



TCFA Chuairt Litrí (TCFA Newsletter)

Tucson Celtic Festival Association



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The results are in... The election for our President, Secretary and one board member at large was completed on January 10 and the results are in. President Pederson will continue for two more years along with Elizabeth Warner as Secretary and Erin Haugen as a board member at large. Congratulations to you all.



L to R: Jack Hamilton, Greg Landers, Sarah Mackie, Dale Pederson, Elizabeth Warner, Bruno Brunelle and Erin Haugen



Board Member Erin Haugen welcoming the attendees



Member Alexandra MacPherson-Munro, who generously donates most of the pictures you see in the newsletter

Robbie Burns Dinner... As expected, it was a fine evening for socializing and honoring Scotland's poet laureate. We were very honored with the attendance of:

- The Chief James Clan McBain of McBain, Lady Peggy McBain,
- The Acting Chief Richard McBain of McBain the Tanist escorting Lisa McFarland, Muriel Fisher.



TCFA President Dale Pederson and V.P. Greg Landers

Member Biography... Our present TCFA President Dale V. Pederson was born at Fort Ord, California and raised in a US Army family having both parents serving. He started school in Augsburg Germany. Dale graduated from Tombstone High School and attended the University of Arizona where he studied Music Education. Leaving the University at the end of his first semester of his senior year he pursued a career in Law Enforcement. During this time, he met his wife Robin A. Kruse. They started a family. They had three daughters, and two sons and now they have seven grandchildren.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Management from the University of Phoenix and a Master's in Education from Northern Arizona University. His certificates earned include the Arizona Community

College Teaching Certificate and Arizona Law Enforcement Officers Advisor Council General Instructor Certificate.

He served in many capacities before retiring as a Field Sergeant in 1992. Positions he has held were an Administrative Assistant for the University of Arizona Office of EEOC/AO and responsible for Human Resources for the Department of Medicine at the University College of Medicine. He left this position to follow a passion in computers to become an Information Technology Analyst at the University of Arizona College of Nursing retiring in 2013.

Dale has taught a variety of professional programs while at the University. He was an Adjunct Faculty in Police Science at Pima County Community College District and taught for the University of Arizona Extended University in Tucson, Arizona, USA. In 2014 Dale became a member of Teach for Friendship Foundation, a non-profit organization and taught English Summer Programs at Huazhong University of Science and Technology in Wuhan and Hunan University of Science and Technology, Xiangtan, Hunan, P.R. of China. He currently is a guest lecturer for the Upward Bound Program at Pima County Community College lecturing on Celtic History and Scottish and Irish culture. He is a Fellow in Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

He is a Board member for the Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board, University of Arizona, Board of Directors Rillito Park Foundation, and Board member of Kilted Athlete Society of America.

Upcoming events...



Saint Patrick's Day Celebration...

March 17, 'Be Irish for the Day'. Celebrate the life of Saint Patrick, the foremost patron saint of Ireland. Our events will include participation in the Parade in downtown Tucson and staffing an information tent for TCFA at the St. Patrick's Day Festival, at The Arizona Beer House (another fundraiser for us).

Did you know these facts about Saint Patrick?

- His birthname was Maewyn.
- He was born in Roman Britain but kidnapped into slavery and brought to Ireland.
- He escaped to a monastery in Gaul (France) and converted to Christianity. He went back to Ireland as a missionary.
- It is believed that he confronted the Druids at Tara and abolished their pagan rites.



A reminder that our association is a corporate member of Tucson Kiwanis and when you get the urge to volunteer at their events, please contact Greg Landers. Their meetings are held each Friday at the Viscount Hotel, 4855 East Broadway Blvd at noon for lunch. Any TCFA member is welcome and only pays for their lunch.

Kiwaniis
Serving the Children of the World
CLUB of TUCSON

Presents the First Annual
Sammy Saguaro
Miniature Golf Tournament & Fundraiser

On Saturday, March 23, 2019, the Kiwanis Club of Tucson will host a Miniature Golf Tournament and Fundraiser at Funtasticks Family Fun Park

A \$16 ticket (normally \$21) gives you four hours for miniature golf on our reserved course and a two-hour wrist band for Go-Karts, Bumper Boats, etc. Lunches will be available.

LIMITED TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE.
Contact Dale Pederson, Jack Hamilton or Greg Landers for tickets for your kids, grandkids and their friends.

You can direct where your state tax money goes...

Arizona state tax law allows taxpayers to donate to selected organizations, i.e., schools, certified foster care organizations, etc. Aviva Children's Services, the TCFA's chosen Charity of the 2018, is one of those organizations. Consult your tax preparer for more information. Many of these programs are 100% tax credits, so it costs you nothing.



Charity of the Year... For many years, TCFA has selected a Charity for our festival. Benefits include a free display tent; a free 8"x10" ad on the inside cover of our program, accept contributions, availability to distribute promotional information or display banners; and, if we are profitable – a cash donation from TCFA. The Board of Directors select the Charity of the Year – COY, each year from entries submitted to the Association. The criterium is broad to accommodate a variety of needs – from children, to first responders, to medical issues, and even to pets. Here is how a Charity can apply for selection.

Applications must be mailed or emailed to TCFA by April 1st. The application should be not more than one page and should include the Charity name, description, mission statement, and a brief discussion of how the charity will use the benefits, if selected.

Applications should be mailed to: Tucson Celtic Festival Association, P.O. Box 40665 Tucson, AZ 85717-0665, or it can be emailed to General@TucsonCelt.org. Please include a phone number and point of contact.



Halfway to Highlands Golf Tournament... Are you ready for our largest fundraiser of the year? On May 11th TCFA will stage the "Halfway to Highlands" golf tournament at the Omni Resort golf course in Tucson. This event will help us raise

the money needed to stage World Championship Highland Games in November! We do need all members to help... so, how can you help?

Our biggest need is sponsors. Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$5,000. Greg Landers has sent a copy of the sponsorship and registration form to all members. If you need another copy please email him at tcfavendors@gmail.com. Not only do we need large sponsorships such as corporations, or its businesses, automobile dealers, etc, we also need medium and small sponsorships. These can come from smaller businesses including your doctors, dry cleaners, dentist, etc. Think of this... Who do you give your money to? Perhaps they can give back some of that money for a TAX-DEDUCTIBLE charitable donation. If you have a large potential sponsor and need some help approaching them, give Greg Landers a call at 520-955-2609.

We also need golfers. Foursomes can play for total of \$650 if they register by April 1st. After that date, the cost for your foursome increases to \$700. (\$200 and \$250 for single golfer registrations.) The same form that is used for sponsorship is also used to register the golfers. Registration includes your foursome golf cart, golf shirt, lunch, free tickets to the Celtic Festival and World Championship Highland Games, and "goodies."

Omni Resort is a world-class golf tournament that is hosting a PGA tournament on the same course, just a few weeks before us. Golfers - this will be a manicured, professional course! If you've got three golfing buddies, why spend \$250 registering separately after April 1st, when you can register your foursome for \$167.50 apiece, before April 1st?

Welsh proverbs–

Every bird relishes his own voice.

The child will grow, his clothes will not.

The best shortage is the shortage of words.