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Bliadhna Mhath Ùr

Maricela and I hope you all had a Merry Christmas, and we wish you a healthy and prosperous new year. With this new year brings our 175th anniversary celebration.

As we enter this new year, I felt I should start at the beginning so to speak. So here goes:

We are the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit! We were founded in 1849. 175 years ago on the principles of Benevolence, Patriotism, and Fraternity. 35 men got together in a city which at the time had a population of about 12,000. They wrote our By-Laws and Constitution, which states: "For the relief the indigent of and unfortunate of our Countrymen, and for the promotion of harmony and good feeling amongst ourselves, we the undersigned Scotchmen and Descendants of Scotchmen, with Benevolence for our motto, do unite ourselves into a Society and agree following to abide bν the Constitution of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit."

This is what we do. And along the little about way we learn а ourselves and a little about each other.

While our main goal is to raise money for charitable purposes, many may feel like we always have

our hand out. They aren't wrong. I feel the same way, but how do we do what we do without asking constantly? These days as people pull back on their discretionary spending we must work harder for less, which seems to go half as far. But this does not mean that you need to be reaching into your wallet every time we are looking for donations. No. Our goal is to help others, not hurt our own. Give what you can when you can. If you can only give your time, that is great, we will take it and be thankful. And so will the charities that we support.

Beyond our charitable dealings and the sense of pride and accomplishment in what we do and for whom we help, what drives you? What do you want to see more of in this Society? As you may have seen in the past year, we are trying a few new things. Some work and some don't. I personally want to see more whisky! We are always open to new ideas to get everyone involved.

Please connect with us on our social media channels to find out what is new and to share what we are doing. See you at the meetings!

Slainte!

Christopher MacKenzie, President

2024 SASD CALENDAR

			January 2024				
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence		
1/6	Take Down the Kilgour Decorations, Kilgour, 10 a.m. to Noon						
1/8	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 – Welcome Inn	Fort Street Open Door	St. Andrew's Pipe Band		
1/9	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)						
1/11	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.						
1/12	Tartan Tavern Trivia Night, Kilgour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Cash Bar						
1/15	175 Anniversary Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)						
1/16	House Committee Mtg, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Mtg, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)						
1/17	Membership	Committee Meet	ing, 6:30 p.m. <mark>(Zoo</mark>	m)			
1/18	Games Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)						
1/22	Cultural Activ	ities 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 Burn	s Night, Kilgou	r, 6:00 p.m., Dinne	r served 7:00 p	o.m.		
1/25	Open Library	Hours, 10:30 a.	m. to 3:30 p.m.				
			February 2024				
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence		
2/5		Meeting, Kilgour	, Social Hour 6:00 p				
	General Meeting		St. Ephrem Food Pantry	SASD Flower Fund	St. Andrew's Honour Guard		
2/8	Open Library	Hours, 10:30 a.	m. to 3:30 p.m.				
2/9	Tartan Taverr	Trivia Night, Kil	gour, 7:00 to 10:00	p.m., \$5 cover c	harge, Cash Bar		
2/10	Pub Night wit	h McSpillin Band	l, Kilgour, 7:00 to 10	:00 p.m., \$5 cov	ver charge, Cash Bar		
2/11	Lecture Series by Bruce Gray, Kilgour, 2:00 p.m.						
2/12	Low Library Book Club meeting, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)						
2/13	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)						
2/16	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.						
2/17	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.						
2/19	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)						
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2024 SASD CALENDAR

		February	2024 (cont'd)		
2/21	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/22	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
2/23	Friday Fish Fry,	Kilgour, 3:00 p.m	. to 10:00 p.m.		
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Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
3/1	Friday Fish Fry,	Kilgour, 3:00 p.m	. to 10:00 p.m.		
3/2	New Member Breakfast, Kilgour, 10:00 a.m. to Noon				
3/4	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Business 7:00 p.m.				
	Membership Meeting & New Member Initiation	Shepherd's Pie with Potluck	Turning Point / Secondhand Rose	Lighthouse	Seedlings Braille Books for Children
3/8	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.				
3/9	Curling Event, Detroit Curling Club, 7:30 p.m.				
3/12	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm (Zoom)				
3/14	Open Library Hours 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
3/15	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.				
3/16	=	ee Business Meetingurs, 11:30 a.m. to 3		m.	
3/18	Cultural Activities	s Committee Meetin	ıg, 6:30 p.m. <mark>(Zoor</mark>	n)	
3/19	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm (Zoom) Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm (Zoom)				
3/20	Membership Cor	nmittee Meeting, 6:	30 p.m. (Zoom)		
3/22	Friday Fish Fry,	Kilgour, 3:00 p.m	. to 10:00 p.m.		
3/28	Open Library Ho	urs 10:30 a.m. to- 3	:30 p.m.		
3/29	Friday Fish Fry,	Kilgour, 3:00 p.m	. to 10:00 p.m.		
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PHOTOS OF OUR
DECEMBER EVENTS



Lynette McLeod Benevolence Chair

Our Benevolences

CHARITY



South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless (SOCH) Welcome Inn Sochwi.org

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 needs a few items at this time. Jeans may be "Gently Used" or New. Please bring donations to the January 8th General Meeting:

- Priorities are women's underwear, by priority Sizes:
 - 0 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 6, 7
- Women's 4X Plus Size tops. High neck, not V-neck.
- Men boots:
 - o Size 10 Size 11
- Men's Jeans sizes:
 - o 30x30
 - o 30x32
 - o 32x32
 - o 36x32
 - o 36x32

50/50 RAFFLE

Fort Street

Open Door

Open Door at Fort Street Presbyterian Church

Fort Street Presbyterian Church's Open Door Program provides hope to its recipients, and feeds nearly 1,000 people each month, provides hot showers, fresh clothing, social service referrals, medical and dental screenings, flu shots, eye glasses, and health care information.

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BENEVOLENCE St. Andrew's Society Pipe Band

The Society is making a \$1,000 contribution to the Pipe Band.

Financial Donations Matched

If you would like to make a financial donation to the South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless. or to the Open Door Program at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Society's Middlemas Matching fund can match your contribution 100%. Pease Donate Via PayPal Online or Via Check Payable to: St. Andrew's Society of Detroit designating your donation on the Memo Line as SOCH or Open Door. Checks may be given to Lynette McLeod at the Meeting or mailed to the Kilgour Centre.

https://detroitscots.com/donate/



A Big Thank You!

To Joe Cardosi, Helen & Ron Brisson, and Emily Wigodski for answering the call to donate Chrismas Trees to the Kigour collection.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

- Dorothy Kilgo, life time member of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, died on Saturday, December 2. Dorothy was an active member for many years and could always be counted on to volunteer when she was needed. Dorothy was the sister in law of Past President, Peg Dunlop.
- Honorary member Dick Fromm passed away on December 8th under hospice care. His wife Nan is also a member. Dick is fondly remembered as a great Raffle Ticket seller for the Highland Games, especially during the Friday Fish Fries.

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.

c/o Alan J. Purves, **President** 7844 Medinah Court Pleasanton, CA 94588



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

December 21, 2023

Dear St. Andrew's Society,

Wow is all I can say.

Thank you so much for the \$1,200 check received yesterday. As a member of a Whisky Tasting Club, I know how generous whisky tasters can be, but this is extraordinary.

We just had our quarterly zoom meeting with Erskine Veterans Hospital in Bishopton – I was so pleased to see that Elliot and other members of your Society have been able to visit Erskine and see the wonderful work that is done there. During our discussion, lan Cumming, the CEO, explained the steps that Erskine were taking to address the reducing numbers of veterans and their different requirements. To that end, they are planning to open a veterans' facility in Forres to help the many veterans who live in the north of Scotland. Your generous donation will help American Friends of Erskine provide necessary equipment for this facility in 2024.

Once again, thanks to all of your members for your continuing support of American Friends of Erskine with special thanks this time to the whisky tasters!. An official receipt is attached, and this letter and receipt will also be mailed to you today.

On behalf of everyone at American Friends of Erskine, may I wish everyone in your Society and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Alan T. Purves

EIN: 43-2073565

Alan J. Purves President, American Friends of Erskine



Emily Wigodski Cultural Activities Director

Cultural Activities January Update

Firstly, let me say that I am so excited to have been elected your new Cultural Activities Director! Many thanks to my predecessor, Nancy Waters, for all her hard work the past two years, and for really taking me under her wing to help me learn and grow to take on this role.

Last month, guests at our St. Andrew's Dinner danced the night away to the tunes of The Classics Band of Michigan and dined on sumptuous traditional Celtic fare. Nancy did a fantastic job planning and executing the event, and she and I received only the best of feedback from those who were able to attend. Check out our website and Facebook page for pictures of our big night!

This month, we will be hosting a Burns Supper on January 20th. Tickets are \$90 for members and their guests, and \$100 for the general public. We were only a few tickets shy of a sellout last year, so I would encourage everyone who wants to attend to purchase tickets soon! They will be available only until January 10th. The evening will include a traditional Burns' night program, complete with Scottish food, including haggis of course, and three whisky toasts, as well as poetry and song. If you would like to perform at Burns night, please contact me right away at ewigodski@detroitscots.com.

The Red Roof Inn adjacent to the Kilgour Scottish Centre is offering a 20% discount to anyone who mentions Detroit Scots at the time of booking. Please ask for the general manager, Armani, when you are making your reservation.

February 10th, Cliff and Claudia Scott will be hosting a Tartan Tavern Pub Night featuring the band McSpillin. There is a \$5 cover charge. Guests are welcome to bring their own food into the hall and there will be a cash bar.

FISH FRIES ARE BACK every Friday from February 16th thru March 29th from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. (or until the food sells out!). Sign up to volunteer or just come have a delicious meal. Bring your friends and family!

This year in March, we are planning an excursion to the Detroit Curling Club to try out this fun sport that originated in 16th century Scotland. New member Kellie Evans, who is a member of the curling club as well, suggested the idea and has been instrumental in helping our committee plan this fun event! More details to come.

Other events coming up in the next few months include the holiday takedown on Jan. 6; our regular membership meetings on January 8, February 5, and March 4; Tartan Trivia on January 12 and February 9. Find more details www.detroitscots.com/tickets/

Thank you for all your support and enthusiasm for our cultural activities!

WANT TO VOLUNTEER? HERE ARE OUR SIGNUPS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!



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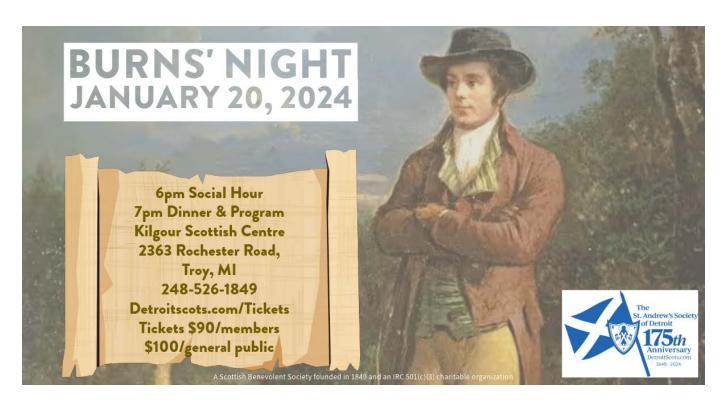
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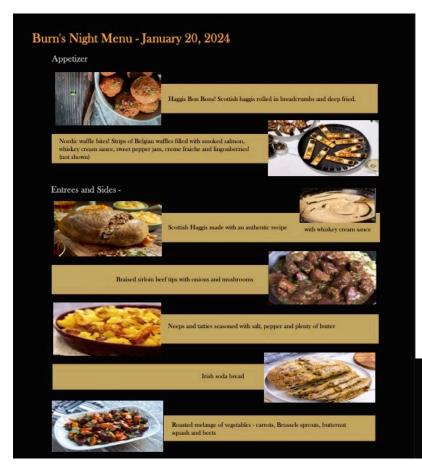
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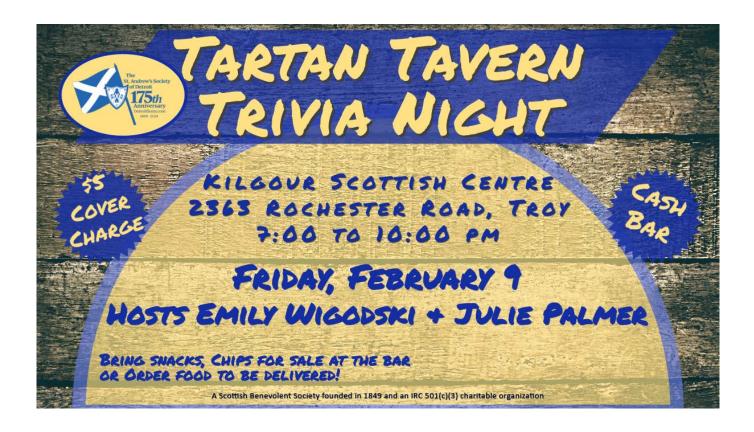


Our Menu for Burns Night

Zoom in to read!







Hosted by Cliff & Claudia Scott





The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit

& the Charles S. Low Library

In celebration of our 175th Anniversary, we proudly present a 2024 Lecture Series

First in the series, Bruce Gray, 1st Vice President, St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, will present:

Macbeth's Scotland

Was the 11th century King Macbeth of Scotland the murderous usurper as portrayed in Shakespeare's play? Or a victim of English propaganda? Learn about the real Macbeth and why Shakespeare's relationship with the newly crowned King of England led him to alter history.

Sunday, February 11th, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, Kilgour Scottish Center, 2363 Rochester Road, Troy, MI 48083 248-526-1849

free abmission







Do You know that it takes 30 volunteers each Friday Night?



CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER AT OUR FRIDAY FISH FRIES!



Off The Shelf... Celebrating the Charles S. Low Memorial Library

Scottish Author Highlight



Robert Burns

Robert Burns was born on January 25, 1759, in Alloway, just outside of Ayr. Also known as Rabbie Burns, he was a Scottish poet and lyricist who was known to write in the Scots language as well as a "light Scots dialect" to attract readers from outside Scotland. Not only did he write poems, but he was also a collector of folk songs, which he would revise or adapt them.

The national poet of Scotland, Burns was famous for the poem and song "AuldLang Syne" which is sung at midnight on Hogmanay (New Year's), as well as "Scots Wha Hae," "A Red, Red Rose" and many more. In his short 37 years, his impact on Scottish literature is felt to this day as many gather each year to celebrate his legacy with Burns night dinners. At Burns dinners--generally, celebrated around his birthday--a toast to him is made; the haggis is served; and his songs and poems are read, as his works are still celebrated.

So, as we approach the Robert Burns 265th birthday, consider the Burns poem "Selkirk Grace", considered a thanksgiving poem and said just as guests sit down to enjoy the first course at a Burns Night supper.

Selkirk Grace

Some hae meat and canna eat, And some wad eat that want it; But we hae meat, and we can eat, Sae let the Lord be thankit.

If you want to learn more about Robert Burns, then the Charles Low Library is for you, as it has a vast collection of books about Burns, including Life of Robert Burns, (Catherine Carswell), Robert Burns: A Biography with Selected Poems, (Sasha Behar) and Selected Letters of Robert Burns, (Robert Burns). Why not stop by and check out a book before celebrating him at the upcoming Burns Night Dinner?

Library Hours

3rd Saturday of every month - 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. 2nd and 4th Thursday every month - 10:30 am to 3:30 p.m.. During Social hour prior to the monthly meeting. Also, by appointment.

Email: <u>library@detroitscots.com</u>

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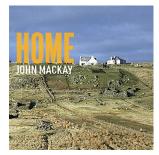


Books for Sale!!

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 Low Library Book Club will meet next on February 12 at 5:30 p.m on Zoom. We will be talking about the novel *Home* by John MacKay. Here's the description:



Built for the new age, the house stood boldly upright on the edge of the ocean withstanding the harsh blasts of a cruel century, nurturing and protecting the family within, watchful of hearts swollen or broken, dreams delivered and dashed. It had absorbed the tears and echoed the laughter. The Heimat of the Highlands.

The sweeping saga of one family through a momentous century. Different people, divergent lives and distinctive stories. Bound together by the place they called home.

But one of them was missing, lost to the world. An unknown grandchild, born to a son who'd gone off to war and never came back. As the years pass through wars and emigration, social transformation and generational change, the search continues. And the questions remain the same: Who is he? Where is he? Will he ever come home?



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Have your Clan join the Wall!











Circle Wood color:

Light













Want your Clan plaque added to our Burns Room display?

Want to showcase your Scottish heritage at home or in your office?

Or perhaps you want to give someone a special gift.

If so, contact Carol Zagorowska at cazago@sbcglobal.net



Clan Crest Plaque Order Form

Name:
Email or text info:
Donate to Kilgour & verified Clan not displayed in Burns Room: yes
Clan:
Tartan:
Price: \$85.00
Purchase for personal use:
Circle Size: Standard 7x8 (\$85.00) or Large 10x12 (\$130.00)
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Tartan:

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We're on the Web!

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Note: Our Birthday Wishes are coming from our Membership System for those members who update their profile with their Month of Birth.



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