



# SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends,

Our annual Ceilidh was an excellent evening for 65 guests. Thanks to Diane, Judie and other helpers for a great success.

Earlier in April, the Tartan Day trip for 22 of us to Jefferson City was postponed in favor of celebrating at Judd's Memphis Best in St. Charles. About 50 Scotophiles enjoyed good company, hospitality, and music (incl. P/M Henry's pipes).

Then, on May 1 the Resolution passed in the Missouri House, and I urge each of us to thank our elected representatives for getting this done in a busy legislative period. For this, we are grateful to so many, some of whose names and roles are new to me. With our friends in other Societies, we'll see when/how to celebrate officially at the Capitol, perhaps even with supporters like Senators Stoll, Loudon, Kinder and Kenney plus Representatives O'Toole, Krieder, Crump and Abel.

Check out *Upcoming Events* and make plans to be part of the Scottish contingent at our new picnic spot (complete with new tents, courtesy of the Games Co). From last month's *Games* page, several open Committee Chair slots are now filled by members expressing an interest, then taking charge. The issue of whether to have a Falconry Exhibit was also decided by meeting Walter Crawford, founder of the World Bird Sanctuary and new Society member.

See inside for information about the W Crawford and E Miller trips to Scotland.

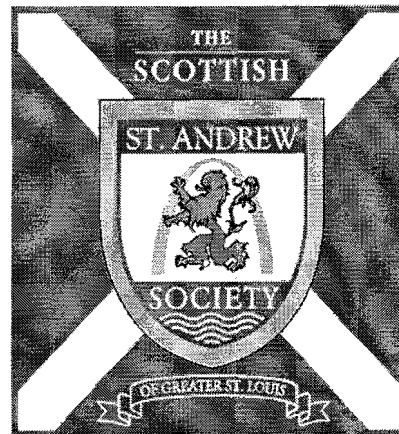
Yours aye, Bill Nicoll.

# THIS IS THE TIME

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It's official and here to stay  
**Tartan Day in Missouri**  
Many thanks to the many people who  
contributed to making this happen.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Next



Event

Sunday May 27th, 2001. Starting at 2:00pm

## Annual Picnic

Rotary Park, Wentzville

Our Annual Picnic will change format this year and will be held at the St Louis Renaissance Faire.

Take I-70 west to Wentzville to the Pearce Blvd exit, turn right and follow signs to Rotary Park. Fair is on at weekends between May 12 and 28th —our picnic is on Sunday 27th.

Other exciting events for this year...

November 10th: **Annual St Andrew Dinner Dance** at Forest Hills Country Club featuring the Kinlochard Ceilidh Band from Scotland

Other events around town...

June 9th and 10th. **Kansas City Highland Games**

June 23, 2001, at 8:00pm **Highland Mist Ball** at Just Dancing Studio  
\$20 per dancer, \$10 per observer: tickets...Call Judie Chaboude at 636 946 4174

And **in Scotland**... August 3-5th, 2001 there will be a worldwide gathering of the **Clan Cameron** at Achnacarry Estate, Lochaber. See the website at [www.clan-cameron.org](http://www.clan-cameron.org) for more info.

And the **Ed Miller** (remember our Burns Dinner entertainer) **Tour of Scotland** starts with a Ceilidh at the Minto Hotel in Edinburgh on May 7th. Then...

May 10th - Glenfarg Hotel

May 12th - Royal Dunkeld Hotel;

May 15th - Plockton Hotel (Gaelic songs)

May 16th - Ballachulish Hotel (with whisky tasting)

May 17th - Winnock Hotel

May 18th - Beardmore Hotel in Clydebank.

Bring your walking kilts as Walter Crawford, a true Scot and Executive of the St Louis based **World Bird Sanctuary**, and his wife will be leading a tour that includes... the cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh, ancient castles and quaint villages (better known as toons), raising a toast at a local distillery, and sharing tea and scones at a farmhouse. Visiting the Isle of Skye and having lunch with a Falcon are also part of this trip.

For free info...

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S T L O U I S

# SCOTTISH GAMES

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Jen Nicoll

Admission Gate

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Jim McCaughan/Joe Moore

Athletics

Dave Massey

British Car Show

Judie Chaboude

Ceremonies

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Clans & Associations

Turk Lewis

Computing & Finance

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Entertainment

Diane McCullough

Genealogy

Sandra Brown

Highland Dancing

Diane McCullough

History & Storytelling

Doreen Beckman

Hospitality

Carrie Sutherland/Geoff Chaboude

Merchants & Food Vendors

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Piping & Drumming

Charles Henderson

Publicity & Media Relations

Christopher Fulton

Merchandise

Larry Carr

Radio Communications

Doreen Beckman/Jen Nicoll

Livestock Exhibits

Christopher Fulton

Volunteers

The attached Patron/Donor form is being offered as an opportunity for readers to make an appropriate financial contribution to the St Louis Scottish Games. Be sure to check out the form for the benefits and privileges that come in return.

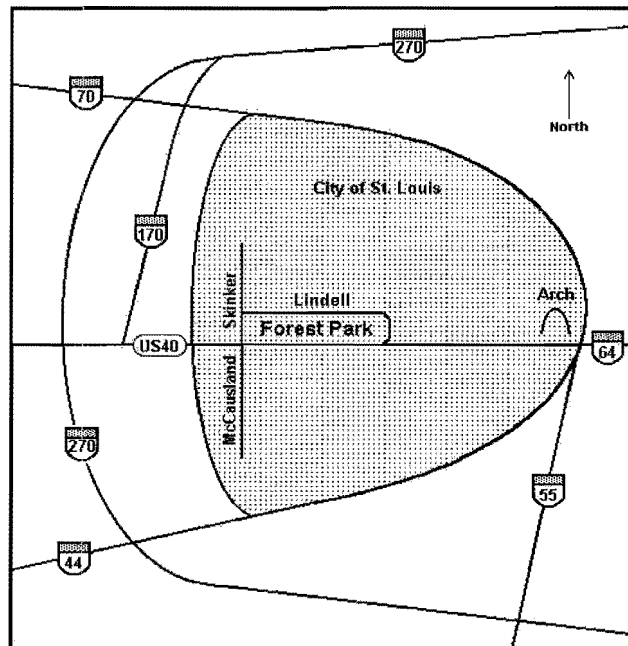
## 1st Annual Scottish Games and Cultural Festival

October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001 - Friday evening

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2001 - Saturday all day

In Forest Park, on Lindell Boulevard, immediately east of the Missouri History Museum (at DeBaliviere). Forest Park is bounded on the north by Lindell, on the west by Skinker, and on the south by US40-I.64.

From 40, exit north onto McCausland which becomes Skinker Blvd., then East on Lindell to the Missouri History Museum, then follow the signs.



### NEED TO CONTACT SOMEONE AT SLSG:

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# Caledonia Corner

## A New Name Needed

You probably didn't keep up with it... well, I take that back, there are probably some folks around St Louis that have more than a couple of pounds stashed away back in the auld country... Anyway, there's to be a merger and the question of the day is what to call the union of the Bank of Scotland and the Halifax (building society as was). The Glasgow Herald diary has collected a couple of crackers (as they say in Gleswegian):

How about "Halidonia" with the slogan: "Superhalibankterrificwewknowwhereyerdoshis" *Nae bad!!* "Calibank" offers a bit of Caledonia, a bit of Halifax, and will strike a chord with Scottish customers familiar with "cally" as slang for money. There have been several suggestions related to "Novia Scotia" — presumably due to Halifax, but this will probably confuse the geographically challenged. A bunch of BoS employees, discussing who might be paying their salaries in future, came up with the "Bank of Scalifax". *Well, I just hope ma' bawbees are still safe!*

## 25 YEARS AGO in Scotland

Television has promoted the popular cartoon, Tom and Jerry, but this is really a menace, according to Dr Peter Cornwall, an expert on mice. It is not the violence which worries him, but the lack of violence it induces in viewers towards mice. "They regard mice as funny and not what they really are, a serious menace, the worst food pest we have," he said. "Mice breed so fast that one pair can grow to 2000 in a year. Modern lorries are built so that whole nests can be carried around in them. Very few buildings can keep them out. Some shops now have up to 1000 mice living in them", adds Dr Cornwall.

Dr Cornwall is Rentokil's director of research.

## Wha wad ken?

First to answer all three correctly wins a Society lapel pin.....

1. Name Scotland's only lake?
2. What does "Oban" mean in Gaelic?
3. Where would you find the Callanish Stones?

Congratulations! Brad and Mary Sinclair won by having the first correct answer, by a margin of 20 minutes.

### Answers:

1. Romans built it on orders of Antoninus Pius
2. Flodden: Sept 9th, 1513
3. Pentland Firth

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The gravest fish is an oyster;  
The gravest bird's an owl;  
The gravest beast's an ass;  
And the gravest man's a fule.

## Complaint Report for Scottish Television

It states: "After some time on the phone I discovered that the problem was that the viewer's remote control had stopped working. He didn't believe that it took batteries, and thinks that our service is unsatisfactory as we were unwilling to post him out a new remote control."

# Oot an' About

## Evidence of a Ceilidh



There were tartans galore....



With songs o' the best (and more tartans)...



Checkin' the raffle tickets...



Laughter abounded...



And look at that fancy jiggin'...

## Charitable Donations

Each year our St Andrew Society provides the opportunity to apply for a charitable donation, or sponsorship help, for a good cause.

The Board is open to considering requests again this year and is asking the membership to encourage applications from organizations or groups that you believe are worthy of receiving help from our Society.

To apply, please send a letter of request with background information to me (J McLaren) at the address shown on the last page.

## The Laird of Lesmahagow

...is the nickname for the Baron Sirdar Iqbal Singh, a retired "Scottish" business tycoon who has a passion for Robert Burns poetry. The Baron has had Burns translated into Urdu and has had a Sikh tartan accepted.

His most recent venture... trying to convince the owners of Glasgow's Prestwick airport to rename it. He claims there is Charles de Gaulle, JFK, and Reagan National so why not.

Also, since the poet was born in Alloway, only a few miles away it is clearly worth considering the name...

**Robert Burns International Airport**  
Away yersel', Jimmy... or rather Laird o' L.

# TOASTS & THINGS

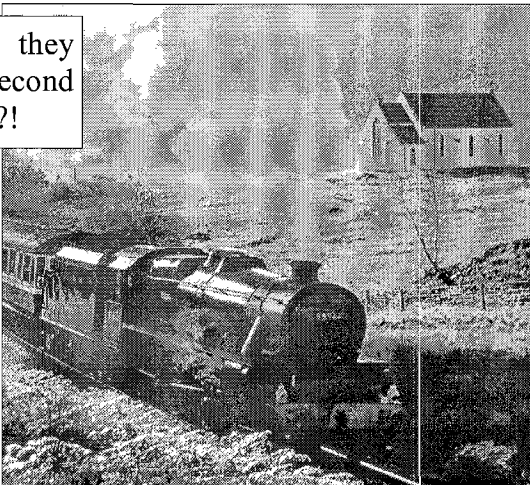
I've powered mills, watched workers weave  
Mohair soft as down  
Cottons, woollens, finest tweeds,  
Carpets coarse and fine.  
I helped the cotton sheets bleach white.  
Bid brewers ale be best.  
Tanneries beat such leathers  
To put shoemakers to the test.

From "Cree Voice" by Liz Niven  
(a poem about the River Cree in SW Scotland,  
and the words are carved on a stone bridge)

## Music Newsletter from Scotland

Diane Ladendecker has recommended visiting the web site [www.musicscotland.com](http://www.musicscotland.com). Contains information on CDs, DVDs, videos, etc, and has some free mp3 music (*better hurry to get that downloaded*).

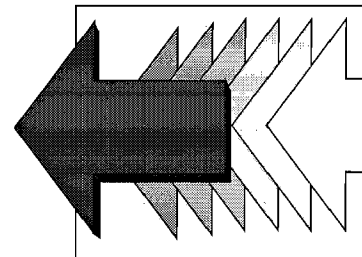
There is a free e-mail newsletter that you can sign up for and apparently now has over 2,500 subscribers. Could be a good deal in return for sending them your name and address. (*unless you're hiding from something*)

Is this what they mean by "second hand smoke"?!  


## The Mallaig Line

— Heading up the mountain at Polish.

**Know anyone who would like  
to join the Society?  
Call Geoff Chaboude  
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Hope you all enjoyed reading our very own newsletter, the **Thistle Times**. Thank you to all who contribute material. It is appreciated. Comments, new material, and letters to the Editor:

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