

SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY
OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

PRESIDENT'S EDITORIAL

Dear Members,

Welcome to the start of our St. Andrew Society annual session which runs from now to the summer of 1998. I hope you had a super summer, did some fun things, and have kept in training for our upcoming year.

The new Board was elected (see inside), at the May Annual General Meeting, and has already been busy planning and working to provide another great year for all the members. If anyone wishes to volunteer to help out then please give us a call. Please mark your calendars and try to attend as many of the events as possible—that's the easiest way to enjoy the Society.

**The Scottish
St. Andrew Society**



Apparently, several of you went back to Scotland this summer and came back with glowing reports of of the auld hameland. We were over in June and it rained nearly every day! However, it was good to visit the old sites and check that Edinburgh and Stirling Castles were still there. We also went to Glasgow and watched the Tony Glavin Club boys soccer team win the local tournament created for their trip. They were presented with a trophy designated as the "Friendship Cup" in the hopes that this might become a regular event. Our Society had contributed to the travel costs for the team and it was great to see the boys learn about Scotland first-hand, through interaction on and off the playing field.

The logo (on this page) is still temporary and we will be making some final alterations, based on your comments.

Looking forward to another exciting

*For Your Calendar
OUR NEXT EVENT*

**Sept 21st, 9:00am - 11:00am
BIKE RIDE
at the Katy Trail**

**Sept 29th, 6:30 - 9:00pm
SEASON KICK-OFF
at Youngs Restaurant**

**Oct 3rd, 1:00pm
KILTED GOLF
at the Players Club**

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Upcoming Events

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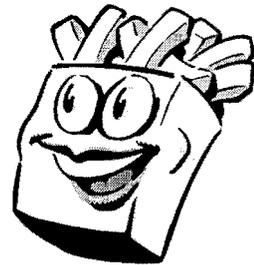
KATY TRAIL BIKE RIDE **Sunday September 21st, 9:00-11:00am**

Meet in the Katy Trail parking lot at Augusta
(St. Charles to Defiance to Augusta: follow signs to Katy)
Super views of the Missouri River valley.
For bike rental call the Tourist Cyclist (314-482-4038)



SEASON KICK-OFF **Monday September 29th, 6:30-9:00pm**

Fabulous fish and chips (fries), and informal get together.
At **YOUNGS, 385 Meramec Station Road** in Valley Park
Come along and catch up with the summer stories.



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ther events for the year:

Friday, October 3rd: KILTIED GOLF TOURNAMENT

(see attached flier) A tremendous success last year.

Spectators also welcome.

October 27th: HALLOWEEN PARTY

Always a fun time for all ages.

November 15th: ST ANDREW CELEBRATION

We're working on a final format (watch this space for details)

If you would like
to help out, call
Marilyn Geery
314 916 5344

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SPECIAL EVENT

CELTIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 11th, 1997

**St Francis Episcopal Church,
GLENCOE, Missouri**

A growing event with lots of Celtic culture.
Contact: Dave Higgins, 314-645-1843

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he Gloaming

by Brenda Macrow

Dusk
steals on silent cat-feet down the glen
Mist
brims all the hollows, lending
stangeness to known shapes, blending
sheer crags to softness, distancing
familiar mountains to the dim
dimensions of a dream.

Caledonia Corner

O riginally called *glas ghu* (“dear green place”), the great city of Glasgow boasts a magnificent cathedral named for its patron saint, St. Mungo. In the mid-sixth century Mungo completed his religious training in Fife. The legend goes that he then travelled to the house of a holy man, called Fergus, who could not die until he met someone that could convert the district to Christianity. Mungo succeeded and soon after Fergus died. Mungo placed the body on a cart pulled by two wild bulls and instructed them to go to an ordained place. When the cart stopped, Mungo buried Fergus and founded Glasgow Cathedral on that spot.

Modern Glasgow carries the signs of other St. Mungo legends besides the Cathedral. An old king gave his wife a ring, which she in turn gave to a handsome soldier. The king heard of this and sought out the soldier — finding him asleep on the banks of the River Clyde, the king took the ring and threw it into the water. Later, the devious king asked his wife if he could see the ring that he had given her! The queen discovered that the soldier had “lost” the ring and was at her wits end. St. Mungo took up her cause and found the ring in the belly of a salmon. When the queen showed the ring to the king he assumed that the queen had been falsely accused and that he must have been mistaken about the ring that he threw into the Clyde. However, that story had such an impact that the Arms of the City of Glasgow still include a salmon with a ring in its mouth!

A Scottish couple decided to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary by going back to the Island of Arran where they had spent their honeymoon fifty years before. It was a glorious day, and passed all too quickly, and it was soon time to get back to the boat. However, they were late in getting back to the harbour and the boat had gone. Not completely out of luck, they managed to rent a room in the same hotel that they had spent their first married night in.

As the wife was preparing for bed and combing out her now silvery hair, she said, “Aye John, the winter’s in ma hair but the summer is still in my heart.” Her gallant husband replied, “Mary, the winter’s in yer hair richt enough, and the summer might be in yer heart, but if the spring had been in yer step we wouldna’ hae missed yon boat!”

Isn’t it amazing how things change yet stay the same. I found this old poem by Violet Jacobs of Angus (~1915)....

*The brigs ride out past Ferryden
Ahint the girnin tugs
And the lasses wave to the Baltic men
Wi’ the gowd rings in their lugs.*

Wha wad ken?

F irst to answer all three correctly wins a Society lapel pin.....

1. Which is further west Glasgow, or Inverness?
2. What famous ruin can be found at Melrose?
3. Where will you find the Stone of Destiny today?

All replies to Jim McLaren

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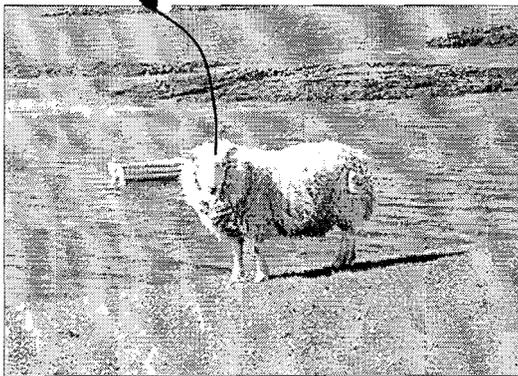
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70 ASYS & THINGS

Our new Board is:

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Ye can swim out there yerself and get yer ain boat!



A Scottish Toast

May the best you've ever seen, Be the worst you'll ever see;
 May the mouse ne'er leave your pantry, Wi' a tear drap in its e'e;
 May your lum keep blithely reekin', Till your auld enough to dee;
 May you aye be just as happy, As I wish you now to be!

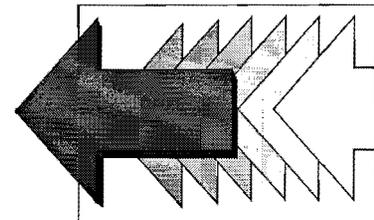
The Dues are due!

(see attached form)

Know anyone interested in joining, send us their number.

Dues & Leads To: Peter Geery, (314) 916 5344.

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Hope you all enjoyed reading our very own newsletter, the **Thistle Times**.

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