



THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF SAN ANTONIO CRANN TARA

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August 2025

Mark your calendar:

- **Free Saturday Highland Dance Class:** First Saturday classes are at OLLU MARC (Our Lady of the Lake University Multicultural Activities and Recreation Center). Join us to learn Scottish Highland dancing. All ages and all levels are welcome. Please contact Ms "B" highlandmissb@aol.com
- **Scottish Country Dancing:** The Bluebonnets practice Sundays at 3 PM, OLLU MARC (2nd floor). Please join us. Follow us on Facebook or contact us at bluebonnetscd211@gmail.com
- **San Antonio Pipes and Drums:** Practice is Wednesday (unless there is a performance) at the Josephine Theater 339 W Josephine St, 78212. Beginners are welcome any time from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM when the performing group starts. New and new-to-us pipers and drummers are always invited! Contact us at board meetings and society events or email suther01@satexas.com
- **No August Board meeting:** September is usual second Tuesday (September 9).
- **Harp & Shamrock Board Meeting** is 7:00 PM second Thursday (August 14) at The Cottage
- **Harp & Shamrock Social** is 6:00 to 9:00 PM Wednesday, August 20 at The Cottage Pub
- **Harp & Shamrock Halfway Hooley** is 4:00 to 9:00 PM Saturday, Sept 13 at The Cottage Pub
- **Scottish Society Fish Fry** is Sunday, September 21 at the IBEW Local 60 Union Hall 3518 N Loop 1604 E, 78247. Thanks, Elizabeth! • No charge and no reservations required. Arrive about noon (or 11:00 AM to help set up). • Bring friends, family, and neighbors. • Front entrance is on the eastbound LP1604 frontage road between Redland Rd and Bulverde Rd. From US281, take eastbound LP1604 for 2.1 miles, take the Bulverde Rd exit, and watch for the IBEW Local 60 driveway before Bulverde Rd.
- **Harp & Shamrock 43rd Annual Shamrock Scramble** is Friday, October 10. Details inside.
- **Sherwood Celtic Yuletide Festival** is Saturday & Sunday, December 13 & 14 at Sherwood Forest Faire, 35 miles east of Austin. Tickets available late 2025 at <https://www.sherwoodforestfaire.com/celtic-music-festival>
- **2026 Annual membership renewal** is due in January. Checks can be mailed for Scottish Society renewal to: Scottish Society of San Antonio, PO Box 1458, La Vernia, TX 78121-1421
- **Burns' Nicht** returns to Mikulski Hall on Saturday, January 31, 2026.
- **Annual General Membership Meeting** is Sunday, February 8, 2026.
- **Tartan Day at the Alamo** is Friday, March 27.
- **San Antonio Highland Games** 25th anniversary is Saturday & Sunday, March 28 & 29.
- **Is there a friend, neighbor, or family member who would enjoy a gift membership?** Please mail new memberships or hand-carry to the board meeting or any other Society event.
- **Please let us know** when a Scottish Society member moves or passes away. Their family may not contact the Society and we don't always know why they did not renew.
- **The Crann Tara is often late**, but never skips a month. Email goes out every month and mail every other month. Your email provider confirms delivery, but can't see SPAM folders. Please check the SPAM folder if you expect a Crann Tara by email and don't see it by second Tuesday.

The Scottish Society webpage will be rebuilt. Thanks for your patience! Social media is still available. Search for "Scottish Society of San Antonio" on Facebook and Instagram to find: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ScottishSocietyofSA/> and <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Scottish-Society-of-San-Antonio/195160450505821> and https://www.instagram.com/scottish_society.sanantonio/

From the Gavel



Greetings! Our Scottish Society Fish Fry is just around the corner! Join us at the IBEW Local 60 Union Hall from noon-4:00 PM on Sunday, September 21st. If you have a friend, neighbor, or family member that you think might get a kick out of the Scottish Society or wants to try some-

thing new, invite them out to the picnic to have a good time and see what the Scottish Society is all about. Our next Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 9th at Cross Roads Church (no meeting for August!). I hope to see you all at the Fish Fry!

Blessings,

Elizabeth Sutherland

Scottish Poetry — Cecyl Dolgner

I've been feeling old this month

The Way by Edwin Muir

Friend, I have lost the way.
The way leads on.
Is there another way?
The way is one.
I must retrace the track.
It's lost and gone.
Back, I must travel back!
None goes there, none.
Then I'll make here my place,
(The road leads on),
Stand still and set my face,
(The road leaps on),
Stay here, for ever stay.
None stays here, none.
I cannot find the way.
The way leads on.
Oh places I have passed!
That journey's done.
And what will come at last?



San Antonio Pipes and Drums

The San Antonio Pipes and Drums first performance was at Goliad in 1986. The first practice may have been August 1985. SAPD presents

traditional bagpipe band music for the enjoyment of both musicians and audiences. Notice the kilts in a variety of Scottish and Irish tartans. Band members range from kids to great-grands and play in special events, festivals, and celebrations.

Interested? Practice is Wednesday (unless there is a performance) at the Josephine Theater 339 W Josephine St, 78212. Beginners are welcome any time from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM when the performing group starts. New and new-to-us pipers and drummers are always invited!

While bands often fold within ten years, SAPD is having a 40 year reunion this August. If you have ever been a part of the band family, please contact me TODAY for reunion details.

Coming up soon are the UIW Pinning Ceremony, 9/11 Tower Climb, and the Scottish Society Fish Fry. Join us if you can!

— David Sutherland

Bluebonnet Scottish Country Dancers

Bluebonnets attended a workshop with the Houston RSCDS Branch/District in conjunction with their AGM. Afterwards, a dance social was enjoyed by all. This was at Sealy, Texas. Houston likes this venue for it is central for all other dancers in Texas to attend. In fact, the Houston Ball will be at the same location on October 25th. Musicians are Keyreel Rasholenko from Dallas on fiddle (he has played for the Bluebonnet Ball before) and Susie Petrov from Boston on keyboard. Dances have not been announced but Bluebonnets are anxiously waiting so they can get started. Am sure, a few of the workshop dances will be included in the Ball Program. Roby has stated that at least two will.

We are still dancing every Sunday at the MARC Building at Our Lady of the Lake University starting at 3:00 pm, except for August 10th, it will be at 4:00 pm. You might actually have fun.

— Anna Giron

2025 Officers and Directors

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| Pres | Elizabeth Sutherland | 210-413-0096 |
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Scottish Society of San Antonio



Fish Fry



DATE: September 21, 2025
TIME: Noon – 4:00pm
WHERE: IBEW Local 60 Union Hall
3518 N Loop 1604 E
BRING: Salad, side, or dessert to share.
SSSA provides the fish and chips.





San Antonio Scottish Highland Dancers

The Dancers have had a busy month. Our annual pool party was held on July 2nd, where we got to catch up and spend time together before competitions. All the dancers represented us well in Santa Clara during USIR week.

Everyone came home with at least one placing. Everleigh received one 3rd place, three 4ths, and two 5ths. Tucker received two 5th places, a 7th, and judges points in 3 dances. Judges points means at least 1 out of the 3 judges placed him in the top 6. Aimsley received one 7th place and an 8th. Andra received a 3rd place, a 5th, a 6th, and an 8th. Miss B was also recognised for her 50 years as a Highland Dance teacher. Congratulations, everyone.

From August 4th until September 3rd, dancers throughout the SW Region will be selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits and Meal Deal Codes to raise money for USIR 2026 in Dallas. Reach out to our dancers to get their individual sales links as there are prizes for the top sellers in the region.

Classes are gearing up to start again. Next monthly Saturday practice will be September 6th at OLLU. Fall classes with Miss B start back Aug 18th. New beginner classes starting on Tuesdays at 4:30 and Wednesday at 12:00. Contact Miss B for more information. Adult classes with Claire Pollitt are held Sundays at 1:00 at OLLU.

— Jennifer Dolgner





43RD SHAMROCK SCRAMBLE



Cash Prizes
Raffle
Mulligans

Free
Beer/Wine/Gatorade

10TH OCTOBER
2025

FT. SAM HOUSTON GOLF COURSE

• Early Bird \$110
• After August 27th \$125

WIN PRIZES

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| 1st Place Team | \$400 |
| 2nd Place Team | \$300 |
| 3rd Place Team | \$200 |
| Longest Drive-Men & Women | \$50 |
| Closest to the Pin Men & Women | \$50 |
| Best Theme Dressed Team | \$100 |

AGENDA

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| 11AM-12:30PM | Golf Registration & Box Lunch |
| 12:30PM | Shotgun Start |
| 6:00PM | Dinner and Awards |

Registration includes green fees, range balls, lunch and dinner.

Proceeds benefit Scholarship Program

Register Now

<http://harpandshamrock.org/golf>

Tournament Chairs: Linda Grosse 720-987-6318

Eileen Faught 210-379-8462

Linda Grosse
lmgrosse@hotmail.com
720-987-6318

Minutes for July Board Meeting of the Scottish Society of San Antonio (SSSA)
7:00 p.m. July 8, 2025

Present:

President – Elizabeth Sutherland
Vice President – Alan Spence (zoom)
Secretary – Jennifer Dolgner
Treasurer – Susan Middleton

Dir 1-26 Cecyl Dolgner
Dir 2-26 Sheila Spence (zoom)
Dir 3-27 Chris Smith
Dir 4-27 Douglas Carter (Absent)
Dir 5-28 Suzan Casey (zoom)
Dir 6-28 Max Strozier

Members:

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| David Sutherland | Rex Dolgner | Florence Bunten (zoom) | James Lea |
| Lana Lea | Stacy Kruse | Joan Kruse | Chris Bates (zoom) |
| Phyllis Bates (zoom) | | | |

Call to Order 7:01 p.m.

President's Welcome: (Elizabeth S) Welcome everyone. The day that marked our independence also marked a great loss in the lives of many up in the Hill Country this past week. As hectic as life gets, remember to count your blessings every day, because we never know what we're going to be faced with. I'm glad those of you that are here could make it to the meeting today.

Minutes: (Jennifer D) In the Crann Tara and the back of the agenda. Accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: (Susan M) Income for June: \$249.20 Expenses: \$100. Had some item sales this month. Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

Membership and Totals: (Jennifer D) Family – 60, Singles – 29, Life – 21, Renewals – 2, Total membership – 110.

Scottish Education: This September, Henry Christy, our new head of Genealogy, will be giving a presentation on weaponry.

Open Business

Board Member Absence: Liz will reach out to our absent board member. If he cannot continue in his role, we may appoint a new board member in his place.

Scottish Society Pins, Shirts, Whiskey Glasses, and Fiesta Medals: Available for purchase at Society meetings.

2026 Fiesta Medals: We have four preliminary designs for next year's fiesta medals. Attendees voted for a silhouette of a piper and a dancer with the Texas Bluebonnet Tartan.

Burns' Nicht 2026: Saturday, January 31st, 2026 at Mikulski Hall. Preparation and organizing starting now. Get with Elizabeth Sutherland for volunteering. Board approved hiring a photographer to do roaming candids for 2 hours for \$450.

Scottish Society Fish-Fry: Sunday, September 21st from 12-4 at the IBEW Union Hall. Bring your friends.

Replacing Shield Blankets: Henry Christy has offered to pick up the blankets needed for the Genealogy booth.

2026 Budget Committee: Meeting Scheduled for August 2nd.

New Business:

SAHGA Meeting: David had trouble connecting to the meeting. Joan Kruse will reach out to get their minutes.

Website Issues: Our previous Webmaster, Perry, has wiped our website to be rebuilt after hacker activity compromised our old website.

Wreath Tripods: 2 new wreath Tripods have been donated by Chris Smith. Thank you.

Reports (old or continuing business)

Highland Dancing: (Jennifer D) Just had our annual summer pool party. Reminder, no monthly class for August. Good luck to Aimsley and Tucker.

Continuity Book: (David S) See David if you have any ideas on getting the continuity books to those who need it.

Crann Tara: (David S) 129 emails went out. Microsoft Publisher is getting discontinued. Let David know if you have ideas for a replacement program.

Website: Website is currently under construction.

Facebook (Florence B): Sharing info and memes relevant to Scottish culture.

Instagram: Having access issues. Working with Cate to resolve. Will post about the Fish Fry.

Genealogy (Henry Christy): Thank you, Jack Steel, for your years of service in genealogy.

Library (Sheila S): One book checked out in Feb that hasn't been returned.

Items for the good of the Society:

Florence has a donation for Silent Auction. She also has a new porch! Make sure you bring a friend to the Fish Fry!

Adjourned 8:25 p.m.

Next month's board meeting is on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025, 7:00 p.m. at Cross Roads Church.
NO MEETING FOR AUGUST!

New membership ____
Renewal ____

Date: _____

To the Executive Board, Scottish Society of San Antonio (SSSA):

I hereby submit this application for a single (\$15.00) / family (\$20.00) membership in the SSSA.
Enclosed is my check for \$ ____ made payable to SSSA.

Please print clearly

Name: First _____ Last _____

Spouse: First _____ Last _____

Children under 18: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Clan Affiliation, if any: _____

Membership includes the Crann Tara newsletter. I prefer to receive the Crann Tara by:

____ Mail ____ Email ____ Both

I am interested in the following (circle all that apply):

Piping Drumming Genealogy Highland Dancing Country Dancing

Festivals Food Education Other: _____

Volunteering (to do what?) _____

I have the following skills / knowledge that might be of interest to the Society:

Please mail to: Scottish Society of San Antonio, PO Box 1458, La Vernia, TX 78121-1421

Is there a friend, neighbor, or family member who would enjoy a membership in the Scottish Society of San Antonio? Now would be a good time! It is still the best deal in town. \$20 almost covers postage and printing for the year. You can't get any better than that.

Renewals are due in January.

New memberships are half off from July thru September.

New memberships from October thru December are full price and include the rest of this year and all of next year.

Scottish Society of San Antonio
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In time of need, our Scottish ancestors carried a burned piece of wood from village to village to rally the clans. This was the Fiery Cross, the "Crann Tara." The Crann Tara is now in your hands! Pick it up, run with it, and carry it forth to every Scot that you meet.

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Alamo City British Club

Come join us in September for lunch on Saturday, September 13th, 11:00am, at the Lion and Rose British Restaurant & Pub located at 23330 I-10 near the Dominion.

Coming from 1604 - simply take exit 551 Boerne Stage Road/Leon Springs and you'll see the restaurant off the access road. You can't miss it. Plenty of parking too!

Don't forget to wear your membership pins!

Sincerely,

ACBC Board of Directors

Eight individuals - all British by birth, including

Dan Corbett (London, England)

President - Alamo City British Club

Evelyn Pitman (Essex, England) Vice President - Alamo City British Club

Kevin Norton (London, England) Secretary - Alamo City British Club

— *Dan Corbett*

