

St. Andrew's Society of Connecticut

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From the Desk of the President:

With our annual meeting coming in December, this will be my final message to you as Society president. I have been honoured to serve you and continue to support the Society with its worthy endeavours. As you are well aware the Society functions to support benevolence efforts, scholarship for Scottish studies and perpetuating Scottish culture and heritage. Those of you with friends who have Scottish interest are encouraged to connect them with SASCT. The membership fee is modest and the community is a wonderful connection.

The Society 2009 annual meeting for members and friends is coming on Sunday, December 6th. We will meet at two o'clock at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 28 Church St. West Haven, Connecticut. After our annual meeting we will enjoy Scottish meat pies, sausage rolls accompanied by traditional peas. The driving directions appear in the meeting notice area.

Our St. Andrew's Society Robert Burns celebration will be Saturday, February 6th 2010 at J. Timothy's Taverne in Plainville. We hope to see you there.

Happy St. Andrew's Day!

Pam Munro

Pamela R. Munro, President
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Watch for mail.

Keep a lookout for your **SASCT membership renewal**. It will arrive shortly.

Please return your renewal promptly.

Note: If you joined AFTER July 1, you will NOT pay dues until 2011.

Information for the 2010 Burns Celebration including meal choices will be in that mailing.



Tartan Day April 6th 2010

Tartan Day Buttons 2010 are available for under \$1 until Dec. 31st

web site: <http://tartandaybuttons.com/>





Biggest ever St Andrew's 'Do'

Culture Minister Michael Russell today unveiled Edinburgh's St Andrew's Day programme, a key part of the Homecoming Scotland Finale Celebrations taking place across the country. Centred on St Andrew Square Gardens and linked to venues across the city, the 2009 St Andrew's 'Do' offers an assortment of free family-friendly activities and entertainment over the weekend leading to Scotland's national day... Unveiling the programme, Culture Minister Michael Russell said: "St Andrew's Day is a day to celebrate all that is great about Scotland - our culture, our heritage, our innovations and

our people. This year's celebrations will be the biggest and best yet, filled with more activity in Edinburgh than ever before and over 40 exciting enhanced and new events across the country... ...There are also many events taking place internationally, including a St Andrew's Day Ball in Toronto, Washington and Bangkok. **St Andrew's Day, Scotland's National Day, is on November 30.** The Scottish Government has committed up to £434,000 towards St Andrew's Day celebrations across Scotland. With the same budget as previous years we are delivering more for our money with a bigger spread of events...

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/11/05095120> Nov. 5th 2009



Happy St. Andrew's Day November 30th



History comes to life

A wealth of information about Scotland's past is now freely available through an online resource developed for the use of pupils, teachers and the wider public. [Scotland's History Online](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/scotlandshistory/) <http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/scotlandshistory/> covers a range of subjects, from prehistoric through to 21st Century Scotland. With more than 200 topics that include links to over 1,000 other online sources and a wide range of interactive supporting materials, the resource could be the one of the best of its kind anywhere in the world.

Education Secretary Fiona Hyslop said: "Scotland has a fantastic story to tell from the Early People, Wars of Independence, Renaissance, Reformation and Enlightenment through to the modern day. From innovations in the fields of medicine, science and industry through to Scotland's place in an evolving European Union, it's essential that our young people develop a strong understanding of Scottish history... ..."For too long Scottish history has been neglected in our schools. That's why - for the first time - learning about Scotland's history, heritage and culture is embedded within the curriculum and this new resource helps ensure schools can deliver informed, exciting and varied Scottish history teaching." Bernard McLeary, Chief Executive of Learning and Teaching Scotland (LTS), said: "The team at LTS, along with partners from the Heritage Education Forum, have developed a fantastic online resource that explores more than 5,000 years of Scottish history, enabling learners to develop an understanding of how Scotland has grown as a nation, as well as an appreciation of their heritage within the global community..."



...Tom Monaghan, President of the Scottish Association of History Teachers (SATH), said: "SATH has been delighted to support the development of new online resources for the teaching of Scottish history in our schools and colleges. We hope that these resources will encourage colleagues to start local but think global when teaching young Scots about their past, present and future." The resource is structured by time periods: Early People (Prehistoric), Caledonians, Picts, Britons and Romans (Ancient), Wars of Independence (Medieval), Medieval life (Medieval), Renaissance, Mary Queen of Scots and the Reformation (Early Modern), Union of the Crowns to Union of Parliaments (Early Modern), Jacobites, the Clearances and Enlightenment (Early Modern), Making of Industrial and urban Scotland (Modern), Scotland in the 20th and 21st centuries (Modern)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/10/27104101> 27/10/2009



December Meeting Election Nominations for SASCT 2010

OFFICERS

President	Ellen Waff	Vice President	Peg Limbacher
Rec Secretary	Mary Erhler	Corr Secretary	Ken McClen
Treasurer	Isabella Goldie	Asst Treasurer	Bill Waff

BOARD OF MANAGERS

By Law changes call for six managers

Two Years: Maggie Carchrie, Robert Goldie, Angela Rowley
One Year: Bob Shand, Bud Wyllie, Gayle Wyllie

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the time for elections
at the Society Annual Meeting, December 6th 2009.

We send our thanks and appreciation to those who have completed terms this year:
Linda Coad, Virginia Morris, Gerald Munro, Ron Solan



SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

1. Change Nominating Committee to minimum of 2 members; one from managers and one from general membership. No restriction on more than two.
2. Names of nominating committee to be announced in August newsletter.
3. Slate to be announced in Nov/Dec newsletter.
4. Election to be by voting rather than paper ballot.
5. Audit to be held every three years or when treasurers change.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF MANAGERS

1. Reduce the Board of Managers to six members and keep number elected each year to three. The total Board would then have 12 members including the Officers.
2. Reduce the required number of Managers meetings to 2 or 3 from 5.
3. Reduce required quorum to seven from eight.

ARTICLE VI. MEMBER MEETINGS

1. Reduce the required number of member meetings to three, not including the Burns Dinner.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

1. Which committees should be permanent? Current committees are:
---- shows proposed committees to become ad hoc (created when needed).

Benevolence	Burns	Communications	Education	Festival
Genealogy	Library	Membership	Outreach	Program

PROPOSED REVISIONS. Changes shall be effective on January 1, 2010
and shall apply to the Nominating Committee actions of late 2009.



December 2009 Annual Meeting

2:00 PM Sunday, December 6th 2009
Church of the Holy Spirit
28 Church St. West Haven, Connecticut

Annual Meeting with Pies and Peas

Welcome by President Munro, Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, Correspondence, Committee reports including By Law revision, nomination & annual election of officers for 2010, Old Business, New Business, Adjournment

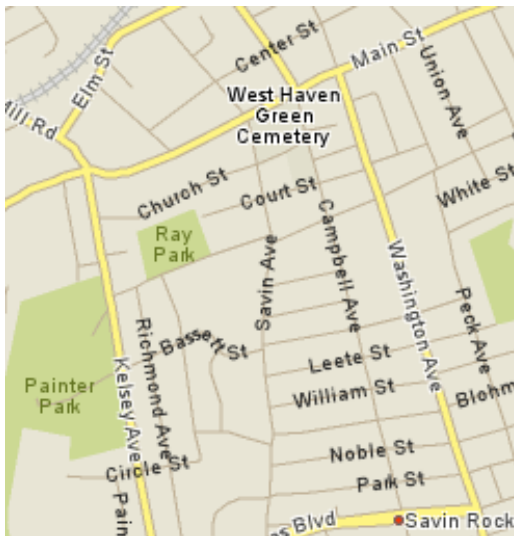
Peas and Pies

Scottish Meat Pies and Sausage Rolls served with peas, beans, bread, tea or coffee, desserts

Choice of: 2 meat pies or 1 pie and 1 sausage roll, non-member price \$5

Bring a dessert to share in the Pot Luck Dessert area.

Directions: Church of the Holy Spirit, 28 Church St. West Haven CT 06516



From Fairfield: I-95 north- Take exit 43 toward DOWNTOWN WEST HAVEN, Turn RIGHT on CAMPBELL AVE, Turn RIGHT on CHURCH ST, Arrive. Est. 25 minutes

From Hartford: I-91 S toward NEW HAVEN / N. Y. CITY, I-91 S becomes Connecticut TPKE, Take exit 44 toward DOWNTOWN WEST HAVEN, CONTINUE on ELM ST, Turn LEFT on CAMPBELL AVE, Turn RIGHT on CHURCH ST, Arrive Est. 41 minutes

From New London: I-95 S toward NEW HAVEN, Take exit 44 toward DOWNTOWN WEST HAVEN 3.8 mi, CONTINUE on ELM ST 0.5 mi, Turn LEFT on CAMPBELL AVE 0.7 mi, Turn RIGHT on CHURCH ST 0.4 mi. Arrive Est. 49 minutes

From Torrington: CT-8 S toward Bridgeport, to 95 north and follow Fairfield directions.



Annual Robert Burns Celebration

**For our beloved Scottish Poet
Saturday, January 30th 2010 from 6 p.m.**

**Traditional Burns Supper
Neeps, tatties and haggis**

Choice: Prime Rib, Salmon, Stuffed Chicken Breast



**Reservation forms will be included in the annual membership mailing
and will also be posted on www.sasct.org
Vegetarian and children's meals can be arranged.**

**Friends and interested public are welcome.
Seating is limited to 90, so book early.
Deadline for reservations is January 25th 2009.**

**J. Timothy's Taverne
143 New Britain Avenue Plainville, CT (860) 747-6813**

From Members

Society members Maggie Carchrie and Thomas Leigh are offering lessons in areas of Scottish interest including Gaelic language and highland dance.
For more information: maggie@mermaid-productions.com (860) 748-7549

Edward Cook, our festival Dog wrangler, has sent a response to
'So Jacob wrote...' in the August 2009 Caledonian.

"The festival/games has become a tradition since I first became a member. Shortly there after I volunteered as dogs chairman. Mother and I began as members attending this fine ethnic activity. In my own travels, in life, I have accepted the facts which affect tradition. In our festival sponsored by Our society, it is imperative to uphold – tradition. Life is cruel and unfair, yet... tradition still stands clearly in my mind and something positive! I fully intend ... to support this effort at all cost, until I am unable to walk another step. In conclusion: tradition, as any other less in life comes from a single quarter – us. The older generation and also the mid generation as well.

Handing down to our followers is as important as life itself."



Our **Benevolence Committee** is collecting suggestions for the December Annual Meeting proposal.
Please contact Gerald and Pam Munro with your ideas at:
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