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Dear Fellow Society Members,

Who would have imagined that we would be in these circumstances, not just today, but ever!? It is a very challenging time for everyone, but especially for those who are 'front line workers' and others who are working selflessly to provide for others who are less fortunate.

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On this first unofficial day of summer, I think of the children who depend on school breakfasts and lunches – it's always a challenge to keep up with the needs of our fragile communities and this pandemic environment has made it even worse. I'm so proud of the work that the Detroit Scots have done to step into those gaps by offering benevolence to worthy charities. Be sure to read Lynnette's report later in this newsletter.

A member wrote to me to recommend a charity that can provide many meals for a very small donation. It reminded me of the discussion we non-profits often have that sums up to this: "Would you feed your child a ten-cent meal?" As you make your personal donations to the needy local charities, please remember that good nutrition is more important than ever to create a healthier world that can better withstand illness. Bread, pudding, and chips are filling, but carrots, greens, and apples are nutritious. OK, back off my soapbox – it's a longer conversation than we can fit onto this page!

Finally, check your mail for your Annual Highland Games raffle tickets and remember that this year's raffle is more important than ever, so please do your part and sell tickets (and buy tickets!), and see Cathy's Games report for a chance to picnic at the Games in August.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the June Zoom next Monday. My hat is off to the Communications team for the amazing ideas and work they've done. I am hopeful that we'll be able to gather together for our September meeting.

Thank you so much everyone – and of course, stay safe and be well.



Yours Ave,

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Lynette McLeod, Benevolence Chair

Our Benevolences Page

The June 2020 Benevolence is the <u>William H. Kincaid Scottish Arts Scholarship</u> Program. The Society is pleased to provide \$10,000 to the program this year from money received from the Highland Games Raffle ticket sales. The Kincaid Scholarship director, St. Andrew's Society Pipe Major Dave Martin, reports that 37 individuals received scholarships in the past year.

William (Bill) H. Kincaid joined St. Andrew's Society of Detroit in December 1985 and is a current member. He chaired the Highland Games at Historic Fort Wayne in 1988. He

served as Society Treasurer, and served as President 1991-1992. In 1994, having been involved in Highland Dance lessons with his own family and friends, he started a Scholarship Fund at SASD to encourage young people to get involved and participate in our Highland Games. He ran the Scholarship program for many years. In 2003, the Society President, Peg Dunlop, renamed the Scholarship Program to honor Bill and his wonderful contributions to the Society.

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is very proud of its **Kincaid Scholarship** program and the number of scholarship grants and the number of years that the program has been in effect for students and instructors studying and teaching the Scottish arts. The program offers modest scholarships for pipers, drummers, highland dancers, harpists (clarsach), fiddlers, pianists, and other Scottish musical arts to further their interest and improve their skills. Scholarships may be for a variety of schools, camps, clinics, or workshops, whether short-term or week-long programs, as approved by the Kincaid Scholarship program. In awarding scholarships, preference is given to school-age applicants and to first-time applicants of any age. Instructors desiring to improve their teaching skills also may receive scholarships.

We are fortunate to be entertained by scholarship recipients at our monthly meetings and Fish Frys.



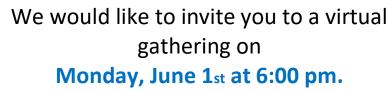


St. Andrew's Society of Detroit 2020 Calendar

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
		June	e 2020		
6/1	Membership Meeting & New Member Initiation	SEE THE JUNE ZOOM ON PAGE 4 Kincaid Scholarship Fund			Kincaid Scholarship Fund
6/9	Executive Committee	Meeting 6:00 pm ZOO	M MEETING		
6/11	Open Library Hours 10):30-3:30 pm			
6/16	House Committee Mtg Trustees Meeting 6:3				
6/20	Open Library Hours 10):30- 3:30 pm			
6/22	Highland Games Meet	ing 6:30 pm <mark>ZOOM M</mark>	EETING		
6/25	Open Library Hours 10):30- 3:30 pm			
		July	2020		
No membership meeting No Executive Committee meeting No Trustees meeting No House Committee meeting					
7/9	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm				
7/13	Highland Games Meeting 6:30 pm ZOOM MEETING				
7/18	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm				
7/23	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm				
7/31	Virtual Ceilidh, (DETA	ILS TO FOLLOW)			
		Augu	st 2020		
No membership meeting No Executive Committee meeting No Trustees meeting No House Committee meeting					
8/1	Highland Games – Pic	nic (DETAILS TO FOL	LOW)		
8/13	Open Library Hours 10	30- 3:30 pm			
8/15	Open Library Hours 10	30- 3:30 pm			
8/27	Open Library Hours 10	30- 3:30 pm			
		Events are	e Subject to C	hange	



Because we miss seeing your happy faces



We will be using the Zoom App to connect with our membership.

There will be entertainment, news updates, a message from the Bard, and singing!





An Eblast will be coming soon, with the details on how to join this gathering of the Detroit Scots.

Details will follow with the Zoom Meeting Link and instructions on how to use Zoom.

Also, if you would like to make any announcements or ask any questions, you can send them to us ahead of time at flingeditor@detroitscots.com.



Masks will not be required! But Tartan will!





The COVID-19 Response Fund

In early March, after the shutdown of our economy occurred, Bob and Louise Giles sent an email asking how we could help those affected by the Coronavirus. They suggested that the Society make a donation to Portofino Restaurant which is member owned, to allow them to make a Scottish Sunday Dinner for the Healthcare workers at the Wyandotte Henry Ford Hospital. This would aid a restaurant that could no longer serve food inside their establishment and feed those essential workers during the pandemic.

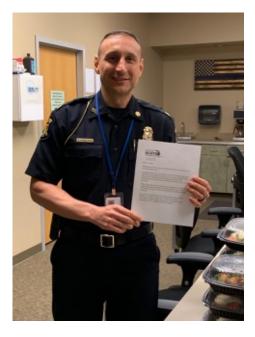
Our Board of Trustees approved the establishment of the Fund with \$2000 donated from our Highland Games and another \$1000 already in our Donation account from our website. This \$3000 was sent to Portofino and the feeding began.

Your Communications Team also went to work, raising additional funds via Social Media and on our website, <u>www.detroitscots.com</u>. Members also made donations by sending in checks to the Hall. Without our wonderful, caring, and generous members, this would not have been possible to help those in need.

Overall, we have accomplished a wonderful task! Not only feeding the Hospital workers, but also the Police Department in Wyandotte.

A special COVID-19 Response Fund Committee was formed to select charities to receive the COVID-19 Response Fund donations. Because of the generosity of our members and the community, the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is able to provide \$1,000 to each of the five charities that the committee selected.

The charities are Morse Elementary School in the Troy School District, Fort Street Presbyterian Church-Open Door Ministry, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Turning Point, and Salvation Army for their COVID-19 Support programs. In addition, \$250 is being donated to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Clothes Closet through the Shower of Love.





SAVE THE DATE!



AUGUST 1ST, 2020 SOMETHING VERY TRADITIONAL WILL BE HAPPENING!

Annual Highland Games News

We appreciate the support that many of our members have shown to us regarding the cancelling of the 171st Annual Highland Games. For those who were disappointed in our decision, please remember that it was not an easy or quickly made decision.

On August 1, 2020 we would like to be able to have something "Scottish" for our members. The planning for this event is in the making. At this time there are many 'ifs' and 'what ifs', but do know we are working on something special for our members. We would have a picnic of sorts at Greenmead. You would come with your own food and drinks. We would have some picnic tables spaced around with socially distancing rules in mind and you could enjoy some entertainment with fellow members.

There is also a committee working on a Virtual Ceilidh (for lack of a better term). We do not mean to be coy in keeping these plans from you, but since there are so many ifs, we just do not have anything definite to share with you. As the plans are more concrete we will surely let you know.

And, there might be another surprise that again is still in the very early talking stages. Stay tuned.

There are some things that are definite that we can share with you. Your **raffle tickets** should have reached you by now. Please do all that you can to buy the four tickets that Danice Chisholm has mailed. If you can possibly sell more or buy more yourself and give them as presents, tips, or a thank you, please do so. Danice Chisholm will be more than accommodating to get more tickets to you as soon as you ask. Please keep her busy and happy.

The other 'for sure' item is that there will be a **171st Highland Games T shirt**. You can pre-order and it can be mailed to you or you can arrange to pick it up at the Kilgour. When we are ready to start taking orders, you will be notified by an EBlast and it will be on our website.

Thanks for your patience and your support,

Cathy Hasse, Jerry Beasley, Glen Milligan



Start watching your mailbox Highland Games Raffle tickets are in the mail!

We've made a few changes:

- To thank members who sell 50 tickets or more, the Society is giving them a 2021 Games T shirt.
- The individual who sells the most tickets will receive 2 VIP tickets to the 2021 games a really nice THANK
 YOU! A VIP ticket includes morning scones and beverages, a wonderful lunch inside the big tent, seating right on the main parade grounds, soft drinks, and water all day, air-conditioned port-a-potties, and free parking at a special site entrance midway on the grounds. Good food, shady seating, easy parking comfort at the Games!

*Everyone who purchases or sells at least 10 tickets will be acknowledged and thanked in an upcoming Highland Fling Newsletter.

We need more motivation this year to *individually* sell as many tickets as possible. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we can't sell tickets at community events. Usually, guests who enjoyed our wonderful Lenten Season Fish Frys purchased at least \$4000 in tickets! Super salesman Dick Fromm personally had been selling enough tickets at these events to pay for the \$4000 in Raffle prizes.

Win \$2500, \$1000, or \$500 for a \$5 donation – What an opportunity! WHAT A DEAL!

Even more important though, is the reason that we sell these tickets. Our Scholarship Program that supports young people who are studying Scottish Arts, keeping our traditions alive. Did you know that the Detroit Scots are the *only* St. Andrew's Society that has such a program? These young people need our help as lessons, outfits, and equipment are very expensive. Not many families can afford the full cost of this over many years. Other cultures are finding their arts disappearing. *But the Detroit Scots have the foresight and heart to keep the Scottish Arts alive!*

Please take that extra effort to sell a few more tickets to your family and friends. Tell them how we spend that money, not for our operations, but for education, for young people, for keeping our Scottish culture alive in the future. If we each buy our 4 tickets and sell another 4 tickets, we can match last year's \$15,000.

So, dear Fellow Scots, don't let Covid-19 stop us from keeping up OUR traditions. WE CAN DO THIS!



Kathy Paul on her way to the post office to mail member highland games raffle tickets...note her Clan Campbell purse....a fine Scottish lass staying calm and carrying on.

Hello all,

With the recent cancellation of our annual Games our vendors will not be visiting us this year. If you find yourself in need of anything Scottish, you might want to visit their websites and support them. Remember they not only lost our Games but all the others that have been cancelled this year.

Here are some of our vendors who have websites:

Always Irish (Local) Ashling Aine by Quantum Cape Woolamai Mercantile Co. Faire Isles Trading Company Got Kilt (Local) **Highland Kilt LLC** La Wren's Nest Lords of the Seas Near & Far Scottish, LLC Nellie's Natural Soap -Quantum Farms (Local) Michael Robison Pottery Scottish Store OnLine Scotty Dotty Shortbread (Local) St. Kilda USA The UK Market - Welch Cookies Wallace Scones (Local)

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If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at <u>cscott2@mi.rr.com</u>.

Hope everyone is doing well, Cliff and Claudia Scott Merchandise Chairs

You can also check out our Vendors at this page on our HighlandGames.com website

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Member Ronald Fiorani informed us of the passing of his Scottish mother, Agnes (Ann) Fiorani, maiden name Coupar, on 22 March 2020 at age 96. Ann was born and raised in Dundee, served as a lance corporal in the ATS during WW2 and emigrated to Detroit as a war bride. In the 60s and 70s, Ann could often be found at the White Heather Club in Ferndale as an active member of the Daughters of Scotia. She also enjoyed the company of her fellow Scots at the Commonwealth Club in Warren.

https://www.legacy.com/amp/obituaries/livingstondaily/195768996

Ann spent her final months at St Anne's Mead, a wonderful care facility for seniors in Southfield (and the choice of Ann's family for donations on her behalf).

Other people needing our wishes for a speedy recovery:

- Tom Dooley of our house band, Tara, recently had heart surgery.
 - His address is 1822 West Webster, Royal Oak, MI 48073.
 - o email is motermtom@gmail.com.
- Member Joe Marzka recently had shoulder surgery last week.
 - His address is 39446 Edgewater, Northville, MI 48168
- Carol Hunter, wife of member Ian Hunter, is recovering from shoulder surgery.
 - o Her address is 5270 Hollow Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302



A Big Thank You to Member Dave Tait for installing new Flags at half mast at the Kilgour Scottish Centre just in time for Memorial Day!







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

Just as our state and others are starting to "SLOWLY OPEN BACK UP" so to, is the Low Library. Beginning in June there will be a skeleton staff at the 2nd and 4th Thursdays and on the 3rd Saturday. Members and the public are welcome to come into the Library for any reason and we will do our best to assist them. Call first with specific requests to make sure the person that can best help is available on that day.

Starting this month we will be "highlighting" a book from the Library. There will be a review written by one of the staff and will be displayed as you enter the Library. This month it is "The Great Tapestry of Scotland" and Cathy McCullough Les will provide the review. This will begin to spotlight the wide selection of books we have in the Library.

Also this month we have an email from Susan Kemp, who is the retired Head Teacher of St. Bride's Primary School in North Ballachulish. After Susan's retirement, we have kept in touch and she has agreed to provide us from time to time what is happening back in the "old sod". This month, she has written about how the virus has impacted their small community and what the villagers are doing to help one another. Susan has done a beautiful job in giving us a visual look and connection back to her community. More to come in the future.

Interested in helping in the Library? Please contact one of the staff for more information.

Library Hours: Opening June 11th

The 3rd Saturday of every month from 10:30am to 3:30pm The 2nd and 4th Thursday's every month 10:30am to 3:30pm Membership meeting night beginning at 5PM, Also, by appointment. Email: library@detroitscots.com

Library Staff:

Julie Bartoy, Ann Brown, Maryann Clark, Marge Cowan, Sharon Cross, Faith Frederick, Nan Fromm, Irene Hall, Stuart Kennedy, Maureen Lipovsky, Cathy McCullough Les, Nancy Waters, Dennis Clements (Chair)

Honorary Members: Dick Fromm Contributors: Linda Davenport and Diane Raymond

Please remember that if any of our members need help during this time, all you need to do is ask! We have a team of members who want to help you! If it is running errands, shopping, or driving you, they are ready to help!

Remember that our motto is to Leave No Scot Behind!

Micki McFarlane acswmcf4@gmail.com 586-435-4310



Highlights from the Highlands

Written by Susan Kemp, retired Head Teacher of St. Bride's Primary School in North Ballachulish

Here in Ballachulish, Glencoe and Duror villages, the communities have really rallied round and organized into a Resilience Group with volunteers supporting the more vulnerable people who simply have to isolate COMPLETELY and those who are in financial hardship. The team is wonderful, led by Red Angus (Angus MacInnes originally from the island of Eriskay, but here from childhood) and our local councilor Niall MacLean. They immediately swung into action to get things going to protect local people. Just as 'lockdown' was announced, the local area, and incidentally the whole of the Highlands, was inundated by droves of people from the South of the country, and even from Europe, in camper vans, and heading for self-catering establishments, and second homes.

Our Resilience team in Ballachulish was on national TV twice as an example of great community spirit. Every household was issued with two cards, one green, one red, and we place them in our front window to indicate if we are fine or need help from the volunteers. Red Angus and his team go round every house in the morning and again in the evening to see who has the red thumb up. If so, they contact the household to organize what they need. It's working so very well. We also set up our own village food bank at the Village Hall and built a hand washing station outside the local shop. We have halted the virus so far, but we dread any relaxation of the lock-down as the Highlands will be the 'go to' place for day trippers, etc.

You can look at the <u>Ballachulish Resilience Group Covid-19 Facebook</u> pages, and I can recommend a wee video made by a local group on YouTube 'Ballachulish Photon Somewhere over the Rainbow', Aileen sings and it shows the village in lock-down, you'll see Angus on his bike patrolling the village, and Niall and the team building the wash station overnight, the local shop staff, medical centre, etc. Nice views above the village looking down the Loch too!

Click here to watch the video from Ballachulish



Book Banter from the Low Library

This lovely, oversized book is a panel by panel look at the Great Tapestry of Scotland which depicts the last 12,000 years of Scotland's history in 160 embroidered panels. It's described by the BBC as "a tapestry that distills Scotland's unique sense of herself, to tell a story only of this place,... to ask the heart-welling rhetorical question: "What's like us?" The panels were drawn by artist Andrew Crummy and then stitched by over 1,000 Scots. They depict major historical events like the clearances and everyday occurrences like a group of women waulking cloth. It will be installed in its own building in Galashiels in the Spring of 2021. In the meantime, you can view it in this book and on the website <u>www.scotlandstapestry.com</u> where there is an audio tour of the Tapestry exhibit tour. These may be the only places you can see the panel on the Rosslyn Chapel - someone stole it! Stop by the Low Library after June and you can see or even check out the book yourself.

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June Birthdays

Fling Editor					Jun 2020 (Easter	n Time - New York)
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	George Boyd	Thomas Cameron	Diana McClain	James McCarthy,	Chris Adamski	Elaine Harris
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		William Brown				
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	Kenneth Gonko		Robert Crawford			
	Norbert Leach		Ron Cunningham			
	Terry Lee Weaver					
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	Julie Clark	Amanda Ross				
		Charles Spademan				

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Membership Secretary at 2363 Rochester Rd, Troy, Michigan 48083.

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Address		City, State ZIP		
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Preferred email address				
Place of birth	Clan Affiliation	(if known)		
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