



The Highland Fling

November 2023



Chris MacKenzie, President

A Letter from the President

As we head into the holiday season it is easy to get overwhelmed in all that is going on. The programs and events we have here at the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit welcome your participation and we are thankful for it. It means we are doing something right and continuing to get our message out. What is our message? We are all about our history, our culture, and helping those less fortunate. Helping the less fortunate seems to take on more of an urgency this time of year be it due to the approaching cold weather or associated religiousness of the holidays. But make sure to take care of yourself first. Whether that means sitting for a quiet moment with a wee dram or weekly yoga sessions. Stepping back for a moment allows you to see the whole picture and allows you to focus more on what is important to you.

The Highland Tea was a wonderful event this past month. This sold-out event featured beautifully decorated tables filled with finger sandwiches and scones provided by Victoria's Tea House. Dave Martin piped and Kent Richards' granddaughter danced.

We have a lot going on for the next 2 months. Coming up first is our sold-out Veterans Day Whisky Tasting. Followed quickly by the Scot-urday Night Comedy Club, Kirkin' of the Tartans at Jefferson Ave Presbyterian Church and of course, St. Andrew's Day!

In December, we have decorating the hall on the 2nd, our elections on the 4th followed quickly by the St. Andrew's Dinner Dance, Tartan Trivia Night and likely a visit from our very own Highland Santa. He has quite a busy schedule.

As we have learned the last few years, getting together with friends and loved ones is not something we should take for granted.

Slainte!

Christopher MacKenzie,
President



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We have a new look! With this edition, we will begin celebrating the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit's 175th year! Look for the new commemorative logo on all of our publications!

2023–2024 SASD CALENDAR

November 2023

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
11/6	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, 6:00 p.m. Social Hour, 7:00 p.m. Business				
		Candy & Chips	Marines Toys for Tots	Vietnam Veterans	Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs
11/9	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
11/9	Cultural Activities Committee Mtg, 6:30 p.m., (Zoom)				
11/11	Veterans' Day Whisky Tasting, Kilgour, 6:00 p.m.				
11/13	Low Library Book Club, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/14	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/15	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/18	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
11/18	Scot-urday Comedy Club, Kilgour, 7:00 p.m.				
11/19	Kirkin' of the Tartans, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church				
11/21	House Committee Mtg., 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/23	Thanksgiving Day				
11/30	Happy St. Andrew's Day! Birthdate of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit				

December 2023

No Trustees meeting

No House Committee meeting

12/2	Decorate the Kilgour, Kilgour, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, Wreaths are due!				
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
12/4	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, 6:00 p.m. Social Hour, 7:00 p.m. Business				
	Election of Officers/ Trustees & Vote on 2024 Budget	Candy & Chips	Christmas Giving Tree For Morse Elementary School	St. Vincent De Paul	National Trust for Scotland
12/9	St. Andrew's Dinner Dance, Kilgour, 6:00 p.m. (Tickets now on Sale!)				
12/12	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
12/14	Open Library Hours 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.				
12/14	Cultural Activities Committee Mtg, 6:30 p.m., (Zoom)				
12/15	Tartan Tavern Trivia Night, Kilgour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Cash Bar				
12/16	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
12/17	Visit with Santa, Kilgour, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.				

2023–2024 SASD CALENDAR

December 2023 (cont'd)					
12/20	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
12/28	Open Library Hours 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.				
12/31	Happy Hogmanay / New Year's!				
January 2024					
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
1/08	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Business 7:00 p.m.				
	General Meeting & Installation of Officers & Trustees	Annual Frank Hasse Chili Cookoff	SOCH – South Oakland Center for the Homeless	Fort Street Open Door	St. Andrew's Pipe Band
1/09	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
1/11	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
1/11	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
1/12	Tartan Tavern Trivia Night, Kilgour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Cash Bar				
1/13	Take Down the Kilgour Decorations, Kilgour, 10 a.m. to Noon				
1/13	Benevolence Committee Meeting, Kilgour Conference Room, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.				
1/16	House Committee Mtg, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Mtg, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
1/17	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
1/20	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
1/20	Robert Burns Night, Kilgour, 6:00 p.m., Dinner served 7:00 p.m.				
1/25	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				



[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE
PHOTOS OF OUR
OCTOBER EVENTS](#)



Lynette McLeod
Benevolence Chair

Our Benevolences

In November, the Society honors the Veterans of the United States Armed Forces to celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

November Charity



Marine Toys for Tots at the November 6th Meeting, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Toys for Tots Program for distribution as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community. Please donate the same type of gift you would give to your own children/relatives/friends, up to age 12. Toys for Tots does not accept realistic looking weapons or gifts with food.

November 50/50 Raffle



Veterans Support Center - Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #154 in Clinton Township provides nourishment, clothing, blankets, toiletries, and pantry items to local veterans and their families. The raffle donations will support the chapter's Operation Christmas delivery of toys and food to veteran households in crisis.

November Benevolence



The Society is making a \$1,000 donation to the **Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs**. This organization works to improve independence and quality of life to disabled veterans and others. Dogs are trained to help individuals with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury symptoms, and seizures.



Thank you everyone at St. Andrew's Society of Detroit for providing **4,527 meals** for our neighbors during with your 50/50 donation!



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FEEDING PEOPLE. NOURISHING LIVES.



**We
are**

Sponsoring a

Christmas Giving Tree

**for Morse Elementary School
children who need a little Christmas.**

**Tartan Mitten Tags will hang on the
Kilgour Christmas tree**

**November 6 for
Scottish Santas
to select a child
and make wishes come true!**



Nancy Waters
Cultural Activities
Director

Cultural Activity Events

IMPORTANT THANK-YOUS!

● **October 2nd - Membership Meeting with Initiation of New SASD Members** - Welcome all new members! We are so happy you joined us! Thanks to all who brought in a dish to pass, as well. We appreciate you! For those who asked, the Shepherd's Pie was from Celebrity Catering.

- **October 14th - Scottish Tea** - Thanks to Pam Thomson and her committee (Ann Campbell, Cathy Hasse, Claudia Scott, Barb Straith, Judy Pardonnet, and Kim Martin) for all their hard work organizing this fabulous event! Also, thank you to the handsome men in kilts (Frazier MacKenzie, Cliff Scott, Russ Frahm, Joe Cardosi, Ron Cunningham, Kent Richards, Chris MacKenzie, Tim Reade, Stuart Kennedy, Michael Grabowski, and Chris Sytek) who did a great job serving all our guests! Victoria's Tea Salon served a delicious combination of savory and sweet treats and it was a lovely afternoon!
- **October 20th - Tartan Tavern Trivia Night** - Thanks to Ron Fiorani for making up 6 rounds of challenging questions on a wide variety of topics! Thanks also to everyone who brought in snacks to share. And, finally, thanks to Cathy Hasse, Kent Richards, Ann Campbell, and Kathleene Thomson for help with cleanup.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- **Monday, November 6th** - We will have candy and chips on the tables for everyone to share. Social Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up for dishwasher, set-up, clean-up, recycle manager, and tablecloth washer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949A5A72AA2FB6-2023#/>
- **Saturday, November 11th - Veterans Day Whisky Tasting with Elliot MacFarlane** - SOLD OUT! Caterer: Mission BBQ. Support our Troops and Veterans! Volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949A5A72AA2FB6-45619666-volunteer>
- **Saturday, November 18th - Scot-urday Night Live Comic Show Fundraiser for the Cultural Activities Committee** (to go towards event costs, particularly towards entertainment at the St. Andrew's Celebration). Tickets are available here with or without a meal: <https://detroitscots.com/tickets/>
Volunteer here: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949A5A72AA2FB6-45598537-scoturday- /](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949A5A72AA2FB6-45598537-scoturday-/)

DECEMBER EVENTS

- **Saturday, December 2nd - Holiday Decorating Event** - 10:00 a.m. to Noon - sign up to volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949A5A72AA2FB6-44495475-decorate>
- **Wreath Decorating Contest - Entries due by December 2nd (at Holiday Decorating) or December 4th (at Membership Meeting)**. We have a blank wall in our Hall that could use some TLC from our crafty members. The spotlights are all hung, thanks to David Tait,

and our wall looks just plain empty. The wreaths that were made about 10 years ago have mostly fallen apart, so we thought a refresh was in order. Bring your entry to the Holiday Decorating Event on December 2nd or the Membership meeting on December 4th. Judging for the contest will take place at the December Membership Meeting and the Winning Prize is two tickets to the Friday Fish Fry of your choice. Enter your wreath here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949A5A72AA2FB6-45549980-christmas>

- **Monday, December 4th - Membership Meeting/Election of Officers and Trustees/Voting for Wreath Decorating Contest** - Social Hour is at 6:00 p.m., the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up for dishwasher, set-up, clean-up, recycle manager, and tablecloth washer here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949A5A72AA2FB6-2023#/>
- **Saturday, December 9th - St. Andrew's Day Dinner Dance** with 'The Classics Band' and Catering by Celebrity Catering. Early bird tickets for members will be available beginning Monday, October 30th through Sunday, November 12th. Members of the Public can buy tickets beginning November 13. Buy tickets here: <https://detroitscots.com/tickets/>
- **Friday, December 15th - Tartan Tavern Trivia Night - 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.** - Laurel Paterson will be our host for this event. Sign-up to help with set-up and clean-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949a5a72aa2fb6-volunteer#/>
- **December ? - Meet Santa event with Low Library** - We are waiting for a firm date.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR JANUARY

- **January 8, 2024 - General Membership Meeting and Chili Cook-off** - If you would like to enter the Annual Frank Hasse Chili Cook-off, click here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949A5A72AA2FB6-45549320-frank>
- **January 12, 2024 - Tartan Tavern Trivia Night** - Hosted by Beth and Russ Frahm - 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Sign up to set-up or clean up here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949a5a72aa2fb6-volunteer#/>
- **January 20, 2024 - Robert Burns Night** - Open to members and the Public. Details coming in the December Fling.

Thanks everyone for being such great Scots! Nancy Waters, Cultural Activities Director





DETROIT SCOTS
The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, est. 1849

2024 Officer & Trustee Election

December Membership Meeting
Monday, December 4th 7:00 pm

All Executive Officers &
3 Members of the Board of Trustees
are eligible for Election

**Consider
Running for
Office!**

Officers

Trustees

[Click here to review our Bylaws concerning Elections](#)

Elections for leadership positions will be held at the December membership meeting. As a non-profit charity organization, we must continue to meet sound business and administrative standards that include maintaining a solid leadership base. Our members are proud of our Society, and the way we continue making a difference is through a good continuity of operations and management.

All executive positions are open, and we have several incumbents who are nominated to serve another one-year term. We still need at least two more people on our Executive Committee - please consider joining this group that meets monthly, via Zoom, to plan Society activities and administer the communications and operations of the office.

Each year, the membership elects three Trustees to serve a three year term. Trustees have responsibility for the assets of the society, including the building, our investments, and our benevolences. They meet 8 to 10 times a year, via Zoom, and the body is chaired by Elliot MacFarlane.

Certain requirements exist for these leadership seats - you must be a member in good standing and have a steady meeting attendance record.

If you're interested and want to know more, please contact Emma Velasco at emma.velasco@hotmail.com, or speak to Dave Martin or Louise Giles at meetings.



One more chance!

Member presale price of \$40 for our Scot-urday Comedy Night has ended, but a few members can still get discounted tickets.

Anyone volunteering to help with the event will receive a special code to purchase tickets at the \$40 member pre-sale price.

[Click Here to Volunteer](#)



174th Annual Highland Games

Oh, if only this wrap up had been in late August when many of our members thought it should be!! On October 7th, I received an invoice forwarded to me by a member that needed to be paid ASAP. On October 9th, I received a bill from the City of Livonia for damage to a gate that had been damaged the day of our Games that needed to be paid. We are still working with our Insurance Company on this issue. But, on a positive note, on October 20th, I had a check in the mail, albeit a small one from a vendor who still owed us money. And, on it goes.

On an even more positive note, I get three to five emails a week with questions about next year's Highland Games. The Scottish Community and those Scot wannabes are already looking forward to OUR event next August.

We did have a greater number of volunteers this year than in the past and that is always a good sign. We had many new members helping out and many potential members (many who have since joined our Society) working side by side with our long-term volunteers.

Our Raffle did better this year and we had more members sell (or buy) their five tickets that were mailed out to them. We are still not where we were dollar-wise in past years, but we are getting there.

Our Gates were busy all day, but things went much smoother when it came to getting people into our event. This was not only true on Games Day, but at the Ceilidh on Friday night as well. Let's all try to focus on the positive and vow to ourselves and others right now that we will all work to make our upcoming 175th Annual Highland Games the best ever!

As always, any comments, suggestions, or questions are welcome.

Slainte!!

Glen and Cathy

Candidates for Election to Executive Offices

Candidate for President

Chris MacKenzie

As your president this past year, I have done my best to make the society proud and to manage and represent in the best capacity. I feel I have done a good job taking over initiatives of the past administrations as well as putting forth my own which I feel would make for a better St. Andrew's Society. I would like to continue to represent the society in the capacity as President.

Candidate for Communications Director

Shelby Rohr

Hello, my name is Shelby Rohr, and I am asking to be re-elected to the office of Communications Director. Since joining the Detroit Scots in October 2013, I have been an active member of the Communications Team. I have also volunteered at the Highland Games every year as well as the Fish Fry. As Communications Director, my team and I support our three websites, maintain our Social Media, take photos at meetings, publish the Highland Fling Newsletter, and a plethora of other activities. Our goals for 2024 is to rejuvenate the Kilgour website in hopes of bringing more rentals to the Hall!

Candidate for Recording Secretary

Louise A. Giles

I've been involved with the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit since 1995, when my husband, Bob, became a member. In 2003, I was given the privilege of becoming an honorary member of the Society and have remained active as a volunteer for the past 20 years.

As the Society's Recording Secretary in 2023, I've tried to produce meeting minutes that would both keep our members informed and serve as helpful references for the future. I've enjoyed preparing agendas for our membership meetings and conferences of our Executive Committee, always with the goal of keeping meetings organized, on track, and on time. I've learned a great deal about the Society and its membership in the process—knowledge I hope to draw on if elected to a second term as Recording Secretary.

In my professional life, before retirement, I worked as a newspaper reporter; TV news editor, writer, and producer; and public relations professional—experiences that proved helpful as I took up the responsibility of accurately recording our meetings.

Besides my involvement with our Society, I've been a volunteer usher at the Detroit Opera House and taken classes with the Society of Active Retirees (SOAR) affiliated with Wayne State University. I currently serve as editor of Nordkap Lodge of the Sons of Norway and treasurer of the Columbia Alumni Association of Michigan.

Candidates for Election to Executive Offices

Candidate for Cultural Activities Director

Emily Wigodski

I am Emily Wigodski, and I am running for Cultural Activities Director for the 2024 calendar year. I am passionate about sharing our Scottish heritage both together and with members of the public, and I will strive to bring the best of both tradition and innovation to our society activities. Working closely with our current activities director, Nancy Waters, I have been extremely involved in the Cultural Activities Committee. I have planned and executed several large and small scale events for The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, with the help of many wonderful volunteers. I am currently employed as event staff for a prestigious company in the area. If elected, I will work diligently to make sure our Cultural Activities are representative of our society as a whole and would welcome anyone who wants to join the committee or event subcommittees.

Candidate for Membership Secretary

Julie Bartoy

My name is Julie Bartoy and I have been the Membership Secretary for about a year and I am running for re-election for 2024. It has been an honor to serve the Society by performing my assigned duties along with being on the Executive Committee. One of the main tasks of the Membership Secretary is to review member applications, present them for election, and coordinate new member initiation. I have enjoyed meeting all of the member candidates and sharing my SASD knowledge and enthusiasm. I'm proud to report that we have had over 50 new members initiated in 2023!

I joined the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit in 2018 and quickly became a member the Library Committee. I found the committee to be welcoming and a great way to get to know some of the members and to become involved in Society activities, including to help write the SASD 2000 - 2019 history (it's an ongoing project). Please consider voting for me as Membership Secretary.

Candidate for Society Treasurer

Amy Pennybacker

Hi SASD family! I am Amy Pennybacker (Clan MacGregor). I signed my name to the Society's membership ledger in March of this year and have been regularly attending the monthly membership meetings since January. While I realize that I am not yet fully eligible to run for an elected position, I know that I have a lot to offer the Society and am willing to volunteer for an interim position as Society Treasurer. Since joining the Society, I have been volunteering with the Communications Team to keep our websites current and have volunteered for the fish fry events and the Highland Games.

My qualifications for the role of (interim) Treasurer include being a bookkeeper for a sub-contractor of the U.S. government while in college. Additionally, I have a business-related Master's degree and am able to be bonded and insured should the position require it. I have held other fiduciary roles in the past for several global insurance carriers. Throughout my career, I am regularly dropped into new situations and asked to organize things and get projects on track to meet specific goals and deadlines. I have yet to not meet the challenges placed before me and am confident I can successfully assist and represent the Society in the role of interim Treasurer. Thank you for your consideration.

Candidates for Election to the Board of Trustees

Bob Crawford

After a couple of years helping with the Highland Games, I was sworn in as a member of St. Andrew's Society on 11/05/2019. I was appointed to the Board of Trustees in November 2022 to fill a vacant position. I am enjoying serving on the board and working as a team to meet the society's mission. My goals are to increase our membership, its presence in our community, and to maintain our financial stability.

I remain active in setting up the Highland Games, the book club, and other volunteer activities. I am a retired high school administrator, also a licensed social worker working with Open Door program at Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit, supervising interns working with the homeless and returning citizens. I am also working with the Detroit Promise through the Detroit Regional Chamber, again supervising interns and consulting as we work with first generation college students. And in my spare time, I am an adjunct professor at Wayne State's School of Social Work.

Kent C. Richards

I hope you will consider voting for me for Trustee of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. I currently serve as a Trustee and take this position very seriously and look on it as an honor to help our illustrious organization.

As a Trustee, I serve on the Benevolence Committee helping fellow members research organizations that we support. I am co-chair of the House Committee with fellow Trustee Scott David.

I attend almost all of the activities of the Society reaching out to new members to learn about them and their interest in the Society.

If re-elected, I will continue to help and support the Society in any way I can. I'm proud to be a Scot and love to share knowledge of my heritage with others.

Thank you for considering me.

Slainte,
Kent C. Richards



**wee BAIRNS
santa VISIT &
STORY TIME**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 1:00 PM

**KILGOUR SCOTTISH CENTRE
2363 ROCHESTER ROAD
TROY, MI
248-546-1849**

Sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit
& the Charles S. Low Library

A Scottish Benevolent Society founded in 1849 and an IRC 501(c)(3) charitable organization

REMEMBER
THE SOCIETY
MATCHES CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

\$100.00: Each year members may have charitable contributions matched, up to \$100 per member per year, from the Middlemas Matching Fund, to a charity listed on the Detroit Scots website under Benevolence/Charitable Outreach. This may be for a charity sponsored at our monthly meetings, or you may select a charity from the Benevolence List on the website.

By Check: Write a check to a charity, and either give it to the Benevolence Chair at a membership meeting, or mail it to the Kilgour Centre, 2363 Rochester Rd, Troy, MI 48083 with a note asking for the Society to match the contribution. We will mail your check and the Society's matching check to the charity.

By PayPal: For a monthly charity: (1) Select the Donate button on the Detroit Scots website page. (2) Click the "PayPal Donate Now" button. (3) Scroll down to the box that says "Use this Donation for" (4) Drop down to select the Charity or SASD Fund. We will match PayPal donations unless you tell us not to match.

Deadline: If you want to do this for 2023, your donation must be received by the Society in early December.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

- Life Member Elaine Harris is recovering from a serious fall. Please keep her and her husband Rod in your healing prayers.
- Member Micki McFarlane's husband, Bill, passed away on Friday, October 20. A private service is planned. Micki and her sons have decided to have donations made to <https://www.kirkgibsonfoundation.org/>. This foundation is directed toward research and awareness of Parkinson's Disease.
- The Chief of Clan Cameron died recently.

New Procedure: You can now contact our officers who need to learn of Thoughts & Prayer Requests on our [Membership Home page](#): Click the link "Report Thoughts & Prayers Needed" and it allows you to fill out a form for notifying the Second Vice President, who is in charge of determining what the Society should do: send flowers, send cards, or make a donation.



Veterans Day Whisky Tasting
Saturday, November 11, 2023
Kilgour Scottish Centre
2363 Rochester Road, Troy, MI

SOLD OUT

Tickets \$100/person
Dinner served at 6:00 pm
Tasting at 7:00 pm
Hosted by Elliot MacFarlane

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MISSION BBQ

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Stayed tuned for our next Whisky Tasting in the Spring 2024!



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SCOT-URDAY COMEDY CLUB NIGHT
NOVEMBER 18TH
7 PM
KILGOUR SCOTTISH CENTRE
TROY, MI

Dinner by Mission BBQ
Basket Raffle
Cash Bar

DETROITSCOTS.COM

\$40 Member presale*
through 10/7!

\$50 General Admission
through 11/4

*SASD Members may buy discounted tickets for themselves and their guests.

PROCEEDS GO TO DEFRAY THE COST OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR FUTURE EVENTS
A SCOTTISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY FOUNDED IN 1849 AND AN IRC 501(C)(3) CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

General Admission Ticket with Dinner is \$50 per person
Comedy Show without Dinner at \$25 per person

[Buy Tickets Now](https://detroitscots.com/tickets)



*Scottish Sunday and the Kirkin' of the Tartan
will take place at historic
Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church
on Sunday, November 19th at 10:30 am.*

This magnificent service is truly a St. Andrew's tradition with our members participating in the service and presenting their tartans. St. Andrew's Pipe Band and St. Andrew's Royal Scottish Honour Guard will also participate. St. Andrew's members are invited to present their tartans during the service.

Presenters must check in at the church by 9:45 am in Dodge Hall. The church is located 8625 E. Jefferson (at Burns) in Detroit. The service is extremely popular so plan on arriving early. A Cèilidh will be held immediately following the service in the church basement, featuring Highland dancers, bagpipers, refreshments, and Scottish treats.



Presenters must have a swatch of material in their tartan and will, preferably but not mandatory, be in highland dress. If you would like to be a presenter, please call Randall Cain (313-884-8881).



Christmas Wreath Contest

Think you are crafty?

Submit a Christmas wreath with a Scottish Theme
for the Kilgour Christmas Decorations

Wreaths are due by December 2nd
and will be judged at the

December 4th Membership Meeting.

Winners get two free dinners to the Friday Fish Fry in 2024!

[Enter Contest Here](#)



We Need Help!

Kilgour Hall Holiday Decoration Elves!



10:00 am to Noon
Saturday, December 2, 2023
&
Takedown on Saturday, January 13, 2024



[Volunteer Here](#)



St. Andrew's Dinner Dance Saturday, December 9th 6:00 pm Social Hour, 7:00 pm Dinner

SASD Members' Early Bird Price \$70 until November 12th
General Public Price \$80 begins on November 13th

**Kilgour Scottish Centre,
2363 Rocheser Road
Troy, Michigan
248-546-1849**

Entertainment by
The Classics Band



[Detroitscots.com/tickets](https://detroitscots.com/tickets)

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[Buy Tickets Now](#)



The poster for Tartan Tavern Trivia Night features a dark wood-grain background. A large yellow banner at the top contains the event title in bold, yellow, hand-drawn letters. To the left of the banner is a circular logo for The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit's 175th Anniversary. Below the banner, a yellow semi-circle contains the event details in blue, hand-drawn text. On either side of this semi-circle are blue starburst shapes with white text. At the bottom of the semi-circle, there is a line of text about bringing snacks and a small disclaimer at the very bottom.

TARTAN TAVERN TRIVIA NIGHT

\$5 COVER CHARGE

**KILGOUR SCOTTISH CENTRE
2363 ROCHESTER ROAD, TROY
7:00 TO 10:00 PM**

CASH BAR

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
HOST LAUREL PATERSON**

**BRING SNACKS, CHIPS FOR SALE AT THE BAR
OR ORDER FOOD TO BE DELIVERED!**

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The poster for Robert Burns Night features a background of vibrant red roses. A white rectangular box at the top left contains the event title in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. In the top right corner is a circular logo for The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit's 175th Anniversary. Centered over the roses is the phrase 'Save the Date' in a large, white, cursive script with a black outline. At the bottom, a white rectangular box contains the date in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters.

ROBERT BURNS NIGHT

Save the Date

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024



[Contact Shelby Rohr at srohr@detroitscots.com](mailto:srohr@detroitscots.com)

A promotional poster for the 11th Annual Frank Hasse chili Cookoff. The background is a light gray textured surface with a bowl of chili, a fork, and a salt shaker. The text is arranged as follows:

- Top left: "Members only" in a red, cursive font.
- Top center: "11th Annual Frank Hasse chili Cookoff" in a red box with white text.
- Top right: A circular logo for "The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit 175th Anniversary December 2023" with a blue and white design.
- Middle left: "Monday, January 8, 2024 at the General Membership Meeting" in bold black text.
- Bottom left: A red starburst shape containing "Sign up here" in white cursive.
- Bottom left: "Signups end Friday, January 5th" in bold black text.
- Bottom left: "Bring your largest crockpot filled with your Best Chili Recipe! Limited to 10 chili entries." in black text.
- Bottom center: A small line of text: "A Scottish Benevolent Society founded in 1849 and an IRC 501(c)(3) charitable organization".



FREE CHAIRS TO TAKE AWAY!!
St. Andrew's Society Executive Boardroom Chairs

The boardroom chairs have served us well and are being put out to pasture.

All 11 well-worn chairs are free for you to take away at the meeting or claim. Those not taken away or claimed will be disposed of soon.

They are in the Conference Room for you to look at, sit in, roll back-and-forth, etc. at Monday night's meeting.

ISLE OF LEWIS and the HEBRIDES

Do your roots go back to the Isle of Lewis or one of the other Outer Islands, Harris, Skye, etc?

Then, join us at the *Lewis/Hebrides "Reserved" tables* at the November 6th meeting at the Kilgour!

Bring good stories, memorabilia, pictures - and yourself...let's start an informal "clan" of the fierce islanders and share our memories and heritage around the tables (and the bar).

If you don't have a direct connection to the Western Isles, you can get a feel for them at the display table set up in the Burns Room that evening. There will be books from our library, magazine articles, photos, and personal keepsakes from members to introduce you to this rugged, wind swept, magical coast of Scotland.

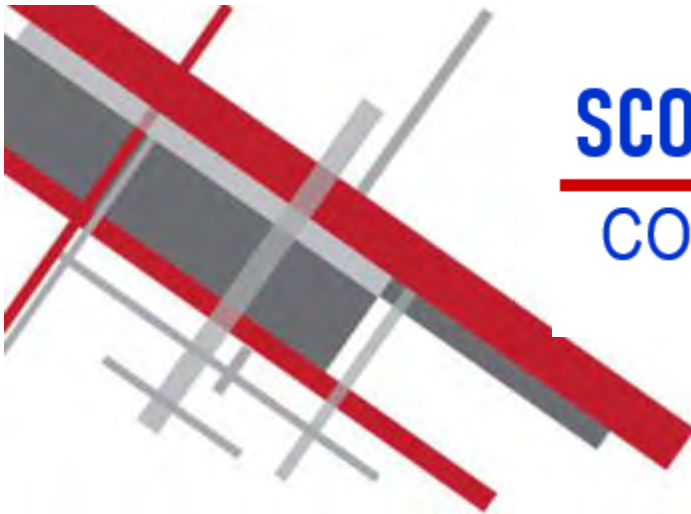
As an added bonus Detroit Scots Whisky Team - Trustee President Elliot MacFarlane and Club President Chris MacKenzie - have selected a special Whisky from the area to be featured at our Tartan Tavern this month.

Lynette McLeod had another great trip there this year including visiting with family and connecting with the Stornoway Historical Society. We will have information on that group at the display table. (The McLeods are a legendary bunch on Lewis – and in Detroit Scots!)

These Islands don't have many inhabitants and lots have emigrated over the past 200 years, so....maybe some of us are "blood kin"!

See you November 6th ... Danice Chisholm, Lynette McLeod, Jean Wingblad, John Thomson, and Tim Reade.

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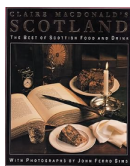
St. Andrew's Day, also known as the Feast of Saint Andrew's, honors Andrew the Apostle. Although not Scottish, Andrew was declared a protector of Scots and an honorary Scotsman in 1320 when Scotland's independence was declared.

St. Andrew's Day celebrates Scottish culture with traditional food, music, and plenty of dancing. The day is also considered the kickoff of the Scottish winter festivals, which include Saint Andrew's Day, Hogmanay, and Burns Night.

You can read more about celebrating Scottish culture by visiting the Charles Low Library, where you can find books about creating a tasty Scottish dish, such as *Cooking with Scotch Whisky* by Rosalie Gow or *Traditional Scots Recipes: With a Fine Feeling for Food* by Janet Murray.

Scottish Author Highlight

Lady Claire MacDonald



Lady MacDonald's Scotland: the best of Scottish food and drink

Lady Claire MacDonald OBE, who received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, is the wife of the 8th Baron MacDonald and the Chief of the MacDonald Clan. Claire is known for her culinary passion, especially for using Scottish locally sourced ingredients and has authored many cookbooks and received many awards for her efforts to promote Scottish Cuisine. Check out a cookbook and try some new cuisine.

Library Hours

3rd Saturday of every month - 11:30 am to 3:30 pm.
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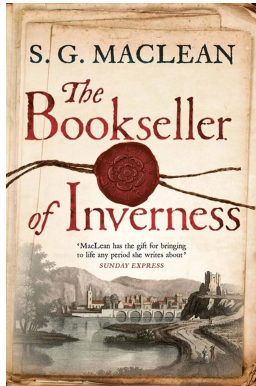
Books for Sale!!

Did you know there are books for sale at the Charles Low Library? Check out the library before our monthly meeting and add to your home library.

Low Library Book Club

The next meeting of the Low Library Book Club will be on November 13th at 5:30 p.m. (EST) via Zoom. We will be discussing *The Bookseller of Inverness* by S.G. Maclean.

Here's the summary:



Iain MacGillivray has had a difficult life. Six years ago, he was left for dead, his face brutally slashed, after the battle of Culloden. Now, in 1752, he is trying to live a quiet life in Inverness, keeping himself to himself and running a bookshop. But his life is not going to remain peaceful for long.

Scotland is no safe place for a Jacobite, but it is about to get a lot more dangerous. A customer in his shop is found dead, stabbed in the neck, in the bookshop and a white cockade was left on the hilt of the weapon – the symbol of the Jacobites. But what was the man looking for in the shop, and did he find it? As Iain's father, a spy for the exiled Jacobite monarch, returns, more bodies are found – but what do the victims have in common, and can Iain prevent the killer from completing their list?

[The book has] a whodunit plot but is primarily a multi-layered historical thriller with interesting characters and an astonishing eye for historical detail. (classicmystery.blog, 8/3/2022)

Everyone is welcome to participate. To get the Zoom invitation, just email Cathy McCullough Les at: library@detroitscots.com



Shoe Donations Needed

This is something that can be turned into a win-win situation. Do you need some extra room in your closet or storage area? Do you have some gently worn shoes that you no longer like or no longer are your style? Are these shoes, boots, heels, slippers, cleats, clogs, flip-flops just taking up room? Well, I have a plea for these items.

Two Highland Dance instructors in our area, Cindy Kopenski and Kira VanSteenkiste, are collecting all the above-mentioned types of shoes – be they women's, men's, or kid's. These two wonderful ladies are willing to come to our November meeting to collect your donations.

The shoes will be sent to underprivileged countries so residents can set up 'shoe shops' for an occupation. The Highland Dancers specifically reached out to us members of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. Let's not let them down. PLEASE bring as many gently used/worn shoes with you to our November meeting. Thank you!

Cathy Hasse

Have your Clan join the Wall!



Want your Clan plaque added to our Burns Room display?

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