

SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

President's Message

I was sorry to have missed our opening meeting at Garavelli's, but I understand that Pete Gowran did an excellent job of moving things along and, with the help of the other Board members, made it another braw ev'nin.

Halloween is just around the corner and remember "anything goes". *Extremely* expensive prizes will be awarded for the best children's and adult's costumes.



Denise and her "troops" have also been very busy over the past few weeks making the finishing touches to our St. Andrew's Night which looks like it's going to be a healthy combination of pipe band stuff and a wee bit o' dancing. We are going to have food, pipe band, Scottish dancing by experts, then "us amateurs": it all looks like it will be a fun night.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Aw-ra-best, Keith

P.S. On the financial side, we raise enough money each year to offer a "dowry" of around \$500 plus to a worthy cause. Information on

how to access these donatable funds is included in this newsletter - so, sharpen yer pencil and get scribblin'.

Back in the early days...

Malcolm II (1005-1034) came to the throne in the traditional manner, by murdering his predecessor, and pursued the usual expansionist doctrine - with added wisdom.

In the north, Sigurd, Viking Earl of Orkney, was upset at having been forcibly baptised into the Faith by Olaf, King of Norway. Being miffed, Sigurd offered allegiance to Malcolm II, who accepted and married him to his daughter. The marriage bore a son, Thorfinn.

Meanwhile, Sigurd was off doing battle - and ended up slain in Ireland. Thus, Thorfinn succeeded and, being Malcolm's grandson, brought Caithness, Sutherland and Ross into the Kingdom of Scotland.

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

INTERNATIONAL FOLKFEST 1994
October 15 & 16th at Queeny Park.
Over 70 ethnic and international groups
Call 773-9090 for information.

"BRIGADOON" at Chesterfield
Community Theatre, West County
YMCA. Nov 4,5,6 & 11, 12, 13th.

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Events Program. Come along and enjoy...

Gravelli's restaurant was invaded by a multitude of very sociable members and a good time was had by all. Next up is the Halloween Party....

October 24th, 7:00 - 9:30pm: Halloween Party.

At Spoede School, 425 N. Spoede Road.

Please wear costumes: *prizes will be awarded - for little kids and big kids!*

Dookin for apples, treacle scones, scary stories.....

**We still need
volunteers to
help make this
exciting program
happen.**

Please call:

D. Duffy 532-7587

or

P. Gowran 968-5429

November 19th : St Andrews Dance. At Missouri Athletic Club.

Cocktails 6:00-7.00pm, Dinner 7:15pm. **SEE ATTACHED FORM.**

December 19th: Christmas Party. At Country Day School.

January 28th: The Burns Dinner. At Missouri Athletic Club.

February: Provisionally, a guest speaker. At Country Day School.

March 27th: Monthly Meeting. At Country Day School.

Including: "*The Clan Lindsay*" by Peter Geery.

"*Songs (and guitar) of Scotland*" by Alex Sutherland.

April 29th: Ceilidh. At Whispering Hills Club House.

May 22nd: Monthly Meeting. At Country Day School.

Including *Scottish Heritage with a Twist*,

Dr Tom Forrester, Dr Jim McLaren, Diana Ladendecker.

June 26th: Picnic and Scottish BBQ.

Special Notes to Members

Congratulations to the Hunters who had a double celebration in late August. Thom and Ruth celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and Thom reached 50 years in the Ministry. Well done on both counts!

Jeanne Pfeffer is making slow progress, in Lutheran Medical Center, after suffering a stroke. In the next two weeks, she will be moving either to Surrey Place Rehabilitation Center in Chesterfield, or to Nashville where her son lives.

Our thoughts and prayers go with you for a full recovery.

Society news

From time-to-time our St. Andrew Society has made funds available to sponsor individuals, or groups, in a worthy cause. Following lengthy discussion by the Board, and notwithstanding the need to raise working capital, it was decided that the Society should continue this practice.

The process will be formalized in that an open request will go out to members for candidate applications. The Board will then make a decision on which will be supported in the current year. Any funds made available will be included in the annual budget process, with the reasonable expectation that any amount donated will be raised during the course of our normal activities in that year.

It is the desire of the Board, with support from the membership, that the Society continue to enhance and promote the Scottish cultural heritage in the St Louis metro area. Thus, appropriate applications should be related to the cultural, educational, and social interchange between Scotland, the Society, and the community in which we live.

**... promote the
Scottish cultural
heritage in the St
Louis metro area**

If you wish to recommend an individual, or group, for sponsorship by the Society then please send a written proposal BY END NOVEMBER with brief justification to:

K. Parle, 1446 Chesterfield Estates Dr., Chesterfield, MO 63005.

In this current year, the Society may donate up to \$500 to the chosen cause.

St Andrew Society helps student "see" Scotland...

Last year, our Society helped sponsor James Kehoe, from Washington University, on a student study visit to the MacKintosh School of Architecture in Glasgow. Paraphrasing his letter of thanks...

"...both academically and especially culturally and socially it has been the highlight of my college education. Life in Glasgow was different, it seemed deeper than the way one lives in the States, in that the culture of Scotland is everywhere, concentrated and ingrained. It was seen in the people I met, the pubs I frequented, and in the architecture that surrounded me. As a student, especially of architecture, I learned much from being immersed in the heritage of Scotland, and became familiar with the architects of Glasgow and Edinburgh. The buildings are extremely rich in beauty, and the streets are full of life..."

...if I had missed the Highlands I would have missed most of Scotland. The historic aspect of the trip was most intense and very valuable to my education as an architect. From the standing stones of Callinsh, to staying in a restored Blackhouse, learning from experience is far greater in value than any book..."

...I must tell you that between the people whom I met in passing, or those who became friends, the places I visited from Edinburgh to Skye, there remains within me great admiration for a culture and a longing for a place. Scotland will see me again my friend. A special thanks to the St Andrew Society for the fine hospitality last fall and the help with my travels." Sincerely, J.J. Kehoe.

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culture...**

CALEDONIA CORNER

Foreign players strike gold on LPGA Tour” ran the Post-Dispatch prophetic sports headline last Sunday morning. Scotland had two “bonnie lassies” playing in St Louis’s first Tour event for women, the GHP Heartland Classic. Kathryn Marshall from Edinburgh and Pamela Wright from Aboyne - both hold LPGA Tour cards and are regulars on the ladies American and European golf circuits. While neither “struck the gold”, they certainly provided some golden moments as each tried to conquer the tight and challenging Forest Hills course.

Kathryn Marshall, and Scott “the caddie” (from Prestwick) took some time out to join us at our St Andrew Society social meeting, at Garavelli’s restaurant. Out on the course Kathryn started well with a solid level par 72 (yes, that was for all 18 holes, not for 9 as some of us mere mortals can manage!). On Friday and Saturday, she fell back a bit but had still done well enough to survive the cut, and stay in with some of the best lady players in the world.

Sunday morning, with the final day tension in the air and dew still under-foot, brought out a cheerful but determined Kathryn and a few Scottish “groupies” giving verbal guidance to the small white ball as it thundered off the tee. Scott “the caddie” hadn’t seen anything like it since last year’s Hamden final.

***an eagle putt just
scraped the cup
on the par 5.....***

Wha wad ken?

First to answer all three wins one of the Society flag pins.

1. The Stone of _ _ _ _ _.
2. Where was Mary, Queen of Scots, imprisoned in 1567?
3. Besides “Nessie”, what other loch claims a monster?

All replies to Jim McLaren
2214 Stoneridge Terr Ct,
Chesterfield, MO 63017
or phone: (314) 532-5986

Congratulations to Winnie Shirreff for the correct answers last time!

1. One (Lake of Menteith)- others are lochs!
2. SNP: Scottish Nationalist Party.
3. CaiTHneSs gLaSs.

Please send in any interesting questions, with your name / phone number.

We had the privilege to witness Kathryn put on one of the finest ball striking demonstrations seen all week, as she posted a one-under 71 for the day. Her magnificent tee shot at the third, a long par 3, finished about 4 feet from the pin. Only one bogey, on the fourth, where her second shot was unfortunate to hit the lip of a bunker - that was the only green not hit in regulation or better all day. An eagle putt just scraped the cup, on the par 5 fifth, and ended up an easy birdie. Kathryn’s putter wasn’t a match for her world class iron play and 5 or 6 birdie opportunities slipped away. Finally, on the 16th she ran in a 10 footer for the elusive birdie. Oh, what could have been....(isn’t that what we all say!).

Pamela Wright finished with 294 for the four rounds, and the same average as Kathryn, a respectable 73.5 per round. Incedentally, L. Neumann of Sweden won with a 278 due in large part to a red hot putter. I’m sure you’ll all join me in wishing our Scots lassies continued good fortune in the LPGA and European Tours.

Haste ye back...to St Louis!

CALEDONIA CORNER

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Scots Wa Hae!

Scotland is a small nation of around 5 million native people, yet it is estimated that over 60 million people in North America alone carry Scottish blood in their veins. The Scot has a reputation for courage, hardwork, perseverance and wise thriftiness - yet it was probably the super abundance of energy that a small geographical peninsula could not contain.

While well integrated into all types of communities, few Scots have forgotten their cultural roots. As the old joke goes... a dozen Scots, Englishmen, Welshmen and Irishmen were marooned on a desert island. The Welshmen passed the time by forming a rugby scrum, the Irish had a convivial and enjoyable time, the Englishmen would not speak because they had not been introduced, and the Scots, well, they formed 12 different Caledonian Societies.

In the great cultural melting pot, commonly known as America, Scots too have played a role. From Dumfermline's Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919) who made millions as an industrialist and gave it away as a philanthropist, to Dunbar's John Muir (1838-1914) who loved nature so much he became the recognized father of the American conservation movement and instigated the founding of the great US National Parks. Numerous Scots have physically left the "hills of home" and have given their best to the creation of new communities.

The only clergyman to sign the American Declaration of Independence was the Presbyterian minister, and later a founder of Princeton University, John Witherspoon - born at Gifford, in East Lothian. The "New York Herald" was founded by James Gordon Bennett, from Banffshire. The famous American detective agency was created by Glaswegian Allan Pinkerton. One of the founders of the US navy was John Paul Jones from Dumfries.

Some well known Americans who had Scottish blood include Thomas Edison, Samuel Morse, President Jefferson, Edgar Allan Poe and Washington's generals, Alexander McDougall and Richard Montgomery. In the Civil War, Robert E. Lee (south) and General Ulysses Simpson Grant (north and later President) carried Scottish genes. A number of Scots descent Americans died at the Alamo. Believe it or not, the phrase "Uncle Sam" is derived from a resolution passed in Congress and involving one Samuel Wilson, whose parents came from Greenock!

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Laugh - it'll no cost ye anything!

It was a hotel in Glasgow, and the manager was making his nightly rounds. In one of the corridors he found the "Boots" cleaning a pair of shoes at the bedroom door. "Now then, Boots", he said, "You know this isn't allowed. Take those shoes to the basement immediately". "I can't, Sir," replied the Boots, "there's a gentleman in there from Aberdeen, and he's hanging on to the laces"!

**Someone you
know might be
famous - but
dinnae worry
they'll ae mind a
fellow Scot....**

TOASTS & THINGS

T here's nothing like a good old Scottish toast - it says everything....

*Here's health to the sick, Stilts to the lame,
Claes to the back, And brose to the wame!*

Slainte!

Thumpin luck and fat weans!

*When we're gaun up the hill o' Fortune,
May we ne're meet a frien' comin' doun!*

We really do need your participation and help..

K now anyone who'd like to join the Society? Ask them to call:
Peter Geery at (314) 227-2785(H) or (314) 891-3300(W).

E njoy reading our newsletter, the Thistle Times? We need you to send in stories or jokes or even printed material of interest. Suggestions and ideas are also welcome — we want to do the best job possible for everyone!
*Jim McLaren, 2214 Stoneridge Terrace Court, Chesterfield, MO 63017
or call (314) 532-5986.*

Many thanks to those who've already sent me some excellent material.

YOUR DUES ARE NOW DUE

***It's time to
open up the
sporran....***

The St Andrew Society membership dues for the 1994-95 year should be sent in immediately, the money is required to fund the activity program and several items have to be pre-paid. So, if you have not already paid, please detach the section below and return.

Mail to: Peter Geery, 831 Westrun Drive, Ballwin, MO 63011.

NAME: _____ Phone: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Membership type (tick one and include check for amount)

Family @ \$25.00 _____ Single @ \$15.00 _____

Seniors Family @ \$16.00 _____ Seniors Single @ \$10.00 _____

Number in family: _____ Signed: _____