



Emma Velasco, President

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To join the September Membership Zoom Meeting 9/13/21 @ 6:00 pm Dear Fellow Society Members,

Greetings everyone, and welcome back to the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, along with a new program year and a resumption of in-person meetings! I am glad to be back on schedule with you all, and we certainly hope that our health environment remains stable for the near (and far) future so that we can enjoy each other's company at our beautiful Kilgour Centre. (Also, the pot-lucks...I always have to mention the pot-lucks!)

Our 172nd Annual Highland Games was a huge success. I don't know the ticket count, but it seemed like a great crowd, and I saw a thousand smiles. Our gratitude and congratulations go to Cathy Hasse and her co-chairs Jerry Beasley and Glen Milligan for their efforts and well-thought plans for this tumultuous year, and our heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers who worked to make it happen. It was a wonderful day.

One of the key tasks of the Executive Committee is to schedule and organize our membership meetings and activities. We've recently focused on how to safely host inperson meetings while being mindful of both inclusiveness and safety. The decision of the Committee is:

In accordance with State guidelines, all members are welcome to attend the in-person membership meeting. Masks are optional if you are vaccinated for Covid-19. If you are not vaccinated, please wear your mask. The meeting will also be available on Zoom for those who are not able to attend in person. Seating will be arranged to give some social distancing as space allows.

At our September meeting, Dave Martin will announce that it is time to gather nominations/volunteers for the 2022 officer and trustee slate. After almost a decade of holding an executive position, with four of those as your president, it is surely time for other voices to be heard and other leadership styles to be explored, so I will be stepping down. Many members are passionately dedicated to ensuring the continued vibrance, community impact and success of our organization but don't serve in an "official" position. I am appealing to those of you who have good ideas, are good with communicating with others and have some ability to give a few hours a month to step into a position in 2022. Really, the success of our Society depends on the ability of our membership to serve each other as well as our community.

Yours Aye,

As the song says: "See you in September."

Emma Velasco, President

Attention all 2021 Officers & Trustees:

Wear your Plaid to the Sept. Meeting for Yearbook photos in the Library at 6:30 pm

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Lynette McLeod, Benevolence Chair

Our Benevolences Page

Thank you everyone for supporting the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Kincaid Scholarship program by selling and purchasing Highland Games Raffle tickets!

<u>Benevolence Committee Activity Update</u> In July, Member Glenna Washburn and I met with Heather Duenas, Director of Community Engagement at The Baldwin Center, to deliver the items donated by Members at the June meeting and a check for \$870 contributed from Member donations and Middlemas Matching funds. We toured the food preparation facility and learned more about the programs. The Center expressed its gratitude for the generous contributions made by SASD.

Our September Charity is Morse Elementary School

At Back-to-School time, SASD provides support to <u>Morse Elementary School</u>, located a few blocks from the Kilgour Centre. We are pleased that Principal Stephanie Zendler will attend our September 13th meeting to tell us about all the happenings at Morse. We will be collecting donations of the items described below at the September 13th General Meeting. If you would like to make a financial contribution, please see the Box below for information.

Items Needed: When asked what SASD can do to support the kids and the school, Ms. Zendler said:

. . . outdoor recess equipment is always a HUGE hit with the kids and a great need for us! Balls, frisbees, games (beanbag toss, etc.), anything kids can play with outdoors we'd love to have as our playground equipment is limited and our student body large!

Suggestions for the school's needs/assistance closet include:

- Refillable water bottles
- Lunch boxes
- Composition books
- Wide rule spiral notebooks
- Color markers
- 16-pack crayons

- Pocket folders (yellow, blue, red, green)
- Kleenex boxes
- Standard band aids
- Ziploc sandwich bags (for ice packs)
- Disinfectant wipes (Clorox types)
- Clothing for 5-7 year olds: boys and girls underwear, yoga pants, sweatpants (for accidents and mishaps)



How to Make Financial Donations to Morse Elementary School

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

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.

St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Fall 2021 Calendar

		Septem	ber 2021		
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
9/9	Open Library Hours 10:30 - 3:30 pm				
9/13	Membership Meeting (In person & Zoom)	Dessert Potluck	Morse Elementary School	Gaelic College (Nova Scotia)	Penrickton Center for Blind Children
9/14	Executive Committee	e Meeting 6:30 pm	(Zoom)		
9/21	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm (Zoom) Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm (Zoom)				
9/24	Trivia Night at the Kilgour! 7:00 pm				
9/18	Open Library Hours	10:30 - 3:30 pm (Z	loom)		
9/23	Open Library Hours	10:30 - 3:30 pm			
	October 2021				
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
10/4	Membership Meeting & New Member Initiation (In person & Zoom)	Shepherd's Pie with Potluck	St. Ephrem Food Closet	Scottish Wildcats Rescue	Salvation Army Bed & Bread
10/12	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm (Zoom)				
10/14	Open Library Hours	10:30- 3:30 pm			
10/16	Open Library Hours	10:30- 3:30 pm (Z o	oom)		
10/19	House Committee M Trustees Meeting 6	•	n)		
10/22	Trivia Night at the M	(ilgour! 7:00 pm			
10/28	Open Library Hours	10:30- 3:30 pm			
		Novem	ber 2021		
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
11/1	Membership Meeting & Nomination of Officers/Trustees (In person & Zoom)	Snacks	Marine's Toys for Tots	Vietnam Vets Macomb	Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs
11/6	New Members 2020	& 2021 Breakfast	10:00 am Kilg	our Scottish	Centre
11/9	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm (Zoom)				
11/11	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm				

St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Fall 2021 Calendar (cont'd)

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11/16	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm (Zoom) Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm (Zoom)				
11/19	Trivia Night at the Kilgour! 7:00 pm				
11/20	Open Library Hours 1	0:30- 3:30 pm (Z	loom)		
11/25	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm				
11/27	Decorate the Kilgour for the Holidays! 9 am				
	December 2021 No Trustees meeting No House Committee meeting				
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
12/4	St. Andrew's Day Dinner (tentative)				
12/6	Membership Meeting & Election of Officers/Trustees (In person & Zoom)	Stew with a Potluck of breads & desserts	Macomb Emergency Shelter Teams	Scottish Book Trust	Middlemas Fund
12/14					
12/9	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm				
1218	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm (Zoom)				
12.10	Open Library Hours	10.30- 3.30 pm (2	200111)		

Our Benevolences Page (Continued from page 2)

50/50 is Back!

The <u>September 50/50 charity</u> is <u>The Gaelic College</u> in Nova Scotia. It is an educational non-profit institution, offering year-round programming in the culture, music, language, crafts, customs, and traditions of the immigrants from the Highlands of Scotland. The only institution of its kind in North America, students of all ages and skill levels visit the College every year to study.

Calendar is subject to change without notice

Our <u>September Benevolence</u> is the <u>Penrickton Center for Blind Children</u> in Taylor, which specializes in working with legally blind children ages 1 through 12 with a least one additional handicap such as deafness, cerebral palsy, brain damage, developmental delay, or seizures. The Society is making a contribution of \$1,000 to the Center.







From the Cultural Activities Chair

By Patty McKinnon

Hello Fellow members!

It looks like we'll all be busy until the end of the year (unless we aren't! Covid-19 is always the predictor!

The next *Membership meeting* will be on Monday, September 13th. Social Hour begins at 6:00 pm and the Business portion starts at 7:00 pm. It will be in person at the Hall, but Zoom will be available for those who cannot attend the meeting. This one will be "bring a DESSERT to share", so be sure to eat dinner before we meet! Please bring lots of scrumptious goodies for my sweet tooth!

We are in the process of planning a membership ACTIVITY at the hall! We have previously had our Bingo & Trivia nights on Zoom this past year. This will be our first "in house" meet up. We will have the bar open and snacks available. Game winners will receive a small prize!

Save these dates for our *Trivia Nights at the Kilgour*: Fridays, September 24th, October 22nd, and November 19th. It's always good to get together for fun and lots of laughs!

October's Membership meeting will be on Monday, October 4th at 6:00 pm Social Hour with Business at 7:00 pm. This will be a New Member Initiation meeting and include dinner! We will be including all New Members who joined our Society during 2020-2021 on Zoom. We will supply the Shepherd's pie, but ask members to bring salad or desserts. This is always a great time to welcome our new members. I

We are also planning a **Whisky Tasting** led by our very own Elliot MacFarlane. Tickets will be limited to 30 persons and will include a short dinner. Details to follow soon!!!

Our "Hall Christmas Decorating" event will be on Saturday morning, November 27th. Please show up at 9:00 am to help make our Kilgour Hall ready for the Holiday Season! It is always fun to get in the Christmas Spirit and making our Society shine in the season!

In the words of that illustrious Porky Pig . . . "That's all folks" for now!

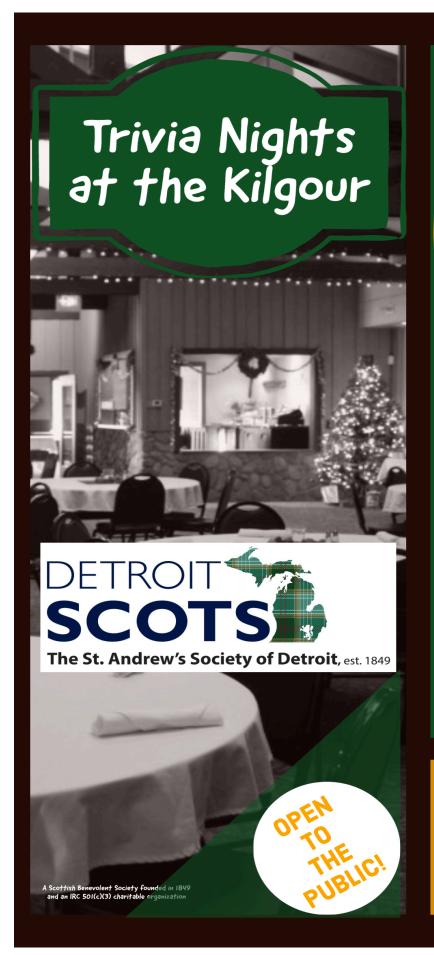
Peace out!

Patty

Member Kim Martin found these on the Battlefield of Culloden, Scotland







2021 Dates

September 24 October 22 November 19

Doors open at 6:00 pm Trivia Rounds 7 pm – 9 pm

Invite your friends!
Free to Play
Prizes
Cash Bar
Snacks provided

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Email Phishing Article

by Doug Reith

What do you do when ...?

... you get an email from a friend asking you to buy Gift Cards for a charitable cause AND, not to mail the gift cards to them, but to email them the gift card numbers so they can be distributed quickly

OR, worse yet ...you get a phone call from a friend asking about an email **o ou** asking them to buy Gift Cards

Don't panic! We suggest you quickly take some steps to prevent someone from throwing money away to scammers.

Here is the situation: you get an email from someone you know, that looks real, but asks you to do something strange. Something like: buying hundreds of dollars of Gift Cards for a good cause, sending them money for an operation, or transferring money so they don't get evicted. This is called: "Phishing". And it could be a scam where you give them money for a fictious cause. These Gift Card Numbers are just like cash. They can take the money, never to be seen or heard form again. Or they can steal whatever you send them.

If this happens to you:

- 1. **DO NOT** respond to the email. You'll probably be communicating with the criminals.
- 2. **DO NOT** open any attachments, files, or links in the email. These could cause harm to you or your computer.
- 3. **DO** contact your friend **BY ANOTHER MEANS** (text, phone call), **NOT** using that same email, asking if this is legitimate. If you contact them *using the same email address*, you may be just communicating with the criminals and not your friend. And then,
- 4. **DELETE** this fraudulent email, so you don't mistakenly click on something in it.

People lose millions of dollars to these crooks each year, doing what appears to be legitimate and for a good cause.

If, **YOU** are the one who's email address was illegally accessed by one of these scammers, **as quickly as you can:**

- 1. **CHANGE** the password to your account. Use good Password Practice (see below).
- DO NOT attempt to correspond with the scammers. You cannot catch nor outsmart them!
- 3. **DO NOT** open any attachments, files, or links in the email. These could cause harm to you or your computer.
- 4. **DELETE** this fraudulent email, so you don't mistakenly click on something in it.

Email Phishing Article (cont'd)

Good Password Practice

Should your email address be accessed illegally by someone you don't know, here is some good advice about creating a new password:

- 1. Don't use a word in your password which is in the dictionary, or a date or number that can be found in your purse or wallet.
- 2. Use at least one Upper Case letter, at least one Lower Case letter, at least one number, and at least one special character in your passwords. (examples of special characters are #, , &, !)
- 3. Create an Acronym as a way to remember the password. Such as:
 - a. Robert-Burns-is-my-hero- -1759 == RBimh 1759 Easy to remember!
- 4. Don't use the same password on all your accounts. Have a couple passwords you use but are easy for you to remember.
- 5. Use two-factor authentication if available.

See also these places you can learn more about Passwords:

- https://www.it.ucsb.edu/secure-compute-research-environment-user-guide/password-best-practices
- https://news.trendmicro.com/2021/08/23/10-tips-to-create-stronger-passwords-2021/
- https://www.cnet.com/tech/mobile/9-rules-for-strong-passwords-how-to-create-and-remember-your-login-credentials/

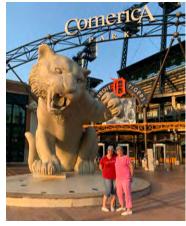
Finally, get help if needed. From:

- 1. The place where you purchased your computer or device from.
- 2. One of your children, nieces/nephews, cousin, a close friend.
- 3. A Computer Technology Business or Service (Geek Squad, etc.). Or, ...
- 4. Your SASD Web Team webmaster@detroitscots.com

They're always there to help!

A Few Scottish Night at Comerica Park Photos

(more on page 12)







We Love Our Volunteers!



















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Scottish Night at Comerica Park









In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Please send your thoughts and prayers to member Steve Erskine who recently lost his father, Robert J. Erskine, on August 16 after a prolonged illness. Below is the link to his obituary.

https://harrisfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/3875/Robert-Erskine/obituary.html#tribute-start



Letters from members

<u>Peg Dunlop:</u> As a lot of you know, my daughter Stacey passed away on June 30. She had battled colon cancer for 10 years. I would like to thank the Society for their support for the last 10 years.

During that time, she had written to the benevolence committee several times to ask for help for some medical bills and the most recently was last October when she asked for help with her rent payment as she was transitioning to total disability and waiting for her Social Security.

Our family really appreciated all the love and all the prayers that you showed us during this time. I am truly grateful to you all. Words really don't express the gratitude of our entire family that was grateful to you for your support. Thank you so much.

<u>Lee Woods:</u> As we go to publishing, this update from Lee: Member Roger Schebor passed away on Saturday, Sept. 4,2021. Funeral information will be shared via Email.

Roger Schebor has been a member of St. Andrew's since roughly 2004. He made a huge donation of books to the Chuck Low library. He volunteered at the games and was an active member until he could no longer participate.

He has been battling Parkinson's disease for a long time. His family has just placed him in hospice. We are asking the society to keep him and his family in their prayers. I will let you know when he passes and any details regarding his funeral.

Roger and I have been companions for well over ten years. He loved St. Andrew's and all things Scottish. I know that he and his family would appreciate you letting the society know of his circumstances. Thank you in advance



It's that time of year again...

Please consider running for an

Elected Office in the

St. Andrew's Society of Detroit!

All Executive Positions and 3 Trustees are open to the election. Contact David Martin if you are interested in running for office! davemartin@standrewspipeband.com or call 734-516-1923.

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

At this year's Highland Games, we received good news for the Library. Mary Grahame Hunter, member of the Society and daughter of Scott Hunter, our Society Chaplain, said that she would like to join the Library. Mary Grahame has recently received her degree in Library Science from Simmons University in Boston and has secured a full time position at the Ferndale Area District Library. The Low Library is fortunate to have yet another professional Librarian wanting to be a part of our respected and growing Library.

Teri and Angelo Mago were visiting here from their home in Rochester New York, where Angelo was sent by his Bishop and will be serving for a number of year before returning to the Detroit area. Before leaving for Rochester, Teri served on the Library Committee from 2017 to 2019. She expressed her desire to come back and help wherever she can add value, and we are so very glad that she will be a part of the Library staff once again. With Covid-19, has come the ability to work remotely, and so with Cathy on the west coast and now Teri on the east coast the Library and the Society will continue to benefit from their involvement.

Thank you both for joining and wanting to be a part of the progress we are making in our Society Library.

On June 30th, one of many bad storms we have had this year caused flooding in the Metro area including several of the Detroit Libraries. As soon as we found out about the Detroit Libraries, Ann Brown who volunteers at the Burton Library, checked to see if our Society historical documents were impacted by the devastation. Fortunately the Burton and our documents were spared. The Library Committee, has always wanted to digitize our documents dating back to 1849 but realized this is a huge undertaking. The Library Committee is looking to the membership to assist in finding one or more Grant Writers. We would solicit funds to bring in a professional company to complete this work for us. We are hopeful that obtaining funds to preserve our historical documents for our Society is something that foundations would be willing to support.

<u>The Low Library Book Club</u>, will meet via a **Zoom meeting** on Monday, September 20th at 5:30 pm. You can contact Cathy at the Library's email <u>library@detroitscots.com</u>.

Our next book will be **Blackhouse** (Lewis' trilogy, #1) by Peter May.



From acclaimed author and television dramatist Peter May comes the first book in the Lewis Trilogy - a riveting mystery series set on the Isle of Lewis in Scotland's Outer Hebrides, a formidable and forbidding world where tradition, rules, and people adhere to ancient ways of life. When a grisly murder occurs on the Isle of Lewis that has the hallmarks of a killing he's investigating on the mainland, Edinburgh detective and native islander Fin Macleod is dispatched to see if the two deaths are connected. His return after nearly two decades not only represents a police investigation, but a voyage into his own troubled past.

Library Hours:

The 3rd Saturday of every month from 11:30am to 3:30pm The 2nd and 4th Thursday's every month 10:30am to 3:30pm

Also, by appointment Email: library@detroitscots.com Web Page: https://detroitscots.com/library/

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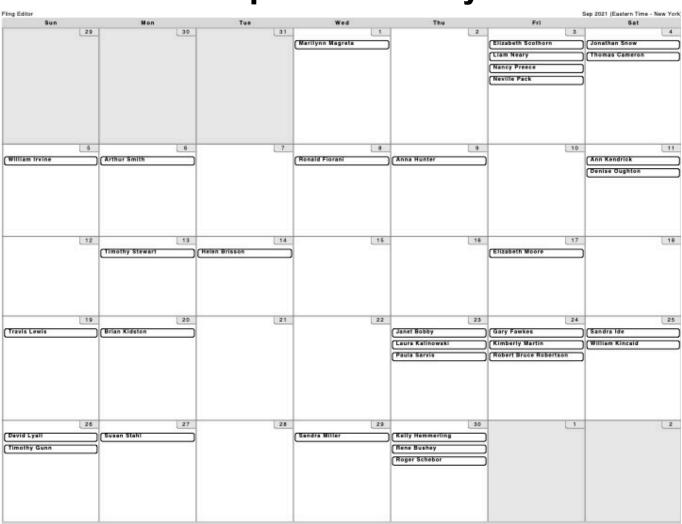
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To the Officers and Members of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit: Being of Scottish birth or lineage, I wish to become a member of your Society. I promise to be faithful and loyal to the Society, to conform to its Constitution and By-Laws and do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

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