

St. Andrew's Society of Connecticut

The Caledonian

November 2011

From the Desk of the President:

Ah, the threshold of the holiday season is here: Thanksgiving, St. Andrew's Day (November 30th), SASCT's Annual Meeting (December 4th), Christmas, and, finally, Hogmanay. Whew!

We hope to see many of you at our Annual Meeting at East Haven's Bradford Manor Fire Station. We will discuss our annual Benevolence contributions, hold our election of Officers and Board, eat our Pies & Peas (please bring a dessert to share) and I will tell you some Scottish stories.

I would like to wish everyone a warm and hospitable holiday season with family and friends. May the First-footer of Hogmanay bring you warmth, food and drink....and luck to last for the whole year! Many blessings!

Best Wishes, and Good Health (Slainte Mhath!)

Ellen Coutts Waff, FSA Scot
President, SASCT ewaff@comcast.net



Your **SASCT membership renewal will arrive shortly.**
Your prompt attention is requested in the renewal process.
Dues pay for communication. Please include your email address.
Festival monies are used for scholarship and benevolence only.
Note: If you joined AFTER July 1, you will NOT pay dues until 2012.
Burns Celebration meal choices will be included in the mailing.





December 2011 Society Annual Meeting

2:00 PM Sunday, December 4, 2011

Bradford Manor Fire Station #4 at 85 George Street, East Haven CT

Pies and Peas are back.

Welcome by President Waff, Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, Correspondence, Committee reports, Nominations & Election of officers for 2012, Old Business, New Business, Adjournment
All members are encouraged to attend.
Ellen Waff will present "The Seannachie", Scottish tales and enchantments.

***We will enjoy peas and pies along with dessert.
Bring a dessert to share in the Pot Luck Dessert area.***

Directions to the venue below.



December Annual Election of Society Officers Nominations for SASCT 2012

OFFICERS

President	Pamela Munro	Vice President	Peg Limbacher
Rec Secretary	Mary Ehrler	Corr Secretary	Ken McClen
Treasurer	Ellen Waff	Asst Treasurer	*open*

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Two Year Terms: Angela Rowley, Steve Sonleiter, Catherine Sutherland
Remaining to complete one year: Janine Parente, Bud Wylie, Gayle Wylie

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the time for elections
at the Society Annual Meeting, December 4, 2011.

Directions to Branford Fire Station #4 at 85 George Street, East Haven, Connecticut The Society Meeting is upstairs. The parking lot is in the rear.

~From the W: via I-95 N toward New Haven, to exit 51 to merge onto US-1 toward East Haven/Frontage Road, Turn right onto Hemingway Ave, continue onto Coe St., Turn left onto Soundview Ave, Take the 1st right onto George St Destination will be on the left.

~From the E via I-95 S, exit 52 for CT-100/N High St toward E Haven, left onto CT-100 S/N High St, left onto Main St, 2nd right onto Hemingway Ave, Continue onto Coe Ave, Turn left onto Soundview Ave, Take the 1st right onto George St Destination will be on the left.





November 30th St Andrew's Day celebrations 09/11/2011

More Scottish visitor and leisure attractions than ever before are to take part in this year's St Andrew's Day celebrations by offering free or discounted offers to the public. On the weekend of November 26 and 27 and on St Andrew's Day (November 30), Scots and Scots at heart can make the most of this year's special offers, as well as join the celebrations taking place in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, St Andrews and East Lothian.

Smartphone users can also download a new St Andrew's Day app which will provide them with events information both in Scotland and the rest of the world. The free app also provides information about the history of St Andrew and a guide for people hosting their own celebrations wherever they may be.

Culture Secretary Fiona Hyslop said: "Scotland's Winter Festivals provide a great opportunity to showcase Scotland as a great visitor destination and the perfect stage for events year round. Celebrations that centre on Christmas events and carry on right through to January will be kicked off with the St Andrew's Day celebrations.

"It's fantastic to see the groundswell of support from public and private sector organisations throughout the country who have grasped the opportunity to get involved with events on and around St Andrew's Day. This, coupled with our event programme and free visits to all Historic Scotland's properties on the last weekend of November, will offer something for everyone to enjoy during this year's celebrations.

"The new St Andrew's Day app is a creative way to share information on our national day, activities and events with smart phone users around the globe, inspiring Scots and Scots at heart to join in the celebrations wherever they may be."

Historic Scotland is once again offering free admission to over 40 of Scotland's top heritage attractions including Scotland's number one tourist attraction, Edinburgh Castle, the newly refurbished renaissance palace at Stirling Castle, and Urquhart Castle on the banks of Loch Ness on the November 26 and 27. Visitors need to pre-register in advance at www.ticketgiveaway.co.uk. Free admission for walk up visitors will also be available at Edinburgh Castle, St. Andrews Castle and St. Andrews Cathedral on November 30.

Scotland's Winter Festivals begin with St Andrew's Day on November 30 and includes Scotland's Hogmanay celebrations on December 31, culminating with Burns night on January 25. Events and celebrations will begin on the weekend leading to St Andrew's Day (November 26 and 27), running through Christmas and Hogmanay until Burns Night.

Scotland's Winter Festivals are funded and delivered by the Scottish Government in partnership with EventScotland, VisitScotland, Historic Scotland, Association of Scottish Visitor Attractions, Scottish local authorities, Scottish Parliament, Education Scotland and partners in the commercial sector.

www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/11/09120230

13/11/2011 Remembrance Day The First Minister has today paid tribute to the courage and commitment of Scotland's servicemen and women on Remembrance Sunday. Alex Salmond joined George Grubb, Lord Lieutenant and Lord Provost of Edinburgh, military leaders, veterans and serving personnel at the Stone of Remembrance at the City Chambers in Edinburgh. He observed a two minute silence and laid a wreath on behalf of the people of Scotland.



The First Minister then attended a Service of Remembrance at St Giles Cathedral. He said: "Remembrance Sunday is the time when every man, woman and child in Scotland should pause and give thought to the immense sacrifice which so many have made to protect our way of life and freedom.

"This moment of reflection is a small but significant tribute to all of our servicemen and women, past and present, who have paid the ultimate price in defence of our country. "Today is a day to proudly remember the bravery of all those who have given their lives in the service of our nation and whose sacrifice will never be forgotten."

www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/11/14103210



Amazon opens in Fife 15/11/2011

First Minister Alex Salmond today joined Amazon's Vice President of European Operations Allan Lyall and Fife Council leader Councillor Peter Grant to officially open the company's new one million square-foot fulfilment centre in Fife. The Dunfermline facility - the largest in the UK at approximately the size of 14 football pitches - will eventually create 750 new permanent jobs and up to 1,500 temporary jobs during the peak Christmas period.

Mr Salmond and Mr Lyall also visited Amazon's new customer service centre in Edinburgh where the FM presented certificates to Amazon employees joining the company on a permanent basis. The centre at Waverley Gate handles both internet and telephone customer queries for Amazon.co.uk, including technical support for Amazon Kindle and MP3, and will create more than 900 new permanent and temporary jobs over five years.

Both developments, along with the creation of 200 new posts at Amazon's Gourrock fulfilment centre, are backed by £4.3 million of Scottish Enterprise RSA and training awards, and underline the continued confidence of major inward investors in Scotland. Funding of up to £6.3 million has also been made available to support the construction of the

"We are delighted to welcome Amazon to Fife and to see this massive fulfilment centre officially opened today. This is the biggest inward investment into Fife in a generation and we are extremely proud that Amazon has chosen Fife as the location to create 750 new jobs and even more during peak times..."

Scottish Enterprise chairman Crawford Gilles said: "We know that our excellent skills base combined with a well developed and supportive business environment, means Scotland is a highly attractive location for international investment. The decision by a truly global brand, like Amazon, to build its largest UK fulfilment centre in Dunfermline clearly demonstrates this.

...Amazon has seven fulfilment centres in the UK: Dunfermline and Gourrock in Scotland; Swansea Bay in Wales; and Marston Gate, Peterborough, Doncaster and Rugeley in England.

Recruiting for more than 1,000 permanent and temporary employees at Dunfermline has already commenced, including hundreds of temporary Associate roles and positions across many different areas from Operations and IT to HR and Engineering.

www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/11/15111738



Some Sites of Interest

www.tartanday.org

www.fifa.com/ football

www.rampantscotland.com

www.electricscotland.com

www.visitscotland.com

www.glasgowguide.co.uk/

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk records/genealogy www.stirling.gov.uk/ www.scotland.org/

www.history-timelines.org.uk/

www.saint-andrews.co.uk/

www.valeofleven.org.uk/

www.the-tudors.org.uk/

www.asgf.org/ games listings www.paisley.org.uk

www.fco.gov.uk British foreign policy news and travel advice

www.facebook.com/ScottishAffairsOfficeintheUSA

The State of the Festival

For twenty eight years members of the St. Andrews Society of Connecticut have worked on committees throughout the year to assemble the October festival. Any money after expenses has been used for funding benevolence and scholarships. Fewer and fewer Society members have come forward to contract with vendors, ready the grounds, set-up equipment, advertise, post signs, parking, bank, and clean-up. On festival day you see a small piece of the work that makes this event happen. More and more essential duties must now be hired.

Rain and paying for more services are some reasons the festival has lost money the past couple of years. The position of festival (assistant) treasurer is open in the upcoming election. This winter will bring a serious look at our ability to continue for the 29th year.

Stay tuned.

The winter "Caledonian" will have more information on what is needed to continue the festival.

Annual Robert Burns Celebration

Saturday, January 28, 2012 from 6 p.m.

Traditional Burns Supper
Neeps, tatties and haggis

Vegetarian and children's meals by arrangement.

Reservation forms will include meal choices
and will arrive in the annual membership mailing in mid-December.
Forms will also be posted on www.sasct.org.


Friends and interested public are welcome.
Seating is limited to 90, so book early.
Deadline for reservations is January 22, 2011.

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



Contact St. Andrews Society of Connecticut

Email: membership@sasct.org info@sasct.org Web site: www.sasct.org





Scottish Pridg



Share a favorite story or recipe.

Send us a family tale, recipe, joke, memory or message.

Email the “Caledonian” editor with your submission.

Use: info@sasct.org or pmunro@sbcglobal.net .

We reserve the right to censor or refuse printing.

Questions for Readers:

What would you choose as Scotland’s national anthem and why?

Who are your favorite Scottish entertainers?

Where would you like to live in Scotland and why?

What would you change about our Scottish festival in Goshen?

Newsletter delivery via email

Would you rather receive your newsletter via email?

The links are live and the pages have color.

The August “Caledonian” is sent with festival notices and so arrives in your snail mail.

Send your request to an email above.

