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Dear Fellow Society Members,

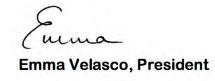
It is deep in the winter season, yet our backyard 'nature sanctuary' is showing signs of spring – a robin's chirp here and there, tom turkeys in full feathered display and even those pesky starlings are back. Normally we would be preparing for Fish Fry Fridays, but we are foregoing that activity again this year as the pandemic rolls on. The Trustees and Executive Committee will address the topic again in March as we attempt to stay safe while continuing to be prepared to open for events in the near future.

I once again applaud you all for weathering this storm. Please join us at our virtual meeting – there is a chance for folks to chat both before and after the "meeting" part of the evening. Also, we will be initiating some new members – please make them feel welcome as they help the Society move forward with new ideas and stronger connections.

Also, available in our virtual world, is the monthly **Games Night** on Thursday, March 25th and a newly added monthly **Pub Night** on Friday, March 12th to just get social and perhaps bring along your Friday fish dinner. See the ads for these events later in the Fling. You will also see a newly added event entitled **Scottish Sunday Brunch** at Portofino's in Wyandotte on Sunday, March 21st.

I continue to remain hopeful that we will see each other soon.

Yours Aye,





JOIN US ON ZOOM... WE MISS YOU!



Fact: In every Fling, underlined Blue text is a link to the associated website



Lynette McLeod, Benevolence Chair

Our Benevolences Page

THE MARCH CHARITY IS TURNING POINT

A recent thank you letter from **Turning Point** to SASD for member donations tells us:

...2020 marked **Turning Point's** 40th year of providing emergency and supportive services such as an emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis hotline, Personal Protection Order assistance, legal advocacy, counseling, and a forensic nurse examiner program. 2020 added a new housing program that will eliminate a significant barrier that may survivors face – having a safe place to live after leaving the shelter. . .

Please consider making a financial contribution to **Turning Point**.



How to Donate

Check: You can mail a check, <u>payable to the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, with the name</u>

Turning Point in the Memo Line to: Kilgour Scottish Centre, 2363 Rochester Rd., Troy, MI 48083.

PayPal: (1) Select the Donate Link on the St. Andrew's Society website. (2) Click the "PayPal Donate Now" button. (3) Scroll down to the box that says "(Optional) Use this Donation for" (4) Drop down to select **March Charity - -Turning Point**.

Matching Contributions

St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Member donations are matched (up to the \$100 per member per year, to however many charities you contribute throughout the year) from the SASD Middlemas Matching fund.

Second Hand Rose is a resale shop operated by Turning Point. Women and children who come to the Turning Point shelter shop for free. Remaining items are resold; all profits support Turning Point. At our past meetings, members were very generous with donations to Second Hand Rose. SASD will not be collecting items for Second Hand Rose this year, but if you wish to personally donate to Second Hand Rose, here is some information:

Location

158 South Main Street Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Second Hand Rose accepts the following items for donation in good, clean condition:

Men's, Women and Children's Clothing; Gently used furniture (can call for a FREE furniture pickup 586-468-3083); Housewares; Home Accents; Linens (towels, comforters, blankets); Electronic items (with all parts and cords); Shoes and Boots (Men, Women and Kids); Jackets and Outerwear; Collectible items (glassware, dishes, dolls, sports memorabilia, figurines); Lamps (with shades)

Seasonally Themed Items current seasonal weather-related clothing, shoes, or boots.

THE MARCH BENVOLENCE IS ERSKINE HOSPITAL IN ERSKINE, RENFREWSHIRE, SCOTLAND

Erskine provides support to veterans in Scotland, through four care homes and a Veterans Village, comprising of 44 cottages, an Activity Centre, five Assisted Living Apartments. Erskine cares for nearly 1,000 residents each year; its care homes provide veterans with the companionship of like-minded people.

A \$1,000 donation will be made by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit to Erskine Hospital.

St. Andrew's Society of Detroit 2021 3 Month Calendar

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		March 2021	
Date	Event	Charity	Benevolence
3/1	Membership Meeting & New Member Induction 6:00 pm (ZOOM)	Turning Point	Erskine Hospital
3/9	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 p	m (ZOOM)	
3/11	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
3/12	Pub Night 7:00 pm (ZOOM)		
3/16	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm (ZO Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm (ZOOM)	OM)	
3/20	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
3/25	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
3/25	Games Night 7:00 pm (ZOOM)		
		April 2021	
Date	Event	Charity	Benevolence
4/5	Membership Meeting 6:00 pm (ZOOM)	Gleaners	MacFarlane's Company
4/8	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
4/13	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00	pm (ZOOM)	
4/16	Pub Night 7:00 pm (ZOOM)		
4/17	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
4/20	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm (ZO Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm (ZOOM)	OM)	
4/22	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
4/29	Games Night 7:00 pm (ZOOM)		
		May 2021	
Date	Event	Charity	Benevolence
5/3	Membership Meeting 6:00 pm (ZOOM)	Children's Hospital – Shower of Love	Alma College – Highland Arts Scholarships
5/11	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00	pm (ZOOM)	
5/13	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
5/14	Pub Night 7:00 pm		
5/15	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
5/18	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm (ZO Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm (ZOOM)	OM)	
5/27	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
5/27	Games Night 7:00 pm (ZOOM)		
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—ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF DETROIT—



Have You missed a meeting? Want to know what the Games Night is like? Would you like to watch the Burns Night videos again?

It's all on the Detroit Scots Website!





2021 Canceled! But wait!

When you ask for recommendations, you get the strangest suggestions! Your Fling Editor sent out an Eblast about our canceled Fish Fry and received the following suggestions of alternative ways to find Fish on a Friday night. No one else offers bagpipes, dancers, and whisky, but at least it is fish!

From Bruce Durie: St Andrews Fish Bar near us in Portobello, Edinburgh, Scotland "Seriously good fish, but I don't think it would travel 3,500 miles!"

Generic Searches:

Fish Fry Finder

C&G News / Big Boy Fish Fry Finder

West Side Metro Detroit

Scotty's Simpson's Fish & Chips

<u>Detroit Ancient Oder of Hibernians</u>

East Side Metro Detroit

St. Therese Parish

Vintage House Banquets

Commonwealth Club

Central Metro Detroit

Berkley American Legion

Royal Oak American Legion

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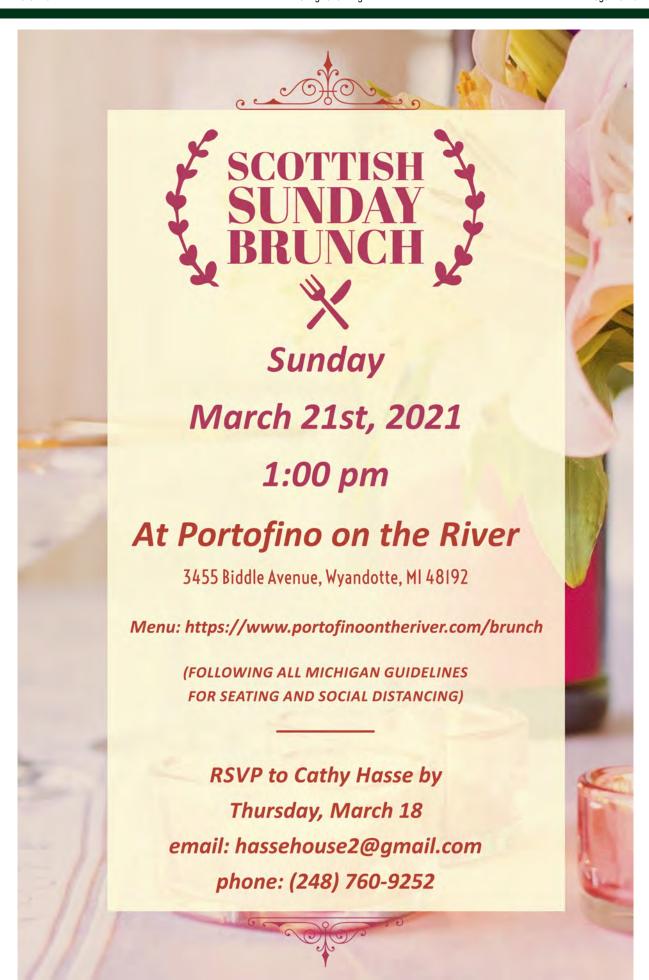
Portofino On the River

Dunleavy Pub

You can click on any of the above links to find a Friday Fish Fry near You!







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172nd Annual Highland Games

By the time you read this the 172nd Annual Highland Games will only be about five months away. That should give us all something to think about! Just as in 2020, your Games Committee along with all the members of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit will host our Annual Highland Games. At this point in time, we do not know the magnitude of the event. There are so many variables. We will definitely follow all safety and health rules that the State of Michigan and the City of Livonia have in place at that time. We will have our Raffle and hope that all members are as generous as they were in 2020. All of the proceeds of the raffle will continue to go to the William Kincaid Scottish Arts Scholarship Program.

We are in the process of meeting with the City of Livonia to renew our agreement for the rental use of Greenmead Historical Park for another three years. We are talking to vendors, clans, pipers, dancers and athletes to get their input when we know what is safe and legal to do on August 7, 2021. Wish us well in our endeavors and stay tuned for further announcements as we make some definite decisions.

Cathy, Glen and Jerry

How to access our Membership Directory & other Society Documents

Members of the society can login from www.detroitscots.com, to find our Society documents such as past issues of the Highland Fling, the Membership Directory, general membership meeting minutes, Treasurer Reports, and the Society Constitution and Bylaws.

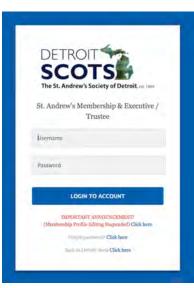
To login to the Membership & Executive / Trustee website, *the first time*, you will need to follow this link to establish your password for the *email address that is on file with the Membership Secretary*. This email address is also your username when logging in to the Membership area. Remember that you are in charge of your password and can change it at any time.

https://www.detroitscots.com/members/user/password

You can also use this link to reset your password. Or from the login screen click on Forgot Password?

Please note, that at this time, we are not maintaining your personal information on this site. All information that needs to be updated should be sent to the Membership Chair at membership@detroitscots.com.

Any difficulties with this process, should be sent to the Web Team at webmaster@detroitscots.com.





Our Scottish Geneaology

Derek J. Blount Genealogist St. Andrew's Society of Detroit (248) 224-9505

During the Pandemic many libraries and archives have been closed. A few have still kept staff busy on digitization and indexing.

The Drouin Institute in Canada continues to add new French-Canadian records. There were many Scots who emigrated to Canada and are included in these record collections. Drouin has collected most Catholic Parishes in Quebec and some in Ontario as well. They have also collected Protestant records from churches and cemeteries. They have collected civil records from the Notaries, census records from some eastern provinces (i.e. New Brunswick) and collected thousands of obituaries. If your ancestors came through Canada, then this is a collection you should look at. It costs about \$10/ month for access. It is in both French and English.

Généalogie Québec | La Référence en Généalogie Québécoise

Scotland's People has added 250,000 birth, death and marriage entries (~147,000 online images) which include 48,728 marriages in 1945 and 64,943 deaths in 1970. For 1920 births of 136,546 living children during that year were reported. There was a marked decline in birth-rate during World War I.

To learn how to search birth records see their guide on register of births at: https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/guides/statutory-register-births

To search the records see:

https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/search-our-records

While searching their indexes, you need to use a pay-per view to view and download digital records of the historic records you find. To learn more about the pay-per view costs see:

https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/our-charges

Copies of statutory registers of births less than 100 years old; marriages, divorces and dissolutions less than 75 years old; and deaths less than 50 years old can only be purchased as official certificates. Read more about official certificates and how to pay for them.

See: https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/content/certificates-and-copies

There are some items that you can search for free.

See: https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/content/what-can-i-do-free

Also, <u>Fold3.com</u> has just added the UK Pension records for WWI (dated 1914-1923). Scots will also be found here as well.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Nancy Diane Hobley

Our member, Nancy Diane Hobley, died on January 5, 2021. Nancy had been a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit for seventeen years. She and her husband Don moved to Palm Springs, California many years ago, but made it a point to come back for the Highland Games for as many years as Nancy's health would permit. They were also known to come to a Fish Fry or a general membership meeting. And, they came from California!! Nancy had an infectious smile and was always charming and graceful. They were avid supporters of our raffle. Nancy and Don joined other members of the Society in Alexandria, VA for the Annual Christmas Walk in December of each year, proud of their Scottish roots and heritage. Please join me in extending our sympathy to Don and his family.



RIP beautiful Nancy. Cathy Hasse

William Frank Rowland, Sr., Father of member Mary David and Father-In-Law of member Scott David, passed away on February 12rh, 2021.

Click here for more information.



Clan Chief Sir William Macpherson (right)

William Macpherson (judge) - Wikipedia

Sir William Alan Macpherson of Cluny, 6th of Blairgowrie (1 April 1926 – 14 February 2021) was a British High Court judge, and the 27th Hereditary Chief of Clan Macpherson. He was a common law barrister, who served as the recorder of the Crown Court, a judge at the Queen's Bench, and the presiding judge of the Northern Circuit, before his retirement in 1996.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Macpherson_(judge)

Edinburgh University appoints First Black Rector

Click here to read the News Article



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

One thing that continues during our current closure is our Pedigree Project. At this point we now have pedigrees of at least 240 of the 4,000+ people who have joined SASD during our 172-year history. Some are long, some short. Some are of original members in 1849. Some are of members who joined as recently as November 2019. Some can't be done because we can't even read the signature in the records. We have found lots of matches between early members - brothers, in-laws, cousins, sons, and now, daughters, who also joined. But we are not making many matches with current members, just maybe because we haven't been hearing from enough of you. Could it be that we have been negligent in reminding you that we'd love to include you in the database? Remember, this will not be a public database, but in our library for members only. And it's not just your Scottish lineage. Many of our members' families came through Pennsylvania and Ontario and New York. One of our first matches was in Kentucky!

If you'd be willing to participate, we'd love to hear from you. A lengthy pedigree would be great, but if you can give us just some information about your parents and grandparents, we can work from that. Although many of your applications told us where your Scots were from, or mentioned great grandparents by name, we need to fill in the blanks between you and them.

One of our committee members, who refers to herself as our data-entry clerk, says she's got time and needs something to work on. She no longer has a husband to take care of, Fox Run feeds her so she doesn't have to cook, and she doesn't even have a dog to walk. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about your family before she realizes what she might be getting into. The number in the membership directory needs updating, so jot this down - Irene Hall, 248-859-5653 or IreneRHall@aol.com, even if it's just to ask questions. We already have more than 8400 names, so let us see if we can find a match for you. We don't call it Six Degrees of Separation for the heck of it. (Written by Irene Hall)

The Low Library Book Club: Cathy McCullough Les - Chair

Meeting Notes & Review of the last book: On Monday, February 8th, 6 of us got together on Zoom to talk about Dorothy Dunnett's Game of Kings (Lymond Chronicles #1). We enjoyed the book but agreed it's not a quick read. The story has many characters - some of them having more than one name and the main character uses disguises several times - and there are quotations in Scots, French, Spanish, and Latin. The story begins in 1547. Mary, Queen of Scots, is 5 years old. Francis Crawford of Lymond, the hero of the story, is an outlaw accused of treason. He is the dashing, witty, Errol Flynn-type, good at sword fighting and quick with a romantic poem for a lady. Lymond and his outlaw band cause a lot of trouble raiding and burning homes, but his ultimate aims are to clear his name and save Scotland from outsiders who wish to control it. Our group would definitely recommend this book (the first of 6 books in the series) and we'd also recommend some reading aids to make the experience even more enjoyable:

- --Now You Have Dunnett: a blog devoted to the novels of Dorothy Dunnett (I never would have known that the name Buccleuch was pronounced Buck-Loo). nowyouhavedunnett.blogspot.com/2014/09/gok-opening-gambit.html
- --The Ultimate Guide to Dorothy Dunnett's The Game of Kings by Laura Caine Ramsey





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

Continued:

Our next meeting will be on April 12 at 5:30pm.

We'll be discussing **Sunset Song** by Lewis Grassic Gibbon.



Here's a description:

Faced with the choice between her harsh farming life and the seductive but distant world of books and learning, the spirited Chris Guthrie decides to remain in her rural community. But as the devastation of the First World War leaves her life-and community-in tatters, she must draw strength from what she loves and endure, like the land she loves so intensely. Brutal and beautiful, passionate and powerful, Sunset Song is a moving portrait of a declining way of life and an inspirational celebration of the human spirit. And in Chris Guthrie, Grassic Gibbon has given us one of literature's most unforgettable heroines. It has been voted Scotland's favorite novel, beating titles including JK Rowling's first Harry Potter story to the top spot (The Guardian, 18 October 2016).

Please contact Cathy McCullough Les at library@detroitscots.com to receive your link for the meeting. Please visit the Book Club at https://detroitscots.com/library/book-club/

Library Hours:

Please call or email to see when the Library is open due to the closing of the building.

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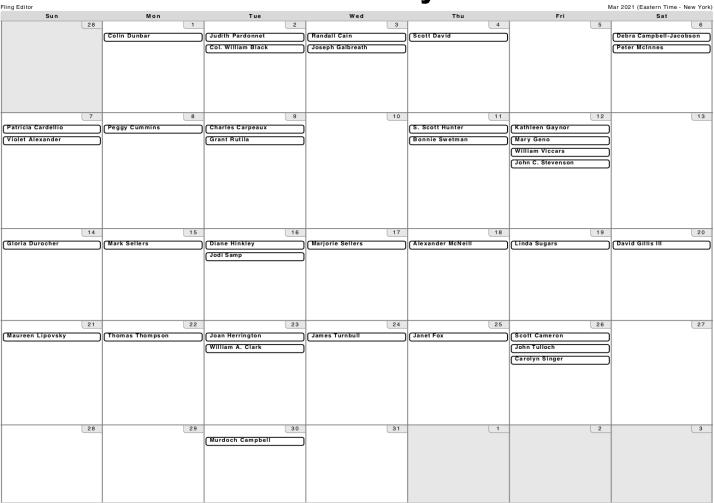
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March Birthdays





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 B	irth	
Address	City, State ZIP			
Home Phone	(Cell Phone		
Preferred email address				
Pla e of birth	Clan Affiliatio	on (if known)		
Please give name, relationship &	k place of birth of a c	lirect ancestor (if known)_		
This is how I want my name to	appear on my name t	oadge		
Occupation	E	Employer		
How did you hear about us?				
Sponsor Name	I	f you need a sponsor, pleas	e contact Rosemary Newton 248.229	.9236
Emergency Contact: Name		Pho	one	
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