

Caledonian Club of Florida West

THISTLE

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The Caledonian Club of Florida West aims to promote Scottish heritage and history while also enjoying the company of fellow Scots and anyone interested in all things Scottish.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members:

Now that the summer is here we are restarting our 530 Socials. Linda Mercurio is doing a great job in selecting the venues. It is another fun way to meet up with your fellow Scots and I hope you consider attending and socializing with your fellow Scots.

Our Special Events Committee meet monthly and are putting together the programs for the coming year. Thank you to Bobbie Hamilton, Sue Eltonhead, Shoma Burtner, Diane Kemp and Mary Ellen McMahon for their dedication to the future success of our club.

One final note, Please continue to spread the word about our great Caledonian Club. We would like to welcome more members. Please refer anyone interested to either me, Mary Ellen or Garrison McDonough, who by the way is now our Membership Chair along with Jan and Chris Weber. Dr. Mary Thompson is still our Treasurer.

Our next 530 Social will be at P.F. Chang's in Sarasota on Thursday July 18. More information to follow.

Thank you all and God Bless.

Frank

May 27, 2024

Arcadia Memorial Day Service

Oak Ridge Cemetery **American Memorial Service** **Mary Margaret's Tea Room**

601 N Johnson Avenue
Arcadia, FL 34266

115 E Oak Street
Arcadia, FL 34266

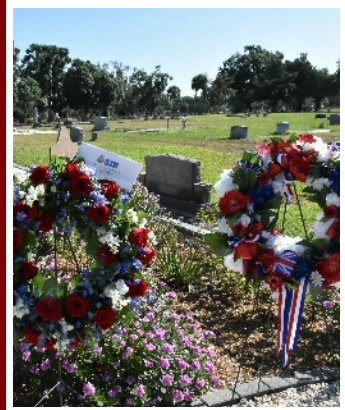
10 S Polk Avenue
Arcadia, FL 34266

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE TO HONOR 23 RAF TRAINEE PILOTS

Each year on Memorial Day a service coordinated by the Arcadia Rotary Club and the local American Legion is held to honor 23 RAF trainee pilots and their American instructor who were killed training at nearby Carlstrom and Riddle flight schools during WWII.

The one hour service, starting at 10:00 a.m., at which the Sarasota British Club is always represented, is dignified and moving. The Union Jack and RAF flags fluttering overhead add a further touch of Britain to the proceedings.







Mary Margaret's Tea Room





Scottish
Lassies



CONNORS RESTAURANT
Sarasota, FL
June 11, 2024





Scottish
Lassies Host:
Susan Eltonhead





Editor's Note:

SCOTS' CHARITABLE SOCIETY

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CEUD MÌLE FÀILTE (WELCOME)

The Scots' Charitable Society is the oldest charitable organization in the Western Hemisphere. Originally Founded in 1657 in Massachusetts and incorporated in 1786, Scots' Charitable Society aims to help people of Scottish heritage by providing [relief](#) to Scottish-American individuals and families in need, and by granting undergraduate [scholarships](#) to the Scottish-American community. The Scots' Charitable Society scholarship program has awarded over \$2M in funds to young men and women of Scottish descent. We are thrilled to help students of Scottish heritage in their educational endeavors and to continue our mission of ***"Scots helping Scots."***

The Society is devoted to the cultivation of social relations amongst its members, cherishing associations with Scotland and the Scottish community as well as instilling in our fellow countrymen and all people of Scottish heritage a zeal for carrying on our time-honored traditions. We strive to promote Scottish and Celtic heritage through education and participation in highland games, festivals, parades and other cultural events throughout the Greater Boston area.

You are invited to learn more about our [history](#), browse [events](#) and find out how you can [participate](#) in Scots' Charitable Society activities or [donate](#) to help fund our [scholarship](#) and [relief](#) programs. And be sure to connect with us



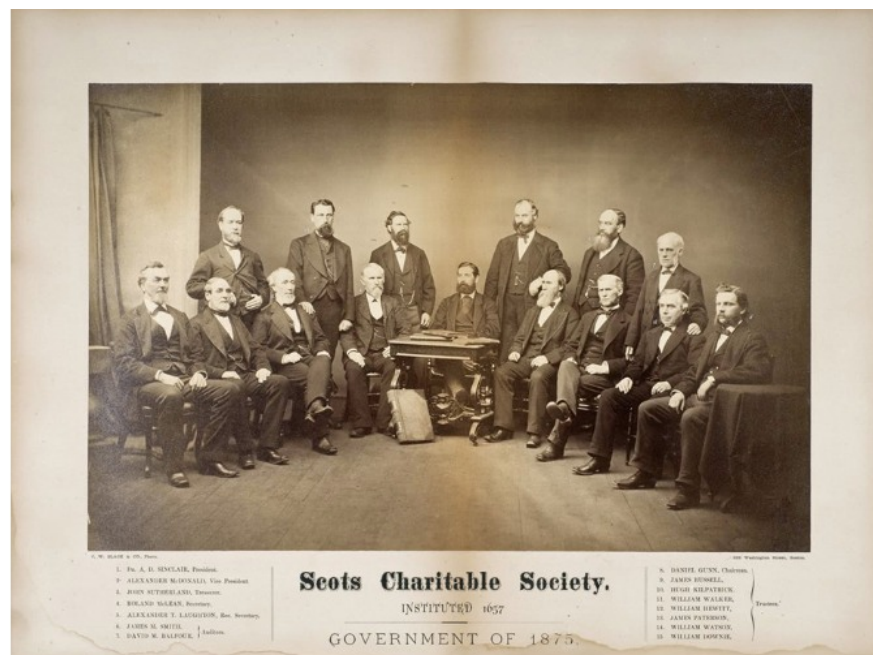
A CONCISE HISTORY OF THE SCOTS' CHARITABLE SOCIETY

"May this Society Subsist so Long as Charity Shall be a Virtue"

On January 6, 1657 twenty-eight "Scottish men" signed the "Laws Rules and Order of the Poor Boxes Society" in Boston, New England and formed the Scots' Charitable Society. The founder stated that "...our benevolence is for the releefe of our selves being Scottishmen or for any of the Scottish nation whome we may see cause to help..."[1] Almost 350 years later this dedication to benevolent acts continues to guide the work of the Scots' Charitable Society.

In 1841, when the members of the Society marched in the Boston funeral procession in honor of President Harrison, the Society was recognized as the oldest charitable society in the United States. Among the Boston organizations that marched only the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, founded in 1638, was older. The next oldest Boston society was the Irish Charitable Society which was founded in 1737. [2]

Today the Society remains the oldest charitable organization in the United States.



Caledonian Club of Florida West Carrabba Restaurant

June 20, 2024



Michael Wolfe
Newsletter editor
sat here.





*The Scots have always had a way with words and telling people where to go.
Here are 26 insults to impress your friends at the next pub outing!¹*

1. **Bawhair.** Used to determine a very short distance; literally meaning the width of a pubic hair. *"That was a bawhair away man!"*
2. **Boak.** To boak is to throw up, or to be very close to throwing up.
"Cut that oot you, that's giein me the boak."
3. **Clarty/Clatty.** We all know someone who is clarty (also said as clatty), which is a person of questionable personal hygiene. *"He's a clatty basturt."*
4. **Dobber.** A slang word for penis, but more commonly used as an insult.
"Shut it, ya dobber."
5. **Gallus.** A way to define that fine line between confidence and arrogance, or something that is otherwise bold or daring. Gallus is often misused as a general term of endearment for literally anything.
"Aye I took her out for dinner on Saturday. She's gallus, man."
6. **Glaikit.** Someone who is gullible and/or lacks common sense.
"She's alright, but a bit glaikit."
7. **Heid-the-baw.** Another word for an idiot. The Scots language is, in fact, full of words for all sorts of specific kinds of iditots, like ...
 - Bampot. One step up from a heid-the-baw, a bampot is an unhinged idiot.
 - Diddy. A diddy is a spineless idiot.
 - Fandan. A fandani is a pretentious idiot.
 - Radge. A radge is a dangerous idiot.
 - Walloper. Yep, a walloper is another word for an idiot.



¹ Source:

(1) Mental Floss. "26 Scottish Insults You Should Know." Robbie Copeland.

(2) Daily Record: Home Scotland Now Humour. "21 of the best Scottish insults." Sean Murphy.



8. **Hackit.** Meaning haggard or ugly, is most often used in reference to a woman.
"Don't listen to that hackit old bint."
9. **Jobbie.** Basically the equivalent of the word turd (not to mention a plague on the existence of anyone named Robbie).
10. **Ken.** Is used freely as punctuation, especially in Dundee and on the east coast of Scotland.
"Ken whit ah mean, ken? Aye, ah ken."
11. **Lavvy heid.** (Toilet head) somebody who is full of crap.
"Don't believe a word that comes out of lavvy heid's gub."
12. **Lecky.** Usually used in reference to a utility bill, not the actual thing.
"There's me having to put a tenner in that lecky again because you'll no turn yer telly off!"
13. **Mawkit.** If something is mawkit, it's disgusting and/or covered in dirt.
"C'mere lassie, yer mawkit."
14. **Neebs.** Is what you call your friends. The word is derived from neebur (derived itself from neighbor). *"Aye, nae danger neebs, catch you the morn."*
15. **Scunnert.** When you're scunnert, you are fed up, bored, and/or done with life; derived from scunnered. *"Aye I'm working tae 5, scunnert wae it neebs."*
16. **Shut yer puss** (shut your face). Usually aimed at someone who is being loud.
"Will you shut yer puss, I'm trying to listen to what the guy is saying."
17. **Sleekit.** Sleekit describes something—or someone—who is sneaky or disingenuous.
"Aw they politicians ur sleekit basturts hen, if any ae them shook my hand ah'd count ma fingers effir it."
18. **Swatch.** A swatch is a brief look. *"That's gallus man, gies a swatch."*
19. **Teuchter.** Teuchter is a general term used by Glaswegian people to refer to Scottish people who don't share their accent; most widely in reference to those from the Highlands and northern areas. *"Wit even is your voice, ya teuchter diddy."*
20. **Weegie.** Weegie is the term the rest of Scotland uses to refer to the type of people who say the following: *"Wit even is your voice, ya weegie."*
21. **Wheesht.** Wheesht is the equivalent of "shut up." *"Gies peace man, wheesht."*

