



Meet Our New President

My name is Amanda Blackwell, I'm 44, born and raised in Waco, where I live with my husband of nine years, Michael. I'm a nurse, fun runner, and I LOVE to crochet.

I found out in 2022 that I was 40% Scots and 29% English, instead of the German I was told all my life. I have second great grandparents who were Scots from two sides of one family, and my third and fourth great grandmothers were Robertsons, and this is as far as I've gotten with my genealogy.



In high school, I was the band librarian for three years, and in nursing school, I was secretary of the Nursing Student Association for two semesters. From 2012 to 2018, I was the spokesperson/chairwoman for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America support group in Waco. I led meetings, gathered information to discuss, and spoke one-on-one to patients.

I will bring the experience from working in these groups, along with my work experience to work as a team to make our clan society branch run smoothly during my time as president. I would like to get to as many gatherings as I can to meet potential new members and as many members as possible to hear others' ideas about what to discuss, and new things to do in the state. I look forward to working with everyone in 2025 and making it a great year.

Amanda Blackwell, CDSTI President

Sherman Celtic Festival and Highland Games

The photos on the next two pages were taken at the Sherman Celtic Festival and Highland Games on March 22 and 23 by Amanda Blackwell.



Valerie Wymore, Amanda Blackwell, Michael Blackwell, Charlie Wymore



Clan Village

Silver Thistle Pipes and Drums



Clegghorn on the Main Stage



*Redhead Competition
Winner*



*Blacksmithing
Demonstration*



Delores, the Heilan Coo



*Fencing
Demonstration*



Wolfhound Club

Jamie Kingston, Secretary

I am 38 years young. I have four living children of my own, Joselynn age 18, Scarlett age 17, Cammeron age 14, and Charlie age 12. I have one step daughter, Dezirae who is 24, with one grandchild named Conrad and another grandchild on the way.

My third Great Grandmother was Violet Duncan. [Floyd County \[VA\]: A History of Its People and Places](#), shows record of her grandfather Blanch Duncan (my fifth great grandfather) immigrating to America in 1775.

I grew up in the north central part of Texas, but I was born in Missouri. I was adopted as a young child, so genealogy has been a passion my whole life. I always wanted to know where I came from and where I got my traits from. DNA tests have come a long way.



Kingston family at the Sherman Games
Scarlett, Cammeron, Jamie, and Charlie

Robert Burns Supper, Fort Worth

CDSTI Board members Charlie and Valerie Wymore (Membership and Treasurer respectively) attended the [Cowtown Scottish Society](#) annual Burns Supper on January 25 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Worth. What a stunning couple!



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For up-to-date venue information, dates, and directions, go to the respective website.

April 5–6	San Antonio Highland Games	Helotes Fair Grounds, Helotes	sahga.org
May 2–3	Decatur Celtic Festival	Wise County Fairgrounds, Decatur	decaturcelticfestival.com
September	Tyler Scotfest	17002 US 69, Tyler	tylerscotfest.org
October 18	Houston Highland Games and Festival	Humble Civic Center and Arena, Houston	houstonhighlandgames.com
November 8–10	Central Texas Scottish Gathering and Highland Games	Salado	saladomuseum.org

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Family in Texas Only	One Year	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00	\$21.00
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- ☐ I would like to receive information about serving in a leadership position or other volunteer capacity of the Clan Society, Texas branch. Please contact me!

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