

## SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends,

The warm weather is upon us and Summer, with its family vacations, BBQs with friends, and all the other fun Summer activities (like having the a/c stop working on the first 100 degree day!) will soon be here. With the Kilted Golf and Ceilidh our program for the year will be complete.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the SSAS members who have made this last year's events a great success. Volunteers are the heart of this organization and without them, and their involvement throughout the year, none of our excellent events would take place. So thank you all.

Now, how about you? Would like to get more involved? This Thistle Times gives information regarding a number of ways you can, so look them over and call the phone numbers. Or call me on 314-771-0119 and I will be only too happy to forward your info to the appropriate board member. With your help next year's program will be even better. Have a wonderful Summer.

Yours aye, Alex Sutherland

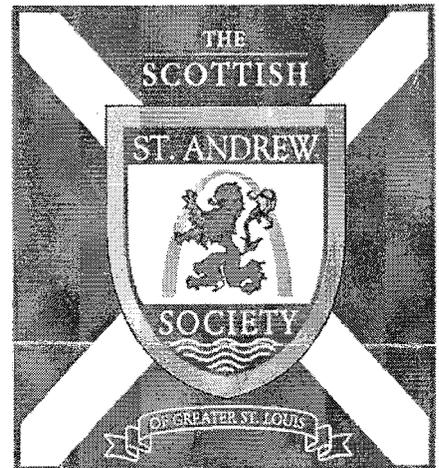
They that marry in green, their sorrow is soon seen! ( a common belief in some parts)

### The Bride's Cog



An Orkney wedding tradition, the Bride's Cog is circulated at the end of the wedding festivities. Typically, it contains Scotch whisky, beaten eggs, and sugar!

Now, that 's a sweetie, and no a nippy yin!  
Slante.



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# Membership News

## THANK YOU

We have had an outstanding series of events for our Society year. Special thanks must go to Jen Nicoll for organizing the Burns Dinner and to Diane McCullough for the great program.

Many thanks are also due to all the helpers for each of the events, and to all of you who participated and made each one such a success.

BULLETIN  
BOARD

If you would like to help with the program next year

Like to participate on the Board next year? Call J McLaren

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

### 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. Remaining dates are: 5/20, 6/3, 6/17. Located at 17 Moody Avenue, Webster Groves.

### WELCOME RECENT NEW MEMBERS

Scott Poe, Arnold, MO  
Charles & Catherine Day, Manchester, MO  
Paul & Ada Costello, Carlinville, IL  
Marcia Riegel, Florissant, MO  
James & Mary Hacking, Town & Country, MO

### SOCIETY CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

The Constitution and By-Laws are now published on the website. You may access these at:  
[www.inverizon.com/scotlink/constitpage1.htm](http://www.inverizon.com/scotlink/constitpage1.htm)

### Regional Highland Dance Support

The Society continues to provide vital support for various Scottish events in the area. St. Louis, via Sandra Brown, is the host for the Regional Highland Dance Competition for 2004.

Your Board is recommending that the Society support this important event and that we provide the prize money for the winners in each category. The total donation will not exceed \$1,500. In accordance with the By-Laws, the Board requests member approval for this amount. Comments to the editor, and no comments will be taken as an affirmative. Thank you.

"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 Rabbin Burns and Scotland.

**VOLUNTEER(S) REQUIRED TO MAKE CD.** The Board has recommended that we archive the historical information and pictures by scanning to a disk. Equipment can be made available but we need a volunteer to undertake the conversion. If interested please call editor at 636 530 6943.

# Oot an' About...



## TARTAN DAY PARADE

St Charles was invaded by Scots and what a grand day it was. The weather was beautiful and the street was lined with tartans of 25 clans. Pipe bands, entertainers, organizations, over 40 clans including the "Nessie Fan Clan" from Mt. Zion Preschool preceded Miss Tartan Day, Debbie Wersching, in a horse drawn carriage.

The celebration concluded with a delightful "weaving" of music, song, stories and dance at the Tartan Day Music Fest.

Sunday morning, we enjoyed a "Kirkin of the Tartan".



## MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO ALREADY RESPONDED SOCIETY BOARD STILL NEEDS HELP ON COMMITTEES

### **Nominating Committee.**

New Board members for open positions are solicited via the Thistle Times and by nomination by a special Nominating Committee. If you would like to participate, please call Jim McLaren at 636 530 6943.

### **Informational Brochure Committee. (1st meeting is this month)**

The Board is exploring the development of an informational brochure for prospective and new members. Design and contents are to be created by a dedicated Committee. Those interested, or for further information, please contact:

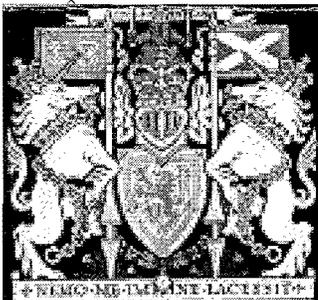
Geoff Chaboude at 636 946 4174 or Iona Baldwin at 314 569 4225

### **Burns Dinner Coordination**

Jen Nicoll is looking for an assistant, with a view to taking over in another year. Interested members should call Jen at 636-527-3386.

### **Society Board**

Please send all nominations for the next Board, including self-nomination, to J. McLaren at 636 530 6943 or [mclaren@strathkirk.com](mailto:mclaren@strathkirk.com)



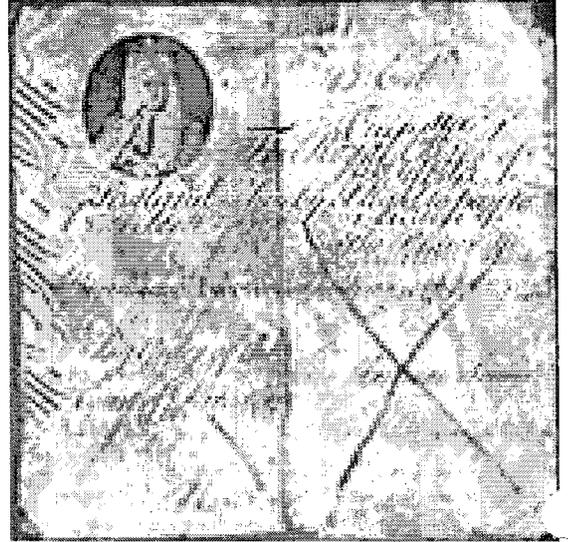
**Official Work.  
You might even  
like it!!**

# Caledonia Corner

Have you noticed that the Royal Bank of Scotland has been quietly expanding, and especially outside Scotland. Those RBS signs (a modified saltire) are all over London, including the "tube" escalators, and appear at most top sports events.

Founded by Royal charter in 1727, the Royal Bank of Scotland has its headquarters in Edinburgh. However, the RBS Group has continued to grow its business around the globe and, in addition to its strong UK presence, it has offices in Europe, the USA and Asia. Much of the growth has come through acquisition of other banks. For example, the National Westminster Bank was taken over in 2000. By the end of 2002, it was the second largest bank in Europe and the fifth largest in the world.

On May 6th, The Wall Street Journal had a headline with the intriguing line, "Why the Scots Have Landed in Cleveland". It turns out the RBS is at it again. They paid \$10.5 billion (yes with a "B") for "Charter Financial One" of Cleveland. Charter One had a new deal for in-store banking at Wal-Mart, and if that stays in-place we might yet see the RBS signs at a local store near you, and throughout the Mid-West!



An original RBS note payable at the Bank's HQ in Edinburgh — was the first to use the Monarch head — the Bank of England did not use this type of notation till 1960.

With due respect to Paisley's natives, we couldn't help but let you hear this one.... A business visitor, and his client, recently went to the town bistro and ordered two cafe lattes. After the waitress had gone off to make them, another of her colleagues came over and helpfully inquired, "Black or white?" (*and it wasn't the pudding she was asking about either!*)

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)

## Wha wad ken?

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

1. What year was the Battle of Prestonpans?
2. What city is near the Pentland Hills?
3. What is the "Grey Mare's Tail"?

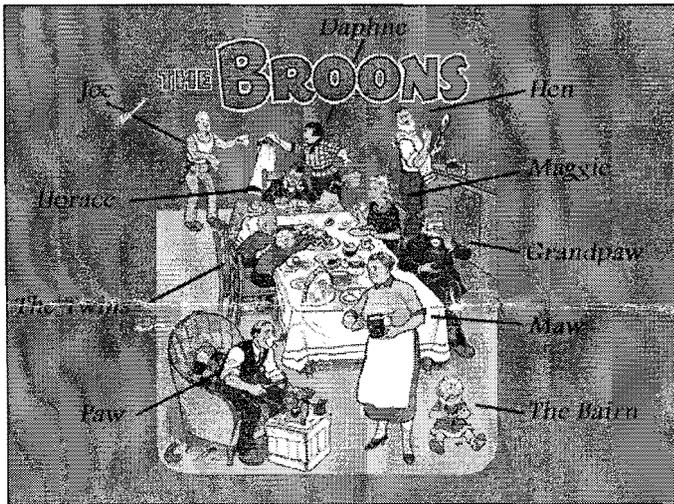
Congratulations to the winner, Mary Sinclair

### ANSWERS:

1. 4/6/1320 = Declaration of Arbroath.
2. Cuillins = Mountains on Isle of Skye
3. Maggie May was by Rod Stewart

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# Oor Wullie and The Broons-



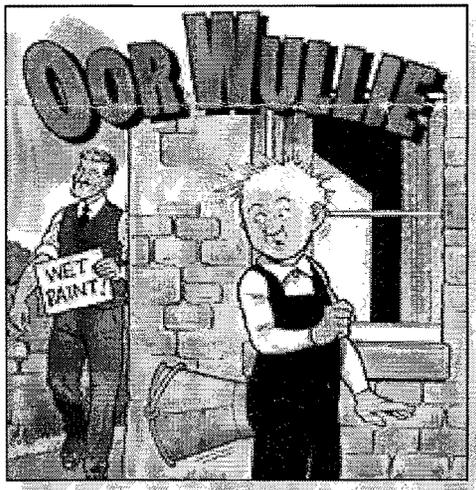
**“Crivvens!”  
“Help ma boab!”**

If you recognize these phrases then you were once a happy child reading something from one of Scotland’s two most famous cartoons, “Oor Wullie” or “The Broons”.

The “annual books” remain a favorite Christmas stocking item throughout Scotland.

The Scottish publisher D.C. Thomson first introduced The Broons and Oor Wullie in The Sunday Post on March 8th, 1936.

The first annual was The Broons published on 17 November 1939. The following year the first Oor Wullie annual was published. The annuals have continued to be published on alternate years ever since with the exception of WWII years, 1943-46.



A pot o’ tea, a slice o’ toast,  
Wullie, The Broons, an’ The Sunday Post!

Oor Wullie and his bucket for a seat. His friends are called “Wee Eck” & “Soapy”



**April 5th, 2004 BBC Survey**

**Oor Wullie has beaten historical heroes, sports stars and Hollywood actors to be named Scotland's top icon.**

The comic strip hero, famous for sitting on his bucket, came first in a survey marking this year's Tartan Day festivities on 6 April. He beat William Wallace and the most famous living Scotsman, Sir Sean Connery.

**Jings! Help ma boab!  
Wid ye credit it?**

# TOASTS & THINGS

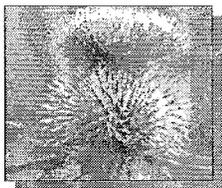
## REGIONAL HIGHLAND DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Regional Championship, hosted in St. Louis for the first time, was a great success and received accolades from competitors who had traveled from Texas, Kansas, and Colorado. The winners in each bracket go on to compete at the National level. The top two in each age bracket were::

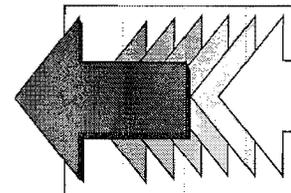
Age	Premier Champion	Premier 1st Runner Up
-11	Sarah Neff, Golden, CO	Morgan Moisey, Littleton, CO
12-13	Emily Ramsey, Pearland, TX	Rachel Seals, Houston, TX
14-15	Carla Gardner, Bellaire, TX	Pitar McKay, Pearland, TX
16-17	Sarah McKee, Overland Pk, KS	Kathryn Wetzal, Bellaire, TX
18+	Cailin Wilson, Centerville, KS	Sandra Smith, Enid, OK



OK, I can get a mortgage, on the property, but how much is the heating going to cost me?



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



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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