

# SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends,

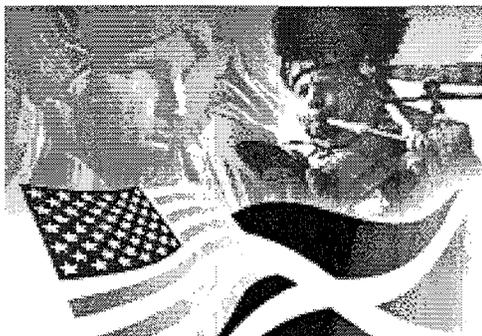
A recent article in "The Scotsman" highlighted the predicament currently facing the Scottish parliament, namely that the combination of a falling birth rate and the problem of keeping many of her entrepreneurs could leave Scotland with a less than rosy future. This historically, of course, is nothing new. Scotland's greatest and best export has always been her people, and history has shown that wherever Scots have settled that they, their communities and their adopted countries have prospered. For American Scots this is particularly true. And so, as we prepare to celebrate Tartan Day 2004 let us be thankful not only for our ancestral homeland - Scotland - which built into us the will to succeed, but also for the United States of America which gave, and still gives Scots (and all others who wish it) the opportunity to use our skills and talents to succeed and to enjoy those God given Rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Have a guid Tartan Day 2004. Here's tae us!

Yours aye, Alex Sutherland

They wha pay the piper hae a richt tae ca the tune.

*(Those who pay, or work hard, for a cause have a say in the outcome.)*

### US NATIONAL TARTAN DAY

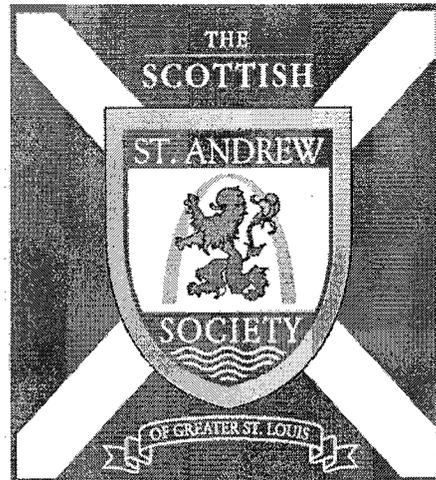


# TARTAN

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6<sup>th</sup>  
APRIL

Tartan Day Parade April 3rd — see page 6



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# THIS STLE TIMES

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# Membership News

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR NOW

Saturday March 20th, 2004 starting at 7:00pm

## ANNUAL CEILIDH

Whispering Hills Recreation Center. \$15.00 at door.

Please bring potluck casserole, salad, or 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.

Raffle prize donations required for the Ceilidh, please call Diane

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

Other exciting events for this year....

April 2, 3 & 4 — Tartan Day Events in St Charles.

See web for details at [www.missouritartandayfestivities.com](http://www.missouritartandayfestivities.com) ... and page 6

Annual Kilted Golf + BBQ/Picnic/Ceilidh is Friday May 14th (DEADLINE IS MARCH 19).

Shotgun at 1:00pm followed by BBQ and mini-Ceilidh. Playing golf — get your foursome organized soon. Not playing golf then turn up for the evening festivities at 6:00pm. It'll be fun for all!

To reserve for golf or just the post-golf Ceilidh, Call Jim McLaren at 636 532 5986

**BULLETIN  
BOARD**

## SouthWest Regional Highland Dance Championships

Saturday May 1, 2004.

In St Louis for the first time — at the History Museum auditorium.

For more information call Sandy Brown at (636) 227 9375.

### 1904 World's Fair Centennial

Apr 30 - May 2, 2004. At Forest Park

To commemorate the opening of the original event, and many countries including Scotland, will be represented. In addition to bagpipes, performers will include Peat Fire Flame (Fri 6:20pm), Highland Mist dancers (Sat 6:40pm), Dance Caledonia (Sun 12:20pm), Alex Sutherland & His Cronies (Sun 6:40pm)

#### HELPERS NEEDED DAILY

Anytime Noon - 7:00pm

More info: [www.worldsfairstlouis.org](http://www.worldsfairstlouis.org)

Or call Bill Nicoll (314) 821 1286

### 2004 World's Fair Celebration

Saturday, May 29th, 2004. At Buder Park

A "Past, Present & Future" event in St Louis County. Scottish activities will focus on education, information, entertainment, culture, exhibitions, and Games events demonstrations.

**HELPERS NEEDED** Anytime 9:00am - 7:00pm

More info: [www.WorldsFairStLouis.com](http://www.WorldsFairStLouis.com)

Or call Bill Nicoll (314) 821 1286

#### WELCOME RECENT NEW MEMBERS

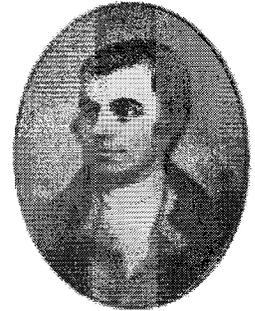
Steve & Pamela Stewart Glendale, MO

Dr. Anthony & Melanie Fathman St. Louis, MO

# Extended Bulletin Board...

## BURNS DINNER COORDINATOR OPPORTUNITY

Our next Burns Dinner will be held on January 20, 2005. This will be Jen Nicoll's third year as Coordinator for the event, and she has asked to have someone else take over after that. Jen will be happy to walk her replacement through the process as she organizes next year's event. It all starts early November and Jen is available to answer questions that interested Society members may have in the meantime – just call 636-527-3386.



## SOCIETY BOARD NEEDS MEMBERS FOR TWO COMMITTEES Nominating Committee.

New Board members for open positions are solicited via the Thistle Times and by nomination by a special Nominating Committee. At present we are forming this Committee to be comprised of at least 2 Board members and 3 members who are not currently on the Board. If you would like to participate, please call Jim McLaren (636) 530 6943.

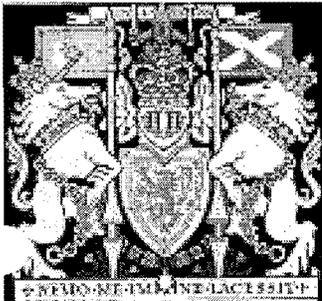
## Informational Brochure Committee.

The Board is exploring the development of an informational brochure for prospective members and a membership packet to be given to new members. Design and contents are to be created by a dedicated Committee that will be run by Geoff Chaboude (Membership Director) and Iona Baldwin (VP). We would like several members of the Society to join us to participate in developing appropriate materials and/or offer any specific expertise they may have.

Those interested, or for further information, please contact:

Geoff - (636) 946 4174 or e-mail: [jeffektj@aol.com](mailto:jeffektj@aol.com)

Iona - (314) 569 4225 or e-mail: [ionabaldwin@yahoo.com](mailto:ionabaldwin@yahoo.com)



**Official Work.  
Amazing salary and  
eye-opening bonus!!**

**"Robert Burns"**, St. Louis Chamber Chorus, Sunday, May 16 at 3:00 pm St. Margaret of Scotland 3854 Flad, South St. Louis Tickets: 636-458-4343 or 314-534-1111. Artistic Director, Philip Barnes. Many choral settings of Burns have been written by Scots, and by many others around the world. This season finale offers a generous dose of nostalgia for all lovers of Rabbie Burns and Scotland.

## St Andrew Society Supports Local Scottish Cultural Events.

Our St. Andrew Society will continue as a major sponsor of the St Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival in 2004. The Board is recommending a donation of \$8,000. While this is a significant sum, it has been calculated that this amount can be made without detriment to the working capital required for other Society events.

Our St Andrew Society is also continuing to make donations to the local Highland dancing group, Dance Caledonia. In addition, financial support for the Regional Highland Dancing competition was provided via money raised at the Burns Dinner from the silent auction of the Melrose Abbey carving. Please send any comments on these activities to the editor.

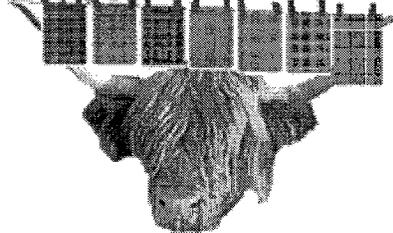
# Caledonia Corner

Dingwall Sheriff Court, March 5, 2004

A Highland farmer has just become the first in Scotland to be convicted of "cow clocking" – a.k.a. falsifying the age of a cow being put up for sale. James Sutherland, was fined £1000 after being found guilty of attempting to put an over-age cow to slaughter and onwards into the food chain.

Under safety regulations introduced in 1996, following the BSE crisis, only cattle under 30 months old can be sold for human consumption. The phrase "cow clocking" then came into use, so named after the practice of turning back the mileage of a second-hand car. The farmer said that all his cattle had the necessary "passports" and eartags which stated they were under 30 months old. Naturally, he denied ever removing or replacing any eartags — *away ye go Jimmy, did ye no ken they need a facelift when you switch the tags!*

Happy Tartan Day



It was a beautiful spring day when the motorcycle cop saw a sports car screaming through town.... The young man tried to frantically to explain to the cop but he wasn't listening... "I clocked you at 95 in a 25 zone! and that means your going to jail". The young man tried again to explain but the cop said "Save it for the judge". After a few hours in the local station, the cop came to the young man and said "Lucky for you that the judge will be in a good mood, he's at his daughter's wedding."

## Wha wad ken?

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

1. Why is April 6, 1320 a famous date?
2. Where are the "Cuillins"?
3. What Scottish (rock) singer recorded "Maggie May"?

Sorry, no one had all three correct.

### ANSWERS:

1. Scotch egg: boiled egg, sausage meat, dressing.
2. East end of Border: Berwick.
3. Oldest library is at Innerpefferay near Callander

All replies to Jim McLaren Tel: 636-532-5986

Fast e-mail: [mclaren@strathkirn.com](mailto:mclaren@strathkirn.com)

Snail mail: 2214 Stoneridge Terrace Ct.,  
Chesterfield, MO 63017

"Don't be too sure about that", said the young man, "As I tried to explain, I'm the groom!"

We hope you are making use of the websites:

St Andrew Society

[www.inverizon.com/scotlink/](http://www.inverizon.com/scotlink/) (select page)

St Louis Scottish Games

[www.stlouis-scottishgames.com](http://www.stlouis-scottishgames.com)

## KILTS NIGHTS AT LLYWELYN'S PUB

It's an informal social gathering at a nice place in Webster Groves called Llywelyn's Pub. Food is good, a wide range of beers, several folks in kilts, and usually a piper or two. Dates are: 3/18, 4/1, 4/29, 5/20, 6/3, 6/17. Located at 17 Moody Avenue, Webster Groves.

"Nae man can tether time nor tide." R. Burns

# Blood Relatives...

## WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE RELATED TO?

Most of us have had thoughts about who we might be related to, especially if there are some well-known public figures involved, and even more so if there are romantic historic characters hiding in the mist of time. For example, I have often wondered how closely I'm related to the "McLaren" side that developed the great engine technology and Formula 1 racing team. Or sometimes I think I might be related to the famous Edinburgh mathematician. On the other hand, I never think about being associated with Hamish McLaren the local thief. Yet we should all be related — being named "McLaren" should be a clue, right!?



Well, while having the same name does indicate relatedness, it turns out that all of us may be so closely related that the name is only a very tiny distinction. There are two major scientific facts that are relevant here. First of all it is now known that the human DNA code is very similar in all humans and that all populations arising from a small area (as in an island) have additional similarities. Secondly, it is mathematically certain that we are ALL related to famous romantic characters from Scotland's past.

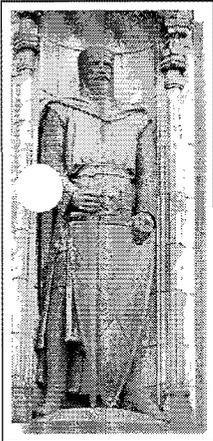
While this is not good news for those who do the genealogy traces and claim "distinct" relationships with historically famous ancestors, as in "ma great-great-great grandfather was Willie Wallace!", it is interesting to learn that the rest of us are just as related to those famous folks — and also related to a bunch of other characters. Maybe you are as skeptical of these facts as I am of those who claim a specific relationship, so let me show you how it works....

Assuming that a generation time is about 25 years, then going back just one century will provide you with a total of 30 ancestors: 2 parents, 4 grandparents, 8 great grandparents, 16 great-great grandparents (so that was simple). Taking the same process for a child born in 2000, results in that child having a million ancestors back in 1525. That child had half a million ancestors during the Scottish reformation — among those half million are likely to be famous people who created history, plus quite a few who did a host of other things.

**Based on the numbers, I am related to Robert the Bruce and, if your family originated in Scotland, so are you.**

The following is a partial table to show the calculations: (you can easily fill in the gaps for any particular year)

Generation	Year Born	Relationship	Ancestor total
1	2000	You	2
2	1975	Parents	4
3	1950	Grandparents	8
4	1925	Great grandparents	16
5	1900	GreatX2 Gparents	32
6	1875	GreatX3 Gparents	64
7	1850	GreatX4 Gparents	128
20	1525	GreatX17 Gparents	1,048,576
21	1500	GreatX18 Gparents	2,097,152
22	1475	GreatX19 Gparents	4,194,304
23	1450	GreatX20 Gparents	8,388,608
24	1425	GreatX21 Gparents	16,777,216
29	1275	GreatX26 Gparents	536,870,912
30	1250	GreatX27 Gparents	over 1 billion



# TOASTS & THINGS

## TARTAN DAY

Last year was a fun event for folks of all ages.



**The fighting sheen o'it;  
The yellow, the green o'it;  
The black, the red o'it;  
Every thread o'it;  
The fair have sighed for it;  
The brave have died for it;  
Foemen sought for it;  
Heroes faught for it;  
Honour the name o'it;  
Drink to the fame o'it;**

**THE TARTAN**

## TARTAN DAY PARADE

April 2 - 3, 2004

**Reception:** Friday, April 2, 6:30pm at Travelodge.

**Parade:** Saturday, April 3, noon - down historic Main Street in historic St Charles. Assemble 11:00am for noon start, Boone's Lick & Riverside. Entertainment & information on Main St. after parade.

**Music Fest:** Saturday evening, 7:00pm Lindenwood Cultural Ctr., 400 Kingshighway. Tickets on sale during & after parade and at the door.  
Adults \$7 Children 5-12 \$4

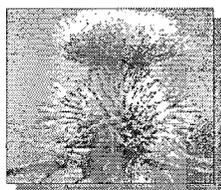
**Kirkin:** Sunday morning 10:30am St. Charles Pres. Church, 131 Gamble

For more information, contact  
Judie Chaboude (636)946 4174 or jeffcktj@aol.com

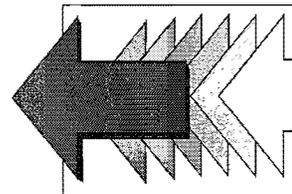
**VOLUNTEERS** required. Hanging of tartans ... Saturday, April 3, 9:00am meet at Thistle & Clover 330 Main.

**PARTICIPANTS** can walk with own Clan (contact Geoff Chaboude) or with the St Andrew Society and/or St Louis Scottish Games group.

[www.missouritartandayfestivities.com](http://www.missouritartandayfestivities.com)



**Know anyone interested  
In joining the Society  
Call Geoff Chaboude  
At (636) 519 7979**



**H**ope 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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Website address is <http://www.inverizon.com/scotlink>  
The St Andrew Society phone number is (636) 519 7979

The Scottish St. Andrew Society of Greater St. Louis  
presents the 9th Annual...

**KILTED GOLF  
TOURNAMENT  
FOLLOWED BY BBQ FOOD & CEILIDH**

**Friday, May 14, 2004**

**Aberdeen Golf Club**

**GOLF shotgun at 1:00pm**

**BBQ Buffet & Ceilidh at 6:30pm**

COME TO EITHER OR BOTH

**DEADLINE  
March 19**

**Cost: \$85 (\$90 if late sign-up) per person, includes cart and PRIZES and DINNER**

Mulligans (max 2 per team) extra. Can enter "Skins Game" as a team.

least one person in every foursome should be wearing some tartan, preferably a kilt. Format will be a scramble — everyone hits, choose best ball, everyone hits from that spot, and so on.

Male and female teams welcome. Spectators welcome for golf.

*Go ahead and kick it, it'll cost you a stroke!*

**Food/Ceilidh only costs will be \$18 per person, pre-reserved (\$25 at the door)**

*Food & Ceilidh (song, music, fun) starts around 6:30pm.*

*(featuring Alex Sutherland & His Cronies, Bagpipes, and Others)*

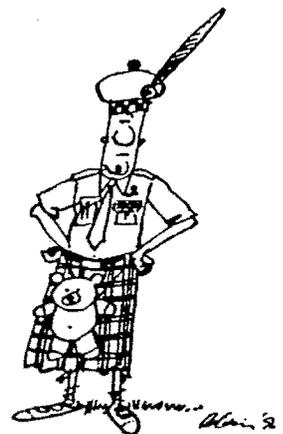


**Dam sheep swallowed my ball!**

**YOU MUST RESERVE  
BY MARCH 19th  
AND PAY IMMEDIATELY.  
(GET YOUR TEAM ORGANIZED)  
GOLF + BBQ = \$85 per person  
(\$90 if payment after March 19)  
(No acceptance after March 31st)**

**Buy tickets for BBQ/Ceilidh only  
\$18 per person**

**TO RESERVE CALL  
Jim McLaren 636 532 5986 or  
mclaren@strathkirk.com**



**Is that your sporan,  
or a mis-placed club head cover?**

*The St Andrew Society is a not-for-profit organization for the promotion of Scottish culture,  
for enhancement of Scots-American relations, and for the support of related charitable causes.*

Sponsorship info & benefits: call Kim Gordon (314) 313 7770. Like to donate a prize: call Jim Duffy (636) 532 2749