

St. David's Welsh Heritage Society



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PANDEMIC CANCELS MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Still in an abundance of caution, president Jean James has reluctantly cancelled our regular Third Tuesday meetings for the rest of this calendar year. The executive board will make a decision for 2021 in December depending on the state of the pandemic at that time. Hopefully, we will be able to reconvene in January but that is still uncertain. In the meantime we wish everyone good health and we will carry on.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We hope you are all keeping well and happy in these very strange unpredictable times. This too will pass and become part of the history of the century.

Kelfryn and I have been keeping ourselves busy doing things around the house and in particular in the garden.

Over Labor Day weekend we “splurged out” and drove over to Lake Wales to visit Bok Tower. It is one of our favorite places to visit. It is the highest peak in South Florida and set in beautiful wooded gardens. The main reason to visit is to listen to the Carillon concert which is played at 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm. A variety of music is played from hymns to classical and popular music. It is a contemplative garden and bird sanctuary, with the 205 ft singing tower with its carillon bells. The carillonneur plays the music by hammering on the keys with his fists. You do not see him but the music that travels all across the gardens from the tower is wonderful. There are plenty of bench seats in the gardens where you can sit and listen and keep socially distanced from other people.

When visiting Lake Wales you can also visit Spook Hill. You do not get out of your car, but park your car where the sign says and then put your car into neutral and the car will travel backwards up hill, it is a gravity hill and an optical illusion. Very spooky. A great place to take grandchildren!!!!

To be on the cautious side and to keep everyone safe, I think it prudent not to resume our meetings this year but to review the situation again in January to see how the land lies. We hope everyone will agree with this and will probably be relieved that you do not have to call to say you will not be attending the meetings. I will be in touch again prior to that time and in the meantime we all hope you will keep well and safe.

Jean



TRIVIA QUESTION: Who is David Ivor Davies?



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October

- 18 Lynne Hughes
- 29 Clark Parry

November

- 3 Don Hand
- 13 Connie Osmulski
- 17 Shirley Hand
- 18 Beth Smidt

December

- 6 Donna Williams
- 7 Kristy Alderson
- 9 Barbara Giraldi
- 12 Meryl Fell
- 19 Patrick Hardy
- 22 Norma Parry
- 24 Matt Hall



October 15 Michael and Tina Laruccia

November 13 Roger and Lynne Hughes

December 27 Robert and Amy Ferrell

December 27 Kelfryn and Jean James

December 31 Clark and Cindy Durkee Parry

IN MEMORIUM

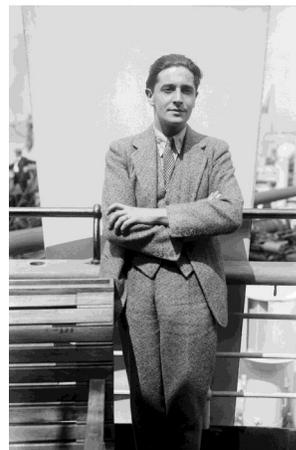


Donald Lewis Hand died July 22 after a hospitalization due to Covid-19. He was born in Glen Rock, NJ on November 3, 1941. As well as his Welsh heritage, he was proud to be a descendent of Elder William Brewster of the Mayflower Pilgrims. He was a pipe organ design engineer with Austin Organs for many years, a member of the American Guild of Organists, and an accomplished organist and carillonneur. He led choirs at the many churches he served in Connecticut and Florida. He was proud of his over 100 organ installations all over the world, particularly those at the Inter-American University Chapel in Puerto Rico, The Shiroishi White Cube Concert Hall in Japan, and his final project, First Baptist Church, Washington, DC. Due to the current pandemic, memorial services will be scheduled later.



ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION:

David Ivor Davies, (1893-1951) whose better known stage name was Ivor Novello, was a Welsh composer and actor who became one of the most popular British entertainers of the first half of the 20th century. He was born in Cardiff into a musical family, and his first successes were as a songwriter.



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