

Here is my info as Central Region Commissioner;

My first months as Central Region Commissioner were off to a rather slow start. With Covid world taking its time to wind down and moving both of our adult children to new homes near us and renovating said properties, my time spent on CHS is sadly small thus far. BUT, I begin now to do better!

I had the extreme pleasure to attend the Grandfather Mountain Games on 7 July in NC and reconnect with Mary Lane Henderson and her sister Jan, plus meet new CHS cousins there! It was a joy to meet a new Henderson inquiring about CHS and help him feel welcomed along with Mary, who is a fantastic host. I have sent him a follow up email welcome.

Our grandchildren moving back to town has been a real joy! I unashamedly admit that their activities have superseded us attending a couple of games nearby. But, now we have settled in and I have my eye back on the CHS calendar and local Scottish Society events as well.

The only reason I cannot be at the AGM is that I am spending August back in the UK! After the long Covid delay of travel, I'm attending the fringe festival in Edinburgh, possibly the Bridge of Allan Highland Games and breathing in Scottish country air, atmosphere and hospitality, then meeting my brother who lives in Bicester, England and getting introduced to his new granddaughter! She is already 1 1/2 so it's about time.

I will be thinking of all of you and the grand time we spent together on tour in 2017. The Highlands are calling and I must go.

Have a grand time together in Montana!

Emails have been sent to Central region members, requesting their connection and input regarding gathering and building up our Central CHS region. I received responses from three members. It will require more attention and more correspondence by me in the coming months.

We have had a few donations made by central members, Most recently \$60 from Bill Scougal Henderson! I appreciate Mark sending notices when he had a member that we need to thank or welcome back. I do like the system of him reaching out to me so I can then in turn reach out to the member. I hope others have found this system helpful too.

Bill Scougal and I have chatted several times. He needs a helper in September at his games as he will have shoulder surgery and cannot lift anything.

Michael and I will resume attending Scottish Society events both in Nebraska and Iowa this fall. It's so nice to see gatherings resuming!

One last fun fact that will make you smile; when our daughter Eva got her divorce in January, the judge asked if she wished to change her surname back to her maiden name of Petry. After some thought, she decided she would rather make a new start looking forward and chose to become Eva Linn Henderson! The force is strong with this one.

Warmest greetings to all,
Laura Linn (Henderson) Petry