



Emma Velasco, President

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Dear Fellow Society Members,

As I write this letter, we are trying to ramp up for an in-person membership meeting on June 7th. I am hoping that it will happen, and I am looking forward to seeing as many members as we can safely host (I believe the number is at 100 right now). If you are fully vaccinated and feel comfortable to be in a crowd, we are going to get together for the first time in over a year.

And what a year it has been! The Society survived the pandemic when many organizations did not – and I think we even widened our outreach as we shifted to virtual meetings, pub nights and trivia nights. Our boards continued to meet, and we maintained contact with our members. A HUGE thanks to all of you who assisted in these efforts.

Please note – I have received a lot of feedback about the in-person meeting plans. The feedback falls into three categories: 1) we should not have an in-person meeting because it's not safe; 2) it is discriminatory to not allow members who have not been vaccinated; and, 3) if non-vaccinated people are going to be there, we're not attending.

I am very sensitive to inclusion and fairness, both as your president and as a person. My email "blew up", as the kids say, with both supportive and angry comments, so I polled the Executive Committee and the Trustees, and the resulting decision is this:

We will proceed with an in-person membership meeting on June 7th, limited to 100 people, who must be vaccinated. We need members to RSVP (See page 5 for info on how to RSVP or email Patty at socialchair@detroitscots.com) so that we do not go over 100 people to stay within the rules. We are setting up a Zoom link for those who cannot attend, and we hope that will work out to allow for a sense of community across the entire membership.

As the world heals from Covid-19, I hope that our membership will heal from the stress that this gathering is causing amongst friends and fellow Scots. Since this is our last meeting until September, we have some time to figure out the best way to fully reopen safely and inclusively. And in the meantime, please know this: we are all doing the best we can in this uncharted territory.

Since our June meeting is our final get-together of the season, all eyes turn to the Annual Highland Games on August 7th. To me, it marks the return to a semi-normal social life, and again, I cannot wait to see you all there.

Finally, thank you all so much for your kind words as my family has faced the unimaginable sudden loss of our beloved Greg. You helped me stand when I was falling (and I will likely fall again as I navigate this life without him at my side), and I am grateful for your continued support.

Yours Aye,



Emma Velasco, President







Our Benevolence Page

Our June Charity is the Baldwin Center

For over 35 years the Baldwin Center has been providing critical services to the underserved population in the City of Pontiac, Michigan and the surrounding area. The Center prepares thousands of meals each year in its community kitchen and provides 25 other critical programs and services.

During COVID, the Baldwin Center has been providing lunch and dinner every day to 80 individuals who were homeless before COVID and have been living in a hotel for safety during COVID. The Center also provides two meals a day to individuals living in Hope Center.

Grab and Go lunch bags are prepared and available every day at the Center for those in need.

ITEMS NEEDED - For members who will be attending the June 7 general meeting at the Kilgour, we are asking you to bring items to help fill the Grab and Go lunch bags, and other needed items such as:

INDIVIDUALLY PORTIONED items, such as chips, chip-type snacks, cookies, granola bars, fruit chews, bottled water.

Diapers, Pull-ups, plastic "Ziploc" sandwich bags

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS to the Baldwin Center – Your donations help to purchase food for bagged lunches and for the soup kitchen's meals program and to support other programs at the Baldwin Center. https://www.baldwincenter.org/



How to Make Financial Donations

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

<u>Baldwin Center in the Memo Line</u> to: Kilgour Scottish Centre, 2363 Rochester Rd., Troy, MI 48083.

PayPal: Click on the "Click Here" Button on the left, or (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 Charity - - **Baldwin Center.**

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.

Our June Benevolence is the William H. Kincaid Scottish Arts Scholarship

The June 2021 Benevolence is the William H. Kincaid Scottish Arts Scholarship Program. The Society is pleased to provide \$8,900 to Scottish Arts programs this year from money received from the 2020 Highland Games Raffle ticket sales.

The Kincaid Scholarship program is funded 100% by the SASD Highland Games Raffle ticket sales. Every ticket you purchase or sell supports our Scottish Arts Scholarships.

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.

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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 scholarship program was renamed 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. During 2020 and 2021, many live learning opportunities for students of the Scottish Arts were canceled, but some students attended via on-line learning. Everyone looks forward to dancing, piping, fiddling again soon, and the scholarship funds will continue to be available to promote Scottish Arts education.

Thank You from Erskine Hospital

We received the following letter of thanks from our March Benevolence recipient



May 22, 2021

St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Attn Lynette McLeod 2363 Rochester Road Troy, MI 48083

Re:

Donation

Thank you most sincerely for your generous donation of \$1,000.00 which was gratefully received, and will help us here at American Friends, to continue our dedicated support and commitment to the veterans at the Erskine Hospital facilities in Scotland. Erskine, like many elderly care homes, has been significantly impacted by the CoVid19 pandemic.

The care philosophy at Erskine is based upon the belief that veterans are owed an enormous debt of gratitude for all they have done in the past and what they continue to do today. With your help, American Friends of Erskine Hospital will continue to support Erskine in providing veterans with the best levels of care and support possible, in a homely environment where dignity, privacy and respect for each individual are of paramount importance.

We also assist over 130 younger Veterans each week, who need help to begin the next chapter of their lives, providing physical and psychological rehabilitation at our Activity Centre.

Our aim over the next two years is to enhance this fantastic rehabilitation facility, ensuring it is fully accessible and will be able to support more Veterans. Please, therefore, accept my sincere and heartfelt thanks for your support and commitment to American Friends of Erskine Hospital; it is greatly appreciated. I have enclosed our official receipt for your records.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Purves, President American Friends of Erskine

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

	June	2021	
Date	Event	Charity	Benevolence
6/7	Membership Meeting & New Member Initiation 6:00 pm (At the Kilgour & Zoom)	Baldwin Center	William H. Kincaid Scottish Arts Scholarship Program
6/8	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm (ZOOM)	
6/10	Open Library Hours 10:30-3:30 pm		
6/14	Highland Games Meeting 6:30 pm (At th	ne Kilgour &	Zoom)
6/15	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm (ZOOM) Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm (ZOOM)	1)	
6/19	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
6/24	Open Library Hours 10:30 – 3:30 pm		
6/24	Trivia & Games Night 7:00 pm (ZOOM)		
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7/8	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
7/17	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
7/22	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
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	No Trustees meeting, No H	, .	
8/4	Highland Games – Volunteers' meeting	at Greenme	ad
8/6	Highland Games – Ceilidh		
8/7	Highland Games – Games' Day		
8/8	Games clean-up		
8/10	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm		
8/12	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
8/21	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
8/26	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm		
8/26- 9/4	SASD Trip to the Scottish Heartland with	Elliot MacF	arlane
8/28	Scottish Night at Comerica Park		
	Calendar S	ubject to Ch	nange

June Membership Meeting at the Kilgour!

Due to the changes in the recent COVID-19 Rules, we are able to get back to the Kilgour for our next Membership Meeting on Monday, June 7th. And to include those not yet fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccines, we will be having a Hybrid Meeting with Zoom. Our attendance at the Hall will be limited to 100 persons. To do this, we have developed a Signup where you can RSVP for you and anyone joining you. You must verify that everyone has been fully vaccinated prior to the meeting. Zoom invitations will be sent out via EBLAST.



Click the picture above to **RSVP** if you would like to attend the June 7th Membership Meeting in person at the Kilgour Scottish Centre!

1. Click

(No Login to SignUpGenius.com is necessary.)

Cancel

Instructions:

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We are all fully vaccinated now		nd <u>Privacy Policy</u> .	Select	one of the Vaccination	Status options



172nd Annual Highland Games

Remember the last few months when we did not have anything to tell you for sure about the best event of the summer? Well, this month we can tell you that as of a few days ago, we are full speed ahead and planning the **BEST Highland Games in 172 years!!**

Of course, the three of us cannot pull this off without YOUR help. We need you. We need you to volunteer and find other folks to volunteer with you. We need you to sell your four raffle tickets that you will be getting in the mail very soon. We need you to contact email our Raffle Chair, Danice Chisholm, and order more raffle tickets so that this year will be a banner year for sales. We need you to sponsor a trophy for the Games and we need you to sponsor any part of the Games you can. We are always looking for sponsors for golf carts, Tug-of –War teams, volunteer shirts, and many other areas. If you can help us out, or if you know someone or some business that could, we would be ever so grateful. Please contact Cathy at 248-760-9252 or hassehouse2@gmail.com for more information.

Please continue to check our <u>website</u> for more information regarding how to order tickets, volunteer, be a sponsor, etc. All information will be up and running as soon as we can. We are working at playing catch-up and are doing our best knowing that we will have full support of our fellow members. We are all in this together – and we know it will happen.

Thanks in advance for your support and help.

Cathy, Glen and Jerry

From Our Cultural Activities Chairperson, Patty McKinnon

Everything is in flux right now, so there may be changes, but as I write this today on May 24, 2021 this is our event plan for June:

Monday, June 24 our Games Night @ 7pm on Zoom.

I will definitely give updates to any changes due to the opening up of Michigan Covid rules. STAY TUNED!

As Scots, we share a great Celtic heritage with our Irish brethren. So with true fellowship in mind, I want to inform and invite all of you to the Motor City Irish Festival, June 11-13, 2021.

Check out their link at motorcityirishfest.com



Expert Knitters Needed!

Our St. Andrew's Pipe Band is in dire need for new socks!

Do we have any expert knitters in this group? The knitter will be paid and the sock pattern is available. Please contact David Martin at davemartin@standrewspipeband.com or call him at 734-516-1923, for more details.

Spring Cleanup at the Kilgour!















A huge thank you to all 8 members for making the Spring clean-up an enjoyable success.

A special thanks to our new member Bruce Gray! and Ann Campbell, Brenda Mattila, Doug Reith, Ron Cunningham, David Tate, and Stuart Kennedy.

And, of course, Patty McKinnon!



Excitement is building for our "Scottish Night" at Comerica Park (Tiger Stadium) for the baseball game on Saturday Night, August 28th

Game will be between the Detroit Tigers and the Toronto Blue Jays!

This will be the first time our St Andrew's Society of Detroit will hold this Tiger event so save this date for a very special evening!

- Tickets will go on sale no later than July 1st. We will send out a special Web Link for you to purchase tickets and a phone number if you want to order your tickets by phone.
- We will get our picture and name shown on the Big Screen.
- If we sell 700+ tickets for this game, our President Emma Velasco, will throw out the 1st pitch!
- Ticket prices start at \$20 and go higher for better seats.
- The Game starts at 6:10 pm with parking available near Comerica Park.
- We are considering having a "ride share" for those who prefer not to drive or can't walk too far (contact me for your input on that at pmccakes@yahoo.com or 248-331-7554).
- The Tigers will donate \$5 to our Kincaid Scholarship Fund for each seat we sell.
- The Irish sell roughly 1,000 each year while the Polish, in normal years, sell 2,000 or more.

We need people to be on OUR Tiger Team to help plan and execute this fun.

Please contact Patty McKinnon (<u>pmccakes@yahoo.com</u> or 248-331-7554), if you would like to help!

Some people are lucky to have friends in Scotland, who send care packages! Elliot MacFarlane!





To all of Our Athairs & Seanairs!



Derek J. Blount, Genealogist St. Andrew's Society of Detroit

Scottish Genealogy in Newspapers

Many beginning family genealogists neglect to search newspapers for important events. Newspapers provide obituaries that name people, relationships and where they are located at the time of the deceased's death. The British Newspaper Archives hold hundreds of thousands of pages of Scottish Newspapers. This month they added 5,184 pages from the Glasgow Weekly Mail. They encompassed the 1862-1864, 1866-1868, 1879-1880, 1883, 1886, 1888, and 1890-1892. These are pages they found but are not contiguous.

10,316 pages were also added from the Kirriemuir Free Press and Angus Advertiser. They covered the years 1915-1952, 1955-1960. Many Scot families who have been in America a long time often forget that newspapers often fill pages with historical events that your ancestor may have been part of. Do not forget to check dates outside of the birth and death dates.

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Inverness Advertiser and Ross-shire Chronicle recovered 15,382 pages from 1849-1885 and were also added this month.

Other newspapers already in the Archive are regularly updated. Ten British newspapers were updated this month. They are the Blackpool Gazette and Herald, East Riding Telegraph, Halifax Comet, Herald of Wales, Northern Weekly Gazette, Ripon Observer, St. Helens Examiner, Stockton Herald, South Durham and Cleveland Advertiser, Weekly True Sun, and the Weymouth Telegraph.

Remember that British newspapers report on Scottish events, like the sinking of the "Daphne" and the loss of 100 men. All 100 men were workers on the ship and all were listed by name in the papers.

Newspapers have a great wealth of information for the genealogist and family researcher.

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

Off the Shelf has another new feature to let the membership know what the Library has to offer. Marge Cowan has taken on the responsibility of documenting all of the Artifacts that have been donated to the Library over the past 10 years. Thanks to Marge's efforts, the artifacts are photographed, given an inventory number and entered into the Library's database. As the Library continues to receive these valuable and unique Scottish items they will be rotated in and out of the Library for viewing by the membership and the community.

Low Library Treasures: By Marge Cowan



Did you know that we have a replica of a Scottish targe in the Low Library? Maybe you have seen the large circle shaped object over the fireplace. That is our Scottish targe. A Scottish targe is a shield Scots used in warfare as long ago as the 17th century. They were made of wood and decorated. The back side is outfitted with straps for holding it securely while under attack. While ours is a replica, it is a good visual representation of those used hundreds of years ago being 20 inches in diameter and decorated with gold studs. It was donated to the Low Library by Andy Munro.

The Low Library Book Club: Cathy McCullough Les - Chair

<u>Please note</u> the <u>time change</u> for the June book club meeting, it is June 14th at 5:30 pm. Zoom Invitation to be sent later.

The group decided that for the next book we would do something light: <u>Clanlands: Whisky, Warfare, and a Scottish Adventure Like No Other</u> by Sam Heughan and Graham McTavish (the actors playing Jamie and Dougal in the Outlander TV series). The book is available in hardback, paperback, and Kindle editions and audio, narrated by Sam. Nancy Waters is about 1/3 of the way through the book and says it is a rollicking adventure around modern Scotland with two funny, naughty boys. We hope you enjoy it. Just so you know, the book is kind of a diary written along the way as Sam and Graham filmed their special series on Scotland, "Men in Kilts," for Starz. Go to the following link for a fun description of the book and the series: <u>Clanlands: Why the Book is Worth Checking Out Too (outlandercast.com).</u>

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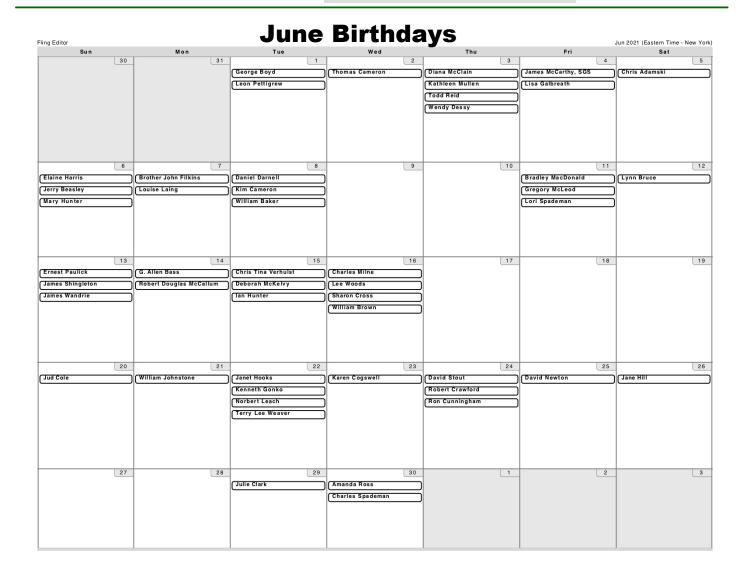
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