

DRAGON TALES



The Welsh Society of Central Ohio

Cymdeithas Gymreig Canolbarth Ohio

Promoting a Strong and Vibrant Welsh Community in Central Ohio



2015

WSCO

Family Picnic

Charlotte Prior, Event Chair

Date: Saturday, July 18, 2015

Time: 11:30am – 4pm

Place: Blendon Woods Metro Park

Shadblow Shelter

(directions and map link on page 8)

It's PICNIC TIME – yes we are picnicking at lunch time – noon – when it is a little cooler than in the late afternoon. We will eat first – so hot food is hot and cold food is cold.

Bring your table service and beverages along with food to share. Ice will be provided.

It is *wonderful* when we make those special casseroles, salads, and desserts, but **most important** it is to see YOU! If you're not inspired, just grab chips and dip, watermelon or store cookies – something easy.

Remember to bring your colorful tea towels and tablecloths to brighten the tables. A couple Welsh flags add a lot.

Questions? Contact WSCO via email, info@welshsocietyofcentralohio.org or voicemail 614-500-7998. You can also find information on our website – www.welshsocietyofcentralohio.org.

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WSCO Celebrated St. David's Day

Flag Raising

Ken Evans, Event Chair

On Saturday, Feb. 28

Food, Fraternization, Fun – And Daffodils

Friday Feb 27 at noon, we raised the WELSH FLAG on the West Plaza of the Ohio STATE HOUSE as part of our St David's Day events. It was a typical cold flag raising day, so we sang the USA national anthem inside and then tried to sing the Welsh national anthem outside during the flag raising, but our voices weren't working too well.....partly frozen?

Some of the hardy ones were Roger Roberts, Donna Boyce, Charlotte Prior, Stanton Prior, Patti Jones, Laura Gorun, Beth Ransopher, Stacy Evans, and Ken Evans.

Three generations of Speakman's were there: Peggy, her son, Joe and his daughter, Anne, plus Peggy's daughter, Becky Crownover.

Marty and Dave Cottrill were there from the Dayton area, stayed overnight here with friends, and came to the St. David's Day luncheon on Saturday.

Lynn Stevens [who usually represents the Governor] was busy with the Governor so Dave Cottrill read the Governor's proclamation.

Photo by J. Jindra: L. to R. Alis Newberry, Madog Center intern, Charlotte Prior, WSCO president, Jeanette Muench, Event Chair, Jennifer Blake, URG graduate & works in URG admissions office



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Sat. Feb. 27, 2016

President's Message

At the time of this writing, WSCO president Charlotte Prior was in rehab following hip surgery, but is scheduled to be home by the time this shows up in your mailbox.

Charlotte encourages all of you to sign up to attend the 2015 NAFOW taking place here in Columbus, Sept. 3-6!

She especially wants you to know that, although there have been shorter Welsh genealogy seminars during NAFOW in recent years, for the first time ever there is a special 4-hour seminar on Thursday before the Opening Ceremony.

Darris Williams, "the leading expert on Welsh genealogy from Family Search and family history will conduct this 4 hour workshop that will focus on tools and sources for success and the free sources that are available online. *Workshop includes lunch and CD with syllabus.*" (info is from NAFOW website).

For more information, visit www.NAFOW.org or contact WNAA International Headquarters, Dr. Megan Williams, Executive Secretary P.O. Box 1054, Trumansburg, NY, 14886; Phone: (607) 279-7402; Fax: (877) 448-6633; Email: IHQ@theWNAA.org.

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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):
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

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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*)

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See Insert to this Newsletter

for "Special Alert"

regarding change to

Membership Dues

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Dragon Tales *Newsletter of the Welsh Society of Central Ohio*



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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

SPECIAL ALERT

The following new Lifetime membership option was approved by the WSCO membership at the Annual Meeting on February 28, 2015, in accordance with article VIII.A. of the WSCO Constitution. A revised membership application form will be available soon.

Lifetime Membership Installment Payment Option Details:

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).

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Example: App received Oct 19 2014, 2nd installment will be due Jan 01 2016.

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2015 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Welsh Society of Central Ohio was held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Worthington Hills Country Club, 920 Clubview Boulevard South, Columbus, Ohio. President Charlotte Prior called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.

President Charlotte Prior welcomed all members to the 2015 Annual Meeting.

Minutes – Kay Caudy moved and Tegwyn Lantz seconded that the minutes from the 2014 Annual Meeting be approved with no changes. The motion was passed.

President's Report – Charlotte thanked Jeanette Muench for doing a wonderful job of organizing this St. David's Day.

Treasurer's Report - Tegwyn Lantz presented the Treasurer's Report. The costs didn't change a lot from the previous year. There were deposits of \$7,238.55 and expenses of \$7,946.29. Laura Gorun moved and Diana Wafe seconded that the Treasurer's Report be approved. The motion was passed.

Audit Report – Homer Williams reported the Audit Committee found the Treasurer's Report to be in order. The Audit Committee consisted of Homer Williams and Jeff Jones.

Youth Eisteddfod – Laura Gorun let everyone know there are a couple of boxes of Christmas cards left. She can bring them to the picnic or she can send them to anyone interested in them, just let her know. Laura indicated that the Christmas card competition is the next competition; if anyone needs Laura to mail them an entry form, please let her know.

Membership – Laura Gorun presented the Membership report. There are a total of 219 members which consists of 152 households. We have lost 10 life members since the last meeting and added 21 new life members. There are 11 members that were annual members last year that haven't renewed this year. The rosters will be mailed out in the next few weeks.

Board of Directors – There are 7 seats on the board with a term expiring in 2018. Four of those seats are held by current Board Members that have indicated they're willing to continue to serve on the board. Ken Evans introduced the members that are up for re-election, they are Kathy Chamblin, Jeff Jones, Patti Jones and Charlotte Prior. Ken asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Myron Cherry moved and Donna Boyce seconded that the nominations be accepted. The motion was passed. There are 3 open positions to be filled.

Election of Officers – Ken read the nominations for the WSCO officers. They are as follows: President – Charlotte Prior, Vice President – Stacy Evans, Treasurer – Tegwyn Lantz, Corresponding Secretary – TBD and Recording Secretary – Diana Wafe. Donna Boyce moved and Laura Gorun seconded that the officers be approved as presented. The motion was passed.

Acknowledgement of WSCO Board Members no longer on the Board – Charlotte thanked Donna Boyce, Pam Jones and Jeanette Muench for their time on the board. She acknowledged how valuable each of them has been while they served on the board.

Acknowledgement of current WSCO Board Members – Charlotte had the current Board Members stand.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments – Laura Gorun explained the changes to the constitution to allow an installment payment plan for those wishing to become life members. There will be 3 annual installment payments of \$75 each due January 1st of each year. WSCO will send an invoice on the 2nd and 3rd year as a reminder that a payment is due. Until the membership is paid in full it will be considered a "Pending Lifetime Membership". Laura Gorun made a motion to approve the amendment, David Jones seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Old Business – There was no old business.

New Business – There was no new business.

Other Announcements

- Laura Gorun said the life member pins are on order and will be sent out to new life members as soon as they're received.

- David Jones let everyone know that Nelson Llewellyn died January 15, 2015.

- Beth Ransopher spoke about the Bus Trip on June 13th to the Granville area. The deadline to register is May 8th. The cost is \$50 per person. Information about the trip was in the last edition of Dragon Tales, it's also at the back of our meeting room.

- Charlotte thanked Laura Gorun, Jeanne Jindra and Beth Ransopher for all the work they've done toward the NAFOW being held in Columbus. Laura said everyone that's been working so hard needed to be thanked.

- Charlotte Prior announced that the picnic would be held on July 18th and she hoped to see everyone there.

- Jeanne Jindra announced that the St. David's Day celebration for southern Ohio is next Saturday. Reservations can be made through tomorrow.

- Stacy Evans announced we won't be having a local Gymanfa in October since the national is here the month before, but we plan to have it again in 2016. *[Dragon Tales Editor's NOTE: The Board has since decided to go ahead with a 2015 local Gymanfa]* He also announced that he'll be in New York City next weekend for a celebration at the Welsh Church.

Kay Caudy moved, Laura Thomas seconded and we adjourned at 11:45am.

Diana Wafe, Recording Secretary.



North American Festival of Wales

the Welsh North American Association

NAFOW in Columbus in 2015 - Don't miss it!

*Laura Jenkins Gorun, Chair
2015 NAFOW Local Venue Committee*

Wow - if you haven't been to the North American Festival of Wales (NAFOW) in recent years, or if you are on the fence about coming this year for any reason - I'm telling you, **DON'T MISS THIS ONE!** The very short 4-days of the festival schedule is not only packed with all the great programs, activities, speakers, and of course, world-class musical performances the festival is known for, but also a healthy dose of local flavor! We're hoping the extra touches we're planning will inspire an affection and interest in Columbus in non-local and local festival-goers alike, just as it has on those of us planning it!

Just a few items offering integrating the national festival with local flavor are:

- Informal walking tours to downtown areas (Short North, Arena District, Statehouse),
- A Demo Area with ongoing casual, interactive demonstrations and activities for all ages, including Rugby drills, Spinning and Fiber Arts, Lovespoon Carving, Storytelling, Arts & Crafts, and even lots of Children's Activities.
- Local and NAFOW History displays
- A very special Lovespoon Raffle (a collaboration with Internationally renowned carver David Western, and local carver, Laura Jenkins Gorun)
- Pub Night at local favorite, Barley's (very near the Hotel), hosted by Welsh fiddle band, Calan
- Special performances by Welsh performers with Ohio family ties
- The Gymanfa Ganu at the extraordinary, Historic Southern Theater - Singing in Welsh, with Cor y Penrhyn singing on stage with us!
- With so many Brynle Edwardses all in one place, S4C (Welsh-language public television) will even be sending a crew to do some filming about the family and its history and its ties in Ohio and Wales.
- Possibly the last performance of the musical theatrical production on the life of Bob Evans, "That was Bob"

And that is just the tip of the iceberg! There is so much more - so make sure to watch the NAFOW Website (www.NAFOW.org) for the complete schedule and details, or contact the WNAA International Headquarters Dr. Megan Williams, Executive Secretary P.O. Box 1054, Trumansburg, NY, 14886; Phone: (607) 279-7402 Fax: (877) 448-6633; Email: IHQ@theWNAA.org

From NAFOW (the North American Festival of Wales, Sept. 3-6, 2015, Columbus, OH)

Join us onstage for the Eisteddfod at NAFOW!

We will have six competitions in singing and poetic recitation, all offering cash prizes, on Saturday, September 5, at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. For recitation, two competitions (Adult and Welsh Learner's) involve reciting a poem from memory in Welsh, and English Language Recitation is on offer as well. Hymn Singing involves singing one hymn of your choice in Welsh, while Solo Voice involves singing two pieces, at least one of which must be in Welsh.

We are proud to offer, as part of our Eisteddfod competitions, the David G. Morris Memorial Competition for Solo Voice. This is our signature competition, with the opportunity to win a cash scholarship (\$3,500 US) for travel to compete in the 2016 National Eisteddfod of Wales.

This year's David Morris Competition will be held Saturday, September 5, at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. It is open to singers (residents of the Americas) with some professional training, but whose income is derived only partially from performing. Several David Morris winners have gone on to great success in competing in Wales, including a first-place winner at the 2012 National Eisteddfod in Vale of Glamorgan.

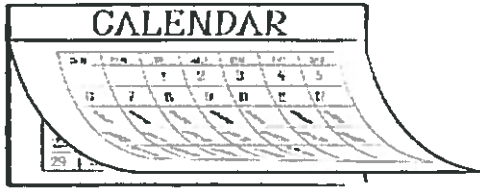
Each competitor is required to sing two pieces from memory (contrasted selections drawn from art song, oratorio or operatic repertoire), at least one of which must be in Welsh. (Competitors should note that participation in the National Eisteddfod of Wales will involve singing in Welsh.)

All of our competitions involve highly qualified adjudicators who provide a very friendly and supportive atmosphere in which to display and develop your own talent in recitation or singing. You will make wonderful new acquaintances, and everyone leaves with the satisfaction of maintaining a great Welsh tradition on behalf of all of North America!

The NAFOW Eisteddfod entry form, including further details on all competitions, is available here: http://www.nafow.org/WNAA_NAFOW/PDFs/Forms/forms2015/eisteddfod_entry_2015.pdf.

The deadline for entering all competitions is August 20, 2015.

Please contact us directly (eisteddfod@nafow.org) with any additional questions... and we'll see you in Columbus!



Upcoming WSCO Events

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.

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.

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

WSCO's Potluck Picnic

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October 18, 2015

WSCO's Gymanfa Ganu and Te Bach

Details closer to the event

Feb. 27, 2016

WSCO's St. David's Day luncheon and annual meeting

Details closer to the event

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Other Events of Interest

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!! Sponsored by the Welsh North American Association, hosted by the Welsh Society of Central Ohio. For Info and Registration - Contact: www.nafow.org.

September 27, 2015, Sunday – 143rd annual Gymanfa of the Central Southeast Ohio Association of Welsh Congregational Churches, Tyn Rhos Church; morning session - 10:30am, lunch at noon, afternoon session - 1pm. Contact: Madog Center for Welsh Studies 740-245-7186.

WSCO YOUTH EISTEDDFOD: 2015 Christmas Card Design Competition Deadline EXTENDED to July 10, 2015

A total of \$250 in prizes and a chance to have their design featured on WSCO's 2015 Christmas Card, is up for grabs this summer! The extended entry deadline is July 10th, 2015, and the competition is open to Ohio youth, ages 8-15. Have all the eligible kids you know sent in their entries? There may still be time! A jury panel from the WSCO board will select the top three designs via anonymous review before our July 18th WSCO Family Potluck Picnic, and then it's your turn! CAST YOUR VOTE for the winning design at the WSCO Family Picnic! The votes will be tallied, and the winner will be announced that day, at the end of the picnic, and the announcement will follow on WSCO's website shortly after. Also at the picnic, we'll have some order forms, and we may be announcing our next Youth Eisteddfod competition. If you miss the picnic, make sure to check the website for more details!

There will be an EARLY DISCOUNT ORDER period, from July through September, and then a later order period through October, at full price. Look for further details and forms on the Eisteddfod page on WSCO's website, around mid-late July!

Find all the pertinent details, rules, printable forms, and updates for this or upcoming WSCO Youth Eisteddfod competitions through the Eisteddfod link on WSCO's website! www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org.

30 Years of Classes & Demos Ends

A Welsh 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 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 were held for 30 years, and WSCO members taught dancing seminars during the last National here in Columbus.

Sadly, due to dwindling numbers of both demo dancers and class attendees, the last Welsh folk dancing class met on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. The final demo was in April for the local Daughters of Scotland group. Costumes, music and dance instructions are being readied for storage in WSCO's locker, and Donna Boyce sincerely thanks all the people who danced with her since she took over the guidance of the group in 1998 and also the Abels for the dance materials they passed on.

BUT!!! Look for the troupe's name in the 2015 NAFOW program – class attendees voted to use part of their bank account to sponsor the folk dance seminar so, although the classes and demos are over, the influence of the group lives on!

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.

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

WSCO Life member Nelson L. Llewellyn, 97, passed away Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015.

Nelson was born Aug. 28, 1917, in Warren, OH, the son of the late Lewis W. Llewellyn and Christine Shoenberger Llewellyn, and was a graduate of Braceville High School and Kent State University.

Nelson served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the 46th Bomber Group. Before World War II, he was employed by Peerless Electric in Warren and the Goodyear Aircraft Corp. in Akron. After the war he was employed as an industrial engineer at Republic Steel in Warren and Niles, retiring in 1982.

Nelson devoted a large part of his life to music. He studied voice and was a proficient trumpet player.

As a young man, he competed in annual Welsh Eisteddfod voice competitions in Trumbull County and was a proud member of the First Presbyterian Church's Motet Choir for more than 80 years as well as being a frequent soloist.

He performed many solos with the W.D. Packard Band from the mid-1950s through the mid-80s, performed in a myriad of choral groups, oratorios and gymanfas in northeastern Ohio and Pennsylvania, and was honored to be a soloist at the 1976 Bi-Centennial National Gymanfa Ganu in Philadelphia.

He served as the executive secretary of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association (now the Welsh North American Assoc.) from 1978 until 1998. He was an officer of the St. David's Society of Youngstown and the Niles Gymanfa Ganu Association for many years, as well as being named the society's Welsh Man of the Year in 1990, and was also a member of the board of directors of The Welsh Home in Rocky River, OH. In 1994 he was presented the Heritage Medallion by the National Welsh American Foundation.

Memories of Nelson will be carried on by two daughters and sons-in-law, five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Life member **Mary Ann Penry**, 69, of London, OH passed away Saturday, January 31, 2015.

She was born September 28, 1945 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late Earl Thomas and Beatrice (Davis) Smith.

Mary Ann lived as a youth in both Tennessee and West Virginia, where her father was a coalminer. Her mother then took a nursing job in Washington, DC, and it was there that Mary attended high school and met her future husband.

On July 1, 1962 in Silver Spring, Maryland she married Robert Wayne Penry. After their marriage they lived in many states and abroad during her husband's military career.

She was very involved in her church, serving as a teacher of youth, as a librarian, and in the Relief Society Presidency, a women's auxiliary. She was a bookkeeper and tax preparer who was an office supervisor for H&R Block for eight years before starting her own company "Penry Tax and Bookkeeping Service".

She then took a position as a contractor for the Ohio Department of Education, managing the various student accounts at the state level such as FFA, Hero, DECA, etc. She retired in 1994 and moved with her husband to Englewood, Florida where they lived until returning to Ohio in 2013.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law, three daughters and sons-in-law, eight grandchildren, two sisters and a brother and sister-in-law.

WSCO member **William Evan Ewing, Sr.**, 84 years old, passed away on Sunday, February 22, 2015.

"Wonderful, wonderful!" was how Bill Ewing would always answer the question, "How are you today?"

Bill was born July 16, 1930, in Springfield, Ohio to Hazel Davis Ewing and his father, Gomer Garmen Davis and his step-father, Kenneth Miles Ewing.

Bill, a lifetime resident of Columbus, was on the Board of Directors for the Buckeyes Boy's Ranch, The Welsh Society of Central Ohio and North Market. He was a 60 year member of The First Community Church and was a volunteer at Riverside Hospital for over eight years.

A talented cook, he ran a catering business and also prepared and served food to the homeless every month. He helped present one of the Welsh cooking seminars during the 1998 WNGGA National in Columbus.

William is survived by his wife of 43 years, Nancy K. Ewing, two daughters and one son-in-law, one step-son, four grandchildren, and one great granddaughter.

Member News**Final Farewell** continued from page 6

WSCO Life member **Catherine Anne Caseley Saylor**, age 86, died Thursday, February 26, 2015, in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

She was born September 18, 1928 in Jackson, Ohio, to the late Cyrus W. and Catherine Williams Caseley.

Anne graduated from Jackson High School in 1946 and The Ohio State University College of Nursing in 1952. She married Mark L. Saylor, MD on May 25, 1952 and they lived in Upper Arlington, Ohio for over 50 years, rearing their four children and devoting their time and effort to the community. Many hours and years were spent constructing their family genealogy which was placed in print in 2008-09.

Anne was a Life Member of OSU Alumni Association, Childhood League and Twig 107 of Children's Hospital, as well as The Welsh Society of Central Ohio. Her life was filled with love for her dear husband, their children and six grandchildren.

All of her family and friends looked forward to her bountiful table on the 4th of July and Holiday events. She was always available for counsel in both nursing and just living. Her forthright opinions were respected and it was said "If you don't want to know the truth, don't ask Auntie Anne!"

Life member **Thomas "Tommy" Evans Philipps**, 96, of Granville, OH died Wednesday, March 4, 2015.

Tom was born on September 1, 1918 in Granville, OH to the late Thomas W. and Reah Grace (Evans) Philipps.

After graduating in 1936 from Granville High School, Tom received a BA in Chemistry from Denison University in 1940. He dedicated 42 years of service to Owens Corning and secured several patents in reinforced plastics before retiring in 1984. Shortly thereafter, he began the ISORCA consulting firm in composite research that lasted well over ten years.

He was a member of the American Chemistry Society, SAE Fraternity at Denison University, and past member of the Republican Central Committee. He also was a former barbershop quartet member of the SPEBSQSA.

Tom enjoyed bowling, baseball, fishing, hunting, golfing, woodworking and traveling. He was a true Welshman and proud of his heritage. He was also an ardent Cincinnati Reds and Ohio State Buckeyes fan. A brilliant, yet humble man, he was most of all a loving husband, father, and role model.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Aileen (Simpson) Philipps of Heath; four daughters and three sons-in-law,

five grandchildren, one brother, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Life member **David Robert Alban**, 82, of Columbus, passed away Monday, March 30, 2015.

He was a graduate of North High School and The Ohio State University (B.S. & J.D.) in 1955. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he served as a First Lieutenant.

David and his wife were avid travelers and enjoyed traveling the world with their family and friends.

David was a member of Worthington Presbyterian Church and a former member of Miami Ave. (Welsh) Presbyterian Church.

He practiced law in Columbus for 57 years and was a partner in the firm of Alban & Alban, L.L.P.

Preceded in death by his parents David A. and E. Alice Alban and two sisters. Survived by his loving wife of 61 years, two sons and one daughter-in-law, one daughter and son-in-law, one brother and sister-in-law, and three grandchildren.

David served as president of The Welsh Singing Society (now WSCO) in 1963.

WSCO Scholarship helping to send a student to Wales

Congratulations to the recipient of this year's Welsh Exchange Travel Scholarship, **Cydnïe Few!** WSCO sponsors this annual Welsh Exchange Travel Scholarship in the amount of \$500 to cover travel-related or educational expenses to a student at the University of Rio Grande. Cydnïe was selected by the Madog Center for Welsh Studies at URG from the students chosen to participate in their Welsh Exchange Program at Trinity Saint David, in Wales. Watch for an article describing Cydnïe's experience in Wales in the first WSCO newsletter next year.

On The Web:

Cities with the Highest Percentage of Welsh in the United States:

<http://zipatlas.com/us/city-comparison/percentage-welsh-population.htm>

Rankings in Ohio: Radnor #10, Gomer #32, Oak Hill #34, Venedocia #65, Somerdale #67, Pemberton #69, Cherterville #81, and Cairo #100 out of 26,810 – you can check the rest Yourself.

Diolch to Teg Lantz, WSCO Board Treasurer and WSCO Webmaster for sending in this link.

History of Welsh in Columbus Series

*Beth Ransopher, WSCO Board member
and 2015 NAFOW Local Venue Committee member*

Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church

As I continue to research the history of the Welsh in Columbus, I have discovered several more churches with Welsh congregations that I will share in future *Dragon Tales* articles. Documents show that the Welsh established organized religious assemblies as early as 1824 in Columbus. One of the earliest Welsh affiliated churches was the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church.

On October 16, 1848, a group withdrew from the Welsh Presbyterian Church (or Union Church) and formed the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church. Before a building could be erected, the small congregation held their meetings for a year or more at the homes of Edward Herbert and Edward Reynolds at the corner of Fourth and Long Streets.

In October 1851 a building was dedicated at the corner of Long and Fifth Streets, with a total membership of 28. The lot to build the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church was purchased for \$100.00. Members were known to have lived close to the church, in a neighborhood known as 'Welshburg'. Church services were conducted in the Welsh language. The congregation was in favor of temperance and created an organization within the church called "The Band of Hope". An early Welsh custom practiced by the congregation was to arise during the prayer

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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.

and turn about and face the door at the back of the church. The custom was discontinued in 1850.

By 1887 the church decided that more space was needed. The congregation merged with the First Presbyterian Church and a new building was dedicated in 1888 at 315 East Long Street (corner of Long and Sixth Streets) to be called the Welsh Presbyterian Church. The new building cost \$30,000.00. In 1888 membership was around 376. By 1919 the congregation would build again and form the Miami Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Today the original Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church building at the corner of Long and Fifth Streets does not exist as apartment and condominium buildings have been built as part of the downtown Columbus urban renewal project. The neighborhood known as 'Welshburg' along the Long Street corridor between Third and Seventh streets is now part of the Discovery District. The building formerly known as the Welsh Presbyterian Church still stands today in that it was renovated in 2014 to become the community center for the Normandy Apartments across the street.

For those attending the North American Festival of Wales in September, there will be a Welsh history in Columbus table in the marketplace throughout the duration of the Festival. Please stop by to learn more of our local Welsh history.

Portions of this article were found in "The History of the Miami Avenue Presbyterian Church (1849 - 1949)" on loan to WSCO from WSCO member Myron Cherry.

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

<u>Picnic Directions</u>
Blendon Woods Metro Park is located in Westerville at 4265 E. Dublin-Granville Rd. (Old State Route 161) just east of Cherry Bottom Road.
From I-270, take State Route 161 exit toward New Albany onto E. Dublin-Granville Road. Go 1.6 miles then take the Little Turtle Way exit and turn right. Go to Old State Route 161 and turn right. Entrance is 1/2 mile on left.
Map: www.metroparks.net/ParksBlendonWoods.aspx

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October 18, 2015
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