

THE GULF COAST ST. DAVID'S WELSH SOCIETY



**INVITES YOU TO LUNCH AT
PARADISE GRILL, LAUREL RD., NOKOMIS
1 P.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 24th**

AUGUST LUNCH: Thursday, August 24 at 1 p.m. Plan to join your Welsh Society at the Paradise Grill private room in the rear of the restaurant, 1097 N Tamiami Trail, Nokomis, FL at Laurel Road. Look for the tiki roof on the front of the restaurant. RSVP to this email or leave a phone message with Maureen: 941- 918-2318, so we will know whom to expect. Thanks to Maureen and Phil Jones for making the arrangements.

CONDOLENCES: It is with great sadness that we share the loss of Roy Deakins this week. Roy was born in mid-Wales, and with his wife Kathy enjoyed many of our Welsh Society activities.



Kathy and Roy at a St. David's Day celebration

FALL PICNIC: Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 22 beginning at 4 p.m. for our annual Welsh Society Family Picnic at Turtle Beach Pavilion. It will still be daylight savings time so we will enjoy the autumn afternoon together with good food and singing and friendship.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: Your Welsh Society offers a higher education scholarship to students in our members' family. Applications are on our website: sarasotawelsh.com. The deadline is December 31. Last year's award, announced at our Annual Meeting, went to Swansea University to the account of Hannah Yeo, granddaughter of Meryl and Bill Fell. Her application essay explained that she is studying for a Masters of Science Degree in Medical Radiation Physics at Swansea University. Her postgraduate dissertation was on metastatic spinal cancer. She hopes to develop "automatic computational methods of identifying vertebrae that are affected by spinal metastases".



Hannah

Yeo

NORTH AMERICAN FESTIVAL OF WALES: Amy Ferrell will be attending this annual event August 30-September 5. If you are interested in Welsh memorabilia such as music, books, T-shirts, ties, caps, towels, flags, jewelry, etc., give Amy your list either by email or at the August luncheon. Also if you have Welsh memorabilia to donate to the Great Plains Welsh Heritage Center, you can also bring your items to the luncheon.

OCTOBER SCOTTISH EVENT: Our friends from the local Scottish organizations invite us to an afternoon of Scottish music by Bill Mullen from Dundee, Scotland, good food and raffle to support the 2024 Highland Games on Sunday October 15, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sofia's 8130 Main Street, Lakewood Ranch. \$15 cash only at the door covers food and entertainment (credit cards may be used at the bar).
RSVP: lindascot5770@gmail.com

NEW ZEALAND BOUND? If you are fortunate enough to be heading to New Zealand for spring in September, here is a day trip from Wellington you will not want to miss: Steam incorporated will be running a steam train from Paekakariki to Carterton on 10 th September for the Carterton Daffodil Festival. The train leaves Wellington at 9am and returns at 5:30pm (It calls at stations along the way on the Hutt Valley line.) There will be a free bus running to the Daffodil fields from the centre of Carterton. From the Wellington, NZ Welsh Society.

Booking at: <https://www.steaminc.org.nz>

MOUNT EVEREST: Did you know that Mount Everest is named after Welshman Sir George Everest? He was the surveyor who initially mapped Mount Everest. The British initially referred to the 29,035-foot-tall pinnacle as Peak XV until Andrew Waugh, the surveyor general of India, proposed that it be named for his predecessor, Sir George Everest. Born in Wales on July 4, 1790, Everest attended military schools in England before spending much of his adult life in India.



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Your Welsh Society Committee

(Please consider joining us, especially if you will be President or Secretary):
Don Hughes, Founder, Past President and Lifetime Trustee; Amy Ferrell, Vice-President, Past President and newsletter; ; Meg Larrabee, Treasurer; Maureen and Phil Jones, Corresponding Secretaries; David and Sandra Rees, Trustees, Past Presidents and Scholarship; Meryl Fell, Trustee and Past President; Bob Griffiths, Chaplain; Mona Garrison, Webmaster; Jeffrey Jones, Facebook Administrator; Dr John Garrison, Song Leader; Susan Lewis, Banquet Accompanist; and Dr. Jim and Jackie Fountaine, Past President and Secretary and volunteers Renny Phrys and Mary Lou Guy

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