



Emma Velasco,  
President

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## A Letter from the Detroit Scots' President

Dear Fellow Society Members,

Greetings to all, and here's health to thee as we enter the longest days of winter. It's tough to stay active and motivated when it feels like midnight at 7 p.m., but fellow Detroit Scots are really showing me how it's done no matter the weather.

We have a sold-out night for the annual Robert Burns' Dinner on January 26th – thanks go out to Elliot MacFarlane, Jerry Beasley, and Irin Douglas for this event. The celebration of Robert Burns is one of our chartered events, along with our Annual Highland Games, Tartan Day, and St. Andrew's Day. Add in our Fish Fry dinners, monthly Pub Nights and monthly membership meetings to understand how active we are as a cultural Society! Please join the fun by volunteering to participate in any (or all) of these activities.

The Burns' Night celebration will also include the reveal of the fully restored Robert Hopkin's painting of Robert Burns, which was saved from the St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit. Bob Giles, among others, has been the champion of this project, working with Chuck Forbes to fund, restore, and deliver this historic piece of art history. You'll notice that we've actually moved a doorway from one side of the north wall fireplace to the other side, closer to the office. Again, this exemplifies our ability to be flexible and creative to continue to move forward with changes and opportunities. Many thanks to all involved in this process, including George Boyd, who keeps a close eye on the well-being of our building.

Please join me in an appreciation of our Society Honour Guard, the benevolence for February. Not only do we rely on them for our pomp and circumstance during our meetings and games, but take note that they are a highly respected group in our Scottish community, and are called to serve in funerals, parades, Kirkin's, and other ceremonies. Their steadfast loyalty and honorable presence should be applauded and respected. Thank you!

In February, the Trustees and Executives will meet for a joint session retreat to review the scope of roles and the ability to contribute to the activities of the Society. I am looking forward to a morning of discussion and camaraderie with my fellow volunteer leaders.

Greg and I will be in sunny Mexico during the February meeting – 1st Vice President Gary Ralston and 2nd Vice President Doug Reith will conduct the Feb 4th membership meeting. I am blessed to be able to spend this time with my family, but I will miss seeing my St. Andrew's family as well! Have a wonderful month!

Yours Aye,

*Emma*  
Emma Velasco, President



## Your Donations in January



by Ann Campbell,  
Benevolence Chair

Our January Charity, S.O.C.H. Welcome Inn is always well received by our members. Again, our tables were loaded with over \$1,160 in much needed clothing and items along with \$150 in cash and checks, which we will match for a total of \$300. Mr. Roy Watson, a past Director of SOCH and long time SASD member joined us on stage and thanked our members for their kindness and generosity over the past fifteen years, and he brought us up to date on the latest happenings.

Our 50/50 went to C.O.T.S. - \$127, which we matched for a total of \$254. The winner of the 50/50, Kent Richards, most generously donated it to the Flower Fund. Thank you, Kent.

Our Benevolence was our very own St. Andrew's Pipe Band, of which we are extremely proud. Dave Martin accepted the \$1,100 check and thanked all our members.

## February Membership Meeting News

The next membership meeting will be held on Monday, February 4, 2019. The social hour starts at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Our February Charity is [Forgotten Harvest](#). Laura Burton, Community Engagement Coordinator, will attend our meeting. Their wish list:

- Canned meat, fish, soups
- Canned ready to eat meals
- Dry beans
- Canned vegetables
- Peanut butter (plastic container)
- Iron rich cereals (45% or more of daily value)
- 100% fruit juice (48 oz. or less in plastic bottles)
- Canned fruit
- Tomato products
- Enriched Rice or Pasta

Our 50/50 is [Hope for H.I.E. \(Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy\)](#). I have asked Betsy Pilon, Kent Richards' daughter, to join us and explain more about H.I.E. Hope for HIE is deeply committed to providing comprehensive, personalized support for each family's journey. Their community is worldwide and represents a variety of outcomes - from unaffected through loss.

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Sgt. Rene Bushey,  
Sgt. Kathleen Gaynor,  
Sgt. Peggy Chasser,  
Sgt. Billy Merrifield  
Not pictured:  
Linda Davenport

## St. Andrew's Society of Detroit 2019 Calendar

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
<b>February 2019</b>					
2/4	Membership Meeting	Snacks	Forgotten Harvest	H.I.E.	Honour Guard
2/12	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm				
2/16	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:00 pm				
2/18	Highland Games Meeting 6:30 pm				
2/19	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm				
2/21	Communications Team Mtg. 6:30 pm				
<b>March 2019</b>					
3/2	NEW member meeting - 10:30 am @ Kilgour Centre				
3/4	Membership Meeting Initiation	PotLuck	Second- Hand Rose – Turning Point Women's Shelter	St. Vincent dePaul	Erskine Hospital
3/8	Fish Fry 4:30-7:30 pm				
3/12	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm				
3/15	Fish Fry 4:30-7:30 pm				
3/16	Open Library Hours 10:30 am - 3:00 pm				
3/18	Highland Games Meeting 6:30 pm				
3/19	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm				
3/21	Communications Team Mtg. 6:30 pm				
3/22	Fish Fry 4:30-7:30 pm				
3/29	Fish Fry 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm				
<b>April 2019</b>					
4/1	Membership Meeting			Flower Fund	MacFarlane & Company
4/5	Fish Fry – 5:00 – 7:30 pm				
4/6	Tartan Day Ceilidh				
4/8	Highland Games Meeting 6:30 pm				
4/9	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm				
4/12	Fish Fry – 4:30 – 7:30 pm				
4/16	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm				
4/18	Communications Team Mtg. 6:30 pm				
4/19	Last Fish Fry – 4:30– 7:30 pm				
4/20	Open Library Hours 10:30-3:00 pm				



The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, est. 1849

# ANNUAL FISH FRY

***Kilgour Scottish Centre  
2363 Rochester Rd  
Troy, MI 48083***

## DATES:

March 8, 15, 22, 29  
April 5, 12, 19

## TIMES:

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



## MENU

Beer-battered fried cod or baked cod without breading, French fries, & coleslaw.

Coffee, tea, & iced tea are included.

Adult Dinner:

2 piece - \$10

3 piece - \$12

Children under age 12 - \$5

(1 piece of cod, French fries, applesauce, and juice box)

Salad - \$3 Clam Chowder - \$4 Mac n' Cheese - \$4

Extra piece of fish - \$3 Applesauce - \$1

## CASH BAR

# January Meeting Pictures

## A big *Thank You* to Tara for the entertainment



## Attention Members!

Members are asked to provide updates to the Membership Secretary at [membership@detroitscots.com](mailto:membership@detroitscots.com) the following information if any of it has changed:

- Name
- Mailing Address
- Email Address
- Phone Numbers - Home & Cell

The Membership Directory will be updated in February.



## 2019 ANNUAL HIGHLAND GAMES

As you look outside and see the snow-covered ground and look at the thermometer that reads in the single digits it might be hard for some of you to be thinking about the 170th Annual Highland Games, but your Games committee has been working on and thinking about the upcoming Games for the past few months. Our Entertainment chairs, our Field chairs, our Wee Bairns chair and many others have already spent countless hours planning to bring the best Games possible to everyone.

We are working at how to get more volunteers and more people involved. It is great to have new people coming to the Games meetings just to see what the Games are all about. Some new members have already made a commitment.

What is your commitment? Did you make any new year's resolutions at the beginning of 2019 to take a more active role in the St. Andrew's Society? Remember, resolutions can be made at any time of the year. Please start thinking now about how you'll be involved in the 170th Highland Games. Please start thinking now about who you can sell a program ad to, who you will sell raffle tickets to, what trophy you might want to give or where you will be volunteering on Games Day.

Next month, we hope to have a list of items that you might want to sponsor for the Games. Do consider coming to the Games meetings. The next meetings will be Monday, February 18th, March 18th, April 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Kilgour Scottish Centre.

We'd love to have you join us. Please call or email us if you have any questions. You can email us at [highlandgameschair@detroitscots.com](mailto:highlandgameschair@detroitscots.com)

Your Games Chairs,  
Cathy Hasse, Jerry Beasley, and Glen Milligan



***The Flint Scottish Pipe Band's 103<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Ceilidh***  
***Saturday, February 23, 2019***

***Knights of Columbus Hall, 8428 Davison Road, Davison, MI***

Doors open at 6:00 pm, entertainment begins at 6:30 until midnight. Traditional Scottish foods and a cash bar will be available throughout the evening.

Four bagpipe bands and massed bands will perform along with Scottish and Irish dancers. The popular, high-energy band, CrossBow, will also provide musical entertainment throughout the evening.

Tickets sell out quickly and may be purchased online at [www.EventBrite.com](http://www.EventBrite.com). No internet? Mail checks payable to: Flint Scottish Pipe Band, P.O. Box 742, Flint, MI 48501. \$24 for adults, \$20 for seniors 65 and older, and \$15 for kids 12 and under. Tickets for purchase at-the-door may be available.

For further information, please visit our website: [www.flintscottish.com](http://www.flintscottish.com) and click on "Ceilidh," or [facebook.com/flintscottishpipeband](https://facebook.com/flintscottishpipeband), or contact Tom at (989) 928-4687, [dillardmd@hotmail.com](mailto:dillardmd@hotmail.com).

***Scotch Whisky Tasting Event--Friday, February 22, 6:30-8:30 pm.***

Also at the Davison K of C Hall. Features five special Scotches, dinner, live music and a souvenir glass. \$55. For details and tickets, contact Bill at (248) 563-9928, [William.r.murray@comcast.net](mailto:William.r.murray@comcast.net).

The FSPB was established in 1916 by Scottish immigrants' intent on preserving their Highland heritage. It's one of the oldest bagpipe bands in North America and competes regularly at the St. Andrew's Highland Games. It has recently performed with other renowned groups including Andre Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra, and Paddy Moloney and the Chieftains. FSPB is a registered non-profit organization.

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## ***IN OUR THOUGHTS***

Please notify our Chaplain, Scott Hunter, whenever a member of the society is hospitalized, in need of spiritual assistance, or has passed away. He can be reached via email at [societychaplain@detroitscots.com](mailto:societychaplain@detroitscots.com) or his phone number is 313-610-5386.



## ***FLOWER FUND***

Please remember to donate to the Flower Fund when you can...we cherish our members and want to reach out in times of illness and bereavement.

Donations can be placed in the open Bible on the stage during our monthly membership meetings.

If you hear of a member in need, please send an email to [flowers@detroitscots.com](mailto:flowers@detroitscots.com).



**Winner Julie Bartoy!**



Our popular Chili Cookoff was held at the January Membership Meeting. We had gluten free, bean free, vegetarian, and a wide variety of chilis. Enough for everyone to enjoy, but not much left over!

Our Winner, Julie, won both the Judges' Award and the People's Choice! A tough one to beat next January!



## ORAL HISTORY PROJECT:

This Month's interview is Dave Martin Society Piper of the Detroit Scots.

**[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN TO DAVID MARTIN'S ORAL HISTORY](#)**



## FERGUS THE FISH

**WANTS YOU TO VOLUNTEER TO WORK AT THE FRIDAY FISH FRY!**

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**MARCH 8TH THRU APRIL 19TH**





## *Off the Shelf... News about the Charles S. Low Memorial Library*

Thanks to the requests by several members of the Society, the Library has started the Low Library Book Club with its initial meeting that took place on January 7th. Cathy McCullough Les (Library Committee) has taken the lead on organizing and facilitating the meetings going forward. We were very pleased to see a total of 10 people interested and wanting to participate in the book club. The group has selected *Witch Hunt* by Ian Rankin as their first book and will be discussed at the next meeting on February 4th at 5:30PM in the Library. Discussions will be held on moving forward and selecting the next book to be discussed at the March meeting. Anyone interested can join in at any time.

The Library also started in the month of January, a pilot for the Low Library Pen Pal Program. This program is designed to match up elementary schools or classes in the United States, with primary schools or classes in Scotland, for the children to collectively exchange information, ask questions of each other, and hopefully enhance their learning experience. Malcolm McKinnon was instrumental in not only presenting the program, but providing a "Pen Pan Packet" that introduces, outlines, and maintains this relationship with the children in both countries. We are so excited about the potential for this program that a Phase II is currently in the planning stages with more information to come.

February 9th, the Library has organized a tour of the St. Andrew's Hall meeting promptly at 11:00 am for a 1-hour tour at the building. We have been working with Bruce Rothschild, Senior Director of Sales, to get time where members can visit the hall. They are very busy, and time is also limited, but we are working with Bruce to see if we can have additional time in the hall. This is the only date we were given and depending on how this visit goes, we may be able to do another visit later this year. We have not yet confirmed, but we will be contacting Fort Street Presbyterian Church to also visit on the 9th. Fort Street Presbyterian has a long relationship with St. Andrew's from the very beginning and continues even now with our benevolence. **PLEASE** let the committee know if you plan on attending as soon as possible.

Watch for the announcement for a Genealogy Seminar planned for this winter, hosted by the Library Committee and presented by our own Genealogist Derek Blount. More information to be coming shortly on the details of this seminar.

The Library committee is looking for any members or members who know someone that has experience in applying for grants. Let us know if you can help or give us the name and contact information of someone that would be willing to help.

We are also in the very early stages of planning a follow up to the very successful and well received *Outlander* program that last year raised funds for the Low and Troy Libraries.

Lastly, you can see that the Library Committee is busy responding to requests by members, initiating new programs, and reaching out to the local community here in Michigan and in Scotland; we have a catch phrase, "The Low Library: More than just books on the shelves."

Thank you for your continued interest and support of our Society's Library.

### **Wanted:**

Donation of books and Scottish material to the Library. Scottish & Celtic items that can be sold to raise funds for the Library.

### **Library Open:**

The 3rd Saturday of every month from 10:30am to 2:30pm  
Membership meeting night beginning at 5PM.

The 2nd and 4th Thursday's every month 10:00 am to 2:30pm  
Also, by appointment.

### **Library Staff:**

Julie Bartoy, Maryann Clark, Sharon Cross, Nan Fromm, Irene Hall, Stuart Kennedy, Cathy McCullough Les, Teri Mago, Nancy Waters, Dennis Clements (Chair)

Honorary Members: Dick Fromm and Malcolm McKinnon  
Contributors: Linda Davenport and Elliot MacFarlane

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## February Birthdays

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Feb 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					Carla Ann Douglass Roger Moffat	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Arthur Bryant Philaire Murray	Alexander Banks Christy Haradean		Katherine Ryon Mary Beth Nicholson	Eve Milligan John McCulloch Mary Shackleton	Shirley Sikov	Christopher Mitchell
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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November  December

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