



# SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends,

I write this on the porch of our summer cottage in Wequeton-  
sing Michigan, looking out on Little Traverse Bay, part of Lake Michigan: the waves ripple  
to the shore and boats bob at anchor reminding me of Scotland.

My two years as President is almost at an end. Our Annual General Meeting is on Monday  
September 11<sup>th</sup> – please mark your calendar and attend this important meeting. A new slate  
of officers will be presented at the meeting and my hope is that there will be a large repre-  
sentation of the membership in attendance to vote on the nominations. Details of venue and  
time are inside. Before going to the meeting please reread the Constitution and Bylaws to  
acquaint yourself with the duties of the officers and the laws that govern our Society.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the nominating committee for all their good work.  
I would also like to thank you, the membership for responding and sending nominations to  
Alex Sutherland, the Chairman. Your support of all our events has been key to their success.  
Pat yourselves on the back, we have a great Society!

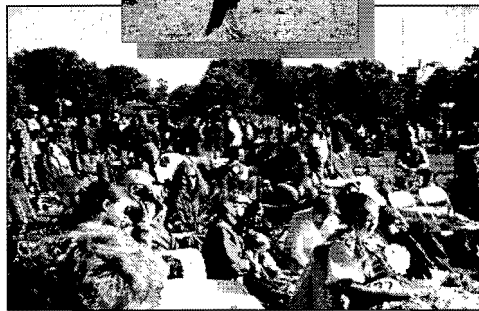
I would also like to thank the Officers and Board Members who have all worked well to-  
gether to provide exciting, interesting programs throughout the past year. I have enjoyed  
working with you. Thank you!

It is with great relief but much sadness that I write this, my last Thistle Times letter as  
your president. I have enjoyed serving with such a “guid bunch o’ folk”. We all look forward  
to another exciting year of programs. Be sure to send in the renewal membership form  
which is included in the newsletter. This is the way you will learn about all the programs.

See you September 11th, Yours Aye, Iona L. Baldwin (President SSAS)

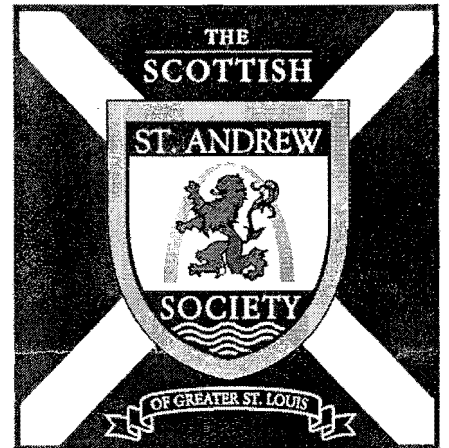
# THIS THISTLE TIMES

### A Wee Slice o’ Scotland Oct 6-7th (details inside)



### We’re Back!

We trust you had a great summer, and  
you’re ready for the upcoming events.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Next



Event

Monday, September 11th, 2006 at 7:00pm

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

“Design Within Reach” showroom at 44 Maryland Plaza, St. Louis.

Beverages and snacks will be provided.

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.**

### “How to” Guide for the AGM on Sept 11th.

**Where:** “Design Within Reach” showroom is located behind the fountain on Maryland Plaza.

HWY 64/40 or 44 to Kingshighway Blvd. North on Kingshighway to Lindell Blvd.

Right (East) on Lindell Blvd. one block to Euclid. Left (North) on Euclid one block to Maryland Plaza.

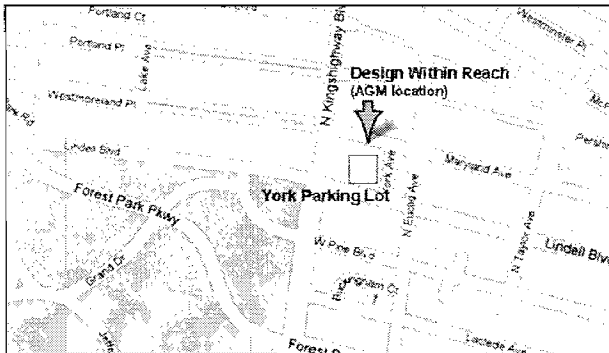
Left (West) on Maryland Plaza about 2 blocks to York Ave (Bar Louie is on the corner). Left (South) on

York Ave- the parking lot is immediately on the right, across the street from the parking garage

A map to Maryland Plaza is shown below.

**Parking:** available at York Avenue (Bar Louie on corner). If the lot is full, on-street parking can be found on Maryland Plaza. Covered parking is available at the Argyle Garage across from the York Ave lot.

**Food:** Snacks and beverages supplied. For pre-AGM dinner, there are several restaurants within a block (Bar Italia, Bar Louie, St. Louis Bread Company, Culpeppers, etc.)



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If you would like  
to help out, call  
Anja Lodge  
(314) 965 6077

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Other exciting events for this year....

**September 21, 2006** - from 6:30 until the fun runs out - Monthly Scottish Social at the Scottish Arms on Sarah Street in the Central West End. A fun evening, not to mention good Scottish food, beverages, wonderful pipers, and songs by Alex and Carrie Sutherland. Don't miss it.

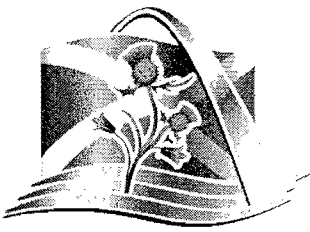
**October 6-7, 2006.** See you at the Annual St. Louis Scottish Games

**October 19, 2006** - Monthly Scottish Social at the Scottish Arms

**November 18, 2006.** St Andrew's Day Dinner Dance at The Racquet Club (N Kingshighway)

**December 11, 2006.** Christmas Party. Location TBA

**January 20th, 2007.** Annual Robert Burns Dinner at the Frontenac Hilton



# 6th Annual St. Louis Scottish Games and Cultural Festival

## 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*
- Anja Lodge  
*Admission Gate*
- Doreen Beckman  
*Animals & Birds*
- Scott Runnels  
*Athletics*
- Dave Massey  
*Car Show; Piping & Drumming*
- Judie Chaboude  
*Ceremonies*
- Pam Davis  
*Children's Activities*
- Geoff Chaboude  
*Clans & Associations*
- Alex Sutherland  
*Entertainment; Sound*
- Valencia Sowry  
*Hotels & Accommodation*
- Sandra Brown  
*Highland Dancing*
- Janey Brewen  
*Historian*
- Diane McCullough  
*History; Education; Grants*
- Gordon McRoberts  
*Logistics & Facilities*
- John Daniels R. N.  
*Medical*
- Carrie Sutherland  
*Merchants & Food Vendors*
- Donald Griffith  
*Parking*
- Linda Coonrod  
*Program Book*
- Aprille Winston  
*Program Book Advertisements*
- Charles Henderson  
*Publicity & Media Relations*
- Bill Nicoll  
*Operations Support*
- Ron Buck  
*Refreshment Concessions*
- Dan & Robyn Bohn  
*Risk Management*
- Mike McCrann  
*Site Communications*
- Christopher Fulton  
*Volunteers*
- Jim McLaren  
*Website Management*

**October 6th (Friday evening) and 7th (all day Saturday)  
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.*

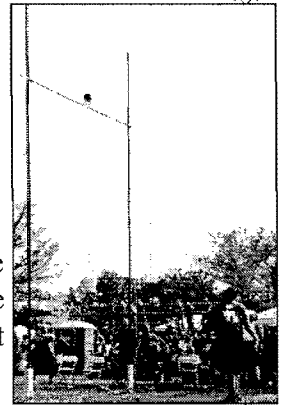


***Absolutely First-class!***

***An incredible show!***

***We'll be back next year!***

Just a few comments that we've heard. Our event is among the best because we have the best people involved.



Many thanks to our Committee Chairs (see left) and the dozens of other activities volunteers who work so hard for many months to generate such a wonderful event. There are still opportunities to help out, so please feel free to contact us and ask what is involved.

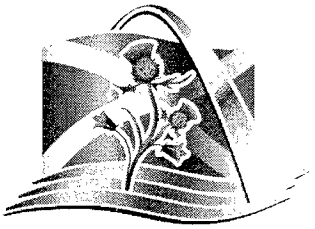
Many thanks to our "Friends of the Games" for their generous financial support, without which we would not be able to present a high quality event. With the costs involved, we are always looking for additional sources of financial help. If you have not done so already, please consider making a financial 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**

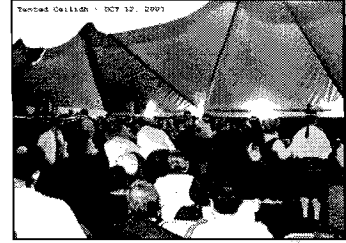
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| Dr. Jim McLaren (Chairman)    | Richard Lodge (Director at Large)      |
| Charles Henderson (Secretary) | Elizabeth Westhoff (Director at Large) |
| Anne McLaren (Treasurer)      | Bill Nicoll (Director at Large)        |
|                               | 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](mailto:macmail@stlouis-scottishgames.com)



# 6th Annual St. Louis Scottish Games and Cultural Festival

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS & SCHEDULE



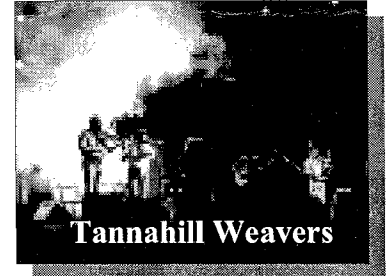
**ENTERTAINMENT** includes The Tannahill Weavers, John Taylor, Brian McNeill, Jeff Campbell, Peat Fire Flame, Karen Chartrand, Duddybreeks, Alex Usher....



**Friday, October 6th, 2006.** 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. You may bring your own lawn chair for the ceremony. No pets.

Starting ~7:45pm: **CONCERT** featuring the Tannahill Weavers from Scotland. Ceilidh under the tent and Musical/Singing performers. An evening of song, dancing, and fun for all.



**Saturday, October 8th, 2006**

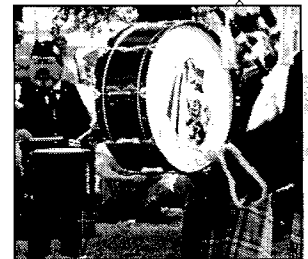
Gates open @ 8:30am.

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, browse the merchandise booths.

Parade of Tartans at ~12:30pm

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



## STILL THE BEST VALUE EVENT EVER

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

Under 5: free

PAY AT THE GATE



# Caledonia Corner

## Back in Scotland...

Yes, Summer is over (well the Summer day was over a few weeks ago) and there's no Fall, only Autumn which can be just as freezing cold and wet as Spring but folks are in better spirits (some even move up-market from Johnnie Walker) due to having a short-term memory only and forgetting how dark winter is going to be. A couple of stories from the local papers are instructive:

A Kilwinning man writes that his confidence in satellite navigation systems was completely undermined last week. Apparently, the engineer who was coming to fit the sat-nav system in his car phoned him to say he would be 25 minutes late as he was having trouble finding their premises!

At the recent Edinburgh International Book Festival, Michael Shea was giving a presentation about his book, entitled "The Freedom Years", which encourages folk to lead an active life in retirement. One 83-year-old woman in the audience confirmed what he was saying when she told him about the difficulties of obtaining travel and motor insurance. She had managed to get cover for her skiing holiday, she said, but could only get third-party to ride her motorbike!

Tennis is seeing a revival in Scotland due to the success of rising star Andy Murray.

## Wha wad ken?

**F**irst to answer all three correctly wins a Society lapel pin.....

1. Where is Dunvegan Castle?
2. How far from Lands End to John O'Groats?
3. Which Rod Stewart song made it to #1 in 1971?

Nobody won last time.

### Answers:

1. Queen Victoria Lookout: peep-hole in the ramparts of Stirling Castle
2. "39 Steps" — John Buchan
3. Edinburgh Castle gates: Robert the Bruce and William Wallace

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

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

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

## Loch Fyne Oysters



It's a fine thing that oyster from Loch Fyne! But did you know the local company there has grown faster than their oysters can keep up. They now produce 750,000 oysters per year, with sales of over \$22 million, and have 110 employees. Not bad at all!

Hidden away in Michigan, the summer cottage of our retiring Society President, Iona Ballwin



# TOASTS & THINGS

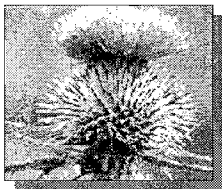
## Membership Renewal Time

The Society program year runs from September to August, so get your renewal in now and make sure you don't miss any of the wonderful events that are planned for 2006/2007, including the St Andrew's Day Celebration, the Christmas Party, the Burns Dinner, the Ceilidh, the Kilted Golf Tournament etc, and not forgetting the Society's involvement in the St Louis Scottish Games and the Tartan Day Celebrations.

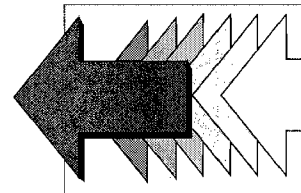
Membership renewal form information is included with this issue of the Thistle Times. And, remember, if you enjoy being a member of the St. Andrew Society then tell your Scottish and American/Scottish friends and family (don't forget those who just wish they were Scottish!) about the Society and encourage them to join too.



Yes, Nessie will be appearing at the Scottish Games & Cultural Festival  
Mark your calendars and plan to be there!  
It's the best value event in St. Louis!



**Know anyone interested  
In joining the Society  
Call Alex Sutherland  
At (314) 771 0119**



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:**

*Jim McLaren, 2214 Stoneridge Terrace Court, Chesterfield, MO 63017  
or call (636) 532-5986, or e-mail: [mclaren@strathkirk.com](mailto:mclaren@strathkirk.com).*

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

## There's still time !

Would you like to host an evening of Scottish folk music, song & stories? And would you like to help support the St Louis Scottish Games? Then have a **House Concert** with

### Alex Sutherland & his Cronies

All you need are:

- ◆ A place to hold the concert (your living room family room, basement or yard)
- ◆ Some friends and neighbors to come listen (house concerts usually are by invitation only)
- ◆ Refreshments (either "pot luck" brought by the listeners, or provided by the hosts)
- ◆ Alex & his Cronies
- ◆ A donation of \$8 (or more) from each guest will be collected during the evening.

All monies donated will go to the St Louis Scottish Games.

If you would like a **House Concert**, please contact Alex at 314-771-0119 or email him at [ochaye@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ochaye@sbcglobal.net).