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*The Welsh Society of Central Ohio—Cymdeithas Gymreig Canolbarth Ohio
Promoting a Strong and Vibrant Welsh Community in Central Ohio*

WSCO ST. DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATION



By Sally Schrumpf

The Welsh Society of Central Ohio spent another St David's Day at the beautiful venue of Scioto Country Club.

After saying hellos over tea and coffee, we were treated to an amazing hour of listening to our own Dan Rowbotham speak on the history and migration of the Welsh to southern Ohio.

Our yearly meeting was concluded and we were able to dine on wonderful food with names like Anglesey Chicken with Marsala and mushrooms; Cardiff rice pilaf; Glamorgan green beans and the Aberaeron fruit platter; and can't forget the Cardiganshire leak soup.

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2025 Flag Raising

By Ken Evans

Friday, Feb 28, 2025, West Plaza of the Ohio Statehouse was a wonderful bright, sunny day. And because the flag raising is on Broad and High in downtown Columbus, the wind made for a dramatic ceremony.

Sam Dorgan was there with the Governor's Proclamation (see page 3); she was delightful.

We had four members make long drives from the Welsh Society of Northwest Ohio: Charlotte Ballard of Findlay, Marty & Deb Thomas of Gomer, and Sue Grusenmeyer, also of Gomer. This was a wonderful surprise.

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WSCO's July Picnic

This year's annual picnic is being held on Sunday July 20th. It's a change of venue and style this year as we're meeting at a local restaurant. We hope you enjoy.

Details

- The Rusty Bucket at 1635 W. Lane Ave on July 20th 1:00 PM.
- There is parking out front and around back, as well.
- They are okay with individuals each using separate checks, but there will be an automatic 20% gratuity charged.
- At the front desk, please say you are looking for the Welsh Society of Central Ohio party.

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We also had three members from WSCO in attendance: Beth Ransopher, Jeff Johnson, Ken Evans.

Jeff, as usual, led us in the U.S. and Welsh national anthems.



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 by phone conference.

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

Current WSCO Board Members

Ken Evans, Eve Goodwyn, Tegwyn Lantz, Mary Ellen Morgan, Bob Penry, Anne Powell Riley, Dan Rowbotham, Sally Schruppf, Laura Thomas, Dianne Williams, Homer Williams, Kyle Wright

WSCO Officers

Treasurer – Tegwyn Lantz

Recording Secretary – Laura Thomas

WSCO Needs Volunteers for the open Leadership positions!

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Dragon Tales

The newsletter of the Welsh Society of Central Ohio is published three times a year, about 3-4 weeks before each of our annual events.

Editors – Kelsey Wright & Kyle Wright

Submissions

Submissions for Dragon Tales 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.

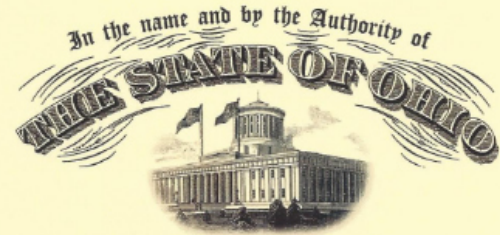
Submissions must be received by Board Meetings in January, June, and September to appear in the next issue.

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As only the Welsh can do, we sang with the leadership of Dan Rowbotham accompanied by Ohio State University freshman, Rhys Davis, on the piano.

The day concluded with the winners of the silent auction gathering up their Welsh and Daffodil goods with partial proceeds going to WSCO.



Mike DeWine

Governor of Ohio does hereby officially recognize

THE WELSH SOCIETY OF CENTRAL OHIO

On behalf of the State of Ohio, I extend a warm welcome to the Welsh Society of Central Ohio as you raise your flag in honor of St. David's Day. Since 1948, the Welsh Society of Central Ohio has worked to promote and preserve Welsh heritage and foster appreciation for Welsh literature, poetry, music, and art. Ohio is a wonderfully diverse state with an exceptional community of ethnic organizations and businesses and the Welsh community should be proud of their accomplishments that have helped to make our state a welcoming place for people of all nationalities. Best wishes for another memorable event!

On this 28th day of February 2025;

Mike DeWine
Mike DeWine
Governor



Every year, the Governor makes a proclamation recognizing the Welsh Society of Central Ohio.

Fond Farewells

Eileen Davies

M. Eileen Davies passed away peacefully on February 5, 2025. She lived to be an amazing 103 years old.

Eileen was born on January 20, 1922, in Swansea South Wales, Great Britain. She was a veteran of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF). She moved to America after WWII and as a proud Welsh woman, loved to share stories of her life overseas.

She was affectionately known as "Nene" by most that knew her and

family was the center of her world. She enjoyed line dancing, westerns, and listening to her audio books.

Always young at heart, she could be found chasing the kids around and having fun with her family. To know Nene was to love her, and she will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gladys and William A. Davies; her sister, Sarah A. "Sally" Skillicorn; her brother-in-law, Robert W. Skillicorn; her nephews, Sammy Skillicorn and Robert A. Skillicorn;

and her great niece, Megan Skillicorn.

She is survived by her niece, Gladys (the late Skip) Holeton; her nephew, Lloy (Jenny) Skillicorn; her late nephew's wife, Carol Skillicorn; her great nieces, Tracy (Rodney) Allen, Tami (Brian) Harp, Brianna McNeely, Brittany Skillicorn, Brooke (Tom) Scherer, Jennifer (Justin) Wolfe, and Courtney (Spenser) Hartline; her 12 great-great nieces and nephews; her three great-great-great nieces; and her close friends.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Basic WSCO Membership Information

Membership Benefits include:

- Subscription to WSCO's newsletter Dragon Tales
- A vote at the Annual Meeting (except children under 16)
- Advance notice of WSCO Events
- 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.

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 January 1st and September 20th), or those received September 21st through December 31st will be applied to the next membership year and will begin on January 1st of that next year.

Please note - memberships not current as of January 31st may not be included in the annual member roster, and membership must be current to vote during the Annual Meeting.

Lifetime Memberships (begin on date received)

\$175 for an Individual or a Family Unit or three annual installments of \$75 each.

Or, \$30 one time for each individual over 80 years old.

Membership Application

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

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