



Chris MacKenzie, President

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Please note: The 2023 Membership by email this year. Please login to the new Membership System to pay online or mail a check to the Kilgour Scottish Centre by January 1, 2023.

## A Letter from the President

To all my fellow Scots,

As we close out a hectic 2022 and look forward to 2023, we look back on a year where we again did not hold our Fish Fries and a water leak at the hall caused us a lengthy repair and hosting our meetings at The Commonwealth Club. we are back at our home and our members have been enjoying our meetings, Trivia Night, and Andrew's The St. Dinner, rounding out the end of the year. little ones, especially my daughter Izzy, really enjoyed the Wee Bairns event with Santa. I alwavs enjoy the events with "Santa" MacFarlane. Although for different reasons!

Dave Martin did a wonderful job getting our elections in order and saw some new faces as well as recognized. those more Paula Lupi retains her position as First Vice President, Kelly Hemmerling is the incoming Second Recording Secretary is President. **Dues letters were sent** Louise Giles. Julie Bartoy and Nancy reelected Waters were Membership Secretary and Cultural Activities Director, respectively. Shelby Rohr continues as our Communications Director and Dave Martin as our Piper.

Cliff Les was re-elected to the Board of Trustees as well as welcoming Beth Frahm and Tim Reade to the Board and Ι was elected as your Thank you all for your President. kind words of encouragement.

I'm thankful for the team of the Executive i ee and Trustees who guided us through the issues of the past year and look forward to working with the newly elected group that I am now a part of. We are hard at work and looking ahead to see how we can invigorate the membership and make us stronger than ever! a benevolent Remember, we are society and volunteering is what we This is what makes all the gears turn smoothly.

With 2023 shining bright ahead of us, upcoming Chili the cook-off. Burns Night, Fish Fries, and Pub Nights give us reassurance that this year is off to a good start. I'm told there may even be a whisky tasting coming up! I look forward to sharing a wee monthly dram with you at our meetings as well as many events throughout the year.

Sláinte,

Christopher Robert Fraser MacKenzie, President

## 2023 SASD CALENDAR

		Ja	nuary 2023						
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence				
1/07	Take Down the Kil	gour Decoration	s, Kilgour, 10 a	am - Noon					
1/09	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, 6:00 pm Social Hour, 7:00 pm Business								
	General Meeting & Installation of Officers & Trustees	Chili Cookoff	South Oakland Citizens for Homeless	Lighthouse	SOCH and Port Huron Museum's "A Highland Evening" Event				
1/10 Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)									
1/11	1/11 Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)								
1/12	Open Library Hours, 10:30 am - 3:30 pm								
1/13	Membership Committee Mtg, 6:30 pm, (Zoom)								
1/14	Tartan Tavern Fan	nily Feud Night, F	Kilgour, 7:00 –	10:00 pm, \$5 cover	charge, Cash Bar				
1/17	House Committee N Trustees Mtg, 6:30	• • •	m),						
1/21	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 - 11:30 am, Open Library Hours, 11:30 am – 3:30 pm								
1/21	Robert Burns Night, 6:00 pm, Dinner Served 7:00 pm, Kilgour, <i>Tickets on sale Now!</i>								
1/26	Open Library Hours, 10:30 am - 3:30 pm								
1/20	Open Library Hours	s, 10:30 am - 3:30	pm						
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Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence	
3/3	SASD Friday Fish	Fry, (Tentative)				
3/4	NEW Member Breakfast, 10:00 am – Noon, Kilgour Centre					
3/4	Port Huron Museum Event, "A Highland Evening", Noon - Whisky Tasting, 3:00 pm - Workshops & Demonstrations, 6:00 pm - Dinner with live Music 1115 6th St. Port Huron, MI 48060 (810)-982-0891, <i>Tickets on Sale Now!</i>					
3/6	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, 6:00 pm Social Hour, 7:00 pm Business					
	Membership Meeting & New Member Initiation	Shepherd's Pie Dinner with Members Potluck	Turning Point / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Rose	Hope for HIE (Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy)	Erskine Hospital Veterans Services - Scotland	
3/8	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, (Zoom)					
3/14	14 Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)					
3/9	3/9 Open Library Hours, 10:30 am - 3:30 pm					
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3/18	Library Committee Business Meeting 9:30 am - 11:30 am, Open Library Hours, 11:30 am – 3:30 pm					
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3/23	3/23 Tartan Tavern Trivia Night, Kilgour, 7:00 – 10:00 pm, \$5 cover charge, Cash Bar					
3/23	Open Library Hours, 10:30 am - 3:30 pm					
3/24	SASD Friday Fish Fry, (Tentative)					
3/25	5 Wee Bairns Event, Kilgour, 10:30 am – Noon					
3/31	SASD Friday Fish	Fry, (Tentative)				
TBD	D Whisky Tasting					
TBD	Scottish Sunday D	inner Out				



## **HELP WANTED - 2023 Fish Fries**

Help us bring back one of our most popular fundraising public events!

We are still looking for a Cook Crew for our Annual Fish Fries during Lent which falls this year between February 22nd and April 7th.

Contact Emily Wigodski if you have a lead on a Cook Crew. <a href="mailto:ewigodski@gmail.com">ewigodski@gmail.com</a>

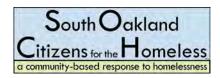


Lynette McLeod Benevolence Chair

### **Our Benevolences**

#### **CHARITY**

South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless (SOCH) Welcome Inn



Guests at Welcome Inn receive care designed to meet them at every level of need. Services Offered:

Shelter from the Cold Warm and Nutritious Meals Case Management & Health Care Clothes & Hygiene Care Spiritual Care

SOCH is in need of a few items at this time. Clothing may be "Gently Used" or New. If you would like to donate items, please bring them to the January 9th General Meeting:

- Men's long johns Large XL XXL XXXL
- Men's boots Sizes 9, 10, 11, 12
- Well-made backpacks (not school ones)
- Small Foot powder
- Wash cloths
- Hair pick combs
- Small containers of Vaseline
- Strong hair brushes
- Toe nail clippers
- Vaseline

If you would like to make a financial donation to the South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless, the Society's Middlemas Matching fund can match your contribution 100%. Via PayPal Online or Via Check Payable to: St. Andrew's Society of Detroit with Memo Line SOCH.



#### 50/50 RAFFLE

### **Lighthouse of Oakland County**

Lighthouse endeavors to build equitable communities that alleviate poverty in partnership with and in service to individuals, families, and organizations, providing Emergency Food Distribution, Homelessness Prevention, Emergency Shelter.

#### **BENEVOLENCES**

The Society will be making a Benevolence donation to **SOCH** in the amount of \$500.

The Society will be providing a sponsorship grant of \$500 to **The Port Huron Museums** "A **Highland Evening**". The event flyer on the next page contains the link to purchase your tickets to this event.



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Nancy Waters Cultural Activities Chair

## **Cultural Activity Events - January 2023 Fling**

#### PAST EVENTS and IMPORTANT THANK-YOUS!

 Saturday, November 26th, 10:00 am - Noon - Kilgour Hall Decoration and Tear Down Events - We had a fantastic turnout for our Kilgour decorating event! Many thanks to: Danice Chisholm and her handyman Bruce, Stuart Kennedy, Emily Wigodski, Patty McKinnon, Brian Maddaford, Sheila Mitchell, Kevin Hayes, Ron Cunningham, Tim Reade,

Van and Shelby Rohr, Claudia and Cliff Scott, Bruce Sherwood, Jeff and Beth Sohn, Jean Wingblad, and Joe and Barbara Galbreath. Great job everyone...the Hall looks fantastic!

- Saturday, December 3rd, 6:00 10:00 pm St. Andrew's Day Dinner/Dance We had a wonderful turnout for this event, about 70 attendees, and I thank everyone for coming and being so patient as I worked out the finer details of serving a dinner at the Kilgour! You all were so patient and kind...I really appreciated that and so did our servers, Ashley and Maureen, along with Kathleene Thomson. Also, a big thanks to Cathy Hasse and Kent Richards who served as our friendly greeters and to Heather and Sue Remo who created stunning table settings in blue and white reflecting the Saltire. Also, thanks to Van 'Rockin' Rohr who did a fantastic job as our DJ playing the oldies we know and love. Finally, thanks to Michael Grabowski, Van Rohr, and Emily Wigodski for setting up the sound system and disco ball (no Christmas trees were harmed in the process...LOL). Our event was catered by Lily's Seafood Bar & Grill in Royal Oak and included lemon artichoke chicken, mashed potatoes, fresh garden sauteed vegetables, and a wide choice of cheesecakes and glutenfree desserts, topping off the evening with a sweet touch. Thank you all for making this a successful event.
- Sunday, December 11th 3:00 5:00 pm Wee Bairns Story time and Santa Visit We had a great turnout for our Santa event...over 50 people! This event included a photo op with Santa (Elliot MacFarlane) and Christmas Elf (Diane Raymond), a Highland Cow (Coo) ornament made by the children (with a lot of help from Julie and Mitchell Bartoy), cookie decorating with Marjorie Cowan, and a surprise gift of a Scottish-themed book for each child provided by the Charles S. Low Library Committee to promote our Scottish Culture. Ann Brown and Marjorie Cowan each contributed treats for our adult attendees who seemed to enjoy the event almost as much as the kids. Emily Wigodski was our storyteller, craft developer, and dance leader. One more thank you to Dave Martin who entertained the early arriving children with his pipe and drum band...they loved dancing along and we loved listening to you practice. Thank you all for another successful Wee Bairns event!

## UPCOMING EVENTS - Sign up for all events on our website: detroitscots.com/tickets

 Saturday, January 7th, 10:00 am - Noon - Kilgour Hall Decoration Tear Down Event -All are welcome to join us as we put away our decorations for another year. Coffee and donuts provided. We have a full slate of volunteers already, hooray!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS (cont'd)**

- Monday, January 9th Membership Meeting/Initiation of New Officers and Frank Hasse Memorial Chili Cook-off We have 1 spot still available to enter the Chili Cook Off. Pre-registration is required to enter the Chili Cook-Off and you can do so here: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949A5A72AA2FB6-frank">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949A5A72AA2FB6-frank</a> Volunteer Judges include: Bob Crawford, Elliot MacFarlane, and Rod Harris for the Judges' Choice. We will all vote on the People's Choice. We have embroidered Cook-Off aprons for the winners of each of the two categories. P.S. If you need a bit of technical help entering the event, my email is <a href="mailto:nwaters@detroitscots.com">nwaters@detroitscots.com</a> or call me at 248-875-1166 and I would be happy to walk you through the process. XXOO
- Saturday, January 14th 7:00 to 10:00 pm Tartan Tavern Family Feud Night Hosted by Claudia and Cliff Scott and their friends from AOH. \$5.00 entry fee at the door cash bar. Cash prizes. Bring a table of friends and some snacks or order food in for delivery. We will have chips for sale at the bar, too. Note: All future Tartan Tavern Nights (beginning in February) will require a \$5.00/per person cover charge to pay for hiring a bartender, the heat, electric, and water bills, and to cover coffee/tea service. It takes a village!
- Saturday, January 21 6pm to 10pm @ The Kilgour Centre Robert Burns Dinner
   Tickets and info available at detroitscots.com/tickets

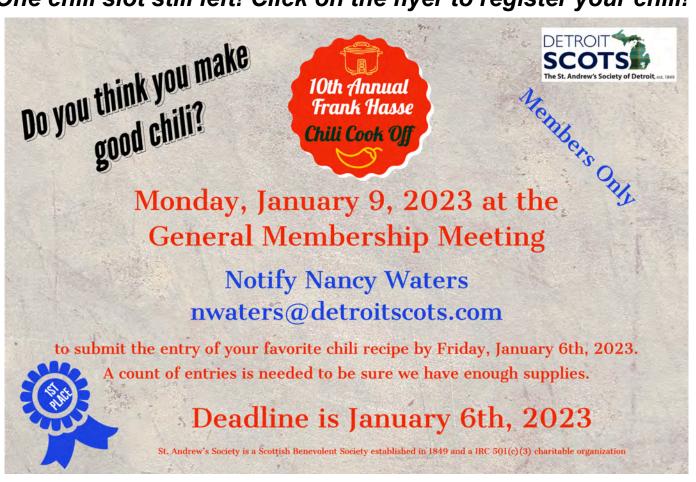
#### IN OUR FUTURE

- We have Tartan Tavern nights scheduled in February, March, April, and May. If you would like to host one in June, July, or August, please contact me at nwaters@detroitscots.com
- Wee Bairns Valentine Event Saturday, February 11th 10:30 am to Noon. Our theme
  for this event is Nessie, Unicorns, and Hearts because we love Scotland! Co-sponsored by
  SASD and by The Charles S. Low Library Committee.
- Membership Meeting/New Member Initiation Monday, March 6th SASD-provided Shepherd s Pie and Dessert (cake) plus member-provided potluck of side dishes.
- Wee Bairns Spring Event Saturday, March 25th 10:30 am to Noon. Theme to be announced. Co-Sponsored by SASD and by The Charles S. Low Library Committee.
- Is anyone interested in hosting a Scottish Sunday Dinner this winter at a restaurant of your choice? That way we get to try places all over the Detroit area with friends we love! Let me know if this is something you are interested in doing and I will help you get set up. nwaters@detroitscots.com
- Is there any interest in attending The Red Hot Chili Pipers at the Macomb Center on Thursday, April 6, 2023 @ 7:30 pm? I can get discounted tickets for the event if we plan ahead. I will take a straw poll at the January membership meeting and an E Blast Poll will be sent out soon.
- Our Tartan Day Ceilidh Saturday, April 8th, inviting our friends at the AOH and Commonwealth Club to join us. Tentative plan is to have a performance (and sing along) by Dueling Pianos.

## Click on the flyer to register your children!



## One chili slot still left! Click on the flyer to register your chili!





### **TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!**





## **Volunteers Wanted!**

We are grateful that Nancy Waters has agreed to serve one more year as our Cultural Activities Director. It is the *toughest* position on the Executive Board. Every meeting, every dinner, every event requires that the Director organize it all. We wear them out quickly.

It has been asked at our membership meetings how to communicate with the membership that the Director is in need of helpers.

We have begun using a new software called **Sign-up Genius**. If you have volunteered at the Highland Games in the past two years, you know how this software works. It makes a tough job of getting volunteers much easier. And sends reminder emails closer to the event.

We are sharing a new **Sign Up** with you this month. It is the **Volunteer Crews Signup**. We will be maintaining it with all of our upcoming events in the near future. We are asking for volunteers for help with setup before the events, helping during the events, and a crew to stay and help clean up after the events.

Maybe, with lots of volunteers, we can return to our monthly Potluck Dinners during the Membership Meetings.

When the status of the Friday Fish Fries is determined, hopefully, we will be sending out another sign-up that will let you volunteer for the Fish Fry each of the 7 weeks. That event is a very volunteer heavy event!



St. Andrew's Day Dinner Dance December 3, 2022

























































## December 5, 2022 General Membership Meeting



















# Wiee Bairns Santa Visit

12/11/2022













#### **Low Book Club**

Six of us met November 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss *A Croft in the Hills* by Katharine Stewart. It was an enjoyable read about her family's life on a croft near Loch Ness in the 1950s. There was no big drama but her descriptions of their everyday life - feeding the cows and chickens, planting the turnips, harvesting the potatoes and wheat, the help from neighbors just when they needed it - made you feel you had been there with them. And who knew there were hurricanes in the middle of Scotland?! Several of the club members had family who had lived on farms and they agreed that Stewart's story showed how hard - and rewarding - that life is. One of the things that stuck out was their little girl walking to school over the fields and a brook at the age of 5 or 6! We heartily recommend this book to all.

Our next meeting will be on February 13th at 5:30pm (EST) via zoom. We'll be discussing Death of a Chief (John MacKenzie, #1) by Douglas Watt. Here's the description:



The year is 1686. Sir Lachlan MacLean, chief of a proud but poverty-stricken Highland clan, has met with a macabre death in his Edinburgh lodgings. With a history of bad debts, family quarrels, and some very shady associates, Sir Lachlan had many enemies. But while motives are not hard to find, evidence is another thing entirely. It falls to lawyer John MacKenzie and his scribe Davie Scougall to investigate the mystery surrounding the death of the chief, but among the endless possibilities, can reason prevail in a time of witchcraft, superstition and religious turmoil? This thrilling tale of suspense plays out against a wonderfully realised backdrop of pre-Enlightenment Scotland, a country on the brink of financial ruin, ruled from London, a country divided politically by religion and geography. The first in the series featuring investigative advocate John MacKenzie.



## Our Members in need of Healing Thoughts & Prayers

- Anton Anderssén
- Mary Lou Duncan
- lan Hunter
- Rosemary Newton
- Michael Watt

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

Over the years, the Charles L. Low Memorial Library has been the grateful beneficiary of the generosity of its members in donating relevant books and other materials of interest. In fact, our members have been so generous that the Library is again nearing its physical capacity, requiring that action be taken. The Library Committee has made the difficult decision to seek new homes for donated items which, although appreciated and of interest, are duplicates of other materials in the Library. Various contacts have been made with potentially interested organizations in an attempt to accomplish this goal. Consideration is also being given to holding a book sale in the Library for the benefit of our members. We will keep you advised of any developments and encourage you to submit any suggestions you may have to Dennis Clements or send to <a href="mailto:library@detroitscots.com">library@detroitscots.com</a>. Thank you again for your donations and your valued input!

The Library has been putting together a 5 year major project plan over the last 2+ years and has been raising funds to support this plan. In addition to these funds, the Library has received a grant from the Consumers Energy Foundation for 2022 and will be submitting yearly grant requests for funding. The Library Committee has wanted to make changes and updates to the Library, but did not want to ask the Society to fund these projects. At the December Membership Meeting, the budget for the Society was approved which included a \$5,000.00 grant receipt from Consumers Energy for the replacement of the solid steel door coming into the Library. The door replacement had been submitted to both the House Committee and the Trustees and was approved. More information on the additional projects will be coming in the next few months. Again, the Library Committee is pleased that we can make these changes to the Library with not needing any funds from the Society.

Beginning in February, the Library will be highlighting a book that is need of renovation and/or restoration. These books will go through a vetting process to ensure that the right decision is made before using any funds. This process will include such items as the age of the book, special significance to the Society, history of the book, and current value. Finding individuals that are still making repairs and restoration is getting harder and harder to find. The Library has been talking with 2 such individuals in Southeast Michigan and has submitted 1 book to see the quality of the work. Based on discussions with this person and explaining the Society's Benevolence along with her being Scottish, we would be given a discount for each book she worked on. We will be looking to the membership to provide funds for this very worthwhile project. Each book will be displayed in the Library allowing the membership to see it along with the cost and decide on making a donation.

#### **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: <a href="mailto:library@detroitscots.com/library/">library@detroitscots.com/library/</a>
Web Page: <a href="mailto:https://detroitscots.com/library/">https://detroitscots.com/library/</a>

#### **Library Staff:**

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



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

## **Genealogy Updates**

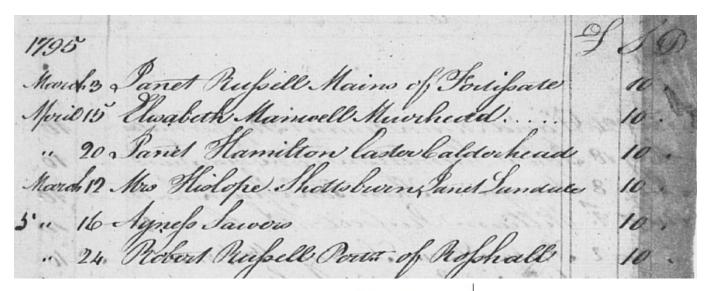
The British Newspaper Archive has added 10,208 new pages to the Sunday Mail (Glasgow). The Archives now hold pages from 1920, 1927, 1952, 1957-1958, 1964-1965 and 1970.

The 1921 Scottish Census has finally arrived. It is available on the UK National Archives for free. It is now fully indexed. It was a year late due to transcribing and indexing issues.

Did you now that in Presbyterian Parishes there are no death or burial records Records related to burial are the "mortcloth" rental records.

A mortcloth (from the Latin mors meaning death) was a ceremonial cloth draped over a coffin (or a corpse if the family could not afford a coffin) at a funeral. Most families didn't have their own mortcloths - not unreasonable when you consider that any one person only needs it once! - instead hiring them for the occasion. In burghs, the individual trades might have their own mortcloths which were lent to members for the occasion. But in most cases, mortcloths were available to hire from the Kirk Sessions.

In many cases, the Kirk Sessions owned more than one mortcloth - smaller ones for children, or more elaborate ones for a higher fee. (Even in death, not everyone was equal.) The money raised from renting out the mortcloth was generally used for poor relief, and as a result, the Sessions often kept good records of payments received. While they may not necessarily contain a great amount of detail, mortcloth accounts may be the only way to identify when an ancestor died. They should however be treated with a degree of caution, as the date recorded for payment may be some time after the death and funeral.







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