



# SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends,

We are well into the New Year now, but I wish you all a very Happy New Year and a special welcome to our many new members. Recently, we have had two very successful events. At our December Christmas party everyone enjoyed a delicious pot-luck dinner, a visit from Santa, and the singing of Christmas carols.

Last weekend, there were many kilts, sashes and Saltires in evidence again at our Annual Burns Dinner which, by all accounts, was as good as ever. Three hundred and fifty members and guests thoroughly enjoyed this splendid evening of Toasts, music, and dancing. Our new Society Booth was on display and an antique original volume of Burns poetry was sold in a silent auction. Thanks to all those who participated. The Invera'an Pipe Band was on top form, giving an excellent performance. The girls of Dance Caledonia, including two of the under 10 year-olds gave an outstanding exhibition which included a brand new dance, choreographed by their great teacher Sandra Brown.

We encourage all our members to support the upcoming Scottish festivities, including the April Celebration of Tartan Day in St. Charles, and the associated Saturday night Ceilidh. Please remember to renew your membership. Once all renewals are in our long awaited Member Roster will be compiled and sent to all members.

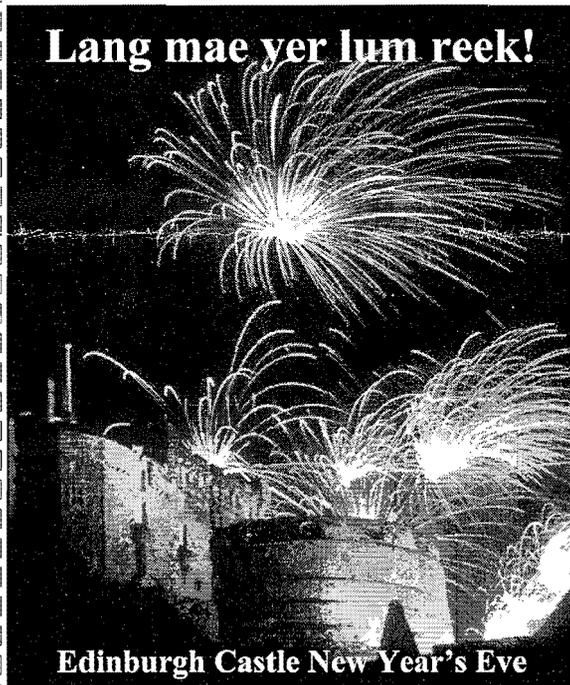
Yours Aye, Iona Baldwin

# THIS IS THE TIME

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## BEST WISHES FOR 2006

Lang mae yer lum reek!



Edinburgh Castle New Year's Eve



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# Membership News

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

## TARTAN DAY BALL - Friday March 31st

An enchanting evening of dinner, society, dancing and merriment.

At the Stegton Regency Banquet Center, St. Charles.

Tickets \$45.00 per person. Call Karen Chartrand 314 837 6777 x 1521

### Saturday, April 1st

Festival opens at 10am

Parade at noon

Torchlight Gathering at 5:30 pm

Ceilidh, immediately following till 10:00pm

## Missouri Tartan Day

### Sunday, April 2nd

Festival opens at 9am

Kirkin' O' the Tartan 9:30am

Festival begins at 10:00am

Massed Bands Parade at noon

Information: Call Judie Chaboude, 636 946 4174. Website: [www.missouritartandayfestivities.com](http://www.missouritartandayfestivities.com)

Other exciting events for your calendar this year....

### May 19th (Friday): Annual Kilted Golf Tournament

At Aberdeen Golf Club (near Eureka)

Mark your calendar and arrange your foursome now

Info/Reserve: Call Jim McLaren 636 532 5986

If you would like

to help out, call

Anja Lodge

314 965 6077

June: Ceilidh (TBD)

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### TARTAN DAY: Show Your Tartan

If you wish to have your own Tartan hung along the parade route then please contact Geoff Chaboude immediately. Cost will be \$80, for a 6 ft by 60" wide tartan (includes tax & shipping from Scotland). 636 946 4174 or [geoffcctj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:geoffcctj@sbcglobal.net)

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

John Karel, St Louis, MO

George Kerwin, Clayton, MO

Holly Turner, Potosi, MO

Terry & Paula Warmack, Jackson, MO

Sandra Jackson, Ellisville, MO

Herbert & Joan McLain, Lake St Louis, MO

John & Susan Meier III, St Louis, MO

Jim Campbell III, Chesterfield, MO

Richard Emory, St Louis, MO

James & Ramona Lochhead, St Louis, MO

Matthew Price, St Louis, MO

Jeffrey Price, Barnhart, MO

### Pipes, Drums, and Dancers of The Black Watch & Band of the Welsh Guards

February 9 & 10 at the Fox Theatre.

Contact Dance St. Louis. Tel: 314 534 5000 Web: [www.dancestlouis.org](http://www.dancestlouis.org)

# Burns Dinner Photos

Another wonderful Burns Dinner was enjoyed by the 350 attendees at the Frontenac Hilton. There were superb toasts, a thoughtful immortal memory, toe-tapping pipe-band music, folk songs, and dancing to entertain everyone... and an excellent haggis! (courtesy of the Sisters of the Haggis) Thank you to all the participants for their outstanding efforts and contributions. And, a special thank you to Anja Lodge for leading the arrangements for another great event.



Address to the Haggis extraordinaire by Anna Duffy (who will follow that?)



What a cheer there was for the "wee yins"



Society President Iona, and Dick Baldwin dancing away.



Another superb performance from Alex Sutherland & His Cronies

## Interested in more photos?

Society Historian Chris Brennan has arranged a webpage where you may view a collection of photos from Burns Night.....

Address: [www.photobucket.com](http://www.photobucket.com)

Username: stlssas Password: haggis

If you would like an e-mail with print resolution photos, please contact Chris at [cdmbrennan@yahoo.com](mailto:cdmbrennan@yahoo.com)



Toast by Donald McLaren



Congratulations to Tom and Norma Forrester: awarded Honorary Lifetime Membership

# Caledonia Corner



Society members had a wonderful time at the Christmas Party. Following dinner, the arrival of Santa caused great excitement, and an enjoyable carol singing session was had by all.



The Society Board has considered a request from Dance Caledonia and proposes that the Society donate \$750 towards the costs of bringing in an outside dance expert to conduct a special workshop for the young dancers in St. Louis. If you have any objections or comments about this action, please contact Iona Baldwin at 314 569 4225.

## Wha wad ken?

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

1. What Scottish animal is related to the Elk?
2. What did James Chalmers of Dundee invent?
3. Who was Lord Graham of Claverhouse also known as?

Congratulations to David Massey who won.

### Answers:

1. Battle of Prestonpans = 21 September, 1745
2. Mavis is a song thrush
3. Adam Smith Center is in Kirkcaldy

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## Did the Scots invent, create, or discover Canada? Read all about it!

We have received a letter from Peter St. John, The Ninth Earl of Orkney, with information about a new book by Matthew Shaw entitled *Great Scots! How the Scots created Canada* which discusses how our northern neighbor's "infrastructure and economy are a direct result of Scottish doggedness and ingenuity." The book was on the Canadian best seller list for 11 weeks and is available at a discount (\$19 softcover; \$26 hardcover) to Society members by calling 204-475-7720; fax 204-453-3615; or email [hrtland@mts.net](mailto:hrtland@mts.net).

### Can't dance...

Is the correct grammar for this condition, "Walt Disney" or "disnae waltz"?

### Optimism

An optimistic Scotsman — a piper with a cell phone on his belt!

# Scottish Festivals



*Grand old Vikings ruled upon the ocean vast,  
Their brave battle-songs still thunder on the blast;  
Their wild war-cry comes a-ringing from the past;  
We answer it "A-oi!"  
Roll their glory down the ages,  
Sons of warriors and sages,  
When the fight for Freedom rages,  
Be bold and strong as they!*

In the deep and dark winter of January, in the North of Scotland, what type of festival might you organize — why a Fire Festival of course. Called “**Up Helly Aa**”, the largest of these events is held in the town of Lerwick (Shetland Isles) - about the same latitude as Southern Greenland but the cold, gales, sleet and snow have never stopped an event yet. Typically, ~1000 colorfully dressed "guisers" follow the Jarl's squad of “Vikings” and their longship through the darkened streets of the town to the burning site. The official ceremony ends in a spectacular blaze as 800 flaming torches are thrown into the Viking galley. This northern, sub-arctic, Mardi Gras lasts just one day plus a whole night of revelry (of course, day and night are relative terms here) as each of the 40 plus squads visit the 11 local halls and put on wild and amusing sketches to entertain their hosts. It's a great event to be in if you can ever find your way there in the dark!

## Uppies and Doonies

In the January/February timeframe several towns across Scotland, from Kirkwall in the Orkneys to Jedburgh in the Borders, would have the “Ba Games” — some type of ball game involving throwing and/or kicking. Usually, one end of the town (Uppies) would play against the other (Doonies). Maybe that was where the phrase “downtown” started?



As many of you know the **Sisters of the Haggis** have a secret haggis-making session to prepare for the Burns Dinner. We do appreciate their efforts and the excellent haggis that is delivered.

Although the location is secret, the Thistle Times spared no expense on tracking devices and a hidden camera to capture the scene. The pictures came out quite well and are shown here!



# TOASTS & THINGS

While we run into Burns throughout the year, there is a distinct Burns "season" in the Scottish calendar. As we close that out for 2006, a big **thank you** once again to all those who participated in the toasts and entertainment and who made the Burns Dinner such a great success.

From the simple to the complex, every piece has a ring to it...

A prince can mak a belted knight  
A marquis, duke, an' a that;  
But an honest man's aboon his might,  
Gude faith, he maunna fa' that!

Dusty was the coat,  
Dusty was the colour,  
Dusty was the kiss  
That I gat frae the Miller

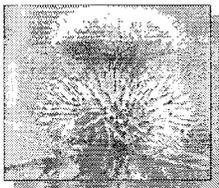
O, my luve's like a red, red rose,  
That's newly sprung in June.  
O, my luve's like the melodie,  
That's sweetly play'd in tune.  
Till a' the seas gang dry, my Dear,  
And the rocks melt wi' the sun!  
O I will luve thee still, my Dear,  
While the sands o' life shall run.

## New Home for First Time Buyer

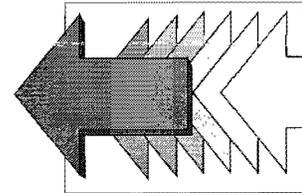
Low mortgage available!

These structures are called cleits and can be found on the volcanic-formed islands (e.g. St Kilda and Hirta) out in the Atlantic Hebrides. They serve two purposes:

1. as natural fridges used to store seabird meat which was used as food,
2. as guides to help navigation in the dense fog that often covers the islands.



**Know anyone interested  
In joining the Society  
Call Alex Sutherland  
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. Comments, new material, and letters to the Editor:

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