

SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends,

The tradition continues.... The best traditions are always worth continuing and this we did magnificently on Jan 25th, 2003 with our celebration of Rabbie. Not only did we keep the more than 200-year-old tradition of honoring his life and legacy, but we also continued the more recent SSAS tradition of presenting St. Louis with a first class evening of Scottish culture. From the first dance by Highland Mist to begin the evening until the last Auld Lang Syne, we celebrated our Scottish American heritage, and even the Super Bowl the next day couldn't compete.

Many, many thanks to all who attended and particular thanks to Jen Nicoll and her team for an outstanding evening.

See you at our Ceilidh on March 22nd.

Yours aye, Alex Sutherland

Scottish proverb: "If a man's gaun doon the brae, ilka ane gies him a laugh".
[Literally...If a man is falling down a hill, there's many who will stand by and laugh. Used in the sense that ... when someone falls on hard times, others are often happier, usually for themselves.]

A wee slice o' Scotland



The real "Bothy Boys".

A bothy was a communal house for young men working on farms.



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UPCOMING
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MARK YOUR
CALENDAR NOW

Saturday March 22nd, 2003. Starting 7:00pm

ANNUAL CEILIDH

Whispering Hills Recreation Center. \$15.00 at door.

Bring potluck heavy finger foods and desserts.

Music, dancing, raffle, fun and friends...

(bring your favorite joke or song for group performance)

From I270, take Olive west for ~1 mile then north on Ross Rd,
then left into Whispering Hills subdivision.

Other exciting events for this year....

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

April 5th, 2003. TARTAN DAY CELEBRATIONS.

12:00 (noon): Parade starts in Historic Main Street, St Charles.

7:00-9:00pm: Tartan Fest at Lindenwood University Cultural Center (\$7 and \$4).

April 6th, 2003. 10:30am. Kirkin o' the Tartans at St Charles Presbyterian Church, 131 Gamble.

April X, 2003. Annual Kilted Golf Tournament.

April 22nd, 2003. Celebration of Scotland Concert at the Sheldon Hall.

May 18th, 2003. Annual Fun Picnic at Creve Coeur Park.

BULLETIN
BOARD

WANTED — RAFFLE PRIZES

Among other activities, we will be holding an exciting raffle at our **Annual Ceilidh**. We already have some super prizes but the more the merrier. Any donations for prizes would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Diane McCullough at 314 773 4195.

TARTAN DAY PARADE — April 5th

See above for place and next issue for details.

In the parade you may (but not required) arrange to participate as a Clan group. If you would like to have your Clan name on a sign then please contact Geoff Chaboude at (636) 519 7979

WELCOME RECENT NEW MEMBERS

Margot Hover, St. Louis, MO

Paul & Sheri Campbell, Chesterfield, MO

Liz Henderson, Fairview Heights, IL

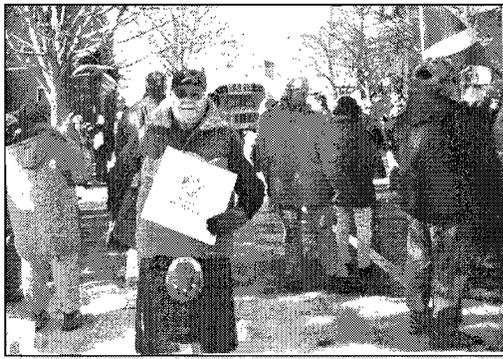
Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, St. Charles, MO

Two Irish men went to the pictures (movie theatre) one day and they were watching a movie about a horse race. Shamus says, "I bet you the white one will win". OK, says Paddy, "I think the black one will win, so lets bet \$10." After the movie, Shamus took the \$10 but was feeling bad and said, "Paddy, I can't take your money... I've seen that movie before and I knew the white one would win." Paddy says, "That's OK, I saw it before too, but I didn't think it could win twice in a row".

Out and About

This photo was received recently and may be a picture of the youngest participant at the Scottish Games in October, 2002.

Believed to be Jessie,
Grandson to Jack and Cindy Sim.



Bill Nicoll took the opportunity to join the Alexandria Scottish Walk (VA), during a trip to the American Scottish Games Federation (ASGF) annual meeting on behalf of SLSG. Seen here, promoting our St. Louis St. Andrew Society.

And from another great **Burns Dinner** with a sell-out crowd of 420 enjoying the evening....



Dr Tom Forrester
Master of the
Immortal Memory

The Lads and Lassies.
Toasts presented by
Dick and Anja Lodge



Sisters of the Haggis.
Some of the original
sisters and some new
apprentices

Caledonia Corner

ARE YOU AN OLD SMARTY PANTS?

Having a high IQ may help you live longer, according to a study of elderly Scots. Researchers traced more than 2200 people who took the same mental test in 1932 and found that those who scored highest were significantly more likely to be alive in 1997.

The finding is based on a recently uncovered trove of raw data. On 1 June 1932, every 11-year-old schoolchild in Scotland sat down for the Scottish Mental Survey. The results were stashed in government archives for decades, to be excavated in 1997 by psychologist Dr. Ian Deary of the University of Edinburgh, who saw in them an unparalleled opportunity to track cognitive changes with age. Last year the scientists reported that they gave the same test to 101 of the subjects exactly 66 years later, resulting in a striking demonstration of the stability of IQ throughout life. They have also found that high scorers in 1932 today have better health and less dementia.

In the longevity study, published in the British Medical Journal, the collaborative effort between Dr. Deary and Dr. Lawrence Whalley (University of Aberdeen) was able to track the fates of about 80% of the 2792 Aberdeen test-takers. The IQ-longevity correlation was modest in men because of war-time mortality, but in women, it was substantial. For example, a girl with a childhood IQ of 115 had twice the likelihood of being alive at 77 than one with an 85 IQ. The relation persisted independent of social background.

Wha wad ken?

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

1. Name the mother of Robert Burns?
 2. When was Edinburgh University founded?
 3. Which is further west, Inverness or Glasgow?
- Congratulations...

Last quiz was won by Scott Miniea, who entered the correct answers only minutes ahead of others.

ANSWERS:

1. Kenneth MacAlpin was King in 850AD
2. West end Royal Mile is Edinburgh Castle
3. The Grampian Mountains

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Researchers and psychologists say "It's a very exciting database that encompasses virtually the entire adult life-span."

Chalk up another one to Scottish science!

NICE IDEA — WATCHOUT NIKE!

Three old friends were out playing golf at the Dunblane GC and, as they proceeded down the first fairway, two of them noticed a strange sight. Old Wullie had a clear plastic bag knotted around one ankle and tucked into his shoe. Inquiring as to the bag's purpose, they were told that one of his golf shoes was leaking. The bag had thus been placed over his sock, tied at the ankle, and slipped into his golf shoe to keep his foot dry.

Once the round was over, they asked Wullie if his keep dry idea had worked. Old Wullie hung his head down and said "it seem'd tae work jist fine, except I pit it on the wrang foot!"

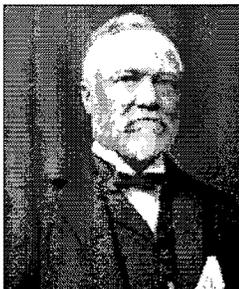
Scottish Philanthropy



Recent headlines in the Scottish news report that **Tom Hunter**, the 41-year-old Scottish entrepreneur with worth more than \$600 million in the bank, is seeking to emulate the great businessman and philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie, by giving away much of his wealth.

From an early age Tom Hunter worked in his father's grocer shop in Cumnock. He later graduated in business and marketing from Strathclyde University. The family shop was expanded into footwear and he rapidly built a business empire. In 1998, Hunter sold his Sports Division retail chain to JJB Sports for ~\$450 million. He now lives with his family in Troon, Ayrshire, and continues to help others through founding and managing various ventures including: a) West Coast Capital, a \$300MM mentor fund, b) an initiative to provide primary school pupils with business demonstrations, c) a centre for entrepreneurship at Strathclyde University, d) the Entrepreneurial Exchange network and, e) the Hunter Foundation and Charitable Trust, through which he intends to channel most of his wealth to help educational and business schemes.

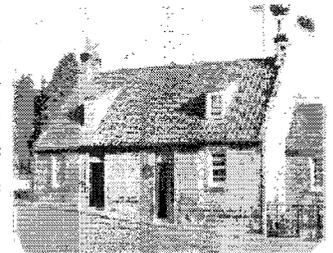
Tom Hunter has made it well-known that Andrew Carnegie was an inspiration to him and has borrowed the Carnegie motto: "*He who dies with great wealth, dies in disgrace.*" He also believes that to bequeath vast fortunes to his two children would be a burden, rather than a benefit, to them.



AND HIS INSPIRATION....

Born into poverty in Dunfermline in 1835, **Andrew Carnegie** emigrated to America in 1848. From a bobbin-boy in a mill, he worked his way up to become a great businessman in the developing US steel industry. Although he had a reputation for ruthlessness while creating his fortune, the world's richest man (by 1901) became the world's greatest philanthropist.

Birthplace of Carnegie



In Scotland, he rebuilt Skibo Castle (in Dornoch) and some say it was at this retreat that he developed the vision of what to do with his money. Carnegie "retired" at age 65, and began his second career of promoting education. He created the Trust for the Universities of Scotland, which has since helped more than 100,000 students. He also gave money to over 500 universities and colleges and established more than 3000 libraries across the world, and established an endowment for international peace. Among other things, Carnegie was behind the formation of the International Court of Justice at The Hague, and he sowed the seeds of the League of Nations.

Andrew Carnegie died in 1919, and his charity and benevolence during his life would equate to over \$4 billion in today's terms. In Carnegie's book, *The Gospel of Wealth*: "The man who dies rich, dies disgraced", he says; "*The man of wealth is simply a trustee for his poorer brethren and should spend his fortune during his lifetime in ways that will benefit and advance society.*" Almost a touch of Burns in that sentiment, or is it one of those Scottish traits!

TOASTS & THINGS

VALENTINE'S DAY

Originating back to Saint Valentine, who was beheaded in 270AD by the Roman Emperor Claudius, this event has been celebrated in various forms throughout the ages. A common theme seems to be the drawing, like a lottery, of names on pieces of paper. Gifts were often exchanged between the names drawn. This custom has been documented in 1774 in Scotland, and Robert Burns mentions it in one of his poems from 1788.

Yestreen at the Valentine's dealing,
My hert to my mou'gied a sten
(My heart was in my mouth)
For thrice I drew ane without failing,
And thrice it was written, "Tam Glen."

What do you call 6 weeks of rain in
Fort William?
The summer holidays!

GOLF... the game where you shout
four, take five, and write down three!

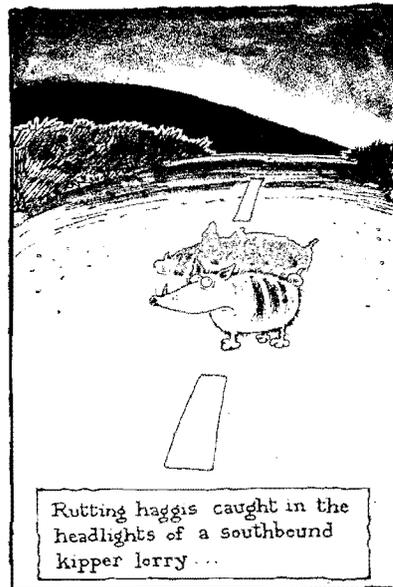
From **Snowdrops** (by Henry Lyle, living in Scotland)

Why sae early?

Cauld winter's icy blasts still sting,
the snaws tae lowland hills still cling
an' Merch a when snell days'll bring
tae chill ye sairly.

But dimna fret,

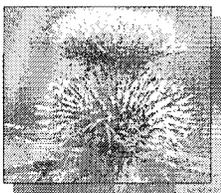
for truth it warms my hert tae see ye,
wi' noddin' snaw white face sae cheerie,
bent owre agin the sleet sae drearie,
I'm gled we met.



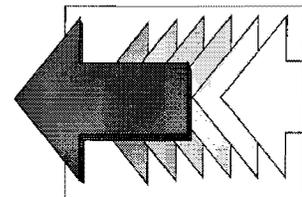
Rutting haggis caught in the headlights of a southbound kipper lorry ...



... a victim of the growing traffic problem in the Highlands: an ex-haggis ready to make an important contribution to Scotland's Sporrans Industry.



**Know anyone interested
In joining 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. Please send comments, new material, and letters to the Editor:

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