

The Highland Fling

July 2022



Emma Velasco, President

A Letter from the President

Summer Greetings All,

I hope you are enjoying this wonderful season!

The Kilgour Scottish Centre is finished and we are down to our last couple of details (turn the lights to point up instead of down; final duct work cleaning; install the coat rack). It's been a long process and I'll be glad when it's really done. Please consider the venue as a rental for your friends and family party and meeting needs.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Annual Highland Games! If you haven't already, please volunteer - the schedule is quite flexible and each member's participation is appreciated and needed.

Yours Aye –

Emma Velasco, President

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Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
No membership meeting					
7/11	Highland Games Meeting 6:30 pm (Zoom)				
7/12	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm (Zoom)				
7/14	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm				
7/16	Library Committee Business Meeting 9:30am - 11:30am, Open Library 11:30am – 3:30pm				
7/19	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm (Kilgour & Zoom) Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm (Kilgour & Zoom)				
7/28	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm				
TBD	WEE BAIRNS PREPARATIONS AT THE KILGOUR				
August 2022					
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
No membership meeting					
8/3	Highland Games – Volunteers’ meeting at Greenmead				
8/5	Highland Games – Ceilidh				
8/6	Highland Games – Games’ Day				
8/7	Games clean-up				
8/9	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm (TBD)				
8/11	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm				
8/12	Pub Night at the Tartan Tavern in the Kilgour! 7:00 pm				
8/20	Library Committee Business Meeting 9:30am - 11:30am, Open Library 11:30am – 3:30pm				
8/21	Scottish Sunday Dinner Cruise on the Portofino, arrive 4:45, 5:00 to 8:00 pm				
8/25	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm				
September 2022					
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
9/12	Membership Mtg 6:00 pm Social Hour 7:00 pm Business	Dinner provided	N/A	Myositis Association	Penrickton Ctr for Blind & Disabled Children
9/8	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm				
9/13	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm (TBD)				
9/17	Library Committee Business Meeting 9:30am - 11:30am, Open Library 11:30am – 3:30pm				
9/17	Coming Soon! Scottish Night at Comerica Park				
9/19	Low Library Book Club, 5:30 pm (Library Committee Zoom Meeting)				
9/20	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm (Kilgour & Zoom) Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm (Kilgour & Zoom)				
9/22	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm				



Lynette McLeod
Benevolence Chair

Our Benevolences

Ukrainian Fundraiser

Thank you for your contributions to the **Detroit Scots Ukrainian Relief** appeal for donations to the Red Cross to help with the humanitarian crisis. Members, friends, and the Society donated \$4,045.

Kincaid Scholarships

Scholarships have been given to two young women who are our previous scholarship students to defray costs associated with their travel to, accommodations, and participation in the Edinburgh Royal Military Tattoo this summer, for which they auditioned and were selected. They will be in Edinburgh for 6 weeks.

A scholarship has been given to a previous scholarship student, Ian Gruenhagen, the young piper who performs at so many of the Society's events, and who recently won 3 first places at the Alma Highland Festival. He will be competing in three different highland games in Ontario this summer and at our Highland Games.

Scholarships have been awarded to six dancers and a tenor drummer who will be attending the Ohio Scottish Arts School (OSAS) this summer.

Chicago Scots – Caledonia Senior Living Center

Gus Noble, President of the Chicago Scots, and CEO of the Caledonia, which is supported by Chicago Scots, informed us of a massive storm in Chicago recently that destroyed many historic trees at this facility. We have made a donation for cleanup, restoration and a tree planting fund-raiser to support the efforts of our good friends at Chicago Scots.

Coming Up!

There are no Membership meetings or scheduled monthly charities or benevolences for July and August.

Group Charitable Opportunity – A Society work day for this Fall at Forgotten Harvest is being arranged.

November is Christmas! The November charity is Marines Toys for Tots collection. The Marines appreciate receiving our gifts prior to the December rush so that they may give them out to children in need during December.

More Christmas! There will be a Detroit Scots Christmas Giving Tree for needy families at the November Meeting. Members can draw gift tags from the tree in November to bring gifts to the December meeting.

See you at the Highland Games!

A big THANK YOU to the volunteers who came out to Kilgour Hall to do battle with the weeds that have had a "Field Day" in our absence!

With the help of LYNETTE McLEOD, BRUCE SHERWOOD, BONNIE MACFADGEN and EMILY WIGODSKI, we spent Saturday morning pulling six trash bags full of weeds from around the front and sides of the hall.

There's more to do, but we made a good start in making the hall attractive for the Fall.

Ron Cunningham



**Nancy
Waters,
Cultural
Activities
Chair**

Cultural Activities July Fling Press Release

Below is a line-up of recent past, present, and future events open to our membership and friends.

RECENT EVENTS

We welcomed 12 new members to SASD at The Commonwealth Club on June 4 with a light breakfast and great enthusiasm! Congratulations to all the new members and thank you to all the SASD Officers and Members who attended to greet them! We enjoyed visiting with all the newbies and are looking forward to working with each of you on upcoming projects. I heard lots of great ideas for future events! Thank you!

Our final SASD membership meeting was held at The Commonwealth Club on June 6. We thank Lori Monley for being such a fantastic hostess. Lori, all the help you gave me was so very appreciated! I owe you big time! Thank you for making us feel so welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, August 12th - Pub Night at the Kilgour! - Take a peek at our newly remodeled Kilgour while enjoying a beverage of your choice at our open bar, served by our charming Kathleene! Chips will be for sale as well. 7-10pm
- Sunday, August 21st - Scottish Sunday Dinner Cruise aboard the Portofino! C'mon all me hearties and join us at 4:45pm for a 5-8pm sailing of the Portofino Yacht. We will enjoy a delicious dinner while cruising on the Detroit River on a beautiful summer night. See the notice in the Fling for further details! Also, if you would like to host one of these Sunday dinners, contact me and we will work it out. nwaters@detroitscots.com
- September 17th - Scots Night at Tiger Stadium - Irin Douglas hosting
- Saturday, October 8th - Visit with Scottish author, Donald S. Murray - Open to Low Library Book Club members and friends (that means all SASD members and friends!). Donald is coming to the Detroit area to conduct research for his new book, which will be based on Scottish involvement in the auto industry. While he is here he would like to visit with us about his book *As the Women Lay Dreaming*, about the Iolaire tragedy, as well as a brief introduction to his newest book, *In a Veil of Mist*. This event is sponsored by the Low Library Committee. library@detroitscots.com
- Sunday, October 23rd - High Tea at the Kilgour - 1:00 to 3:30pm - Pam Thomson hosts this fundraiser for The Highland Games fund to replace worn out equipment.

FUTURE EVENTS

- Hogmanay - Folks have expressed an interest in a Hogmanay celebration on New Year's Eve, and Brian Maddaford agreed to head up this committee. We are thinking we might have dinner and a band but plans are in the early stages. If you would like to work with Brian and me on this project, call Brian at 734-679-3456 or briandmaddaford@gmail.com. The evening could end early (on Scottish time), or, with the encouragement of the band, may last to the wee hours.
- St. Andrews Golf League - Coming in the Spring of 2023? Let Judy Scott know if you are interested in helping put together our very own St. Andrew's golf league. Email: jabstat@aol.com with your interest.

That's all for now folks...stay tuned! – Nancy Waters, Cultural Activities Director

Our June Meeting at the Commonwealth Club



June New Member Initiation





173rd Annual Highland Games News

Helping the 173rd Annual Highland Games

I just spoke with Rev. Scott Hunter, the Chaplain of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit and he assured me it is okay to hope and pray for good weather for the 173rd Annual Highland Games. So, first and foremost that is what I'd like you to do for the success of OUR games this year. After that, there is a long list of what you as a contributing member can do to help assure that that this year's Games are bigger and better than ever.

Do you need some finite suggestions of how you can help? Go to our website and volunteer for the Games. Ask your family members and friends to volunteer, too. OUR Games can use lots more volunteers!!

Have you already volunteered? How about calling Danice Chisholm asking her for more Raffle tickets to sell? Remember, all of the profits of OUR raffle go towards Scholarships for Scottish Arts. What a wonderful way to encourage young people and their families to continue OUR traditions and customs.

How about sponsoring a Tartan Taxi (commonly known as a "Golf Cart")? It would have your name on it as a sponsor as it makes its way around Greenmead. On Games Day these vehicles help handicapped, senior citizens, or those carrying equipment, chairs or bundles get from one area of OUR games to another. The cost of sponsorship is \$250.

You could call me and tell me you'd like to help distribute OUR 9" X 6" beautiful colored advertising postcards. You could distribute them in your church, office, local library, watering hole or where you shop.

There is still time to make a contribution towards Volunteer Shirts. If there are enough donations, the shirts will be a "go". Otherwise, again this year WE will not be able to have them. A donation of \$500 will get your name or your business logo on the back of the shirt.

Please know that the success of the 173rd Annual Highland Games is up to all of us. Thank you.

Cathy Hasse
248-760-9252

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TEAM CHALLENGE! Grab your clan! Grab your friends! Grab anyone you can! The Kilted K team with the MOST participants wins!

The Kilted K is a 1K walk or run at the Highland Games. Participant check-in is at 9:30am and start time is 10am. Pre-registration is required by July 27. You must have paid admission into the Games.

[Click here to visit our EventBrite Ticket Sales](#)

Do you think that you make good Shortbread?



Here is your chance to enter the Annual Shortbread Contest at the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games! Enter yours this year at the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Annual Highland Games, at Greenmead Historical Park!

On Saturday, August 6th, turn in at least 12 Shortbread samples in a non-returnable container to the Welcome Center by Noon.

Winner must submit their recipe & will be announced at Main Field, after the Tug of War Contest, and the Trophy will be awarded.

If you have any additional Shortbread Contest questions,

Please contact: Christy Haradean
at clharadean@yahoo.com

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

At the writing of this article all of the contents of the Library, Classroom and Office are in the Burns room ready to be moved back on Wednesday the 29th of June. The long wait for the renovation of the building after all of the water damage will soon be over and the Kilgour Centre will once again come back to life. The Library Committee is especially excited to once again be able to be in the Library to continue on with the work of the Society. The Society as a whole was hit with the ONE-TWO punch with the pandemic and then the water damage that certainly has had an impact to our operations.

For many years, the Library Committee has met every month, rain or shine, pandemic or building closure to work and plan for the library's current projects as well as planning for the future. The new word that everyone seemed to be saying is ZOOM. Zoom has had a major impact on how corporations and organizations were able to conduct their business during the pandemic. The library was no exception, we began immediately meeting every month connecting not only locally but with Cathy McCullough Les in California and Teri Mago in New York. Though these remote meetings were and are part of how the library conducts it's business, we need to be in the library to do a large percentage of the work. The committee has and is looking at software that makes working on material and documents remotely easier and more efficient.

We are excited to welcome Beth Stireman to the library as a Contributor. Beth just recently joined the Society after moving to the area. She offered to help the Library in digitizing of our Society documents, something that we have been wanting to do for a very long time. Thank you Beth for being part of the Library and helping us move forward with this very important project.

The library is already planning to once again sponsor programs for the membership and the community.

In October, Scottish novelist, poet and playwright Donald Murray will be in the Kilgour Centre talking about two of his books "As the Woman Lay Dreaming" and "In a Veil of Mist". He will also talk about the research he is doing in the Detroit area for his new book about the role the Scots played in the auto industry. We are working with a local bookstore to have his books available for purchase and signing by Mr. Murray.

IN March of 2023, plans are beginning to have representatives from the Ulster Historical Foundation to make the Kilgour one their stops on their North American tour. The library will work with our Genealogist Derek Blount (foundation member) to make this an exciting and worthwhile event. More information in the months to come.

Look for the next issue of the Fling for pictures and information for a donation made by the Low family to the library.

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/>

Library Staff:

Julie Bartoy, Janet Bobby, Ann Brown, Maryann Clark, Marge Cowan, Sharon Cross, Nan Fromm, Stuart Kennedy, Teri Mago, Cathy McCullough Les, Nancy Waters, Dennis Clements (Chair)

Honorary Member: Dick Fromm **Contributors:** Linda Davenport, Irene Hall, Mary Grahme Hunter, Beth Stireman



Charles S. Low Library Book Club

At our June meeting, the Low Library Book Club discussed ***As the Women Lay Dreaming*** by Donald S. Murray.

The HMV *Iolaire* sank after hitting the rocks on its approach to Stornoway harbor on the Isle of Lewis very early on New Year's Day 1919. The men on board were traveling home at the end of WWI. They'd survived the war but many of them never made it home. Two hundred and one of them died that night. This story shows the impact the disaster had on the men who survived, their families, and the whole island community.

We were impressed with the depiction of the characters, especially the boy Alistair and his grandfather Tormod. Tormod survived the sinking but, like many of the survivors, never got over it. My favorite scene is when the 2 half-orphaned children from Glasgow enter a blackhouse for the first time: with the hearth in the middle of the floor (earthen), no running water, and a partitioned area for the livestock. What a shock!

The author grew up on the Isle of Lewis and his descriptions of the land and the life of its people made you feel as if you were there, walking the fields and feeling the wind. We highly recommend this book and are looking forward to the author's visit in October.



The book for our next meeting on September 19 is ***Two Closes and a Referendum*** by Mary McCabe.

An engaging tale of ordinary people in an extraordinary time. This novel brilliantly captures the growing excitement and fervor of the 2014 Independence Referendum that changed Scotland forever. Set in Glasgow's East End, the novel follows its characters as they explore their identity and wrestle with the hopes and fears that surround the choice they are asked to make. Mary McCabe has written a compelling novel where human drama meets political activism.

Charles S. Low Book Club

Save the Date

Meet the Author, Donald S. Murray

October 8, 2022

2:00 pm



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