



# The Highland Eling

February 2025



Chris MacKenzie, President

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Fellow Scots,

At January’s meeting, we were happy to swear in our new Executives and Trustees. Alison Coates will be taking over as Society Secretary, Diane Raymond and Scott Hunter are the new trustees. Elliot MacFarlane was reelected to the Board of Trustees. Jill England, our new Treasurer was out of town and could not be sworn in. We are very appreciative of the efforts put forth by the outgoing members Louise Giles, Amy Pennybacker, Lynette McLeod, and Kim Martin.

Also of note, we have resurrected a few awards which kind of fell off during Covid and never got started again. These are *Volunteer of the Year* - chosen by a consensus from the Executive Officers, *Games Volunteer of the Year* - chosen by the Games chair, and *President’s Award* - chosen by the President with input from the rest of the Executive Officers. In resurrecting these awards, we also presented the awards for 2019 for which the plaques had been made up but never presented.

**Here are the results:**

**2019**

- Games Volunteer of the Year- Travis Lewis
- Volunteer of the Year-Lizette and Irin Douglas
- President’s Award- Robert Burns Painting Restoration Team

**2024**

- Games Volunteer of the Year - David Tait
- Volunteer of the Year - Van Rohr
- President’s Award - Cathy Hasse

Many thanks to these and all the members that make this Society so wonderful.

**Side note:**

On Thursday, January 23rd, we had a pipe burst above the men's bathroom at the Hall. Through quick action by Kathleene to turn off the water and get the word out, we were able to avoid a major catastrophe. Members showed up Thursday evening and Friday to clean up the mess and a plumber was able to fix the issue (two blow-outs) and everything was all set for Burns Night.

Many thanks to all who stepped up!

Christopher Robert Fraser MacKenzie  
President, St. Andrew’s Society of Detroit



## February 2025

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
2/3	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Potluck 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.				
	Membership Meeting	Potluck	Capuchin Service Center	Michigan Motor City Mitten	
2/10	Low Library Book Club Meeting, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/11	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/13	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
2/15	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
2/17	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/18	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/20	Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/22	New Member Breakfast, Kilgour, 10:00 a.m. to Noon (By invitation only)				
2/26	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/27	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				

## March 2025

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
3/3	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Potluck 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:15 p.m.				
	Membership Meeting & New Mbr Initiation	Potluck	Turning Point / Secondhand Rose	Haven	Seedlings Braille Books for Children
3/7	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Public hours)				
3/8	Detroit Scots at the Detroit Curling Club, <a href="#">Tickets Now on Sale</a>				
3/11	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
3/13	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
3/14	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Public hours)				
3/15	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
3/17	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
3/18	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
3/20	Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				

### March 2025 (cont'd)

3/21	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Public hours)
3/26	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
3/27	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
3/28	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Public hours)

### April 2025

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
4/3	Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
4/4	Fish Fry, Kilgour, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Public hours)				
4/6	Tartan Day Observed				
4/7	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Potluck 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.				
	Membership Meeting	Potluck	Zaman International	Lighthouse	Alma College Highland Arts Scholarship
4/8	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
4/10	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
4/11	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Public hours)				
4/14	Low Library Book Club Meeting, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
4/15	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
4/17	Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
4/18	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Public hours)				
4/19	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
4/21	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
4/23	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
4/24	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
	Calendar Subject to Change				



[CLICK HERE](#)  
to see our photos of  
[January 2025 Events](#)



Beth Frahm  
Benevolence Chair

## Our Benevolences

Greetings from your new Benevolence Chairperson,

I trust you are all in the comfort of a warm home as I am today, while writing this article. In January we helped support the South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless with many donations of much needed items. They were very appreciative of our generosity. At the request of a few St. Andrew's Society Members, we are looking at organizing a date for us to go to the shelter and give assistance in person. This will most likely be a Saturday. If you would like to be a part of the conversation, please, email me at [bfrahm@detroitscots.com](mailto:bfrahm@detroitscots.com).



It may seem a bit repetitive to support another shelter in February. However, they are very much in need of items to be donated during winter months. Our Charity this month is The Capuchin Service Center, 6333 Medbury, Detroit 48211. The Capuchin Friars of the Province of Saint Joseph live by a common mission: they, with their partners in ministry, prayerfully strive to build sister-brotherhood in the world wholly attending to the spiritual and basic human needs of the poor and disenfranchised. They provide meals, clothing, tutoring, spiritual care, along with teaching skills at their urban farm and bakery.

The Capuchin Services Center is facing an acute need for clean, gently used men's and children's clothing items. All seasons, all sizes, all colors and types are needed. Additional items in need are:

- Clothing accessories such as belts, hats, and shoes.
- New men's and women's underwear, socks, and hygiene items especially for the shower program
- Used or new shoes and boots especially for men and children
- Winter gear
- Bed and bath linens
- Baby and adult diapers

### 50/50 Raffle

#### Motor City Mitten Mission

Founded in 2018, they travel the Metro Detroit area seeking those most vulnerable and unsheltered 365 days a year. MCMM provides meals, basic essentials, assistance with vital document restoration, connecting clients with medical and mental health services, substance abuse treatment, job opportunities, and housing navigation. Please participate in our 50/50 raffle so, we can provide a nice check to this very worthy cause.





Emily Wigodski  
Cultural Activities Director

## Cultural Activities

*O my Luve is like a red, red rose  
That's newly sprung in June;  
O my Luve is like the melody  
That's sweetly played in tune.  
And fare thee weel, my only luve!  
And fare thee weel awhile!  
And I will come again, my luve,  
Though it were ten thousand mile.  
— Robert Burns*

Making plans for our February meeting has made me a wee bit sad, as I won't be there to enjoy it and to see you all. That said, I know things will be just fine, because my predecessor, Nancy Waters, will be there to capably execute everything. Along with all our amazing volunteers, I know you'll have a great time!

Looking back to our, Frank Hasse Chili Cookoff, our winners this year are

Judges' Choice: Amy Grice

Peoples' Choice: Shelby Rohr

Winners will receive a personalized apron and bragging rights for the whole year!

Our potluck in February is a real chance to share your love of food and each other! Please bring a dish you love. Out of courtesy, please use our Sign Up for the potluck so our team knows what to expect.

Unable to bring something? Please consider donating to our **General Fund**. We'll have a cash donation box at the front desk with the QR code to our [online donation page](#).

***If everyone at meetings could donate \$1, that would add \$1000 to help our society this year!***

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Those bringing dishes for donation should have them there by 6:15 if possible. We will be asking those individuals with special dietary restrictions and/or responsibilities in the Opening Ceremonies to attend the buffet first, then we will dismiss by table number.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

1. Due to the current financial challenges, we face together as a Society, you may notice a change to how events are ticketed. Notably, we will be adding a processing fee to on line transactions. These fees help the Society cover our costs for the convenience of paying by credit or debit card. Cash and checks are still accepted at the Kilgour Scottish Centre. Please contact Kathleene at (248) 526-1849 for in person office hours, or mail to 2363 Rochester Rd, Troy, MI 48083. **Payments by phone will no longer be accepted.**
2. I will be focusing this year on developing processes by which events will be proposed and approved, in line with our recently implemented budget guidelines as well as streamlining the process. This will apply to myself as well as members who want to host a Society event and will include timelines and costs associated with events at the hall.

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### **Saturday, 1/25/25: Burns Supper**

By the time you read this, we will once again have celebrated The People's Poet with a sold out intimate traditional Burns Supper, complete with haggis, whisky toasts, poetry, music, and other performances, all in honor of Robert Burns. This has been a very exciting event to put together, and as I write this a week in advance of the event, I am very much looking forward to it.

Other upcoming events I'd like to highlight include:

### **Monday, 3/3/25, General Membership Meeting**

### **Saturday, 3/8/2025, 10am-noon: Curling at the Detroit Curling Club**

#### **Members Only Event**

Price: \$40 for curlers, \$10 for spectators

Guests are welcome.

#### **Learn and Play the Scottish Sport of Curling**

Anyone of any age and ability can curl. If you are unable to do the curling "lunge", you will keep your grippers on at all times, and "stick-curl", using an extender stick similar to shuffle board. **Detroit Curling Club**

**1615 E Lewiston Ave, Ferndale, MI 48220**

**7:30-10:00 p.m.**

**\$40 curlers; \$10 spectators**

**Cash bar available**

### **Saturday, 5/10/2025 Ally the Piper Contert benefiting the Ehlers-Danlos Society.**

#### **Tickets on Sale Today!!**

Concert only tickets: \$45

VIP Meet & Greet plus Concert: \$100

More info on our [Events page](#).

**Trivia has been suspended indefinitely. New proposals are being accepted. Any proposal must include a plan to cover \$200 in upfront expenses for the hall and bartender.**

More events are being added to our calendar all the time. Make sure to visit our [Events page](#) to stay up to date on all our upcoming events!

Find volunteer opportunities at our [SignUp Genius](#) landing page.

Do you want to get involved in the Cultural Activities Committee? We are always welcoming new members! Our committee meets on the third Monday of the month via Zoom. Please contact me if you want to be added to the committee email list.

*We want to hear from you!* Got an idea for an event you'd like to see? Want to host an activity? Want to get involved and don't know where to start? Please email your ideas and questions to [culturalevents@detroitscots.com](mailto:culturalevents@detroitscots.com).



Julie (Reid) Bartoy  
Membership Secretary

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

At our January 2025 meeting, our members elected one applicant. His name is David Bohde. I was honored to announce two Life Members who were initiated into the Society on January 10, 2005, Mark Sellers and Anna Mary Postma. Congratulations, and thank you for your long history as a Society member and your commitment to Scottish culture.

As a reminder, the 2025 budget approved by the membership at the January meeting includes an increase in the cost of new member applications. The cost is now \$40.

We currently have 16 elected members eligible for our March 3rd Initiation Ceremony. I've been busy working on getting letters sent to those members who have not renewed through their membership account nor through the USPS. As of 1/19/25, we have 73 Regular, 2 Family Groups, 2 Honorary, 8 Associate, and 27 Life members who have not yet renewed. Letters were mailed out in mid-January. As a reminder, Life members do not pay annual dues, however, all members must renew their membership. As the Membership Secretary, I am responsible for maintaining the current membership list. Our membership numbers are reported to oversight agencies and for other Society Business.

A big shout-out to all the Membership Secretaries who came before me. I've got it easy with the membership system and on-line payments to help with the membership renewal process. I feel like it is a big job for me to keep track of everything and, mailing some letters to members who don't check or use email via the USPS., It's hard for me to imagine doing this job without the current technology. What a heavy job it was, and so thanks to our past Membership Secretaries!



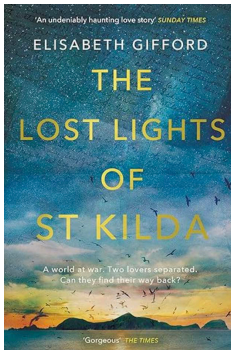
## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

- Hall Manager Kathleene Thomson has requested healing thoughts and prayers for her sister who is now in Hospice in Arkansas.
- Member Br. John Filkins is recovering from a broken arm.
- Member John Lindsay is recovering from a recent hospital stay.
- Several members and their spouses are recovering from the COVID virus.

## Low Library Book Club

The Low Library Book Club has picked *The Lost Lights of St Kilda* by Elisabeth Gifford for our February 10th meeting. Here is the book's description:

When Fred Lawson takes a summer job on St Kilda in 1927, little does he realize that he has joined the last community to ever live on that desolate, isolated island. Only three years later, St Kilda will be evacuated, the islanders near-dead from starvation. But for Fred, that summer is the bedrock of his whole life...



Chrissie Gillies is just nineteen when the researchers come to St Kilda. Hired as their cook, she can't believe they would ever notice her, sophisticated and educated as they are. But she soon develops a cautious friendship with Fred, a friendship that cannot be allowed to develop into anything more...

Years later, to help deal with his hellish existence in a German prisoner of war camp, Fred tells the tale of the island and the woman he loved but left behind. And Fred starts to wonder, where is Chrissie now? And does she ever think of him too?

When Fred makes his daring escape, prompting a desperate journey across occupied territory, he is sustained by one thought only: finding his way back to Chrissie. *The Lost Lights of St Kilda* is a sweeping love story that crosses oceans and decades. It is a moving and deeply vivid portrait of two lovers, a desolate island and the extraordinary power of hope in the face of darkness. 'A gorgeous, melancholy love story.' The Times

Our February 10 discussion will take place at 5:30 p.m. (EST) via Zoom. [Contact Cathy McCullough Les](#) for an invitation or if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome!

## DONATE TO THE FLOWER FUND

Fellow Scots,

As 2nd VP of the executive board, one of my duties is to care for the Flower Fund. It was brought to my attention that many people do not carry cash and therefore cannot contribute to the Flower Fund at the monthly meetings. Our wonderful tech person has set up a QR code for those members to make a donation without using cash. The QR code will be on the Bible stand. The Flower Fund is an important part of our program, helping to recognize those fellow members in a time of loss or suffering. It is our way to let them know we all care for them. I hope this new option is beneficial to those who wish to utilize it.

Slàinte,

Jean MacLeod Wingblad  
Second Vice President







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

Our Charles E. Low Library team has four main responsibilities:

- Managing the Library collections and making them accessible to its membership and the community.
- The display, preservation and security of Library and archived items.
- Updating and maintaining a written history of the Society.
- Maintaining a genealogy research center.

This month we'll be updating you on the Society archives. It is not a quick or easy job to decide exactly how documents should be stored for future use. Luckily our team has some wonderful real-life librarians! Ann Brown has been leading the archiving team for a while now utilizing procedures from Central Michigan University, following the Society of American Archivists standards, and following the existing procedures used on St. Andrew's Society records in the Burton Library Collection in Detroit. In 2018 Marian Matyn from CMU spent the day with us to see firsthand our archives and to provide us with suggestions and ideas to implement. She also offered her services to us and has been called on since to answer questions. After the Great Flood of 2021, all of the Society documents were moved to the archive storage area of the classroom, space that is integral to the keeping of our Society Archives. We often run out of room here as we receive donations of books, documents, memorabilia, and clothing consistently throughout the year. At the time of writing this article, the archives consist of **50 banker boxes** which amount to **10,000-15,000 pages of documents** from Society members and officers, past and present among other items. Our volunteers move as quickly as their time allows to sort through these items. Many of these documents are given in duplicate, triplicate, etc. as our officers keep many of the same records. We hope to implement a procedure to have officers and other members send documents electronically so we may file them more easily. Currently we are working on organization at a basic level, which entails separating the documents into categories following Burton standards. When we have gotten our current records sorted, we will begin the next step and organize by the types of documents and year within those categories.

Along with our document organization project, we've had several members organizing our photo collection. Member Sandy McLeod has been working on this project, categorizing the photos by date, event, and member name for a while now, and we've had members - including Linda Davenport - volunteer their time to help. Now with facial recognition technology available, we hope to have an easily searchable database from all of our events. As always, we owe a huge thanks to our Society photographer, Van Rohr, and several others who regularly take photos to record our events for posterity. The Library is thankful to the Communications Committee for the close working relationship we have, which includes providing electronic copies of documents and Society pictures.

Lastly, member Janet Bobby has been creating a database of our artifacts over the last few years. She is doing a wonderful job chipping away at our growing collection of Scottish items.

If you would like to help with any of these projects, you are always welcome to volunteer in the library. We work on the second and fourth Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the third Saturday after our business meeting, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every month. **Any help would be greatly appreciated!**

Your Library Committee

### 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: [library@detroitscots.com](mailto:library@detroitscots.com)

Web Page: <https://detroitscots.com/library/>



### 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.



Julie Palmer,  
Highland Games Chair



## 176th Annual Highland Games

We kicked off the new Games planning season with our first meeting on January 16th. I was deeply touched by the contributions of everyone who joined. We heard from each Committee Chair and noted where action is being taken this month.

For example, we are going to file for our liquor license early per recommendations from the state licensing board to reduce the bottleneck of filings that arrive weeks before an event.

We are keeping our relationship with William Grant & Sons, and both Robert Yoder and Pam Thompson are confirming the exclusive sponsorship deal this month. Both have done an extraordinary job in their roles, and I'd like to thank them for their creative efforts.

Our president challenged everyone to research and share the names of local businesses with Scottish ties. Some have Scottish names and others provide Scottish products. I am excited about the possibility of new sponsors through this new endeavor. Thank you, Chris!

When I asked the participants what they were most excited about, the most common responses were seeing everyone and the music/bands.

Concerns shared included the weather and losing money.

We heard loud and clear that the Cèilidh is a popular favorite and a keeper. Programs were a suggested elimination. On the topic of programs, we have decided to replace them with a double-sided colored flyer that includes a map and master schedule as well as room for sponsors. Feedback from other festival organizers indicates that this is a popular shift among Celtic festivals, and it receives positive feedback from attendees.

I am inspired by the creativity and willingness to tackle the tough issues that I found plentiful among our meeting participants. This gives me great certainty that we will create the best possible 176th Games through tenacity, passion, grit, integrity, and joy.

Humbly and Devotedly Yours,  
Julie Palmer  
Highland Games Chair

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### ***Need to contact another member of the Society?***



**Wild Apricot  
for members**

Business

[Open](#)

Download the **Wild Apricot for members** app on your phone!

You can edit your profile, see Our Events and your Event tickets, and have full access to our Membership Directory!

## DO YOU SHOP AT KROGER?



The St. Andrew's Society has been approved for the Kroger Community Rewards Program. When you select our Society as your chosen Non-Profit, and use your Kroger Plus account to shop, we will receive a donation!

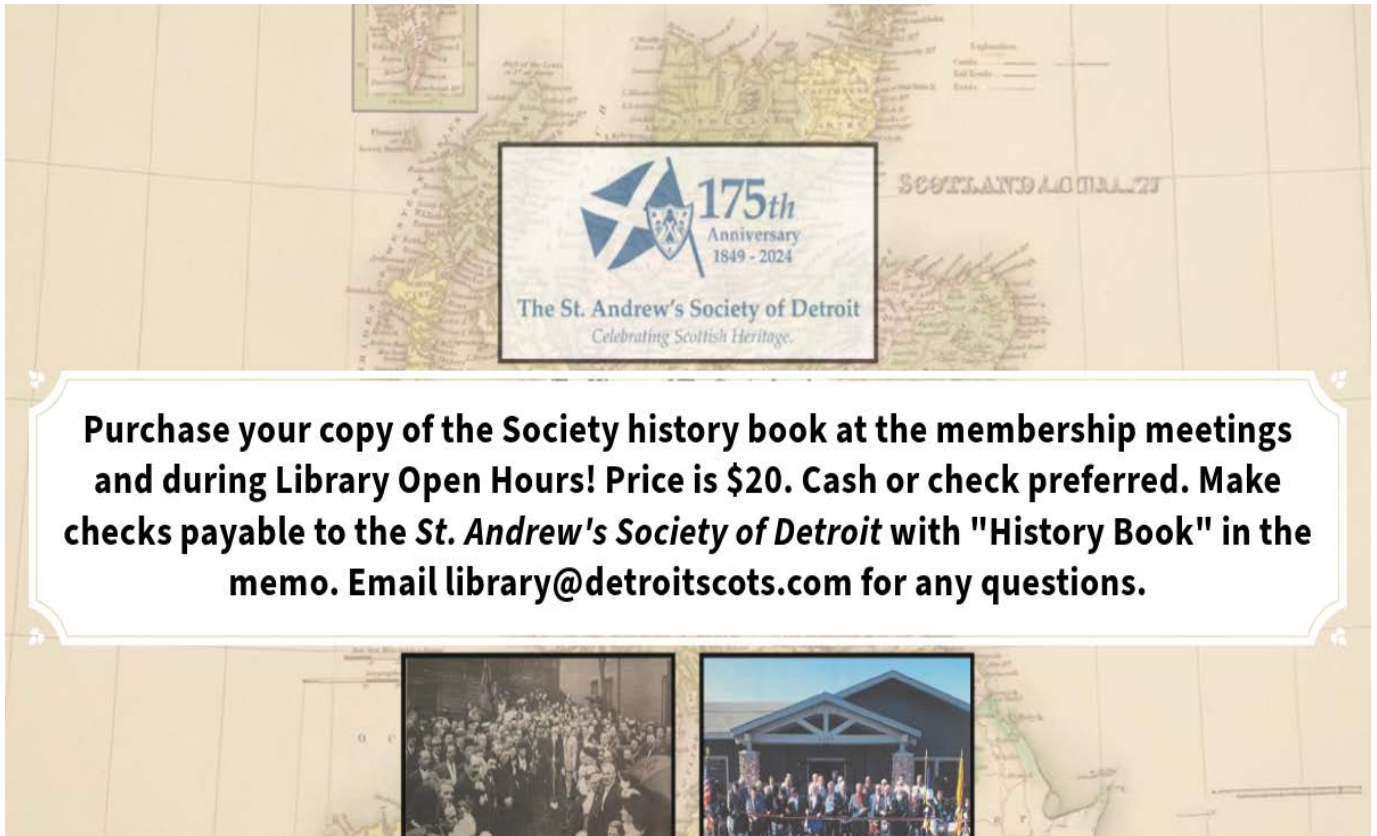
### To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program:

- Visit <https://www.kroger.com>.
  - Log into your Kroger account.
  - Search for *St. Andrew's Society of Detroit* either by name or *UF835*.
  - Click **Enroll**.
- 
- \* New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.
  - \* Customers must have a registered Kroger rewards card account to link to your organization.
  - \* If a member does not yet have a Kroger rewards card, please let them know they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
  - \* REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your organization until after your participants register their rewards card.
  - \* Participants must swipe their registered Kroger rewards card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.




[Click here to see All of our SignUp Genius Opportunities](#)





**Purchase your copy of the Society history book at the membership meetings and during Library Open Hours! Price is \$20. Cash or check preferred. Make checks payable to the *St. Andrew's Society of Detroit* with "History Book" in the memo. Email [library@detroitscots.com](mailto:library@detroitscots.com) for any questions.**




## Free Drum Lessons Available

### Learn to Play the Scottish Drums with the St. Andrew's of Detroit Pipe Band

We are looking for people in their teens and twenties who are interested in learning how to play the drums. Prior experience would be nice, but not necessary.

Drum Instructions will occur on frequent Sundays at the Kilgour Scottish Centre. Practice pads will be provided for learning and drums provided as lessons progress.

Contact Dave Martin  
[davemartin@standrewspipeband.com](mailto:davemartin@standrewspipeband.com)  
 (734)516-1923

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit  
 175th Anniversary

Kilgour Scottish Centre  
 2363 Rochester Road  
 Troy, MI. 48083

# February Membership Meeting Potluck



2/3/2024

6:30pm

Bring a Dish you Love!



[Sign Up Here](#)

## ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF DETROIT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & INITIATION POTLUCK

# We're Still Scottish

PLEASE SIGN UP!

SHEPHERD'S PIE ESPECIALLY REQUESTED

MARCH 3RD, 2025

DINNER SERVED AT 6:30PM



[Sign Up Here](#)



# DETROIT SCOTS GO CURLING!

**7:00PM - 10:00**

**Saturday,**

**March 8th, 2025**

**\$40** for curlers

**\$10** for spectators

**Cash Bar available**



**OPEN TO DETROIT  
SCOTS MEMBERS AND  
GUESTS OF ALL AGES  
AND ABILITIES**



**DETROIT CURLING CLUB**

**1615 E. Lewiston, Ferndale, MI**

**48220**

**[BUY TICKETS](#)**

**The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit  
175th Anniversary  
1849-2024**

**Returning in 2025!**

**The Detroit Scots' Friday Fish Fry**

**Beginning Friday, March 7 through Friday, April 18  
4:30 pm until 7:30 pm**

**Kilgour Scottish Centre  
2363 Rochester Road, Troy, Michigan  
248-526-1849**

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

**[Sign Up to Volunteer!](#)**

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Presents:



# Ally the Piper

A Benefit Concert for  
The Ehlers-Danlos Society

**May 10th, 2025 7PM**  
**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!**

Concert only tickets \$45  
Doors @ 6pm

VIP Meet & Greet & Concert  
(limited to 50 guests) \$100  
Doors @ 4:30

Cash Bar      Basket Raffle      50/50

Kilgour Scottish Centre  
2363 Rochester Road  
Troy, MI. 48083

(248) 526-1849  
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**BUY TICKETS**



The  
**Ehlers  
Danlos**  
Society

Ehlers-Danlos syndrome is a group of inherited disorders that affect your connective tissues — primarily your skin, joints and blood vessel walls. Connective tissue is a complex mixture of proteins and other substances that provide strength and elasticity to the underlying structures in your body.

People who have Ehlers-Danlos syndrome usually have overly flexible joints and stretchy, fragile skin. This can become a problem if you have a wound that requires stitches, because the skin often isn't strong enough to hold them.

**MAKE A DONATION**





**Step into the Enchanting World of Brigadoon...**

	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	
FEB	6	7	8	9	2025
	7 PM	7 PM	7 PM	2 PM	

**Dexter Center for the Performing Arts**  
**Students and Seniors \$10 General \$15**

Join us for an unforgettable journey to the mystical Scottish village of Brigadoon, where time stands still, magic unfolds, and love is eternal.

**Visit [dexterdrama.org](http://dexterdrama.org) for more information!**

Lerner and Loewe's Brigadoon is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied and licensed by MTI.

Hello all! I hope this email finds you well.

My name is Adam DeGregorio, and I am a senior at Dexter High School, as well as the President of the Dexter Drama Club. I am reaching out to extend a special invitation to the members of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit to attend our upcoming production of Brigadoon.

Brigadoon is a classic musical that tells the enchanting story of two American tourists who stumble upon a mystical Scottish village that appears for just one day every hundred years. The show celebrates the magic of Scotland's rich traditions, music, and lore, all while exploring themes of love, loyalty, and belonging. It would be a great honor to share this beautiful homage to Scottish culture with your society.

Our performances will be held at the Dexter High School Center for Performing Arts on February 6th, 7th, and 8th at 7:00 PM, with a matinee on February 9th at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance using our GoFan, linked [here](#).

Please let me know if your group would be interested in attending, and I would be happy to provide any further details. You can reach me at this email address or 7344928059.

Thank you very much for considering this invitation. We hope to see you there for what promises to be a memorable celebration of Scottish heritage through the arts!

Sincerely,  
 Adam DeGregorio  
 President, Dexter Drama Club  
 Dexter High School

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