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February – June 2019

The Welsh Society of Central Ohio

Promoting a Strong and Vibrant Welsh Community in Central Ohio

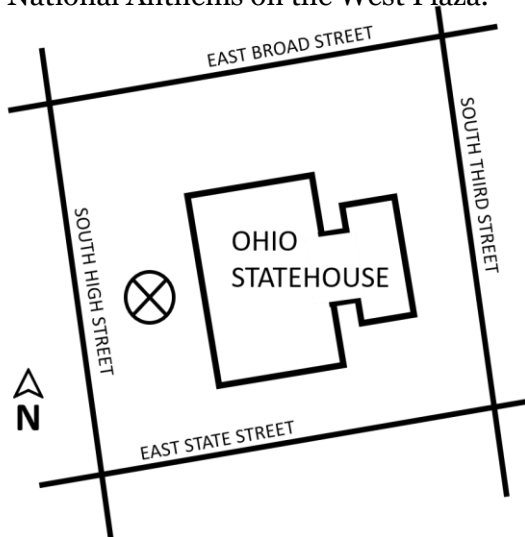
Cymdeithas Gymreig Canolbarth Ohio

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FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019 AT THE STATEHOUSE

Ken Evans, Event Chair

We kick off our 2019 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, March 1. Meet on the West Plaza or if the weather is bad, just inside the EAST doors [the West doors are now permanently closed for security]. We will raise the Welsh flag at noon and sing the Welsh and U.S. National Anthems on the West Plaza.



TOUR possibilities before and after the flag raising:

STATEHOUSE – there are regular tours every hour between 10AM and 3PM 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 9AM to 4PM.

SAINT DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATIONS SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

Saint David's Day Committee

This year's St. David's Day luncheon will be held Saturday, March 2, 2019 at:

**Worthington Hills Country Club
920 Clubview Blvd. South
Columbus, OH 43235**

The club is located west of Rt. 315, north of Hard Road. (614-885-9516, info@worthingtonhills.com)

The meal choices this year are Stuffed Breaded Chicken Breast or a Lamb-Beef Meatloaf. They will both be served with welsh rarebit and green beans. The meal will start with leek soup and the dessert will be white chocolate mousse with raspberry sauce. Adult meals are \$28.00 - \$31.00 and children's meals are \$10.00.

Two informative seminars are planned for the day. Bob Penry will talk about genealogy and tracing our Welsh roots. Dan Rowbotham will give a brief introduction to the Welsh language, including greetings, numbers, and pronunciation. Both of these seminars are included with your registration.

Registration begins at 9:30AM. Activities and social hour begin at 9:50AM. The annual meeting will be at 11:15AM and lunch will be served at 12:15PM.

Pre-registration is required for meals. A reservation form can be found with this newsletter. Please make checks payable to WSCO and send the form and your check in the self - addressed envelope included with your newsletter.

**Reservations with payments must be received
no later than Friday, February 22, 2019.**

FOND FAREWELLS

D. Richard Thomas(1927 - 2018)



David Richard "Dick" Thomas, died June 30, 2018 at his home in Columbus, Ohio. He was born in Columbus, Ohio on March 31, 1927, the eldest son of Warren H. and Evelyn Davis Thomas. During his youth, the family lived in Cincinnati and Dayton before moving to Xenia, Ohio in 1937. Dick graduated from Xenia High School in 1945, where he was class president for three years, captain of the football team, and a member of the National Honor Society. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served aboard four Pacific Fleet ships during World War II. Upon his discharge, Dick enrolled at The Ohio State University to study architecture and joined the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. In 1948, he met Joan "Joey"

Saveson, who was born in Gahanna, Ohio and was at the time a student at Louisiana State University. They both graduated college in 1951, and a week later were married at Peace Lutheran Church in Gahanna. That same year they moved to Xenia, where their four children were born and raised. Dick practiced architecture in Dayton before starting his own firm in Xenia in 1958. In 1959, he contracted paralytic polio and spent months in the hospital for recuperation and rehabilitation. In 1961, Verdin Moll joined his firm as a partner. Deeply involved in civic activities in Xenia, Dick served as president of the Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, and the Greene County Historical Society. He served on the board of the Legal Aid Society, the Human and Civil Rights Commissions, and the Spirit of '74 Committee following the Xenia Tornado. In 1974, the Xenia community awarded Dick with the Torrence Award. He was a member and elder of Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he sang in the choir for many years. In 1983, Dick and Joey moved to Adams County, Ohio, where they lived a more rustic, nature-related lifestyle on forested acres in the Appalachian foothills. Dick helped establish the Adams County Chamber of Commerce and served as its treasurer.

After Dick endured a variety of medical adventures, he and Joey moved to Columbus in 1997, where three of their children lived. For the next fifteen years Dick volunteered with his son, Jeff, at the Ohio Historical Society and the Ohio State University Archives, and with Joey at the Inniswood Metro Gardens. Dick is survived by Joey; sons, Jeff (Beth) and Gary; daughter, Leslie (Bill); and daughter-in-law, Carol; five grandchildren, Dylan (Tami), Sam, Megan, Jake and Nick; and two great-grandchildren, Tate and Gavin. He was predeceased by his parents, brother Warren "Tom", and eldest son Rory. In lieu of funeral services, family and friends will celebrate Dick's life at a later date. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Inniswood Volunteers, Inc., 940 S. Hempstead Road, Westerville, OH 43081 or The Ohio State University Archives, 2700 Kenny Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

Melba Advent-Davis(1920 - 2018)



Melba Advent Davis, passed away November 27, 2018 at Willow Brook in Delaware, Ohio. Born February 27, 1920 in Cleveland, Ohio to Ida Louise Scull (Verser) and William Harry Scull. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother William Scull, sister Geraldine (Pat) Medlen, and first husband John Advent. Love and attention to family was always first for Melba. She is survived by husband, Donald Davis; children, Patricia Kelso (Dan) and Jack Advent (Rose); five grandchildren, Timothy (Lisa) Kelso, Ryan (Jennifer) Advent, Katrina (Nick) Wilkinson, Laura (Seth) Advent and Thomas Kelso; and six great grandchildren, Annabelle Advent, John Kelso, Eloise Kelso, Samson Advent, Graham Wilkinson and Charlie

Wilkinson. Melba enjoyed many pursuits and activities over the years including gardening, collecting cookbooks and discussing the current events of the day. She was spirited, kind, thoughtful, independent, and dedicated to her faith to God, family and friends. Calling hours will be on Monday, December 3, 2018 from 4-7pm at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, Ohio. A service will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 10 am at St. John's Episcopal Church, 700 High St., Worthington, Ohio with interment at Union Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to Willow Brook at Delaware Run Memory Care, 100 Delaware Crossing, Delaware, Ohio 43015 or to the Alzheimer's Association Central Ohio Chapter, 1379 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Condolence may be made to the family at www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com

MADOG CENTER NEWS

The Annual St. David's Day luncheon for southeast Ohio will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at noon at the Oak Hill Presbyterian church.

More information will be sent out when the program and menu are planned. Contact Madog center for Welsh Studies at 740-245-7186 for more information.

Davis Intern, Dan Rowbotham, is offering a 10-week Welsh Language Class beginning January 31st from 6-8 PM at the Welsh-American Heritage Museum in Oak Hill, Ohio. Cost is \$30 for the 10 weeks for adults and \$20 for students.

Proceeds from the class will go towards support of the Welsh Museum.

Contact Dan at 740-245-7112 or drowbotham@rio.edu.

— WELSH SOCIETY OF CENTRAL OHIO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, EMMA LYLES —

WALES, AN ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

Emma Lyles

Arriving in Swansea, Wales, I wasn't sure what to expect but I knew I was ready to live abroad. I was ready to be open-minded and take every experience that was offered to me along the way. After settling in and sleeping after 40+ hours without, my friend Anna and I (Anna is the other student sent to Wales on Exchange) were filled to the brim with excitement. Here we were in a new country for the next three months, and for me it was



View from my dorm room in Swansea.

my final semester of college. Spreading my curtains of my large window on the third floor, I took in the view. I knew I was looking into one of the Trinity Saint David's art buildings that I would sometimes have classes in, but I would soon learn the one right in front of me is a popular setting in many TV shows including Sherlock and Doctor Who.



One of my earliest and favorite days in Swansea was spent walking miles around the small city and along the beach. The weather was beautiful and because the two of us were used to being nine hours from the closest beach, we were giddy running along the wide shore and inspecting rocks or shells. We looked at Swansea Castle, which is still standing in the middle of the city from

the 1100's. We walked all through Singleton park, where there were gorgeous botanical gardens we basically had to ourselves. At a walk around campus with the international students, we wouldn't know it but we had met who would become some of our best friends in Swansea for the next three months.



First time seeing Swansea Beach.

I have never been one to shy away from adventure, but in this place that felt like magic I had to grab it by the reins. Every weekend we would do our research and find the nearest town to explore. We saw a lot of the gower and many beaches that we were able to get to by bus and took in as much history as we could. One day, three of us even got small tattoos representing Wales. As time went on, Wales did not get any less exciting, but it did start to feel more like home. I knew this after spending a week in London. Our art course took a trip there to see all of the big museums and I stayed longer to do some of the touristy things. Five days in I had an ache for home, one that I had not felt yet since being away from Ohio. However, it wasn't Ohio I missed, it was Wales- The accents, the small town vibe and kindness of it's people (of the whole country), the picturesque nature sites, the national pride. Riding the 5 hour

bus back to Swansea was bitter sweet. I couldn't wait to be back in my lumpy twin bed, but I started to dread leaving Wales in a month. Still though, I had always known I would have to leave.

It's strange how looking back I don't have one single favorite memory, but a general overwhelming fondness for Wales and the people I met there. The experience is hard to put into words but it's one I will cherish forever. I want to thank The Welsh Society of Central Ohio for the generous scholarship making it possible for me to have this opportunity. I have never felt more myself than when I was in Wales, and I know many people have had this same feeling. I am extremely thankful that I was able to be somewhere that makes goodbye's so hard. A part of me will always be with Cymru!



A big group of us went to Three Cliffs Bay together.



OLD MEDICAL TIPS

from the "Welsh Heritage Book"
submitted by Jeff Johnson

BLEEDING – stop it by putting wads of cob-webs on the cut.

COUGHS – sip honey and whiskey, the more whiskey, the less you notice cough.

BLISTERS – poultices made from the leaves and bark of peach trees.

SORE THROAT – salt water just can't be beat for this.

INDIGESTION – brew a tea made of dandelions.



Savage Chickens

by Doug Savage



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of January was named in honor of the Roman God of doors, Janus. Janus represents beginnings and can look both behind and forward just like an actual door. As we enter the new year of 2019 together, I would like to think that we'll always continue to precede much like a door. Our WSCO group will always look to the past with our treasured traditions as we move forward with creating new memories together.

Please join us for a new fun filled year. We are in the midst of planning our annual Saint David's Day Banquet at the Worthington Hills Country Club and the possibility of additional Welsh Language Class opportunities.

Many wishes to you, your family, and friends for a joyous and blessed New Year!

Kathy James-Chamblin

GYMANFA AND TE BACH, October 21, 2018

Welsh Society of Central Ohio board members are pictured in front of a cake commemorating the society's formation 70 years ago!



DID YOU KNOW??

The Welsh Society of Central Ohio, in cooperation with the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, hosted the annual Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu in...

1952, 1986, 1998, 2015

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 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 2019

3/1 St. David's Day Flag Raising

12:00pm at Ohio Statehouse

3/2 St. David's Day Luncheon and Annual Meeting –
10AM at Worthington Hills Country Club

3/9 St. David's Day – 12PM at Oak Hill

WSCO Picnic – TBD

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Newsletter of the Welsh Society of Central Ohio

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FACEBOOK – Welsh Society of Central Ohio

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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

