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Issue I

Have You Visited Our New Website Yet? Come See What It Has To Offer!



The St. Andrew's Society Website was completely redesigned last year to address the limitations of the previous site. By hosting through a company called Square Space, we are now easily able to add content and keep it updated so that members have access to accurate information. *Continued on page 5*

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Carrbridge in winter

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Burns Supper**
February 3
- Annual Meeting**
March 12
- Whisky Tasting**
April TBA



Bylaws

Revisions to By-Laws

By James Kelleher

At the October 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board unanimously voted to adopt significant revisions to the by-laws of the St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island. The complete by-laws, as revised, are available for viewing on the website under the Membership tab, but the highlights of the revisions are as follows:

The **classes of membership** in our organization have been streamlined, and now consist of General Members, Life Members and Honorary Members. We eliminated a distinct class for members not of Scottish decent, and we limited the life member class to those persons presently in that class. Going forward all members will be general members and thereby eligible to vote, hold office and serve on the Board of Directors. Honorary members will have the same rights but will no longer pay dues.

The **term of membership to the Board of Directors** will now be set at a five year term with no limitation on the number of terms a member may serve. When a Board member's term expires, his or her seat will be up for election at the next Annual Meeting. As described on page 7, two such seats on the Board will be elected at the upcoming Annual Meeting in March.

The **offices of the Society** have been reformed as well. We have eliminated the position of President (which has been vacant for a number of years) and Vice President. A new position has been created entitled **Events Manager**. The position is currently vacant (please see the State of the Society article on Page 4.) The Board has appointed Cathy Poirier to serve as Secretary, Gail Kelleher as Treasurer, Shirley Loiselle as Membership Chair, and Joseph Muzzy, Patty Pereira and Gail Kelleher to serve as the Social Media Committee. The Social Media Committee is responsible for maintenance and updating of the SASRI website and Facebook page as well as publication of the Saltire. In addition, the Social Media Committee will be responsible for community outreach as appropriate.



Tartan Bash and Christmas Cèilidh

The Tartan Bash continues to be a smash success!

The Imperial Room in Cranston, RI was the selected site once again for this annual event. Beautifully decorated with various tartans displayed throughout the room, the royal blue bows on the chairs coordinated nicely with the many representations of the Society's own tartan colors, and added a very festive feel to the room. Steve Venuti artfully performed the duties of Master of Ceremonies, carefully guiding the guests through the evening's activities of dinner, dancing, and entertainment.

Waltzing and reeling the night away to the tunes of the Irish Express, the eighty guests kept to the dance floor for most of the evening. The band gratefully noted their appreciation of all the dancing, and to Kristen Howe who led the dancers in the Scottish country dance numbers.

Piper and Society member Debbie Kane and drummer Norman McLeod further enhanced the musical portion of the evening by performing a selection of Scottish tunes, including several especially loved tunes that are always requested by long-time members.

Newcomers to the event were enthralled with David Ward's Address to a Haggis, many not having seen it performed. For the newly initiated to the tradition, a translation of the poem was made available at several of the tables so that guests could follow along. The Society is grateful for David's continuing participation in the traditional Address.

A highlight of the evening was the recognition of Virginia Butler as having been the Society's treasurer for 17 years! John MacLean presented Virginia with a plaque noting the Society's appreciation for her efforts and dedication, and Richmond Cargill presented a bouquet of flowers. In honor of her years of service, Virginia was designated a lifetime Honorary Membership in the Society. Congratulations, Virginia!

As always, the evening concluded with all guests in a circle, holding hands, singing Auld Lang Syne, as we remembered all those near and far whom we hold in our hearts.

Christmas came early for members of the St. Andrew's Society – Our annual Christmas Cèilidh festivities were held December 2 at the American Legion Auburn Post. Members brought their favorite dishes to share and by all reports the food was delicious! The hall was beautifully decorated putting everyone in the spirit of the season.

In addition to sharing a meal with friends, those present were treated to musical performances by several of our members. And what would a Christmas Cèilidh be without cèilidh dancing? Many of our members joined in dancing the Reel of the 51st and several other favorites.

Most importantly, those who attended shared the Christmas spirit by bringing bags of canned good to support the First Baptist Church in Pawtucket. They were so thankful for the food as they serve approximately 150 families per month. Thank you for helping to make this night a success!

See pictures for both events on our website: <https://sasri.org/photos/>

STATE OF THE SOCIETY REPORT

In the past few months, the leadership of the Society has been looking toward the new year with an increased focus on membership. In order for any organization of this type to survive and prosper, it must serve its longstanding members while also attracting new members. Our recently revised bylaws state that membership is “open to any individual of Scottish birth or descent or any individual who has actively demonstrated a genuine interest and involvement in matters pertaining to Scottish life, traditions, culture and history”. Any one or more of our annual events and gatherings offers a golden opportunity for you to share our organization with a friend. Whether it’s the Burns Supper, the Tartan Bash or the Christmas Ceilidh, we can honestly say “the more, the merrier”. We received this message from a first time guest at the recent Tartan Bash:

Thanks for having us participate in the great festivities last night for the TARTAN BASH. It is always rewarding to see all the positive traditions other cultures have to offer. Indeed last night left a memorable and beautiful impression on both me and my wife. Keep up the good work and HAPPY THANKS-GIVING to all of you and hopefully we can participate again in the future!!!!

Treat your friends to a taste of Scotland through one of our events, and don’t be surprised if they come back for more.

The Board has also revived an old tradition whereby St. Andrew’s Day (November 30) greetings are exchanged between various St. Andrews Societies across the USA and throughout the world. We sent greetings this year to fifty sister societies as close as Connecticut and as far as Australia. We received greetings from York, England among others. Attention Poets of the Society: We’ll be asking for suggestions from the membership this summer for the 2018 St. Andrew’s day greeting! The text from this year’s greeting is shown on page 6.

Finally, the Board will be appointing a person to serve as our very first Events Manager, a new position created in the recent revisions to the bylaws. The Events Manager will be responsible for seeing that those persons chairing an individual event are staying on schedule in planning and preparation. If you think that you might be interested in being considered for this position, please contact our Secretary [Cathy Poirier](#). We can truly use your time and talents, and perhaps this position could be your way of putting your stamp on the Society.

Board of Directors

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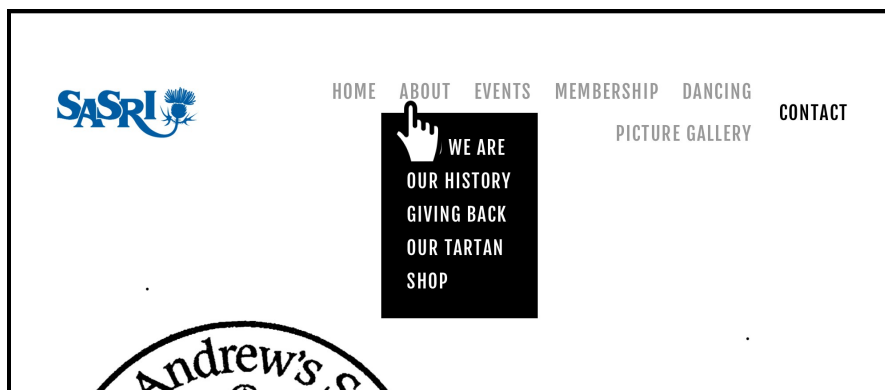
To view the content of the website, click on any of the five links located on the front left of the screen:



Once inside, additional navigation links appear:

HOME, ABOUT, EVENTS, MEMBERSHIP, DANCING, PICTURE GALLERY, AND CONTACT.

Hover your mouse over the links - drop down boxes will display as shown in the next photo:



ABOUT - Learn about the history and goals of the Society, information regarding charitable giving, the story of our tartan, and access to items that may be purchased.

EVENTS - Displays an events calendar along with description of each separate event hosted by the society, or of interest to its members. When applicable, event specific registration forms will be included for easy downloading.

MEMBERSHIP - Information regarding joining the Society can be found here, along with a sample of our newsletter, *The Saltire*.

DANCING - Includes our dance schedule, cost and location. In the future, this page will include videos of the dances we perform (in case you want to brush up before the Tartan Bash, Christmas Ceilidh or Burns Supper!)

PICTURE GALLERY - Contains photographs of our members and event attendees. We hope you enjoy looking at these pictures – and if you wish to get an electronic copy of a picture for your own, simply right click and save the picture to your own computer. You can then send electronically to your favorite drug store and have a picture printed suitable for framing.

CONTACT – Completing a fillable form with questions/comments/suggestions here generates an email to the Society.

HOME - Clicking this button returns you to the front page of the website.



Members' Page



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Charles Thomas

**Mr. & Mrs. John and Kelly McCorkle
and family Christopher and Timothy**

Ms. Elliott Caldwell

2017 St. Andrew's Day-A Toast

Wha cares if skies be dull and gray?

Wha heeds November weather?

Let ilka Scot be glad to-day

The whold wide warl' the gither.

Here's tae the auld hame far away!

While tender mists do blind us,

We'll pledge on this, St. Andrew's day,

'The land we left behind us!'

By Jean Blewett

Flowers of the Forest

Joseph Patrick Butler Sr.

December 24, 2017

Jean Saunders

December 9th 2017

NOTICES

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(shirleyloiselle3@gmail.com)

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(jfmuzzy@verizon.net) and/or

Gail Kelleher

(gailkr@verizon.net).

Honorary Memberships Awarded

We are pleased to announce that the Board of The St. Andrew's Society has unanimously agreed to present the following Honorary Memberships:

Joyce and Peter Dell

In recognition of their decades of contributions to the Society, and their fervent desire to promote Scottish culture in the State of RI to all Scots, and Scots at heart.

Virginia Butler

In recognition of her 25 years of membership, including 10 years serving as the Society's Treasurer. Thank you Virginia!

St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island, Inc. - 2017 Annual Report

Operating Account - October 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2017			
Beginning Balance October 1, 2016			\$ 17,235.70
Total Deposits for This Period	\$ 10,691.19		
Total Disbursements	\$ 8,434.36		
Ending Balance September 30, 2017			\$ 19,492.53
Tartan Account - October 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2017			
Beginning Balance October 1, 2016			\$ 6,518.17
Total Deposits Plus Interest	\$ 1.29		
Total Disbursements	\$ 277.33		
Ending Balance September 30, 2017			\$ 6,242.13
*Charitable Savings Account - October 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2017			
Beginning Balance October 1, 2016			\$ 1,110.48
Total Deposits Plus Interest	\$ 0.09		
Total Disbursements	\$ -		
Ending Balance September 30, 2017			\$ -
*Account Closed - \$1,110 .57 transferred to Operating Account			
Certificates of Deposit			\$ 14,569.17
Total Assets as of September 30, 2017			\$ 40,303.83

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island cordially invites you to join us on March 12th for our Annual Meeting and the election of two members to our Board of Directors.

When: 7:30 PM on March 12, 2018 at 88 Boxwood Street, Cranston, RI.
Please note location will be confirmed upon final tally of attendees.

Agenda: A vote will be conducted at the Annual Meeting to elect two persons to the membership of the Board of Directors for a period of five years. The two seats being filled are those of the longest serving current Board members, John MacLean and G. Richmond Cargill.

Current Nominees: John MacLean and G. Richmond Cargill

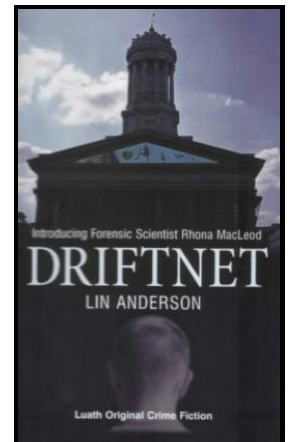
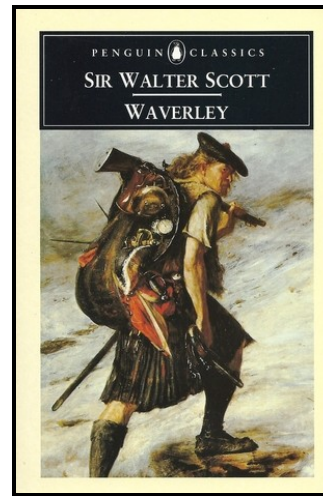
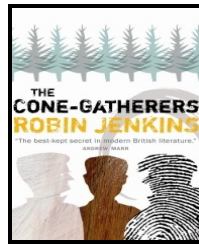
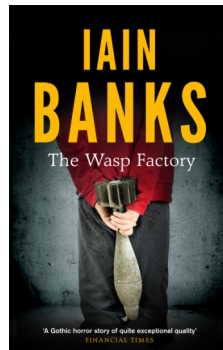
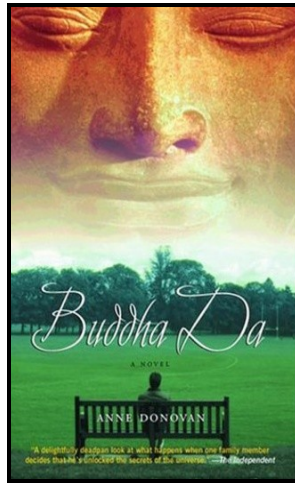
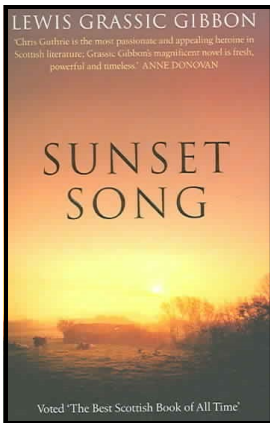
Nominating Candidates: If any member wishes to nominate additional candidates, please email the name/s to Cathy Poirer at cath251@hotmail.com no later than February 1, 2018.

RSVP Instructions: If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please RSVP to [Cathy Poirer](#) by February 1st.

Voting Instructions: By March 1st the final list of candidates for the two positions on the Board of Directors will be posted to the Membership Page of the SASRI [website](#). Voting will be done in-person at the meeting on March 12th, but you may send a proxy to vote on your behalf if you are unable to join. If you intend to send a proxy, please notify [Cathy Poirer](#) no later than March 1, 2018.

We look forward to your participation in our first election since the revision of our by-laws. Lang may yer lum reek!

GOOD SCOTTISH READS



Looking for a Good Book?

Winter is here! It's time to grab a glass of your favorite libation, curl up in front of the fire, and lose yourself in a great story. Here are some great choices, old and new:

Recently voted best Scottish book of all time: **Sunset Song**, by Lewis Grassic Gibbon. *Sunset Song* remains a classic across the land. What young woman wouldn't identify with its heroine, Chris Guthrie, torn between the countryside of her birth and the modern world?

Murder Mystery: **Driftnet**, by Lin Anderson. This crime book has flown off shelves. When a teenage boy is found murdered in a Glasgow flat, forensic psychologist Rhona MacLeod finds likenesses between herself and the victim. Could he be the son she put up for adoption 17 years before?

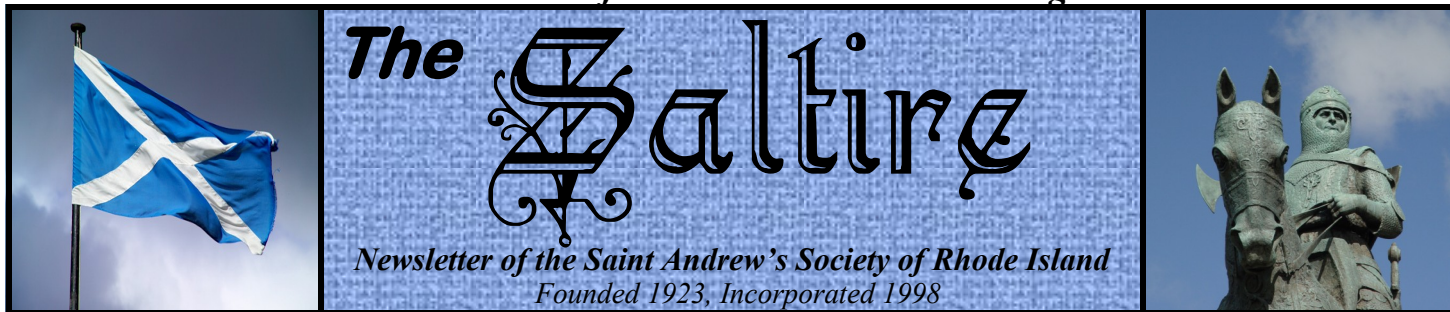
A Lyrical Read: **Buddha Da**, by Anne Donovan. This beautiful novel won rave reviews when first published three years ago. Though written entirely in Glaswegian Scots, it is an easy and lyrical read about a decorator who becomes a Buddhist, and is one of Canongate's selection for the Scottish exhibition.

A Classic: **Waverley**, by Sir Walter Scott. For tourists who have arrived at Waverley station and visited the Scott Monument, this is the real thing. The story of the Jacobite uprising of 1745 and the idealistic young Edward Waverley, drawn in to Bonnie Prince Charlie's web. A classic of classics.

Horror: **The Wasp Factory**, by Iain Banks. Dark, detached and brilliant, Iain Banks' first novel remains his finest. Frank is a teenager on a remote Scottish island whose strange obsessions, and the varying degrees of insanity of his family members, become increasingly horrifying. Makes Stephen King look like Beatrix Potter.

Mysterious & Tragic: **The Cone Gatherers**, by Robin Jenkins. Scotland's *Of Mice and Men*, Robin Jenkins' haunting novel is set during the Second World War on a Scottish country estate and tells the story of two brothers working as cone gatherers. Mysterious and tragic, it remains a classic moral tale.

For the full list and descriptions, go to: <http://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/culture/books/the-20-scottish-books-everyone-should-read-1-685642>



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Issue II

S.A.S.R.I. DESIGNATES SCOTTISH AND LOCAL CHARITIES

The St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island has a long history of giving back to the community. In the past, it has supported the RI Highlander's Pipe Band, the American Legion Hall, and the food pantries of various organizations, to name a few. Recently, the Board formally announced McAuley Ministries as the local charity of the Society. McAuley Ministries is an independent non-profit organization sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, and rooted in the ideals of their founder Catherine McAuley. This ministry provides the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, health services, emotional support and guidance to the most vulnerable in our community.

In addition, the James Thin Charitable Trust was chosen as the Scotland-based charity the Society would support in 2018. James Thin was a Scottish bookseller and owner of the principal academic book shop in all of Edinburgh. This registered charity was formed March 9, 1998, and benefits diverse charitable causes such as refugee relief, nature conservation, youth & recreation, and community empowerment. Last year, the charity disbursed \$39,007.98 (90% of its investments and donations). The trustees did not receive any money for expenses as all administration was performed by one of the trustees on a *pro bono* basis.

At the end of the Society's fiscal year (September 30), the Board will make recommendations as to the amount to be sent to each charity, and share the results with our membership in the January 2019 issue of the *Saltire*.

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Eilean Donan Castle, Kyle of Lochalsh, Scotland



UPCOMING EVENTS

Whisky Tasting
April 22nd

Rhode Island
Scottish Highland
Festival
June 9th





55th ANNUAL BURNS SUPPER

The freezing temperature and biting wind did not deter the 250 guests at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet from celebrating the birthday of Scotland's Poet Laureate. The decorations turned the early 20th Century ballroom into an homage to Robert Burns. The stage was festooned with tartan, and the Bard himself gazed down on the crowd from the top of the upper gallery. Each table was covered in white linen and a beautiful centerpiece, coordinated with this year's pin, adorned each table. The room was set for a lovely evening, and what an evening it was!

Master of Ceremonies Stephen Venuti welcomed everyone and invited Board Members G. Richmond Cargill, Shirley Loiselle and John C. MacLean to toast the President, Her Majesty the Queen and the guest of honor, Robert Burns. Brother Enoch John read *The Grace Before Meal* and as dinner was being served the haggis was piped in by John MacLean Jr., accompanied by Richmond Cargill, Ian MacLean and Joe Muzzy bearing the gifts: Whisky, Haggis and Sword. John MacLean delivered the Address to a Haggis perfectly and with plenty of heart – by the way, John makes the ceremonial haggis every year! Guests dined on scotch broth, salad, short ribs and 'neeps & tatties' while watching the events of the evening.

After dinner, the traditions continued. Brother Enoch remembered the Flowers of the Forest, and Catherine MacLean gave a very personal Immortal Memory – fondly speaking of how special the Burns Suppers she attended throughout her childhood were to her, and how it impacted her as a child and as an adult. Catherine, you did your family proud! The dinner concluded with delicious Apple Pie ala Mode. The revelers were treated to beautiful vocal performances by Brother Enoch and Mr. Donald Blais, and as always, finished with *The Star of Rabbie Burns* with the audience joining enthusiastically in the chorus. The Rhode Island Highlanders next took to the floor and dazzled the crowd, led by Pipe Major Debbie Kane as well as a drum solo by Norman McLeod. The Highlanders stayed in perfect formation throughout their performance and no one was disappointed. Well done!

The evening finished with plenty of Ceilidh dancing to the music of the Irish Express. The dance floor was filled with beginner dancers as well as seasoned veterans of all ages. Kristen Howe called the dances, and there was nary a rest for the next two hours. But all good things must come to an end – everyone joined in the singing of Auld Lang Syne with hands clasped, voices raised, and hearts filled with the warmth and friendship of the evening.





2017 CLAN MACLEAN GATHERING

Over 750 MacLeans from across the world attended the Gathering of the Clan on June 20-25 last year. The full event comprised almost a week of activities on the Isle of Mull allowing visitors to connect to their shared heritage and the bounty the ancestral lands of the clan has to offer. It culminated in the Gathering event at Duart Castle on June 24, where visitors enjoyed tours of the castle, cultural entertainment from local performers, food from local vendors, and a mass procession and group photo to commemorate the event. The cultural entertainment included the award-winning Gaelic choir of the Isle of Mull, and the Tobermory School children's Gaelic choir, the clan Chief's official piper, and a demonstration of the proper way to wear a belted plaid, in addition to piping from the Mull and Iona Pipe band, and traditional Scottish dancing by local students. The weather was Scottish as ever, with moments of sun breaking through clouds, followed swiftly by rain, only to repeat the cycle again. Despite moments of tempest, the day was enjoyed by all. That night, the assembled MacLeans crowded into a marquee on the grounds of Tobermory High School and participated in Scottish country dancing. Young and old, experienced and novice, from many countries around the world, all joined in on the dance floor in their finest kilts to kick up their heels long into the evening.

Earlier in the week, boat tours to the nearby islands were available to visitors, allowing them to explore the historic abbey at Iona and the legendary Fingal's Cave and puffin colonies on Staffa and Treshnish. A whiskey tasting was held one evening, allowing attendees to sample a variety of versions of this most Scottish liquor. The marquee was put to great use for a ceilidh on Friday night, featuring performances from the Mull Gaelic choir, including solos by award-winning members, as well as many other local artists. In addition to all of this, genealogists were available for those seek-

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ing more information about their family history, and the shops, museums, and scenery of Tobermory and the entire island were available for MacLean's to explore and enjoy.

A critical focus of the Gathering this year was the campaign to restore Duart Castle. Opportunities abounded to hear about the work being done to repair and preserve the stone façade of the castle, which has suffered after years of weather, wear, and tear. Many took the opportunity to donate to the Heritage Trust, and contribute to the project. Upon visiting the castle, this writer and her family had the opportunity to converse with the masons already at work on the castle, and to hear about the great care and expertise they brought to bear on the project to ensure the castle can stand strong for centuries more.

The immersion in the peaceful island life combined with the celebration of bringing the clan together yet again created a fantastic atmosphere. Upon recognizing each other's green nametags, clansmen were apt to strike up conversations, inquiring about each other's place of origin and connections to the clan. Sharing a common love of Scottish heritage.

Singing together on a hill beneath the castle with hundreds of relatives I had never met was an experience this writer won't soon forget. Here's hoping the next Gathering brings similar joy and connection for this strong and fiercely loyal Clan.



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Members' Page



Congratulations to Chloe Kelleher, daughter of James & Gail Kelleher, Chloe was the winner of the Battle for Your Bacon contest at the Providence Improv Guild.

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Membership Dues

Membership Dues for 2018 – Have You Paid Yours? If not, kindly send your check to Shirley Loiselle at your earliest convenience.

Members that are NOT in good standing will pay non-member prices for all St. Andrew events.



Fiona Halstead, daughter of Warren and Wendy Halstead received her 2nd Degree Black belt in Kenpo on December 21st 2017.



STATE OF THE SOCIETY

The Society's Annual Meeting was held on March 12, 2018. Elections were held for two seats on the Board of Directors, as required under the revisions to our by-laws. Specifically, the two seats up for election were those held by our two longest serving members, John MacLean and Richmond Cargill. After the nomination period closed, both John and Richmond were re-elected unanimously to new five year terms. On behalf of the Society, we are grateful to John and Rich for their yeoman service to the Society and their ongoing commitment to its future. *Moran taing!*

In addition, the Board of Directors filled the last of our offices by selecting Cathy Poirier to serve as our very first Events Manager. As you may recall, the Events Manager is a new position created under the revisions to our by-laws. She will be responsible for assuring that the planning and preparation for our various yearly events runs timely and smoothly. We are thankful to Cathy for taking on this important function.

Our Society has always been a charitable organization, and we will make a charitable gift once a year to two charities; one in Rhode Island and one in Scotland (see the article on page 1). If there is a charity close to your heart, please share that with a Board member for consideration for next year.

We are also pleased to announce that this and future issues of the Saltire will be available on our website: www.sasri.org/newsletter. Readers will now be able to enjoy full color issues, including hyperlinks to relevant information -- something we could not do with our paper format. We hope that making *The Saltire* available to the general public will promote the St. Andrew's Society in a positive way by offering a glimpse into social events and Scottish culture, and increase membership. Please know that you will continue to receive a paper copy of *The Saltire* in the mail.

Lastly, a word about the benefits of membership. As you know, our organization runs several functions throughout the year. The principal benefit of membership in the Society is a *MEMBER DISCOUNT* at the upcoming Whisky Tasting (please see the flyer on the last page of this *Saltire*), the Tartan Bash, our Christmas Ceilidh as well as the annual summer picnic. Since those discounts quickly add up (especially for those with family memberships), maintaining your membership is money well spent. For those who for whatever reason haven't paid their dues for 2018, know that you are at risk of losing those discounts along with your membership.

REVISITING THE REGIONS



*The SASRI Tasting Team Will Explore New Whisky Offerings
From the Highlands to the Islands- complete with small bite pairings*

*Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 3pm
Saint Luke's Church, Pawtucket, R.I.*

Limited to 25 paid tasters

Taster - \$45 per person (non-member \$50)

Non- taster - \$20 per person (non-member \$25)

To secure your reservation please be prompt and make your check payable to

St. Andrew's Society of RI and mail to:

Joseph Muzzy, 66 Everill Street, Warwick, R.I. 02889

To avoid any delays or errors in registering – please provide a return address, telephone number & or email address with your payment so we may promptly notify you if the tasting is full when your reservation is received.

Directions - PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF OUR NEW LOCATION

Saint Luke's Church, 670 Weeden Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

Contact Joe Muzzy 465-5050 or Enoch John Valentine 440-4784 for assistance.



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Issue III

Saint Andrews Golf Course, Scotland



Read the article "Donald Ross' Legacy to Rhode Island" on page 4 to learn about a connection we have to this most famous Scottish golf course.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- New Hampshire Highland Games**
Sept. 21st to 23rd
- Tartan Bash**
November 3rd
- Christmas Ceilidh**
December 1st



WHISKY TASTING 2018

By Cathy Poirier

If you missed the whisky tasting this past April, you missed the best one yet! Joe Muzzy and Stephen Venuti outdid themselves in “**Revisiting the Regions**”, presenting whiskys from the Lowland region, Speyside, the Highland region, Orkney and Islay. Each one a quality whisky with exceptional taste, Joe and Stephen shared their knowledge as they spoke to the nose, palate, and finish of each one, thus enhancing the experience of the 37 tasters. This year’s event featured these whiskys. (see below)

Selected food pairings, largely recommended by the distilleries, were prepared by St Andrew’s Society member Donald Blais. Surprising everyone, Donald began the pairings with a sweet treat, which fully complemented the selected whisky. Each tasting was accompanied by such tasty morsels as stuffed potatoes, beef bourguignon bites and of course, the ever popular haggis puffs!

The foodie hit of the event was the Cullen Skink – a thick Scottish soup made of smoked haddock, potatoes and onions. (Kudos to Donald Blais – he smoked the haddock himself!) It was quite a delicious surprise for all of the attendees, including the 15 non-tasters.

Many thanks to Brother Enoch Valentine for facilitating the event at a new venue, St Luke’s Episcopal Church in Pawtucket. The larger seating area allowed for expanding the tasting to more folks, and the full kitchen facilities enabled Donald to be creative in his food pairings.

Thanks also to the many St Andrew’s Society members who assisted in preparing and serving, (and cleaning up!) and to Nancy Muzzy for assisting Joe and Stephen with the pouring.

Hopefully, you are now sufficiently enticed to attend the 2019 Whisky tasting – check our [website](#) for dates and times. You won’t want to miss it! And if you are interested in learning more about the Whiskys of Islay, check out this [article](#) featured in the New York Times (April 29, 2018).

THE WHISKY

Lowland - Auchentoshan 12;

Speyside - Glenrothes Vintage Reserve;

Highland - Macallan Classic Cut;

Highland - Dalmore 12;

Orkney - Highland Park 23 Viking Honour;

Islay - Lagavulin Distillers Edition.





Donald Ross' Legacy to Rhode Island

By Jim Kelleher

Many people know that the game of golf originated in Scotland, but fewer know of the significant Rhode Island connection to one of golf's legends: Donald Ross.

Donald Ross was born in 1872 near Dornoch in Sutherland. As a young man he honed his skills as a player as well as a greenkeeper on the famed Royal Dornoch course. He managed to land an apprenticeship at golf's holiest of shrines, St. Andrew's. An American benefactor persuaded young Ross to come to the United States and help the game reach new heights. He quickly made his fame in America by designing the legendary Pinehurst 2 in North Carolina along with many others. He became fond of summering in New England and the demand for his skills became such that he opened a summer office in Little Compton, Rhode Island from which he and his company oversaw construction of numerous courses throughout New England.

Until his death in 1948, Donald Ross designed and oversaw construction of some 413 championship golf courses throughout the United States, and is universally acclaimed as the greatest course designer in the history of the sport. Owing to his years spent in the Ocean State, Rhode Island is proud to boast no less than ten Donald Ross courses. They are:

[Rhode Island Country Club](#), Barrington

[Metacomet Country Club](#), East Providence

[Sakonnet Golf Club](#), Little Compton

[Point Judith Country Club](#), Narragansett

[Triggs Memorial Golf Course](#), Providence

[Wannamoisett Country Club](#), Rumford

[Goddard Memorial State Park](#), Warwick

[Warwick Country Club](#), Warwick

[The Misquamicut Club](#), Watch Hill

[Winnapaug Golf Course](#), Westerly



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Member Graeme Smith 2018 New York Tartan Day parade.



Flowers of the Forest
Elizabeth McMaster
August 21st 2017
H. Richard MacLean
March 15th 2018



Member Roy Loiselle wins the Bonnie knees contest



**Debbie Kane Celebrates
40th Parade Anniversary**

A belated congratulations to Debbie Kane who celebrated her 40th Anniversary as a member of the RI Highlanders Pipe Band in September 2017! This year's St. Patrick's Day parade held in West Warwick also marked the 40th anniversary of the first parade in which Debbie marched. The next event for the Highlanders is September 1st at the Capital District Scottish Games, followed by the New Hampshire Highland Games and Festival on September 15th. Don't forget -- visitors are always welcome during Pipe Band practice held each Wednesday at the Varnum Memorial Armory, 6 Main Street, E. Greenwich, RI.

Welcome New Members

Francis & Jennifer Whitworth and Family, Alissa, Danielle, Caitlin and Sarah

Roderick & Angela Fraser and Family - Matthew and Maria

Mark James Beveridge

**Scottish Country
Dancing**



Mark your calendars. Dancing begins again October 1st

What's Summer without a Picnic?

By Gail Kelleher

Al Fresco dining requires nothing more than delicious food, something soft to sit upon, and a great location. We had all three! The Tartan Picnic was held at a private residence this year. Many, many thanks to Patti Pereira for hosting this event. Every detail for the guests' comfort was attended to: there was a large tent big enough to provide cover for all fifty attendees (and it was a scorcher that day!); two smaller tents were provided for the band (thank you Steve Venuti, Tony Thompson and Brian O'Donnelly) you gentleman were outstanding! We are so fortunate to have you as members. Your music set the tone for a delightful afternoon in Jamestown); cool drinks were on hand; and Fernando Pereira served as the grill master for the day.

Cathy Poirier was Patti's right hand (wo)man – these two ladies planned the entire event, right down to the first ever Shortbread games. Everyone who attended was given a name tag (great idea) and assigned a number. Teams competed in the following events: Ladder toss, Corn Hole, Jenga, egg/spoon race, and water balloon contest. You wouldn't think that these little games would become competitive, but ask John & Kelly McCorkle, and Warren Halstead about their Jenga tournament: it was a barn burner! The final event was a Scottish trivia contest with team leaders shouting out answers. Patti and Kathy tallied up the scores for the day and the winners were Team 2 (you know who you are) - shortbread prizes were passed around to all.

Per usual, this was a potluck event. We are very fortunate as a group to have so many talented cooks among us. There was something for everyone! The picnic was officially over at 6:00 p.m., but many guests lingered enjoying each other's company and the cooler breezes which ended the day. For those viewing the digital edition on our website, [Click here](#) to view more picnic pics. If other commitments prevented you from attending this year's picnic, I highly recommend that you tentatively pencil the first Sunday in August in your 2019 calendar. It was great fun, great company, and a great day!



ALL ROADS LEAD TOSCOTLAND ?

By Jim Kelleher

We recently had the opportunity to travel to Italy, a glorious country that rivals Scotland in its beauty. Needless to say, Italy features countless museums and we certainly visited many of them. In the ancient city of Perugia, we noticed this pre-Renaissance painting created some 650 years ago. While the painting itself is interesting, we were fascinated by the detail in the lower right hand corner which depicts cattle swaying and a dog merrily dancing to... a bagpiper! We know that the Roman Empire once stretched all the way to the southern reaches of present day Scotland, so we can only speculate as to whether the Romans may have encountered Scottish pipers and then introduced the instrument into the Italian culture. In any event, it's clear from the painting that the Perugian dog loved the lilt o' the pipes.

Nearly any visit to Rome will include a tour of the Vatican Museum and St. Peter's Basilica. If you ever find yourself strolling through St. Peter's, be sure to pause at this monument.

Created by the famous 19th Century sculptor Antonio Canova, this beautiful monument marks the spot below which are buried the remains of none other than James VIII, the exiled "King Over The Water",



his younger son Henry (a Roman Catholic cardinal) along with James' older son Charles, the Bonnie Prince himself. James VIII left Scotland at six months old when his father King James VII was deposed from the British throne. James VIII lived the remainder of his life in exile in France and Italy. As we know, Bonnie Prince Charlie made one brief and ill-fated trip to Scotland in an attempt to return his family to the throne. That effort ended with the Battle of Culloden in 1746 and Charles then fleeing to France, never to return. In death, father and son (and Cardinal Henry) are reunited in St. Peter's Basilica, the final resting place of the House of Stuart.



Location of the piper and dog in the painting.