

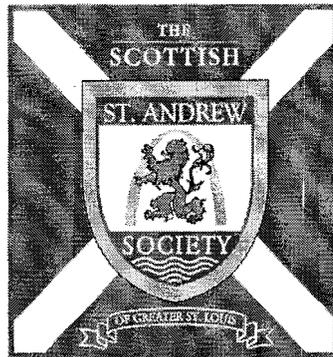
SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY  
OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

PRESIDENT'S EDITORIAL

**D**ear Members,

Another year in the life of our society is coming to a close and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all board members and society members for all their efforts to promote the society over the summer period. We will be starting off the new year with our AGM on September 27<sup>th</sup> 6pm at Young's Restaurant in Valley Park. At the meeting we will be electing the new members to the board and presenting some ideas for future events. I hope to see all of you then.

"Lang May Yer Lum Reek", Denise



**F**ather and son were in church. After the sermon the preacher was greeting his parishioners at the door. The son hands the preacher some money and the preacher says "Why don't you put it on the offering plate". "I wanted to give it to you" said the boy "as I heard my father say you were the poorest preacher he ever knew."

Wha wad ken?

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

1. Which is the oldest University in Scotland?
2. Where is the New Museum of Scotland located?
3. What day was the new Parliamnet officially opened?

Answers: No quiz in the previous edition.

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NOTE

Our dedicated phone  
number for the Society:  
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# Upcoming Events

## SEASON KICK-OFF

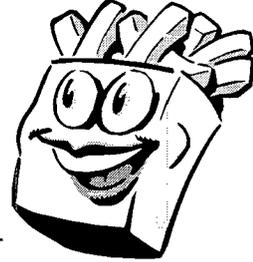
**Monday, September 27th, 6:00-9:00pm**

Next



Event

Fabulous fish and chips (fries): Dinner 6:00-7:00pm.  
At **YOUNGS, 385 Meramec Station Road** in Valley Park  
Come along and catch up with the summer stories.  
Also our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7:00-9:00pm, plus elections for new Board.



Other events for the year:

**Friday, October 1st: KILTIED GOLF TOURNAMENT**

(see attached flier) Spectators also welcome.

**Monday October 25th 6.30pm: HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**At Spoede School A Great Safe Fun Party**

Bring a dessert and as many friends as you like. Call Judy Chaboude 636-946-4174 by October 20 with number of wee ghosts and goblins attending.

If you would like  
to help out, call  
**Diane McCullough**  
314 773 4195

**November 20th : ST ANDREW DINNER DANCE**

Mark your calendars now for the return of a fabulous St Andrews Day celebration at the Missouri Athletic Club. Enjoy a great dinner and dancing to a live band. Seats will be limited and in great demand so be prepared to make your reservation as soon as our next newsletter comes out.

**December: CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**January 22, 2000: ROBERT BURNS DINNER at Frontenac Hilton**

**BATTLEFIELD BAND & MOOLAH SHRINE PIPES & DRUMS**

**Friday, November 5, 1999 7.30pm at Sheldon Concert Hall,**

(3648 Washington Blvd., St Louis, MO 63108)

This concert is sponsored by the Moolah-Ainad Pipes and Drums

Tickets are \$35 for orchestra & \$25 for balcony and are available at all Metrotix outlets, Schnucks Markets, by phone at 314 534 1111, or at [www.mtix.com](http://www.mtix.com)

## Caledonia Corner

### **O**ut and About - A Busy Summer by Carrie Sutherland

The St. Andrew Society was well represented this summer. At the Grand International Festival at the end of July, beginning of August, we hosted a society table which looked very attractive with tartan runners, information books, posters, and even a VCR/TV combo showing Scottish videos. Many folks stopped by to chat about Scotland and things Scottish, and some even found their first links to their ancestry. On the Sunday afternoon we were given an hour to entertain the crowds, and Alex Sutherland ably did so, joined by Dance Caledonia and the Highland Mist country dancers. After demonstrating some country dances, the group left the stage and chose their partners from the audience, continuing the dancing on the street. The audience loved it!



**Shikita and Jessica (wearing the Glengarry) at South Grand Festival of Nations**

The Muni put on "Meet Me in St. Louis" this summer and invited different nationalities to participate before the performances, recreating a World's fair atmosphere. On most evenings we were able to have a society table, again finding a great interest amongst people in their heritage. On the Thursday evening, on hearing that there was a stage available, Highland Mist put on a performance, again inviting the audience to participate in a couple of the dances. We had a good crowd, and everyone had a great time.

At the end of August we put on an "Instant Ceilidh" in the Midtown Theatre in Wood River, Illinois. What a great evening that was! We had Bill Henry playing the pipes, Dance Caledonia, the Highland Mist dancers, Wayne Elrod on Celtic harp, Connie Bellinghausen on flute and whistle, Diane McCullough singing a couple of Burns songs, plus Alex Sutherland and his Cronies. Alex made sure there was plenty of audience participation, and was in particularly great form that night! We've been told that the Ceilidh will now be an annual event. Don't miss it next year! We made sure there were plenty of society flyers at all these events, so hopefully we'll be finding some new members joining us this year.



**Diane McCullough and Jen Nicoll  
Hosting our Society Table**

Alex Sutherland also performed at a number of Highland Games this summer - Springfield, Kansas City, and Rockford. Members of the society hosted clan tents at these Games. Alex and his Cronies also did an evening at Keneallys in Souland.

So, all in all it's been a busy, but enjoyable summer. It's great to be able to share our heritage with others and see their pleasure in finding out more about themselves. We were also delighted at the number of people who stopped by to say that they love going to Scotland and that it's the nicest country in the world. We agreed!

# 70 ASYS & THINGS

**D**uring the opening of the Scottish Parliament a schoolgirl, Victoria Joffe, read a poem written by 11 year old Amy Linekar, from Thurso. For those of you who did not see this on TV or for those who would like to read it here it is.

## **H**ow to Create a Great Country

So you're a home baking expert,  
and you want a challenge.  
But you don't have the faintest idea what,  
Well here's a foolproof recipe;  
go ahead, try it!

Take:  
Several heroic battles,  
Some kilts of tartan fine,  
A clearance's worth of spite,  
and a rebellion or two.

Mix together with a spoon of fate  
and add:  
Granny's best mince'n'tatties,  
corned beef hash or tattie soup,  
Oor Wullie's share of mischief,  
add a clove of Gaelic  
and a broad Scots tongue.

Fold in gently:  
An Edinburgh Festival, with all the trimmings,  
A football match between the greens and blues,  
A sleekit courin', tim'rous beastie by Rabbie Burns,  
And a life of design by Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

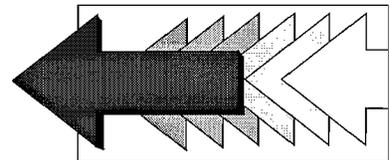
Churn in on a production line:  
a few millennia of fishing,  
several thousand acres of farming,  
a steel furnace full of shipbuilding  
And a fish supper with microchips

Leave to rise and mature,  
and ice with a bright future of:  
connections with the world,  
flourishing industries that embrace green living,  
low unemployment,  
And a fabulous new Scottish Parliament,  
Taste the wonderful varied flavour and smile.

You've made your first **SCOTLAND**.

**We're Back & Your Dues  
are Due!**

**Return the attached form**



**H**ope you all enjoyed reading our very own newsletter, the **Thistle Times**. Thank you to all who contributed material. It is appreciated. Comments, and new material to the Editor:

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