



The Highland Eling

April 2025



Chris MacKenzie, President

Fellow Scots,

4 weeks into our Fish Fry I am finally figuring it out. Kidding, not kidding. We got such good, positive coverage before the first Friday that we were much busier than expected. Which is a good thing unless you are not prepared for it. Each week since has seen our sales increase over those of last year and each week has seen us add more fish and more volunteers to help relieve bottlenecks in our process. We have had a great turnout from our volunteers and everyone who has volunteered in the past has stepped up to show the new ones how things are done.

We were featured in the Detroit News, The Troy Times, on WXYZ News as well as numerous spots throughout Friday, March 7th by Van Rohr on AM 950. On March 14th, we got a visit from Mitch from Mitch's Friday Fish Fry Review. This is a Facebook page for, you guessed it, fish fry reviews from the Detroit area. He showed up just before opening, took some pictures and ordered one of everything. I talked to him for a few minutes before he left. He said everything was great and his review was up on Facebook shortly thereafter and was even responsible for some people who had never heard of us coming in to try our fish that very night.

My tam is off to you all who have participated in this year's fish fry's. We have 3 weeks to go, and I expect nothing but the best from the crew.

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



2025 SASD CALENDAR

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)				
4/12	Kilgour Garden Clean Up, Kilgour, TBD				
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 Events 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.				

May 2025

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
5/1	Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
5/5	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Potluck 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.				
	Membership Meeting	Potluck	Children's Hospital of MI Clothes Closet Shower of Love	Hope for HIE	Maggie's Center, Scotland
5/8	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
5/10	Ally the Piper Benefit Concert for Ehlers-Danlos Society, Kilgour, VIP Event 5:00 p.m., Concert 7:00 p.m., Tickets Now on Sale				
5/13	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
5/15	Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				

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5/17	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
5/19	Cultural Events Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
5/20	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
5/22	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
5/28	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

June 2025

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
6/2	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:15 p.m.				
	Membership Meeting & New Mbr Initiation	Shepherd's Pie Potluck	Detroit Dog Rescue	Oakland County Foster Closet	N/A
6/5	Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
6/9	Low Library Book Club Meeting, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
6/10	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
6/12	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
6/12	Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
6/16	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
6/17	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
6/19	Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
6/21	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
6/25	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
6/26	Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
6/26	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
	Calendar Subject to Change				



Beth Frahm
Benevolence
Chair

Our Benevolences

Zaman International located in Inkster is a world-class nonprofit organization with more than 25 years of on-the-ground experience in empowering women and children to break the cycle of extreme poverty. Since 2010 they have helped over 480,000 of our neighbors in southeast Michigan, while serving more than 4.7 million around the world.



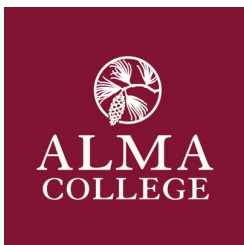
Zaman believes we are all stewards of our collective human family and have a role to play in creating a world where all humankind can pursue sustainable, healthy lives. They support marginalized women and children facing extreme poverty in the Detroit region and around the world by providing hope and ways to meet the essential needs common to all humankind. Their programs empower women to achieve the skills and training needed to pursue sustainable careers and employment opportunities.

Zaman provides training in literacy, vocational school programs, culinary arts, and professional seamstress training along with career development to break the cycle of poverty.

New items needed - toiletries, cleaning items, and products

Items that can be new or gently used - clothing, household items, kitchen items, small appliances, linen, and home decor.

Please bring your donations to the April Meeting. You may bring cash, check, or use PayPal for financial donations. Checks need to be payable to the St. Andrew's Society.



Alma College Highland Arts Scholarship

We take great pride in supporting students enrolled in Highland Dance, Piping and Drumming. We are making a \$2000 donation to Alma's Highland Arts Program.

50/50

This month our raffle goes to **Lighthouse** in Pontiac.

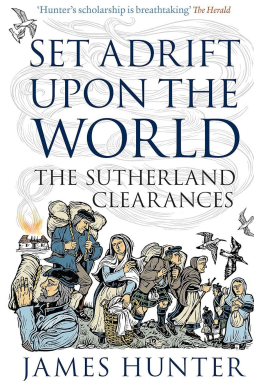


With over 80 years of experience, Lighthouse aims to be a Beacon of Hope to our neighbors who need us the most. Families turn to us seeking support for the most basic of needs such as food or shelter. Many of these people are seeking help for the first time.

Low Library Book Club

The Low Library Book Club has chosen *Set Adrift Upon the World: the Sutherland Clearances* by James Hunter (416 p.) for its April 14 discussion.

Here is a description of the book:



They would be better dead, they said, than set adrift upon the world. But in 1821 set adrift they were - thousands of them, their communities destroyed, their homes demolished and burned. Some people died. The land was given over to sheep farmers. Families who were cleared from their tenancies sailed to Canada. Some of the men signed up to fight in Ireland, France, South Africa, and New Orleans when there was little alternative.

Such were the Sutherland Clearances, an extraordinary episode, involving the deliberate depopulation of much of a Scottish county. What was done in the course of that episode was planned and carried out by Britain's wealthiest couple and their employees... Most of those involved wrote a great deal about their actions, intentions, and feelings, and much of it has been preserved. There are no equivalent collections of material from those whose communities ceased to exist.

Here James Hunter tells the story of the Sutherland Clearances - a gripping, moving, definitive account of a people's struggle for survival in the face of tragedy and disaster.

Winner of Saltire Scottish History Book of the Year.

Our April 14 discussion will take place at 5:30 p.m. (Eastern) via Zoom. Contact Cathy McCullough Les at library@detrotscots.com for an invitation or if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome!



- Member Jim Irwin is recovering from a knee replacement. Please keep Jim and his wife Tanya in your prayers and good energy thoughts.
- Member Scott David's father passed away recently. He died peacefully surrounded by his family. Please keep Scott and his family in your prayers during this time.

REPORT THOUGHTS & PRAYERS REQUESTS





Julie Palmer
Highland Games Chair



176th Annual Highland Games

Hello, Dear Ones.

I greet you with the newness of Spring. All the great ideas and committee chair changes over the winter are now beginning to bloom into a growing flurry of activities. I am energized by our recent Games meetings and my confidence remains high.

What I love the most is how much the team contributes to creative problem solving. I recently walked an area at Greenmead with several team members to consider a different footprint for our Clan community. Great care was taken to ensure there would be no impact to other important areas. I am proud of the solution we found and I believe it will enhance the Clan experience for both Clan members and Games attendees. Thank you, Emily Wigodski and Nicole Robertson for your leadership.

Two key committees formed to shore up graphic design and Online ticket sales. I want to personally thank Shelby Rohr, Michael Grabowski, and Bill Rehahn. I also want to welcome back Cori Hall and her sister who have agreed to return to ensure they transition their previous responsibilities to a new Counting House Crew.

May this growing enthusiasm and gratitude inspire you to join us. We still need help with social media, food prep during set up week, food vendor oversight, and Games merchandise sales leadership.

All Society members are welcome to join our monthly - soon to be twice monthly - meetings. Your participation is appreciated, especially if you desire to help, but aren't sure where or how to best help. Let me or Shelby know if you want to be included in the meeting invite.

I wish you joyful moments to listen to the growing cacophony of bird songs, a pause to thank the spring blooms in your garden beds, and a smile as the sun warms your face.

With deep appreciation,

Julie Palmer
Games Chair

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2. Gifting highly appreciated assets – for those that have large unrealized capital gains in equity holdings who wish to donate those assets (in kind) and not trigger a capital gains tax bill while having the potential to also take a tax deduction at the same time.
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Note: SASD does not offer tax or legal advice. Please consult with your tax advisor to see how these strategies can impact your tax return.

Best,
Kimberly Enders
kimenders@yahoo.com



St. Andrew's Society of Detroit The Detroit Scots 2025 Fish Fry

Sit down and enjoy a delicious traditional fish & chips supper while the bagpipes play.

Adult dinner: Beer-battered fried fish or baked fish (gluten free), french fries, coleslaw, & coffee, hot /iced tea.

Kids' meal: Fish or Mac & Cheese, french fries, applesauce, & capri sun



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Dinner Salad	\$5
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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.

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



Clan Crest Plaque Order Form

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Clan: _____

Tartan: _____

Price: \$\$85.00

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Circle Size: Standard 7x8 (\$85.00) or Large 10x12 (\$130.00)

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Happy April Birthdays!

*Bruce Bennett
Phillip Bush
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Marilyn Douth
Bonnie Duthie
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Kimberly Enders
Ronald Hanson
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