



St. David's Society of Utica

Newsletter - September 2014



UPCOMING EVENTS

Remsen Barn Festival of the Arts (FOTA)

Sept. 27 & 28

Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5

Our booth has information on Wales and items for sale. Booth volunteers still needed (call Stew Williams 725-3391)

Fall Gymanfa Ganu

Sunday, Oct. 5 at 3 p.m., New Hartford Presbyterian Church.

Conductor is Iwan Edwards, organist is Jim Hanosh and pianist is Jeanne Jones. Memorial donations are due by Sept. 20

Volunteers to make teacakes for above events please call Esther Williams 725-3391

Erin is Honorary Member

Olympic bronze medalist Erin Hamlin was presented with an honorary membership of the St. David's Society of Utica.

Erin, who lives in Remsen, was given a certificate at a parade given in her honor in the town on June 7.

It reads: "*The People of Welsh Heritage in the Remsen and Utica areas are proud to honor Erin Hamlin for her accomplishments in the sport of Luge and especially for her Olympic Bronze Medal received in Sochi, Russia in 2014. Her*

dedication and outstanding character are an inspiration to all of us. Presented by the St. David's Society of Utica this 7th day of June, 2014."



Five college students to receive \$500 scholarships

The L. John Blumberg scholarship goes to Alexandra L. Wynne of Holland Patent. A graduate of Holland Patent Central School, she will begin her second year at Ithaca College with a major in Integrated Marketing Communications. She is the daughter of Douglas and Jill Wynne of Holland Patent.

The four other \$500 scholarships, from the St. David's Society Trust Fund, are awarded to:

Lauren J. Pugh, a third year student at SUNY Institute of Technology in Marcy majoring in Biology and Psychology. She is the daughter of Mark and Nora Pugh of Whitesboro and granddaughter of Len and Dolores Pugh of Oriskany.

Dustin M. Dorsino, a first year student at Niagara University with a major in Sports/Business Management Statistics. A 2014 graduate of Oriskany Central School, he is the son of Michael and Jennifer Dorsino of Rome and grandson of David and Mary Alice Hughes of Holland Patent.

Jordan M. Lanahan, first year student in general studies at MVCC. He is the son of Sharon and Keith Lanahan and grandson of Della and Jerry Williams, all of Deerfield.

Krista L. Rounds, beginning her first year at the State University College at Geneseo to major in Biology and Pre-Medicine. A 2014 graduate Whitesboro Central School, she is the daughter of Karen Rounds-Cleary and Daniel Rounds and granddaughter of Janet Washburn, all of Whitesboro.

Donations to Scholarship Fund invited

Please send contributions to St. David's Society Trust Fund in care of Treasurer Cindy Gilbert, 3 Woodstock Court, New Hartford, NY 13413. Forms are enclosed in this newsletter.

Meeting News

At the May meeting, Linda Walters, Sharon Lanahan, Tom Groves and John Rzucidlo were welcomed as new committee members.

The June meeting was held at Ebenezer's Cafe in Sherrill. There were 22 people present and the Rev. Stephen Reese gave the invocation.

Gift of Bible

The family of Gladys Jones has given our Society a Bible that is written in Welsh.

QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

David Dudgeon reviewed questionnaires completed by attendees at the annual banquet. The results showed we should continue the following events:

- St. David's Day banquet and annual meeting
- Spring and Fall Gymanfas
- The booth at the Remsen Barn FOTA
- Scholarships for family members attending college
- Support the Welsh history collection at Utica College
- Flag raising at Utica City Hall on St. David's Day
- Support the MVCC class on Welsh culture
- Selling Welsh items (eg..flags, sun-catchers, pens, etc)
- Sponsor a concert by a Welsh Choir (Canada or Wales)
- Have joint activities with Enlli Church, Nelson Church and Remsen-Steuben Historical Society
- Sponsor films about Wales or films made in Wales.

Utica College presented with Encyclopedia

Society Historian, Robert Jones, presented Utica College with a copy of The Welsh Academy Encyclopedia of Wales.

Letters Received

From: Lowri Williams, Content Producer, BBC Cymru Wales S001, Ty Oldfield, Llandaf, CF5 2YQ 02920 323787

about a new BBC website about the connections between Wales and America. The link is

www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z2q22hv

From: Camilla Ammirati, PhD, Program Director Traditional Arts in Upstate New York (TAUNY) www.tauny.org camilla@tauny.org

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about her research on Welsh heritage in the Remsen area. She'd like to contact people in the community who may be interested in sharing their Welsh heritage stories.

MVCC INTERNATIONAL DAY

Our booth at MVCC International Day on Wednesday, April 30 in the ITT Building on the Utica Campus was open noon to 2:00 p.m. David Dudgeon, Ted Engle, and Bob Jones answered many questions about Wales from the students. Cindy Gilbert and Janet Washburn made lots of teacakes but reported they could have used more!



Quilt Gift

Brianne Wilkie has given the society a 100% pure wool Welsh reversible quilt to sell or raffle. It was made by Tregwynt. It was decided to raffle it at the Remsen Barn FOTA and the Fall Gymanfa Ganu.

Spring Gymanfa Ganu

About 125-150 people attended the May service in Sauquoit Methodist Church. Jay Williams III did an excellent job conducting.

MVCC CLASS ON WALES

A three session class "Wales, Land of My Fathers" is being offered at MVCC Utica on Thursday, Nov. 6-20, 6-8pm. The teacher is Rainer Morgan.