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Most eventful resolution since 1806 "Welcome Women to the Society"

Our recent stated meeting in March, the members of the SASB made a change in a membership bylaw, allowing both genders of Scottish ancestry to become members of the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore. This amendment change is the most innovative change since the Society's inception.

Change allows us to move forward in life and experience new and exciting things. When you don't actively work on evolving yourself, life can become stagnant. Learning new skills or working on your inner self can bring about changes you never knew were possible. Inviting women of Scottish heritage to a Scottish society is not new. Here's why.

Scottish women have had an influence far beyond their own small homeland. But all too often, information about them has been hard to find, or they have been portrayed in stereotypes. This engaging history aims to set the record straight, revealing the frequently underappreciated contributions of women to Scottish history, industry, and culture. In addition to Mary, Queen of Scots, readers can explore the discoveries of astronomer and mathematician Mary Fairfax Somerville; the inspirational story of pioneering socialist MP Jenny Lee, who founded the Open University; and present-day figures such as Tilda Swinton and Nicola Sturgeon, Scotland's First Minister.

Lassies . . .

"Ceud Mile Failte"

To the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore

Celebrate your Legacy Scottish American Heritage Month

April is Scottish American Heritage Month. Almost 30 million U.S. citizen claim Scottish or Scottish-Irish heritage. Although there are many national and local events to celebrate Scottish American Heritage Month, Tartan Day is a day carved out for an annual celebration of Scottish culture and values. On April 6, 1320 the Declaration of Arbroath was signed. Tartan Days are celebrated with parades with signature pipe bands and Highland dancing. On April 6, 1998, the United States recognized Tartan Day. Approximately 6 million people in the United States claim to have Scottish ancestry. National Tartan Day was designated to be recognized annually on April 6th by the United States House of Representatives on March 9, 2005. On April 4, 2008, April 6th was proclaimed as National Tartan Day by President George W. Bush.

It's important to see your Scottish heritage as an inheritance that has great value. In fact, it's unfortunate to have a rich heritage and not know about it, especially since its part of who you are. Your heritage is not just something that you should know and understand, but it's also something that should be shared with your children and grandchildren. Knowing your heritage can contribute to the building of character and enhance your life.

"do dheagh shlainge"

Stuart

56th President



St. Andrew's Tartan



President's Wee Word

I suppose by now most everyone has heard the news the bylaws change we received ballots for has passed. The vote was 103 for the amendment and 30 against. It is the very first time everyone in the Society had the capability to vote for a bylaws change instead of only those attending the Stated Meeting. We should all take heart that 135 lads cared enough and cast a ballot. I know the math doesn't work out as there were also 2 abstentions and one ballot came back with nothing checked.



My thanks for the tellers, Rob Stuart and Wes Scrimger working through dinner to open, verify and tally the ballots with Membership Secretary Jim Dawson verifying the votes cast were from members in good standing.

Once the ballots were verified and counted the names were cut off and discarded, and the ballots were saved for posterity.

Working for a large corporation in the late 80's when corporate America was initiating cost cutting, labor saving, productivity increases I complained to a manager about so many changes. His response was to say, "Get used it as the only thing constant is change." There is no doubt in my mind this is the biggest change the Society has ever undergone and it will be transformative. The participation of women in so many of the Society's events has been longstanding, welcomed, appreciated and necessary for so long it was almost inevitable this day would come.

The Society is thriving thanks in large part to the past presidents, officers, board of managers, committees and members who so often lend support and perform so well. Thanks to all those who willingly give their time, talent and treasure.

Yours Aye,

Wm. Ernie Brandt
58th President



Robbie Burns Supper * ST. Andrew's Society Mid Maryland

Oh, what a night it was! . . .
. . . I think Robert Burns was smiling upon us!

On Saturday 25 February, The St. Andrew's Society of Mid Maryland hosted their annual Robbie Burns Supper at the Urbana VFD Hall in Frederick, MD.

The evening began with a blessing of Scots followed by "Address to the Haggis" and a most delectable meal. Entertainment included the Highland Dancing Family Style by the Crawford Family and Joyous sing along with Guitarist / Folk singer, Jennifer Joy.

The evening concluded with "Toasts to the Lassies and ladies." Also The Spirit of Scotland Award was presented. This event was most enjoyable in the Scottish tradition.

In attendance from the SASB were President Ernie Brandt, First Lady Donna, Stuart Blair, Lassie Bernadine, Bruce Dull, and Dr. Jack Gordon.



*Crawford Family * Highland Folk Dancing*

Trivia Question

May of 1568 Mary Queen of Scots' flight takes her to a castle near Dumfries. She rejects supporters' advice to return to France and chooses instead to flee to England and seek the mercy of her cousin, Queen Elizabeth, who still fears Mary might make a claim to the Crown of England. What was the name of the castle ?

- a) Terregles
- b) Cardoness
- c) Torthorwald
- d) Caerlaverock

Answer on page 7

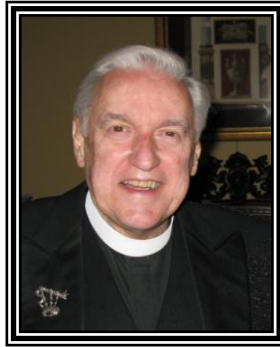


The Almoner's Report

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole

*Nelly Blair, Peggy Thomson,
Allison Begbie and Mary
Morrison*

Jim Dawson, our membership chair, has already received membership applications from a bevy of lassies. Not among them, however, were those listed above.



The lassies named above were some to whom Robert Burns wrote love poems. Well known to all of us was Burns' fascination with the lassies. As a consequence of the Society's recent vote to permit women into membership, we, too, will be seeing a bevy of lassies among us.

It will be interesting to see in what ways the society will be enriched, enlarged, and strengthened in its on-going purposes.

A commendation to our President Ernie Brandt for his appropriate remarks just prior to the announcement of the vote. He skillfully cited "the spirit of St. Andrew as the way we should receive the results of the voting.

One thing I hope is maintained and even enriched is the contact members have with those in need, hospitalized members, and those who have lost a loved one.

May we grow to hold the new lassies in high regard as did Robert Burns, but with greater self-discipline!

Keep others in mind and heart. No poems necessary!

Yours aye,
George

Flowers of the Forest

Mavis Turner, wife of long time SASB member Gordon Turner, passed on February 10, 2023. She was 95. Born in Britain, Gordon was a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore since 1994. He was very active in the SASB ETC. Gordon passed to the Land of the Forever Young on June 14, 2018, a month before his 92nd birthday.

Upon Gordon's request, both Mavis and he will be interred together in Scotland

Escort to the Colors

T. Scott Hinson

"E.T.C.,"

The Escort to the Colors is the unofficial "face" of the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore.

We welcome you joining us in the fun and camaraderie we share,



St. Patrick's Day Parade

It was a fine day indeed for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and well led by President Ernie Brandt, Second VP Chris Wilson, and Past President Stuart Blair. We again were escorted by The Baltimore City Pipe Band; we are starting to get used to being behind them. Thanks to everyone who carried a flag, this year we had 3 pairs of father and son, Paul Schofield and son Nicholas, David Bohannon and son Jackson and myself with my son Tommy. Also carrying the SASB banner was Angela Hinson, Heather Hinson and Janine Schofield. They also tossed out candy to many of the children that lined the street. First Lady Donna threw a wonderful party with hot dogs, chips, drinks for everyone on their return to the church. First and Franklin Presbyterian was our staging area although this year Pastor and member Chris Iosso has been pulled to be interim at another church we missed him, but Member of Session David Pierson, office admin. Anna Pollitt and Sexton George Meagher who unlocked the door made us very welcome. The bus worked out very smoothly per Ed McFarland's instructions and acquiring the same bus driver has the year before; Thank you Ed.

Coming Events

Friday May 19th: City of Elkton Parade
ending at Elk River Brewing (5-8PM)

Saturday May 20th:
60th Fair Hill Scottish Games
Tickets will be available to the games for ETC marchers & volunteers @ May 11th Stated Meeting.

"Pitch-in picnic; the society will provide soda, water, and beer. Remember to bring chairs.

Sunday June 11th:
Kirkin at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Annapolis
Show-up 9:30AM for 10AM service.
Please wear White Shirt (Not Khaki).

Thanks,
T Scott Hinson

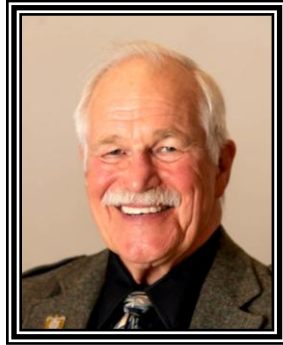


Hospitality

John 'jack' Gordon, MD

Greetings Gentlemen:

On May 11 at the next stated meeting, bring your ancestral questions and learn about how to investigate your heritage. Loretta Layman is an expert genealogist and promises to give you insights and clues of how to trace from where you came. Besides her talk, she will have references being handed out to help you explore. Please see her bio.



Bio

Loretta Ann Layman née Lynn was born in Hagerstown, Maryland as the ninth of eleven children. Graduating from high school at the age of 16, she worked first as a legal secretary and then as a secretary with Maryland's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. After a 17-year hiatus raising a family, she returned to the work force and spent 23 years as a legal administrative assistant with the firm of Venable LLP. She also acquired 43 years of experience as a genealogist and is a member of the Scottish Genealogy Society as well as a contributor to the Society's journal *The Scottish Genealogist*. Other works, privately published in limited editions, are "Lineage - The Lynns, Linns, and Linds of Scotland and Ulster" and "Henry and Hannah (Bryan) McDaniel and the McDonalds, Bryans, and Lincolns". The latter book was the culmination of several efforts with respect to her mother's connection to President Lincoln's forebears. Those efforts included several visits to the court house and historical society in Harrisonburg, Virginia and the exchange of documents and records with then Secretary General of The Abraham Lincoln Association Paul H. Verduin.

In addition to traditional genealogy, Loretta became involved in genetic genealogy after her brother, Saint Andrews member Milton Lynn (now deceased), submitted a DNA sample to FamilyTreeDNA. Motivated by Milton's uncommon type of Y-DNA, she organized a Lynn Y-DNA project with FTDNA and continues to administer the same. In addition, Loretta owns the internet domain house-of-lynn.com, which includes (among others) websites she created and maintains for both traditional and genetic genealogy with respect to her family's ancestry.

In 1968, Loretta married John Henry Layman in Baltimore, Maryland. They enjoyed nearly 48 years together before his passing in 2016. Their offspring include three children, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Loretta currently resides in Carroll Valley, Pennsylvania.

Jack Gordon
57th President

The Guinness Brewery Gathering:

On Feb. 24th, several kilted and clad otherwise members of the SASB gathered together to enjoy a few beers and a couple of scotches and tried to chat up a few patrons about our Scottish organization.

In 2015 Guinness opened the long standing pilot brewery at St James's Gate to the public. We quite literally opened the gate to the place in which innovative brewers had been working since 1904 to explore new beers for Guinness, so we called it the Open Gate Brewery.

It's a great place with a wide choice a beers brewed on site, a good choice of bar food, a complete restaurant upstairs and summer fun on the large courtyard. While we didn't gain any new members, we will be arranging more in the future. If you have any suggestions on where to gather, please let us know and plan on joining us.

Aye,
Jack

Scottish Humor

When Scottish eyes are smiling

When Scottish eyes are smiling

Well you'd best be on your way

If you see a kilt a'comin

You be sure to kneel and pray.

But when Scottish eyes are glistenin'

And your heart will skip a beat.

For the bagpipes will be playin'

When your kilt will fall to your feet.



Scottish Immigrant

Mary Barr Munroe

January 5, 1852 – September 8, 1922

...was a Scottish-born American clubwoman and conservationist, based in Miami, Florida. Munroe founded the Coconut Grove Audubon Society and library, and worked for the establishment of a state park that became part of the Everglades National Park.



Mary Barr was born in Glasgow, the daughter of Robert Barr and Amelia Edith Huddleston Barr.^[1] Her mother was a prolific novelist and teacher, born in Lancashire; her father was a wool merchant. She moved to the United States as a baby, and spent her girlhood in Chicago, Texas, (where her father and brothers died from yellow fever), and New York.

Munroe moved to Florida with her husband in 1886, becoming one of the "pioneers" of the Coconut Grove neighborhood of Miami. She was the first elected president of the Woman's Club of Coconut Grove, started the Dade County Federation of Women's Clubs, was active in the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs. She founded the Coconut Grove Audubon Society and was its first president in 1915.^[8] She opposed the fashion of using egret feathers in women's hats, and was known to forcibly remove them from hats of other women in her company. She started a boys' club, Bird Defenders, to encourage children to protect Florida birds.^[5] She began the book collection that became the Coconut Grove Library in 1895.^{[9][10][11]} With Edith Gifford and May Mann Jennings, she proposed the establishment of Royal Palms State Park, which was dedicated in 1916 and became part of the Everglades National Park in 1947.

Munroe wrote about Florida for several national publications, and was the author of *Florida Birds are Worth Their Weight in Gold*, a pamphlet of the Florida Audubon Society. She corresponded with John Muir. She started an interracial sewing club,^[16] and attended services at a nearby black church.

Mary Barr married American writer Kirk Munroe (1850–1930) in 1883. She died in 1922, aged 70 years, at "Scrububs", her home in Coconut Grove, Florida. Her grave is in Miami's Caballero Rivero Woodlawn Park cemetery. Her diaries are in the Kirk Munroe Papers at the Library of Congress. The Mary Barr Munroe Society is a women's organization that raises funds for programs benefiting women and girls in Coconut Grove. Munroe's sponge cake recipe was so prized that, a century later, it is still promoted by the Munroe Society at baking events

"Albannach Cuideachd" Membership

James J. Dawson
* *Membership Secretary*



"Ceud Mile Failte" A Hundred Thousand Welcomes

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In the first three weeks following the March 7th vote to admit women members, we received seven new completed membership applications and eight new requests for membership application forms, which compares favorably with all of calendar year 2022. In order to simplify and improve the process for promoting and processing future new members, we have recently up-graded the Membership section of the Society's website – <http://standrewsbaltimore.com>.

A membership application form is provided in the "Membership" section of the website; interested candidates can complete the form on-line and click the submit button, or they can print out a copy of the form, complete it by hand, and mail it to the Society's P. O. Box 4114, Timonium, MD 21094. Either way, I will receive the form and get in touch with the candidate personally by phone or e-mail to discuss the membership application process, answer any questions, and, if necessary, make arrangements for sponsors and payment of the application/dues fee.

New membership recruitment is the responsibility of every individual member of the Society. The vote to approve the admission of women members presents a unique opportunity to generate new interest in the Society and to attract new candidates for membership from among our friends and acquaintances and, to be sure, our own family members. I look forward to working with you to make that happen.

Yours aye,
Jim Dawson



Book Review

Submitted by S. Blair

Queen Hereafter

A novel of Margaret of Scotland

Author: Susan Fraser King

Synopsis

Refugee. Queen. Saint. In eleventh-century Scotland, a young woman strives to fulfill her destiny despite the risks

A foreign queen in a strange land, Margaret adapts to life among the barbarian Scots, bears princes, and shapes the fierce warrior Malcolm into a sophisticated ruler. Yet even as the king and queen build a passionate and tempestuous partnership, the Scots distrust her. When her husband brings Eva, a Celtic bard, to court as a hostage for the good behavior of the formidable Lady Macbeth, Margaret expects trouble. Instead, an unlikely friendship grows between the queen and her bard, though one has a wild Celtic nature and the other follows the demanding path of obligation.

Torn between old and new loyalties, Eva is bound by a vow to betray the king and his Saxon queen. Soon imprisoned and charged with witchcraft and treason, Eva learns that Queen Margaret—counseled by the furious king and his powerful priests—will decide her fate and that of her kinswoman Lady Macbeth. But can the proud queen forgive such deep treachery?

Impeccably researched, a dramatic page-turner, *Queen Hereafter* is an unforgettable story of shifting alliances and the tension between fear and trust as a young woman finds her way in a dangerous world.

Review

Most of us remember history best when told in a story and that's why I really love historical fiction. The author brought this time period to life. There are so many little details that lets the reader create the time period in their mind and really see how people lived back then. Sainted Queen Margaret is a role model for a lot of us and this book did a wonderful job of highlighting why she was sainted and why many women, wives, mothers, and widows cherish her memory. Many thank yous for a job well done. I have read most everything I can find on Queen Margaret and feel that I have gotten the most out of this well written historical fiction. If you like Queen Margaret you will most certainly love this book.

Còcaireachd Albannach

Scottish Cookery

Scottish Lamb Stew and Dumplings

This is a recipe that I remember my now 101-year-old granny making me quite frequently when I would visit Scotland growing up. I had some lamb that was perfect for stewing, and the first thing that popped into my mind was cooking this lamb stew. Damn, I loved eating this so much. As always, I put a slight twist on it - she topped her version with choux pastry. I went with the easier and cheaper option of dumplings.

Ingredients:

Stew

1kg lamb collarbutt or lamb leg – cut in 1" cubes
200g carrots / 2 large – diced
1 white onion – diced
200g turnip – diced
8 button mushrooms – cut in half
2 tbsp flour
2 tbsp tomato paste
1 bayleaf
2 garlic cloves – crushed
350ml orange juice
350ml vegetable stock
2 sprigs parsley
2 tbsp olive oil
salt & pepper

Dumplings

2 tbsp parsley – chopped
1 & 1/4 cups self raising flour
60g cold butter – cubed
1/2 cup milk

Method:

1. Season meat and sear in dutch oven on medium to high heat. Approx 5 mins. *see tip*
2. Remove meat and leave on clean plate.
3. Cook vegetables (except mushrooms) on medium heat for 2 – 3 mins.
4. Add meat and juices back to pot.
5. Add flour and tomato paste, stir and cook for a 2 – 3 mins more.
6. Add orange juice, stock, bayleaf & thyme to pot. Cover and cook on low for 1.5hrs until lamb is tender.
7. Add in button mushrooms and spoon dumpling batter on top. Cover and cook for another 20 mins on low until dumplings are cooked *see tip*

Dumplings

1. Place flour in mixing bowl and using your fingers rub in butter until mixture resembles fine bread crumbs.
2. Make a well in center and pour in milk & parsley.
3. Stir in gently and then spoon into stew.



Highland Dress

Highland dress is the traditional, regional dress of the Highlands and Isles of Scotland. It is often characterised by tartan (*plaid* in North America). Specific designs of shirt, jacket, bodice and headwear may also be worn along with clan badges and other devices indicating family and heritage.



Men's highland dress typically includes a kilt or trows of his clan tartan, along with either a tartan full plaid, fly plaid, or short belted plaid. There are a number of accessories, which may include but are not limited to: a belt, sporrans, sgian-dubh, knee-socks with a cuff known as kilt hose, garters, kilt pins and clan badges.

Women's highland dress is also based on the clan tartan, either that of her birth clan or, if married, that of her spouse's clan if she so chooses.

Traditionally, women and girls do not wear kilts but may wear ankle-length tartan skirts, along with a colour-coordinated blouse and vest. A tartan

earasaid, sash or tonnag (smaller shawl) may also be worn, usually pinned with a brooch, sometimes with a clan badge or other family or cultural motif.



"Stiùradair"

Quartermaster

R. Steve Grant II

Good day to all of you . . .
St Andrews Society of Baltimore land!

Hoping that this finds you well and getting ready for the games seasons.

I apologize as well as appreciate your patience with my not being able to attend the last stated meeting. Into every life a little rain must fall and our contractor had emergency that needed to be sorted before we left for the Caribbean the day after. The time frame being what it was I was unable to get the polo shirts to someone else in order to allow you all the opportunity to pick the proper size and color for your updated wardrobes.

All St Andrews Society of Baltimore items will be available on the 11th of MAY for our next stated meeting.

Until then: spend time with your loved one, stay safe and healthy and of course- drink really good scotch!

Slàinte mhath,
R Steve Grant II
1st VP
Quartermaster
Master Whisky Guide



Website

Society's programs and events have been posted on our website: <http://standrewsbaltimore.com>.

You may find these topics under titles: "Officers", "BOM", "Membership", "Calendar", "Events", "Foundation", "Scholarship", "and Photos."

Face book

Check out SASB latest info, photos, and coming events

Answer to Trivia Question

Terregles