

September 2020



Emma Velasco, President

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Dear Fellow Society Members,

Here we are in this new world of COVID. Our Society has weathered much, and I am so thankful for those of you who have been dedicated to keeping the communications open and the business of the Society rolling along as best we can. Kathleene continues to staff the office for a few hours a week – she checks on the facilities and makes sure the mail and phones are managed. If you do need to go to the Kilgour, please let her know, and be sure to follow the safety policies by wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing.

Special thanks to the group of people who planned and prepared the Games Day picnic. Even though it rained a bit, I had a great time seeing those who were able to attend. You all sure know how to make lemonade when life hands out lemons!

Our financial situation continues to be good (we're not spending as we normally would be) but we are so far behind on financial statements due to COVID staff shortages. I am working to bring our statements up to date so that the Trustees can meet in September. The trustees have been actively approving any bill payments in accordance with our procedures, and Peg is monitoring our transactions to ensure that bills are paid timely and that no checks are written without proper approvals.

As you may have suspected, we will not be able to hold any membership meetings for the near future. At this time, we have cancelled all in-person membership meetings until January (the ability to resume indoor functions rests with the Governor's orders). However, we are working to hold Zoom membership meetings in September, October, November and December. We will complete our required business meeting items, like gathering nominations for officer positions, initiating new members and reporting on benevolences in some manner – either electronically or via USPS. If you have an agenda item, please forward it to me and include Kelly Hemmerling, our Secretary.

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Again, thank you all for your continued participation and support. I am hoping to see you soon, and in the meantime, keep your faith strong that we will continue to be healthy and safe.

Yours Aye,


Emma Velasco, President





**Lynette McLeod,
Benevolence Chair**

Our Benevolences Page

September is usually Back-to-School time, and in past years, St. Andrew's Society of Detroit members enjoyed making donations of school supplies to our neighboring Troy Morse Elementary School at our monthly meeting. This year in lieu of donating educational toys, books, and fun games for recess and rainy days, etc. SASD donated \$1,000 from the COVID-19 Response Fund.

Remaining COVID-19 Response fund money will be donated to our charitable partner, South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless. Roy Watson, SASD member, volunteer and former executive director of the SOCH Welcome Inn center has written:

"We will be offering a very much scaled back program this season -- we'll be in the backyard, Tuesdays at Berkley Community Church for the Summer Program beginning Tuesday the (July) 28th. . . So, each week will be "weather permits" in the backyard. We will be open from 10:00 till 2:00 each Tuesday thru October 27th. . .

We will only be doing a "Brunch" type of meal at 12:00pm, instead of breakfast & lunch. We will be doing this because we are not able to use the kitchen so we will primarily be doing the main portion of the meal on the barbecue. . .

We will, of course be providing & using face coverings & sanitizer & be sanitizing EVERYTHING, before, during & after..."

Contribution Opportunity: If you would like to make a personal donation to the **South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless**, the SASD Middlemas Matching fund will match your contribution 100%:

Please Make Your Check Payable to: SOUTH OAKLAND CITIZENS FOR THE HOMELESS

Please Mail Your Check to: Kilgour Centre
2363 Rochester Rd
Troy MI 48083

Due Date: No later than September 25, 2020

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– Keep Safe, Lynette



***It's that time of year again...
Please consider running for an
Elected Office in the
St. Andrew's Society of Detroit!***

St. Andrew's Society of Detroit 2020 Calendar

September 2020		
Date	Event	
9/8	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm	ZOOM MEETING
9/10	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm	
9/14	Membership Meeting	ZOOM MEETING
9/15	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm	ZOOM MEETING TBD
9/19	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm	
9/24	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm	
October 2020		
10/5	Membership Meeting & New Member Initiation	ZOOM MEETING
10/8	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm	
10/13	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm	ZOOM MEETING
10/17	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm	
10/20	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm	ZOOM MEETING TBD
10/22	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm	
November 2020		
11/2	Membership Meeting Nomination of Officers/Trustees	ZOOM MEETING
11/10	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00pm	ZOOM MEETING
11/12	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm	
11/15	Kirkin' of the Tartans at Jefferson Ave. Presbyterian Church, Detroit, TBD	
11/17	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm	ZOOM MEETING TBD
11/21	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm	
11/21	St. Andrew's Day Dinner (Cancelled)	
11/26	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm	
11/28	Decorate the Kilgour 9 am	TBD
11/29	Pipe Band party	TBD
Calendar is subject to change without notice		

Detroit Scots Zoom

—ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF DETROIT—

Our normal monthly Membership Meetings
will now be held on Zoom!



Monday, September 14th, Social
Gathering begins at 6:00 pm.
Business Meeting begins at 6:30 pm

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! We
will even have trivia games!

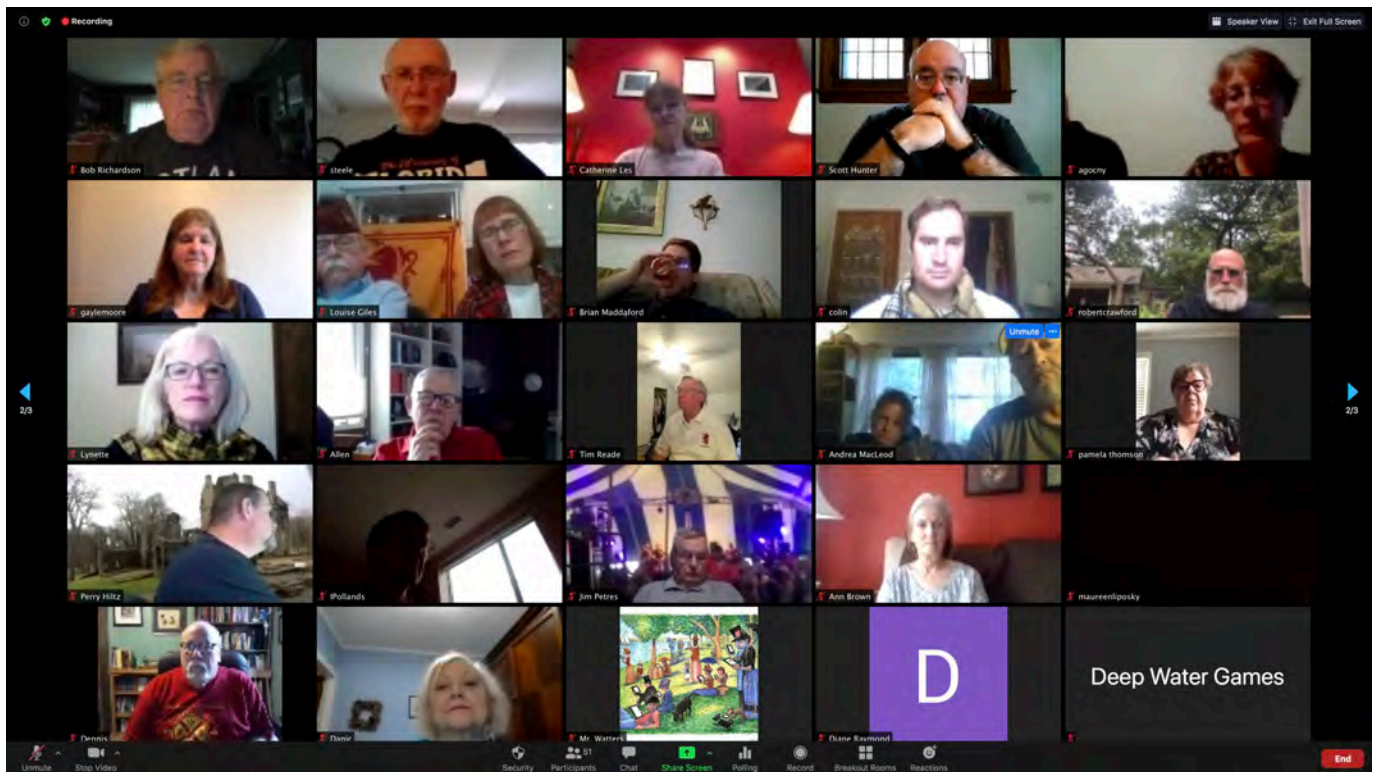


Details will follow with the Zoom
Meeting Link and instructions on how to use
Zoom.



The Tartan Tavern will be open virtually, so bring
your own whisky! Snacks will also be virtual, so
be prepared to show us your potluck contribution!

You may ask... What Does a Zoom meeting look like?



See any familiar faces?



Did we miss having Clan Row? Did we miss our big Entertainment Tent and the Ceilidh? Did we miss the Wee Bairs area? Did we miss our Highland Dancing Competition? Did we miss watching the Heavy Athletic Competition? The answer to all of these questions is a definite "YES". But, let's keep going.

Did we offer something for our members on the first Saturday in August? Did we keep the record going for the 171st year? Did we get wet? Did we wear masks (many of them made of Tartan patterns)? Did we practice Social Distancing? Did we miss our merchandise and food vendors? Did we enjoy the bagpipe music provided by three local bagpipe bands? Did we like seeing the Highland Dancers be great sports (and dancers) and dance barefoot on the wet grass? Did we enjoy watching the athletes demonstrate some of the competition of the Games? Did we enjoy the great background music of Mystic Isles? Did we have a good time? Yes! Yes! and Yes!

Thanks to one and all who believed that 'something could be done' and made it happen. We had the St. Andrew's Society Color Guard there to present the colors, member John Stewart to open our picnic by singing our National Anthem, member and Society Bard Elliot MacFarlane with a grand array of items of historical significance in Scottish history and members who just plain enjoyed their afternoon. The field crew, under the direction of Stuart Kennedy was set up and ready to go by 11 a.m. There was an ample number of picnic tables placed eight to ten feet apart and snow fence and caution tape marking our territory at Greenmead. In other words, "We did it". Another good part of the day, Saturday, August 1, 2020 was that the Annual Highland Games made

a little bit of money. The 2020 raffle, chaired by member Danice Chisholm was extremely successful. In total, the raffle this year exceeded what we did last year even without five of our Fish Fry nights and Games Day Sales. More than 60 percent of our members bought or sold their tickets this year (a real cause to celebrate). Seventy-six members sold at least \$50 worth of tickets, eleven members sold between \$200 and \$900 (they will be awarded a 2021 Highland Games t-shirt next year) and one member donated \$1,000 to the raffle. Elliot MacFarlane was the top seller, selling 300 tickets. Hooray for us!! All the proceeds from the raffle go toward the Kincaid Scottish Arts Scholarship Program enabling the Games to provide scholarships to young people who are taking lessons in bagpipe, highland dance and drumming. This program, chaired by Pipe Major David Martin, is the only one of its kind among the St. Andrew's Societies in North America.

Be proud fellow Scots, we are.

Cathy, Glen and Jerry



2020 Highland Games Raffle

Below are the 76 members who now belong the "2020 Lou's Legion" group. These members are those who sold or who made donations to the Raffle of \$50 or more. The group is named in memory of Mary "Lou" Mair who was the Highland Games Raffle Chair for over 20 years. Mary Lou was the wife of Bob Mair, Highland Games Treasurer for over 20 years and the mother of Cori Hall, Past Society Treasurer and Games Treasurer for eleven years.

A Big Thank You to all of those who made this year a big success!

2020 LOU'S LEGION OF RAFFLE SUPPORTERS

Julie Bartoy
G. Allen Bass
Jerry Beasley
Ann Campbell
Danice Chisholm
Maryann Clark
Dennis Clements
Robert Crawford
Peggy Cummins
Daniel Darnell
Sean Ditty
Virginia Ditty
Christine Doby
Lawrence Donaldson
Donald Duncan
Jeffrey Elwell
Charles A. Forbes
Nancy Fromm
Richard Fromm
Angela Glasscroft
Michael Gordon
Craig Gow
Cori Hall
Irene Hall
Elaine Harris
Rodney Harris

Cathy Hasse
Patricia Hill
Donald Hobley
Nancy Hobley
Brenda Hofley
Marilyn Hotaling
Shelly Kemp
Ann Kendrick
William Kincaid
Rick Lee
Janet Rae MacDonald
Elliot MacFarlane
John MacInnis
Andrea MacLeod
Teri Mago
Jennifer Manor
David Martin
Joseph Marzka
Mary McClain
Owen McGuigan
Lynette McLeod
Gregor Meiklejohn
Eve Milligan
Glenn Milligan
Jon Morehouse
Rachelle Murphy

Mary Beth Nicholson
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Katherine Paul
James Petres
Anna Mary Postma
Gary Ralston
Tim Reade
Shelby Rohr
Elizabeth Scothorn
Claudia Scott
Clifford Scott
Barbara Jean Seymore
Deborah Starinsky
Carol Swanson
David Tait
John Thomson
Emma Velasco
Nancy Waters
Hugh Watters
Sally Wells
Carol Woodard
Isabella Yardley
Carol Zagorawska
Greg Zernec

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Time for some catch-up!

The following members have had surgery or illnesses this summer:

- Brittany Werner
- George Boyd
- Martha Hunter
- Rod Harris
- John Thomson
- Pam Thomson

Member Ken Pardonnet and husband of member Judy Pardonnet passed away on August 23, 2020.

Please keep Judy in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

To send condolences, this is her address:

Mrs. Judy Pardonnet
28894 Rockledge
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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





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

The Library Committee has continued to meet either in person in the Library or using Zoom for our monthly Business Meetings over the summer. We are thankful for the dedication of the Committee to want to work on making the Library better for the Society and for the community during this very difficult time. Within the last few weeks the Committee has discussed and is excited to begin two new projects to both grow and provide information for any that want to know more about the Society and all things Scottish, after all, isn't that what a Library does! More information to come in the next issue of the Fling.

We also want to thank Shelby Rohr, Doug Reith, and Rod Harris for all their assistance, suggestions and work on the Library's web page that will be updated in the near future.

Low Library Book Club News

The Low Library Book Club is planning to meet via Zoom on October 12th at 5:30 pm. The book we will be discussing is Alexander McCall Smith's 44 Scotland Street, which was selected as one of the 50 Best Scottish Books of the Last 50 Years by the Scottish Book Trust.

Here's the description:

Welcome to 44 Scotland Street, home to some of Edinburgh's most colorful characters: uncertain Pat; her flatmate, narcissistic, smug, and unscrupulous Bruce Anderson; the sophisticated semi-retired anthropologist Domenica MacDonald and her custard-colored Mercedes-Benz 560 SEC; and beleaguered Bertie Pollack, his milquetoast father Stuart, and his extremely pushy, snobbish mother, Irene, an aficionado of ultra-modern child psychology theories who's intent on turning her son into a saxophone-playing, Italian-speaking prodigy. The novel also delves into the inhabitants' friends, family, and employers.

While the chapters are short, Smith, as always, manages to maintain the perfect balancing act in which he tackles Big Ideas and philosophical questions — the “conversations about things worth talking about,” as one character calls it — while remaining amusing and often laugh-out-loud funny. Love triangles, a lost painting, intriguing new friends, and an encounter with a famous Scottish crime writer are just a few of the ingredients that add to this delightful and witty portrait of Edinburgh society, which was first published as a serial in The Scotsman newspaper.

All of you are welcome to participate. Just send me an email so I can give you the details on how to log in to the Zoom meeting.

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 Member: Dick Fromm **Contributors:** Linda Davenport and Diane Raymond

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September Birthdays

Fling Editor							Sep 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5			Marilynn Magreta		Bonnie Sutherby Elizabeth Scothorn Liam Neary Nancy Preece Neville Pack	Jonathan Snow Thomas Cameron	William Irvine
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Arthur Smith		Ronald Fiorani	Anna Hunter		Ann Kendrick Denise Oughton	
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ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF DETROIT

THE DETROIT SCOTS

Membership Application



Please print all information. This information will be included in the annual membership directory. Complete in full, sign and date, mail with application fee of \$65 to:

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

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City, State ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Preferred email address _____

Place of birth _____ Clan Affiliation (if known) _____

Please give name, relationship & place of birth of a direct ancestor (if known) _____

This is how I want my name to appear on my name badge _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Sponsor Name _____ If you need a sponsor, please contact Rosemary Newton 248.229.9236

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone _____

General Membership meetings are held on the first Monday of each month except for July & August or on the second Monday when the first Monday is a National holiday.

ANNUAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

January – Burns' Night

April – Tartan Day – April 6

August – Highland Games & Ceilidh

December – St. Andrew's Day Holiday

Annual Tartan Ball

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST

Games Genealogy Social Events
Benevolence Library Cultural Activities
Other _____

To the Officers and Members of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit: Being of Scottish birth or lineage, I wish to become a member of your Society. I promise to be faithful and loyal to the Society, to conform to its Constitution and By-Laws and do all in my power to further its aims and objectives.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

For Membership Secretary:

Application received: _____ Fee _____ Elected: _____ Notified _____

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Month: ☐ January ☐ February ☐ March ☐ April ☐ May ☐ June ☐ September ☐ October

☐ November ☐ December

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