

The Highland Fling

January 2026



Chris MacKenzie, President

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Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Nollaig Chridheil, Happy Hogmanay, Feliz Navidad, Feliz Ano Nuevo, Joyeux Noel. Everyone celebrates a little differently, but whichever way you celebrate I hope that you are safe, happy, and looking forward to the new year.

I'm writing this amid the craziness leading up to Christmas. Every night I have to slow down, take a breath, and think about what is going on the next day and what my part is in it. It's overwhelming. But I am lucky. I am surrounded by family and friends who know and understand. You all are part of that family, and I am happy to have you along with me.

Tonight, I received a card thanking me for my leadership of the Society. It was totally unexpected, and I'm a fairly modest person unless there is whisky involved, so of course I thought, "What did I do?" Cause it is not just me. There is a team of Officers, Trustees, one Society employee, and any number of others who want what is best for the Society and will push till we see the Society flourish. We try. We try new things; we try old things. We throw (*spaghetti*) haggis to see if it will stick to the wall. There is no us or them. It all comes down to what will benefit the Society best.

This time last year, our finances were a bit of a quandary. I'm happy to say that the budget for 2026 looks much better. As with any budget, controlling our costs while bringing in more revenue is the norm but the overall outlook is that we have a better understanding of things and are leaning into it. We are all here for a purpose, and we shouldn't forget that.

I am looking forward to this year. I am looking forward to the meetings, I am looking forward to the Games, I am of course looking forward to Elliot's whisky tastings. I am looking forward to seeing the membership come together and sharing a wee dram.

So, in honor of the new year, a Toast! *To the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit! May we continue to flourish and help others as we have done for 177 years. WE ARE SCOTS!*

*Still available to hire as the first footer!

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



Nollaig Chridheil
The MacKenzie Family

2026 SASD CALENDAR

January 2026					
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
1/05	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Potluck 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.				
		Chili Cookoff	SOCH – South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless	Flower Fund	Motor City Mitten Mission
1/08	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
1/10	Holiday Take Down, Kilgour, 10:00 - Noon				
1/10	Curling with the Detroit Scots, Detroit Curling Club, 7:30 p.m., 1615 E. Lewiston, Ferndale				
1/13	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
1/15	177th Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
1/15	Enda Reilly Pub Night, Kilgour, 7:00 p.m. \$10 Cover Charge				
1/17	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
1/19	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
1/20	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
1/22	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
1/24	Burns Supper, Kilgour, 6:00 p.m.				
1/28	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
February 2026					
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
2/02	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Potluck 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.				
	Officers & Trustees Installation	Potluck	Capuchin Soup Kitchen & Shelter	Genesis House II	St. Andrew's Society Honour Guard
2/7	Celts, Cups, & Canvases, Kilgour, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.				
2/9	Charles Low Library Book Club, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/10	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/12	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
2/16	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/17	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/19	177th Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
2/20	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.				

2026 SASD CALENDAR

February 2026 (continued)

2/21	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
2/25	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
2/26	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
2/27	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 2026

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
3/2	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Potluck 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:15 p.m.				
	New Member Initiation	Potluck	Turning Point / Secondhand Rose	Haven	Seedlings Braille Books
3/6	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.				
3/10	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
3/12	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
3/13	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.				
3/16	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
3/17	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
3/19	177th Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
3/20	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.				
3/21	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
3/25	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
3/26	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
3/27	Friday Fish Fry, Kilgour, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.				
	CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE				



[CLICK HERE](#)
[or our December 2025](#)
[Photo Album](#)

REMINDER: At an SASD event? Take photos! Send them to
flingeditor@detroitscots.com!

A MESSAGE OF HEARTFELT THANKS

As we come to the close of another busy year for the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, I would like to take a moment to recognize the dedication and hard work of our Communications Team. Members of the team include Rod Harris, Doug Reith, Bob Richardson, Bill Rehahn, Amy Pennybacker, Michael Grabowski, and me.

The year began with an ambitious goal: a complete redesign of the Society's websites. The first project was detroitscots.com. While that work was underway, the team was also fully engaged in the Friday Fish Fry season. This meant preparing cashier stations each week—ensuring Square devices, cash boxes, and printers were ready to go when the doors opened in February.

In March, the team was called upon to take on additional responsibilities for the Highland Games—tasks that had previously been handled by paid professionals. Thankfully, Michael Grabowski and Bill Rehahn brought their graphic design expertise to the effort. They created graphics for the highlandgames.com website, designed T-shirts for the public, Tug o' War teams, volunteers, and Wee Bairns, and tackled the extensive design needs of the Games brochure, including a detailed map created entirely from scratch.

At the same time, the team learned and implemented Eventbrite to manage registrations for Highland Dancers, Pipe Bands, and Clans, as well as ticket sales for the Games, Cèilidh, and Whisky Tastings. They also worked diligently to ensure the highlandgames.com website was fully updated in time for ticket sales to open on May 15.

Doug Reith, with assistance from Bruce Bennett, led the effort to equip the ticket gates at both the Cèilidh and the Games with the technology needed to sell tickets, merchandise, and drink tickets efficiently.

Doug also took on the additional responsibility of creating the 2025 Highland Games volunteer sign-up system. He worked diligently to ensure that everyone who wished to volunteer could easily find an available time slot. Games Chairs received clear volunteer reports, and the Volunteer Chair relied on Doug's guidance to learn and manage the volunteer process.

During the Games, Rod Harris, Brian Greminger, and Van Rohr stepped into the role of photographers, capturing the full day's events and ensuring the memories were well documented.

Once the Games concluded, we returned to the project to redesign detroitscots.com. The Team has worked tirelessly to prepare the newly redesigned website for its launch in early January 2026. Team member Amy Pennybacker used her skills to create a newly redesigned Kilgour website that will entice new rentals of the Kilgour Scottish Centre. Our webmaster Jeff Ashburn has also pitched in to help us achieve our goals of creating our new websites.

I extend my sincere thanks to this outstanding group of volunteers who so generously share their time and talents. Their efforts help ensure that the Society continues to thrive and operate effectively in the 21st century.

Shelby Rohr
Communications and IT Committee Chair





Beth Frahm
Benevolence Chair

OUR BENEVOLENCES

I am writing this message as we close out 2025. Thank you for entrusting me to continue another term as the Benevolence Chair on the Board of Trustees. Together we have had a very productive year with contributions to the charities we support. So many of you have been generous with financial donations and others with goods and clothing needed for our less fortunate neighbors. I am truly amazed at the kindness of our membership. Even a small bag of items brought to a monthly meeting adds up as we are growing in attendance. As they say, "It takes a village". I like our village!

Our January Charity is the [South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless \(SOCH\)](#). They operate the Welcome Inn Day Center for the homeless. The shelter is open December through March each year and serves 10,000 hot meals in addition to providing a warm place for the unhoused to stay. Heather from SOCH will attend our January meeting to give us an update on how things have changed since last year. We will be collecting warm clothing at our meeting on January 5th. They are in need of supplies to keep the building running so, you may order things directly from their Amazon wish lists. Or, use it as a guide to know what they need and buy off-brand items locally. Please bring the items to the meeting.

- [Janitorial wish list](#)
- [Kitchen wish list](#)
- [Clothing wish list](#)



Our January Benevolence is the [Motor City Mitten Mission](#). They will receive \$1,000 from the Society. Our member, Bob Crawford, volunteers many hours of his time for them and, will speak at our January meeting so we can learn more about what they do to help in the community.

The proceeds from our 50/50 raffle will go to our own Flower Fund. As you know we use the funds to send flowers to members at times when we want them to know we are thinking about them.

If you prefer a monetary donation for the charity of the month we can accept credit cards online at detroitscots.com/donate. You must indicate it is for the charity of the month in the note and ask for it to be matched if you would like to do so. Checks and cash are always collected at all monthly meetings. Checks are to be made payable to the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit.

Looking ahead on our calendar, we will be supporting the following charities in the coming months.

February- Capuchin Soup Kitchen, warm clothing, socks, hats, gloves, hygiene items, baby and adult diapers, dishes, pots, pans silverware, non-perishable food items.

March- Turning Point/Second Hand Rose, household and clothing items to be sold in their resale store so the money can support their programs.



Emily Bissell
Cultural Events Director

CULTURAL EVENTS

*In rigorous hours, when down the iron lane
The redbreast looks in vain
For hips and haws,
Lo, shining flowers upon my windowpane
The silver pencil of the winter draws.
When all the snowy hill*

*And the bare woods are still;
When snipes are silent in the frozen bogs,
And all the garden garth is whelmed in mire,
Lo, by the hearth, the laughter of the logs –
More fair than roses, lo, the flowers of fires!
~Robert Louis Stevenson*

Please Sign up for our Annual Frank Hasse Chili Cookoff at our January General Membership Meeting!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our General Membership Meeting on January 5th, 2026. If you would like to enter, or to bring condiments, sides or desserts, [sign up here](#). Sign up to bring a dish to our February meeting potluck [here](#).

Can't bring a dish but still want to contribute? Please consider donating to our general fund! Even a dollar or two will help defray the cost of paper goods, coffee, tea, etc. There is a collection box at the hostess station during our meetings.

November 29th St. Andrew's Day Celebration:

Our guests enjoyed a festive evening complete with plenty of Scottish food, music, dance, and piping! Featuring the band Wakefire, the evening saw us enjoying an abundant strolling appetizer dinner and Scottish entertainment. We celebrated the spirit of Scotland and had a fabulous time doing it.

January 10th Holiday Takedown

A fun holiday tradition, this is a great way to have some fun and get to know your fellow Scots. In conjunction with the House Committee, we will be resetting our hall for the new year. Light refreshments will be provided. [Sign up here](#).

January 10th Curling at the Detroit Curling Club, 7-10 PM

Learn And Play the Scottish Sport of Curling

Option 1: Curling participant ticket \$45 (mobility aids available; see below)

Option 2: Spectator ticket \$10

Curling in Scotland dates back to the 16th century! Join fellow Scots at the Detroit Curling Club and learn to play or join the cheerleaders (or hecklers) watching from the warm room!

Please wear pants that stretch, and warmer clothing (no jeans, and no fleece or other materials that may shed on the ice). All curlers will receive a pair of rental curling shoes. They have grippers on both feet. Curlers will remove the gripper on their sliding foot when they deliver a stone, and put it back on after delivery.

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 shuffleboard.

Curlers will meet at 7:30 p.m. to receive about 20 minutes of off-ice instruction. Then we'll go on the ice for stone delivery and sweeping instruction. Everyone will practice delivering stones, followed by playing an actual game until 10:00 p.m.

Spectators can listen in on the off-ice instruction, or arrive later to watch the on-ice competition. The Detroit Curling Club bartender will be at our service - please note, cash bar only! (On-ice curlers may not take alcohol into the ice area).

Let's celebrate Scotland's important role in what is now an Olympic sport!

[BUY TICKETS HERE](#)

January 24th, 2026, Burns Supper

We will again be hosting a traditional Burns Supper in honor of Robert Burns, the bard of Scotland. Member & Guest Presale \$100 ends 12/31/25. Prices after that date and public tickets will be priced \$110. Ticket sales end 1/11/26. Come enjoy what has become an annual tradition for many members and non-members alike! Please contact me directly about group sales.

[CHECK OUT THE MENU HERE](#)

[BUY TICKETS HERE](#)

February 7th, 2026, Cups, Celts, & Canvases

Come paint your own Highland Cow! We will have an instructor walk us through painting our own portrait of a Wee Cow to take home and display. Food will not be offered, but guests are free to bring their own snacks.

Members/Guests \$30 & Public \$40; cash bar available

Preregister online by 1/24/2026

Canvas and paint provided

Please bring a container for water to rinse your brushes and an old shirt to paint in.

[BUY TICKETS HERE](#)

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 [Sign Up Genius landing page](#).

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.

Do you want to discover if the Cultural Activities Committee is for you? Come check out our next committee on January 19th via Zoom.

[Link to Join Zoom Meeting](#)

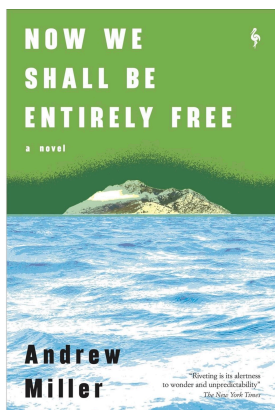
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Charles S. Low Book Club

The Low Library Book Club's choice for our February meeting is *Now We Shall Be Entirely Free* by Andrew Miller. Here is a description of the story:



Now We Shall Be Entirely Free by Andrew Miller (421 p.) FIC

A stunning historical novel with the grip of a thriller, written in richly evocative, luminous prose. One rain-swept February night in 1809, an unconscious man is carried into a house in Somerset. He is Captain John Lacroix, home from Britain's disastrous campaign against Napoleon's forces in Spain. Gradually Lacroix recovers his health, but not his peace of mind - he cannot talk about the war or face the memory of what happened in a village on the gruelling retreat to Corunna. After the command comes to return to his regiment, he sets out instead for the Hebrides, with the vague intent of reviving his musical interests and collecting local folksongs. Lacroix sails north incognito, unaware that he has far worse to fear than being dragged back to the army: a vicious English corporal and a Spanish officer are on his trail, with orders to kill. The haven he finds on a remote island with a family of free-thinkers and the sister he falls for are not safe, at all. Winner of the Highland Book Prize, 2018.

Our discussion will take place on February 9, 2026, at 5:30 pm (EST) via Zoom. All are welcome. Email Cathy McCullough Les at library@detroitscots.com for the Zoom invitation or if you have any questions.



ANNUAL HIGHLAND GAMES

Julie Palmer
Highland Games Chair

Happy Hogmanay, Dear Members.

As I write this, I have added the final touches to my living room for our family's Yule celebration in the morning. I cherish this holiday and its unique traditions. We exchange one hand-made gift with another family member. As the Yule Log burns, we ignite our private wishes and send the spark and ash into the sky to be carried off and manifested. We celebrate the returning light and enjoy the coziness of warm blankets, soft pillows and a family-favorite holiday movie. This year it's *The Polar Express*.

As my children age and move out to build their own lives, our family is more scattered than ever before. I even have one child celebrating this week in Hawaii. Though not quite all of the Palmers are able to gather in person this year, I trust that our long-standing family traditions will continue to nourish us and keep us connected. If you're also missing loved ones this year, you are not alone. I wish each of you joy beyond measure.

With the dawn of 2026, we're gearing up for our first 177th Games meeting on the 15th and I'm honored to gather with our esteemed Committee Chairs who are the backbone of our beloved event. I have spent time researching other Highland Games and found that many have their own niche within the diaspora of Scottish culture and traditional Games programming. For example, Grandfather Mountain is the quintessential Clan gathering experience. Another Games focus is the Athletic competitions. I'm eager to discuss this with our team to determine what our niche is or could be, and how we can include this in our programming and enhance our Games. If any of you have thoughts and ideas about this, please reach out to me.

We've welcomed our first sponsor, and I believe it's the auspicious shift we truly need. The more sponsor dollars we raise, the more we can do to improve our guests' experience and continue to be good stewards of our Society's funds. My 2026 sponsor target is \$20K. We've got \$15K to go.

Do you work for a company whose values are consistent with ours? Are you comfortable approaching your leadership to discuss the benefits of becoming a Games sponsor? Let me know if I can help in any way. We have a lot of ways we can provide our sponsors a valuable experience.

As we march on to our 177th Games, what are your wishes for this year's event? Please reach out. I want to hear from you.

May 2026 be the year we embrace the best of who we are and the best of what we can create together.

Warmly,
Julie Palmer
Games Chair
highlandgameschair@detroitscots.com



The Kilgour Centre Fund Drive

Saving our Kilgour Scottish Centre

A heartfelt thank you to our donors! In just four months, we have raised \$21,269.15 toward our \$60,000 goal. We are deeply grateful to everyone who has already contributed and to those considering a donation as we enter the New Year.

Every member is encouraged to support the Kilgour Fund Drive. You may choose to donate \$16.67 monthly, \$50 quarterly, or make a one-time gift of \$200. If that level isn't feasible right now, please know that every donation—of any amount—is sincerely appreciated.

Donations may be made by logging into Wild Apricot and visiting the Members' Only homepage, or by using the QR code on the Kilgour Fund business cards located at the front desk inside the Kilgour. Prefer to donate by check? Please make checks payable to St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, write Account #40507 in the memo line, and mail to:

St. Andrew's Society of Detroit
c/o Kilgour Fund Drive
2363 Rochester Rd.
Troy, MI 48083

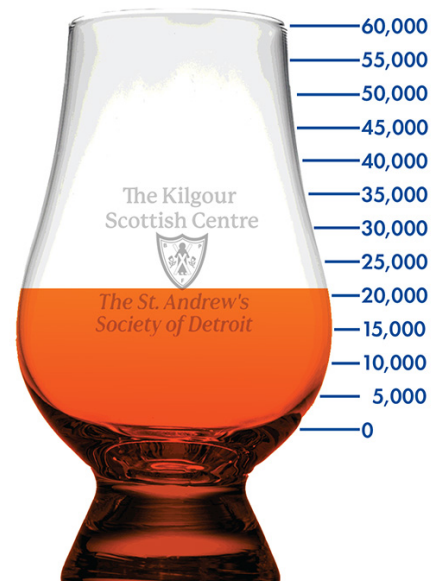
To further support the maintenance of the Kilgour Centre, the Fund Development Committee hosted its first Winter Holiday Craft Fair on December 6, which was a financial success—and great fun for our volunteers! A Spring Craft Fair is already in the planning stages, and updates will be shared as details are finalized. In addition, fundraising events with Panera Bread and Kroger have contributed to the ongoing success of the Kilgour Fund Drive.

Thank you for your continued generosity, and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Don Hiruo & Van Rohr
Kilgour Fund Development Committee

Give a Dram for the Kilgour

As of
12/19/2025
\$21,269.15



The Kilgour Centre Fund Drive



Off The Shelf... News from the Charles S. Low Memorial Library

Port Huron Museum Exhibit

Andrew Carnegie funded the Port Huron Public Library that was opened in 1904. The original building is now part of The Port Huron Museum, which has an exhibit running through January 4, 2026, highlighting "Winter Traditions Around the World." They contacted the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit to participate. Scotland is one of 9 countries represented from 3 continents (Europe, North America and Africa). Emily Reitzel, Curator of Collections and Exhibits at the Port Huron Museum, says that as of December 15th, "approximately 400 people so far," have seen the exhibit. The museum notes that admission tickets to the exhibit come with a special bonus - cookies and hot cocoa are included in the ticket price before our very popular Holiday Lights trolley tour as well as for private trolley tours booked at this time. The Low Library Committee put together a display for the museum. It contains a trivia game that is displayed below with answers on the following page:

Winter Celebrations in Scotland Trivia

November 30th, Saint Andrew's Day

Celebrations include street festivals with parades and dance exhibitions. A special dinner consists of:

Neeps (turnips) and Tatties (potatoes)

Haggis - minced sheep's organs encased in a sheep stomach with oats, suet & spices

Tipsy Laird - dessert custard layered with sponge cake, raspberries & Drambuie

What designation was St. Andrew given in 1320? (answer #1)

December 21st, Winter Solstice

Scots burn a Yule Log to rid their home of what? (answer #2)

December 25th, Christmas

Christmas was banned in what year? (answer #3)

A law passed by Parliament made Yule vacations illegal. Baking Yule bread was also criminal. Yule bread is made for each family member.

In 1958, December 25th became a public holiday.

Whoever finds a trinket in their Yule loaf gets what? (answer #4)

How do you say Merry Christmas in Scottish Gaelic? (answer #5)

December 26th, Boxing Day

It began with wealthy families giving their staff holiday food portions in boxes. Boxed food is now given to friends and neighbors.

Boxing Day has been a common celebration since what year? (answer #6)

In 1974 Boxing Day and what other holiday became public holidays? (answer #7)

December 31st, New Year's Eve ("Hogmanay")

First-footing is a Hogmanay tradition where the first dark-haired male who arrives at your house brings gifts like whisky, coal, salt or shortbread to ensure good fortune for the upcoming year.

Celebrations include the Stonehaven Fireballs parade. Participants swing balls of fire above their heads in a cleansing ritual to burn off bad spirits from the previous year.

What song written by Scottish poet Robert Burns is sung at midnight? (answer #8) Which household tasks are bad luck to do on New Year's Day? (answer #9)

Trivia Answers:

St Andrew's Day answer:

#1 Patron Saint of Scotland

Winter Solstice answer:

#2 Evil spirits

Christmas answers:

#3 1640

#4 Good luck for 1 year

#5 Nollaig Chridheil!

Boxing Day answers:

6 1888

#7 New Year's Day

New Year's Eve answers:

#8 Auld Lang Syne

#9 Clean or do laundry

By Maryann Clark

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



- Prayers are needed for Members Lynn & Bill Rehahn's grandson Ben, who has been very ill since Thanksgiving. Please send your healing prayers and thoughts for Ben to recover from this illness.
- Life Member, Donald MacKercher died on Friday, December 19. Don was known as the "trash man" because of his longtime dedication to the Annual Highland Games as trash collector. Don was very proud of his Scottish Heritage and wore his kilt proudly. Funeral services were held on Monday, December 22.
- Wife of Life Member Bruce McIntyre, Judith W. McIntyre died in November of 2025.

A promotional poster for a chili cookoff. The background is a top-down view of a bowl of chili with red beans, tomatoes, and green onions, next to a silver fork and a salt shaker. The text is overlaid on this image.

Members only

13th Annual
Frank Hasse
chili
Cookoff

**Monday, January 5, 2026
at the General Membership Meeting**

*Sign up
today*

Signups end Friday, January 2nd

Bring your largest crockpot filled
with your Best Chili Recipe!
Limited to 10 chili entries.

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

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

[SIGN UP FOR THE CHILI COOKOFF](#)

TIME TO TAKE DOWN OUR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

A poster for a holiday decoration event. The background is a dark green pine branch with white snowflakes. The text is overlaid on this image.

 **We Need Help!**

**Kilgour Hall
Holiday Decoration Elves!**

10:00 am to Noon
Decorate on Saturday, November 22, 2025
&
Take down on Saturday, January 10, 2026

[SIGN UP BY CLICKING HERE](#)



A graphic for a curling event. It features two stylized curlers in blue and light blue sweaters on a white ice surface. One curler is in the foreground, sweeping with a yellow broom, while another is in the background. The background is a blue sky with white diagonal streaks. Text elements include: 'DETROIT SCOTS' in white on a yellow rectangle; 'AT' in white on a red square; 'DETROIT CURLING CLUB' in blue on a white rectangle; 'JANUARY 10TH 2026' in large white letters; '\$45 CURLERS' and '\$10 SPECTATORS' in large yellow letters; and the Detroit Scots logo in the bottom left corner.

DETROIT SCOTS

AT

DETROIT CURLING CLUB

JANUARY 10TH 2026

\$45 CURLERS

\$10 SPECTATORS

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A graphic for a performance by Enda Reilly. It features a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark jacket and a flat cap, playing an acoustic guitar. The background is a blurred image of a forest. Text elements include: 'JANUARY 15 7:00 PM \$10 COVER CHARGE CASH BAR' in white on a black tilted rectangle; 'DETROIT SCOTS .com The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, est. 1849' in the top right; 'ENDA REILLY' in large white letters; 'KILGOUR SCOTTISH CENTRE' in white on a black tilted rectangle; and a red banner at the bottom with white text: 'DUBLIN BORN SINGER/SONGWRITER ENDA REILLY WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE KILGOUR ON JANUARY 15, 2026. SPONSORED BY KEVIN MURPHY OF THE MOTOR CITY IRISH FEST. SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE BUT PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING WHATEVER YOU WOULD LIKE TO EAT. A SCOTTISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY FOUNDED IN 1849 AND AN IRC 501(C)(3) CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION'.

**JANUARY 15
7:00 PM
\$10 COVER CHARGE
CASH BAR**

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

ENDA REILLY

KILGOUR SCOTTISH CENTRE

DUBLIN BORN SINGER/SONGWRITER ENDA REILLY WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE KILGOUR ON JANUARY 15, 2026.
SPONSORED BY KEVIN MURPHY OF THE MOTOR CITY IRISH FEST.
SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE BUT PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING WHATEVER YOU WOULD LIKE TO EAT.

A SCOTTISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY FOUNDED IN 1849 AND AN IRC 501(C)(3) CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

\$10 COVER CHARGE AT THE DOOR

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF DETROIT

PRESENTS

AN EVENING WITH ROBERT BURNS

JANUARY 24TH, 2026

SOCIAL HOUR 6PM

DINNER & PROGRAM 7PM

TICKETS

\$100 MEMBER & GUEST PRESALE THROUGH 12/31

\$110 PUBLIC PRICE

CASH BAR

KILGOUR SCOTTISH CENTRE

2363 ROCHESTER ROAD

TROY, MI 48063

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Kirk in the Hills

Would Like to invite members of the St.
Andrew's Society of Detroit to join us for a

POETRY PARTY

To honor Robert Burns' 267th Birthday,
and celebrate poetry together!

Please join us in the Refectory at Kirk in the Hills on
Sunday, Jan. 25 2026 from 3 - 4:30 p.m.

- 1340 W Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills MI 48302 -

Bring a small snack and favorite poem to share with your
poetry table. We will have readings of Burns' work to
begin and conclude our afternoon together!

Sign up here:

tinyurl.com/2026burnsbash



SASD Membership

2026 Monthly Membership Meetings--Many Hands Make Light Work



Social Chair



Contact

[**SIGN UP BY CLICKING HERE**](#)



SASD Membership

February Membership Potluck

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Celts, Cups, & Canvases

Come paint your own Highland Cow!
February 7th, 2026
 Members \$30
 Public \$40
 cash bar
 Preregister online by 1/24/2026
 Canvas and paint provided
 Please bring a container for water to rinse your brushes and an old shirt to paint in.
 Kilgour Scottish Centre
 2363 Rochester Rd. Troy, MI




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Returning in 2026!

The Detroit Scots' Friday Fish Fry

Beginning Friday, February 20 through Friday, April 3
4:30 pm until 7:30 pm

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

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It is because we have many dedicated members that continue to volunteer each week that makes it a success. There is room to bring more volunteers on board. It takes more than 30 volunteers each week to ensure we can host a memorable evening for the community.

Fish Fries start February 20th and run for seven weeks ending April 2nd.

We need volunteers 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for set-up and prep. And 3:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each Friday night. Please use the Signup Genius link below. Thank You!

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE FISH FRY](#)

NEEDED: Foster for three ridiculously adorable Chihuahuas.

Polly (7 yrs), Little Man (6 yrs), and Kingsley (8 mo) are looking for someone to open their heart and home to them while their mom gets back on her feet. As some of you may be aware, last September we had a young homeless woman and her dogs living in a tent in our parking lot. We were able to get her placed in a homeless shelter and the dogs are temporarily with Ofelia (one of our bartenders here at the Kilgour). Polly and Little man are fixed, and Kingsley will be neutered in a couple of weeks. Unfortunately, Ofelia's chihuahua is particularly jealous of Little Man and goes after him often. It's become unsafe for him. The dogs are VERY bonded, and must be re-homed together. We're looking for someone to step up and keep them safe, and loved, and together, until their mom is finally able to bring them to their forever home.

Please note: The right foster is ideally someone who has experience working with rescue/shelter dogs, and understands the patience these innocent pups need to acclimate to new surroundings. They've already suffered so much trauma. The payoff is the temporary company, love, and appreciation from three incredibly sweet and loving fur babies while they wait to be reunited with their mom. Also, please understand that no rescues or animal shelters will be considered, as we're looking to eventually return all three dogs to their owner.

Call Kathleene Thomson at the Kilgour office (248) 526-1849 if interested or have any questions.



Have your Clan join the Wall!



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)

Clan: _____

Tartan: _____

Circle Wood color: Light or Dark

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for your next event!**



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We're on the Web!

detroitscots.com

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HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Wendy Campbell Binder Donald Duncan

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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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Mail completed form and check to: St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, Attn Fling Editor, 2363 Rochester Road, Troy, MI 48083

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Month: ☐ January ☐ February ☐ March ☐ April ☐ May ☐ June ☐ September ☐ October

☐ November ☐ December

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