had a good chuckle.

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, except for July, August and December, from 7 to 9 pm and usually take place at the Glenwood United Methodist Church, 2833 Valleyview Dr. (at Hague Ave.) Columbus, Ohio, in room 4.

Meetings are open to all adult WSCO members. Anyone wishing to put an item on the agenda or speak before the Board should contact the President at least one week in advance of the meeting.

For Board member information, call 614-500-7998 and leave your name and number for a call back, or email info@WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org.

Current Board Members

Cathy Beacom, Donna Boyce (Corresponding Secretary), Kathy Chamblin, Myron Cherry, Ken Evans, Stacy Evans (Vice-President), Laura Jenkins Gorun (Immediate Past President and Membership Chair), Jeanne Jones Jindra (Director, Madog Center for Welsh Studies) *ex-officio*, Jeff Jones, Lynn R. Jones, Pam Jones, Patti Jones, Tegwyn Lantz (Treasurer), Jeanette Muench, Bob Penry, Charlotte Prior (President), Stanton Prior, Beth Ransopher, Laura Thomas, Diana Wafe (Recording Secretary), Diane Williams, and Homer Williams.

For You Folks With Internet Access

About the connections between Wales and America
www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z2q22hv

Learning Welsh

www.bbc.co.uk/wales/learning/learnWelsh

www.saysomethinginwelsh.com

(has a short Rugby lesson, if you'll be watching the 6 Nations playoffs)

Welsh Dragon car

www.bbc.com/autos/story/20141114-riversimple-the-welsh-dragon-that-spits-water-vapour

WSCO

www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org

<https://www.facebook.com/WelshSocietyOfCentralOhio>

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WSCO, Attn. NAFOW Volunteers; PO Box 12023; Columbus, OH 43212

Please indicate one or more areas where you'd like to volunteer by checking the box next to each item:

VOLUNTEER ROLE PREFERENCE

- Lead / Supervisor of a group of volunteers
- General (non-lead) volunteer
- Greeter / Usher
- Miscellaneous "runner"
- Marketplace volunteer
- Tea Room server / volunteer
- Ticket-taker
- Tour Helper
- A/V expertise (high-level)

We will do our best to assign people according to their preferences.

AVAILABILITY (check as many as available):

- Any time during all days of the festival
- Morning(s): Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Monday
- Afternoon(s): Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday
- Evening(s): Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday



Please note any specific preferences, areas of expertise, or other pertinent information that may be helpful here:

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME	E-MAIL	()		
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP

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