

DRAGON TALES

October - January 2019

The Welsh Society of Central Ohio

Cymdethas Gymreig Canolbarth Ohio

Promoting a Strong and Vibrant Welsh Community in Central Ohio

WSCO Celebrates 70th Anniversary Gymanfa Ganu on Sunday, October 21, 2018

Please join us as we continue to celebrate 70 years of WSCO by gathering for our annual Gymanfa Ganu. Starting at 2:30 PM, we will gather in the sanctuary of Central College Presbyterian Church to sing and celebrate our Welsh heritage. We are fortunate to have three very talented and local gentlemen to lead our Gymanfa Ganu this year.

Thomas Lloyd - conductor and WSCO member

James Hildreth - WSCO organist of many years

Jeffrey Johnson - tenor soloist and WSCO board member

Our Te Bach, or little tea, immediately follows in Ballard Hall. All are welcome to attend for fellowship, and a buffet of small sandwiches, Welsh tea cakes, other dainties, punch, tea, and coffee.

We hope to see you there!

Central College Presbyterian Church
975 S Sunbury Rd.
Westerville, OH 43081



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kathy James Chamblin

Those that know me well are aware that I love to learn about traditions of all kinds. Whether they are cultural, spiritual or seasonal in origin, I especially embrace the traditions that connect me to the past and to loved ones that are no longer living except in my heart and memories. One of those cherished traditions is our annual Gymanfa Ganu. Over the summer, I was excited to come across a book published in 1940 that referenced Welsh people and singing traditions in Ohio. The book is titled The WPA Guide to Ohio and chronicles Ohio's past (and what was then present) people, industries, history, folklore and traditions. It was heartwarming to see our Welsh heritage recognized as part of our great state's history.

I invite you and your family and friends to take part in our Gymanfa Ganu on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at the Central College Presbyterian Church in Westerville Ohio. The event will begin at 2:30pm. Immediately after, we invite you to partake in a complimentary Te Bach which means "Little Tea".

Note – I checked out a digital version of The WPA Guide to Ohio through the Columbus Metropolitan Library. The Welsh is referenced in various chapters throughout the book as well as two annual events, a Gymanfa Ganu and an Eistedfodd, under the "Calendar of Events" chapter.

PICTURES FROM THE PICNIC



Figure 1 WSCO Cake in Celebration of our 70th anniversary



Figure 2 Down the Glen provided our music

Thank you to all who attended, and to all who helped to organize this event.

FOND FAREWELLS



MARGARET EDNA BROOKS, age 79, passed away Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at St. Ann's Hospital. She was born August 20, 1938 in Dumont, New Jersey to the late Anna (Dyck) and Alphonse J. Brooks, II. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by brother and sister-in-law, Alphonse J. Brooks, III and Dee Ann (Miltonburger) Brooks. Maggie is survived by loving daughter and son-in-law, Anne Brownfield Bennett and Rick Bennett; Grandchildren, Em and Nathan Bennett; nephews, Andrew and Jeffrey (Deonna) Brooks; cousins, Lois (Gordon) Carter, Paul (Flo) Dyck, Caroline, Andrew and

Christopher. Maggie was a graduate of The Ohio State University, School of Journalism in 1960 where she was inducted into Theta Sigma Phi (communication), Kappa Tau Alpha (journalism) and was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. She retired from Denison University's Office of Public Affairs. Maggie volunteered extensively over her life, including roles with the Granville Historical Society, Dawes Arboretum, Welsh Society of Central Ohio, Granville Cambrian Club, Audubon Society, Women in Communications, 4H, and Twigs of Children's Hospital. Family will receive friends Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 2-3:30 pm. at SCHOEDINGER NORTH CHAPEL, 5554 Karl Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229, where a memorial service will take place at 3:30 pm. Private burial will take place at a later date in Tavistock, Canada. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Granville Historical Society or the Welsh Society of Central Ohio.

WELSH LANGUAGE CLASS

Eve Goodwyn

Shw'mae!

The Welsh language classes started September 8 with 16 enthusiastic learners, and one funny and engaging instructor, Dan Rowbotham, Davis Intern at University of Rio Grande. Classes continue through November 10!

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MADOG CENTER NEWS

Jeanne Jones Jindra



**PLEASE JOIN US
TO CELEBRATE CYMRU-OHIO 2018**

*THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1818 WELSH
SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN OHIO*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

2PM

**DEDICATION OF THE OHIO HISTORICAL MARKER
WELSH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MUSEUM**

3PM

*EARLY WELSH-AMERICAN INDUSTRY-JEFFERSON FURNACE
PRESENTATION BY DAVID W. JONES*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

146TH GYMANFA AT TYN RHOS CHURCH

**DR. RODERIC OWEN
MARI MORGAN-CHORISTER
EVAN E. DAVIS-MODERATOR
MORNING SESSION 10:30AM
LUNCH 12 NOON
AFTERNOON SESSION 1PM**

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

BASIC WSCO MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Membership Benefits include:

- Subscription to WSCO's newsletter, *Dragon Tales*
- Advance notice of WSCO events
- A vote at the Annual Meeting
(except children under 16)
- Membership roster
- 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):

Individual or a Family Unit: \$175 one-time

- OR -

(NEW!) three (3) Annual installments, \$75 ea.

-OR -

Individuals over 80 years old: \$30 one time

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*)

>>>>>> **NOTE:** We need a new membership chair! Moderate computer skills are needed - please email info@WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org if interested

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

Members can find the WSCO Constitution on the website at:

www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org

Members without access to Internet can request to have a copy mailed by leaving a message at
WSCO's Information Line: 614-500-7998

WSCO BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month, except for July, August and December, from 7pm to 9pm 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, Kathy Chamblin, Myron Cherry, Ken Evans, Eve Goodwyn, Jeanne Jones Jindra, Jeff Johnson, Lynn R Jones, Tegwyn Lantz, Mary Ellen Morgan, Bob Penry, Charlotte Prior, Mike Schroeder, Anne Powell Riley, Diana Wafe, Dianne Williams, Homer Williams, Cindy Williamson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOARD MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday of the Month 7PM.

No meetings in July, August and December.

Glenwood United Methodist Church
2833 Valleyview Dr., Columbus

TRIVIA TEAM

4th Wednesday of the Month, 8PM

Coaches Bar & Grill, 1480 Bethel Rd., Columbus

WSCO 2018 & 2019

10/21/18 Gymanfa Ganu – October 21, 2018

3/1/19 Flag Raising at the Ohio Statehouse

3/2/19 St. David's Day celebration

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Newsletter of the Welsh Society of Central Ohio

Editor – Casey Worner

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FACEBOOK – Welsh Society of Central Ohio

DRAGON TALES is published three times a year, about 3-4 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, September 8