

SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends,

Welcome back after the summer break. I hope that those of you who got away from St. Louis heat had great adventures and that those who were here all summer managed to enjoy some of the lovely days. We are looking forward to another year of fun Scottish events. The Annual General Meeting of the Society on Monday September 19th is an important milestone. I would encourage all members to attend the meeting, and if possible join other members and the Board for dinner beforehand at Pat's Bar and Grill.

As President since the last AGM in 2004 I would like to thank the Board members for all their dedication and hard work. All our Scottish events were friendly, fun, interesting occasions. The board has almost completed work on a membership packet that will contain a copy of the Society's Constitution and By-Laws, and a member roster among other information. Everyone will receive a packet when they renew their membership in October and, subsequently, each new member will receive one. We are looking for members who would be willing to help and share their talents (making phone calls or stuffing envelopes is not too hard!). We especially would like to know of someone who is good with computer spreadsheets and databases.

This year has been marked by the sad occasion of the death of one of our founding members, our Chaplain, the Rev. Thom Hunter. He is sadly missed.

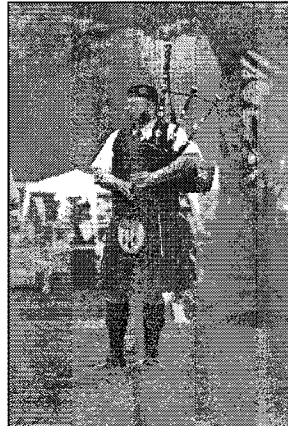
I look forward to seeing everyone at The Society AGM, and at The Scottish Games in October in Forest Park.

Yours Aye, Iona L. Baldwin (President SSAS)

A Wee Slice o' Scotland (in St Louis)



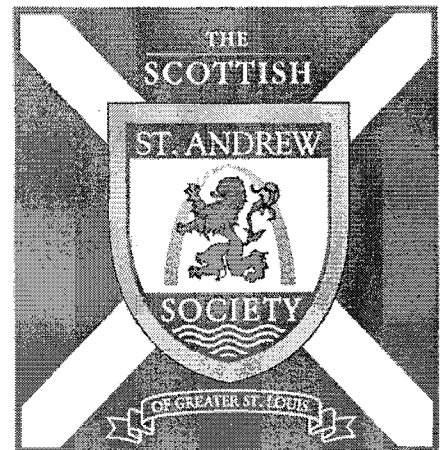
Come along and
see for yourself



October 7th (evening) and 8th (all day)
Details inside.

We're Back!

We trust you had a good summer, and
you're ready for the upcoming events.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Event

Monday, September 19th, 2005 at 7:00pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pat's Bar & Grill, 6400 Oakland at Tamm (across I40 from the zoo)
Come along early and eat first then join us in the upstairs meeting room

(Excellent food in the grill at reasonable prices)

Don't miss this important event to kick-off our new session

Plus you get to vote for new officers and tell us what's on your mind.

Other exciting events for this year....

The planning for several events is already underway, including

October 7-8, 2005. See you at the Annual St. Louis Scottish Games

November 19th, 2005. St Andrew's Day Dinner Dance at The Racquet Club (N Kingshighway)

December. Christmas Party at Mary Institute Country Day School

January 21st, 2006. Annual Robert Burns Dinner at the Frontenac Hilton

If you would like
to help out, call
Iona Baldwin
(314) 569 4225

St. Andrew Day Celebration: to be held on November 19th, 2005

This year we are moving to a new venue at the Raquet Club on N. Kingshighway. Founded in 1906, this Club has a rich history and has had many famous members, including associations with the Lindbergh flight from New York to Paris. The rooms have a "flavor" of the Auld Country. More details next month but mark your calendars now.

Volunteers Make the Difference

— for the St Andrew Society, the Scottish Games, and many other events around town



Volunteers Making a Difference

Step-Up! volunteers have been serving the St. Louis community since 1985. In 20 years of civic service, 100's of neighborhoods, thousands of volunteer hours Have helped make a significant impact to our communities.

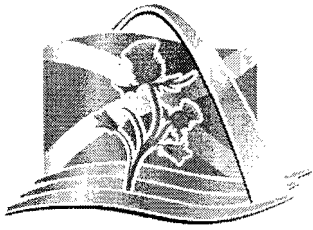
Step-Up! volunteers have been beneficial to the Scottish Community. Step-Up! volunteers Have been there since the first Games in 2001 and have been there every year since. They have worked along side us in 2004 during the World's Fair Centennial to raise \$500 for the St. Andrew Society by providing opportunities.

Step-Up! St. Louis Volunteers cordially invite you to attend their 20th Anniversary Gala to celebrate **A Night of a Thousand Stars**.

The Gala is Friday October 28, 2005 from 6:30 – midnight at the Orlando Gardens –South County 4300 Hoffmeister. The Gala will feature a buffet dinner, open bar, and live music performed by Facts O' Life. Attire is business casual.

Tickets are available for purchase at \$30.00 each.

More information can be found on our website www.stlouis.missouri.org.
To buy your tickets, please contact Chris Fulton at (314)962-1478.



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Committee Chairs

The following people are leading the organization of the respective areas via personal efforts and through Committees of volunteers:

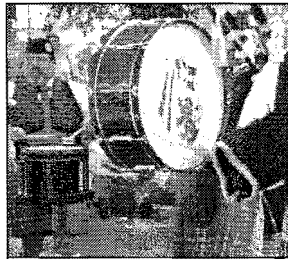
- Patricia McRoberts
Administrative Support
- Jen Nicoll
Admission Gate
- Doreen Beckman
Animals & Birds
- Scott Runnels
Athletics
- Dave Massey
British Car Show
- Judie Chaboude
Ceremonies
- Pam Davis
Children's Activities
- Geoff Chaboude
Clans & Associations
- Alex Sutherland
Entertainment: Sound
- Anne McLaren
Finance
- Sandra Brown
Highland Dancing
- Diane McCullough
History; Education; Grants
- Gordon McRoberts
Logistics & Facilities
- John Daniels R. N.
Medical
- Christopher Fulton
Volunteers: Historian
- Carrie Sutherland
Merchants & Food Vendors
- George Gerules
Piping & Drumming
- Aprille Winston
Program Advertisements
- Kim Gordon
Program Coordination
- Charles Henderson
Publicity & Media Relations
- Mike McCrann/Donald Griffith
Site Communications; Parking
- Dan & Robyn Bohn
Risk Management
- Jim McLaren
Website Management

5th Annual St Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival

October 7th (Friday evening) and 8th (all day)
At Forest Park (just east of the History Museum)

To establish, for the Greater St. Louis community, a high-quality Highland Games and Scottish Festival as a sustainable, annual tradition that generates national interest and recognition.

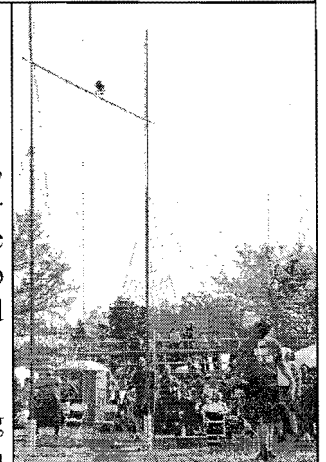
What did they say about the Games last year?



Absolutely magnificent!

Yes, that's really 56lb and 19' 6" and a world record by Sean Betz

First-class show!



Many thanks to those who have already given, to the "Friends of the Games", and to the volunteers who have worked so hard during the past months. There are still opportunities to help out, so please feel free to contact us and ask what is involved.

With the costs involved, we are always looking for additional sources of financial help. If you have not done so already, **please consider making a financial contribution, or helping to raise money via corporate sponsors, or by making referrals to people who may want to help.** Please also encourage as many people as you can to attend the Games.

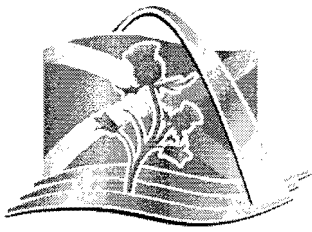
Looking forward to seeing there,

SLSG Board of Directors
Dr. Jim McLaren (Chairman)
Charles Henderson (Secretary)
Bill Nicoll (Operations Director)

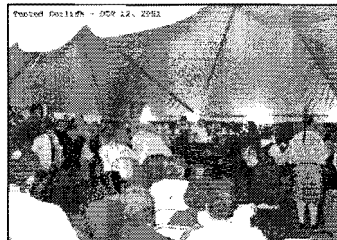
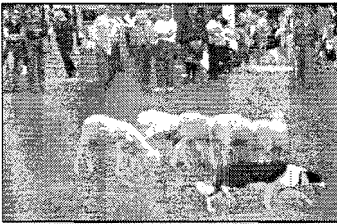
Anne McLaren (Treasurer)
Richard Lodge (Director at Large)
Elizabeth Westhoff (Director at Large)
Diane McCullough (Director at Large)
Iona Baldwin (SSAS representative)

Need to contact someone at SLSG:

Call Bill Nicoll at The Games phone no. (314) 821 1286
E-mail to macmail@stlouis-scottishgames.com



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SUMMARY OF EVENTS & SCHEDULE

Friday, October 7th, 2005

Gates open @ 5:00pm.

~6:30pm: Torchlight Ceremony & Calling of the Scottish Clans.

You may participate in this moving "out of the mist" ceremony — one representative per Clan, sign up inside the entry gate, wear tartan, and be able to carry a flaming torch. Or you can just show up and cheer for your favorite Clan.

Starting ~8:00pm: Ceilidh and Musical/Singing performers. An evening of song, dancing, and fun for all.

(You may bring your own lawn chair for the torchlight ceremony.)

Saturday, October 8th, 2005

Gates open @ 8:30am.

A full day of spectacular events and ceremonies, including folk music, heavy athletics, Highland dancing, pipebands, Border Collie sheepdog demonstrations, history, storytelling, British collector car show, animals, birds, kids games, Nessie and much more....

Visit the Clan tents, and browse the merchandise booths.

Parade of Tartans at ~12:30pm

Closing ceremony starts at 4:30pm, includes massed pipe-bands.

Food and beverages available both days from a range of vendors.

Please note: *No pets allowed on site.*



ENTERTAINMENT includes Ed Miller, John Taylor, Brian McNeill, The Boatrights, Jeff Campbell, Caroline Pugh, Peat Fire Flame, Karen Chartrand, Duddybreeks, Alex Usher....



STILL THE BEST VALUE EVENT EVER

AGE GROUP	Friday Torchlight & Ceilidh	Saturday All Events	Both Days Combo Pass
General	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
Family pass 2 adults + kids	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$50.00

Under 5: free

PAY AT THE GATE



Caledonia Corner

DANCE CALEDONIA — an update from Sandra Brown

We are proud to announce that Madeleine Docherty was one of the winners in our Regional competition in the spring, in Houston, and this qualified her to dance in Nationals in Mount Vernon, WA in July. Madeleine did very well in receiving such a high honor, and places her in the top 90 best Highland dancers in the US. Overall, our girls have done a great job of winning medals and trophies throughout the summer and I am very proud of them. I believe that Elizabeth Stade, our Novice class representative has participated in the most competitions and has won the most trophies.

Members have often spoken to me about a particular dancer who has caught their eye. Names frequently mentioned are, Colleen Rose, Clare Crites, Jenny Gores. Fortunately Colleen will still be with us when we perform for the Society events, but sadly Clare and Jenny will be missing. They have gone on to bigger things - Clare to Annapolis, and Jenny to Law school at Georgetown University. Other dancers who moved on to study law are, Tara McCallum Polleys who is a captain and prosecutor in the military, Katie Dixon who is currently at Harvard, Heather Sandison at Washington University, and Hannalori Bates at St. Louis University.

Our girls are not only talented dancers but are brilliant intellectually. The discipline required to do Highland dancing in a highly technical manner has been proven to benefit children as they mature. Many parents have remarked on this. If you would like to introduce your children or grand-children to Scottish Highland and National dance, bring them to the Games on October 8th to see the girls dance in competition and get in touch with Sandra Brown at 636 227 9375 for more information.

Wha wad ken?

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

1. What is a "puddock"?
2. Where is the Bass Rock?
3. What is the name of the "new town" that was built between Edinburgh and Glasgow?

Nobody won last time.

Answers:

1. Bothy — farm dwelling for communal living
2. Antonine Wall — F of Forth to F of Clyde
3. Production car built in Scotland (1899) was called the Argyll.

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Chesterfield, MO 63017

St. Louis Radio Hall of Fame.

Bob Hamilton, veteran KMOX news anchor, and long-time member of our Society, was inducted into the St. Louis Radio Hall of Fame. Among many other accolades and associations, Bob is also a member of the Radio Society of Great Britain, and The National Trust for Scotland.

A few Guid Words

(From the Auld Scots tongue, which is more widespread than Gaelic in Scotland)

HURL = convey in a wheeled vehicle

DONNERT = stupid (also GLAIKIT)

MUCKLE = large

WHEESHT = be quiet, don't talk

TOASTS & THINGS

Flowers o' the Forest — Rev. Dr. Thom Hunter (1919-2005)

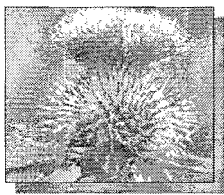
Our Society Chaplain, and associate pastor emeritus of Webster Groves Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. Thom Hunter, died July 15, 2005. Thom was one of the founding members of our St. Louis St. Andrew Society and provided strong leadership in establishing a foundation for Scottish culture around St. Louis. Born in Johnston, PA, he graduated from Park University, MO, and from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Following a wartime appointment in the Navy Chaplain Corps, Thom worked at Cornell University, the University of Oregon, the University of Texas-Austin, and returned to McCormick Seminary as vice-president. He joined the pastoral staff at Webster Groves in 1972 and served that Parish and our Scottish community with outstanding contributions over many years. We will all miss his strong voice, kind words, and thoughtful "prayers". Thom is survived by his wife, Ruth, two daughters, a son, and three grand-daughters.

Amazing stories from Scotland this summer....

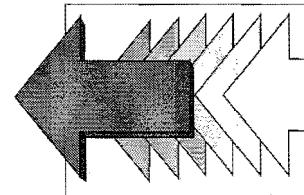
A Scottish Executive report yesterday on infertility treatment stated: "Women aged 35 to 39 have a 50% less chance of conceiving spontaneously than women aged 19 to 26." Wow! That's a truly amazing feat of nature. There could be a number of new religions arising from all of this, or is it another way to cover-up a growing social problem!

Oh yea! The Scottish soccer team managed to win a game (against Norway) — it was a must-win situation to keep them in the running to qualify for the World Cup in Germany. With that victory the folks in Scotland are already planning the celebration for WC win! Awa' yersel' lads. Incidentally, the US soccer team has already actually qualified for a place in Germany. Hier kommen wir!

Just last month, Edinburgh-based Royal Bank of Scotland agreed to acquire a 5% stake in the Bank of China, which cost it \$1.6 billion. Under the deal, Sir Fred Goodwin, chief executive of Royal Bank, will take a seat on the board of China's second-largest bank. Just last week, there was a shocking revelation that the Bank of China may have been involved in funding for North Korea's nuclear program. Welcome to the hot seat, Sir Goodwin!



**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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