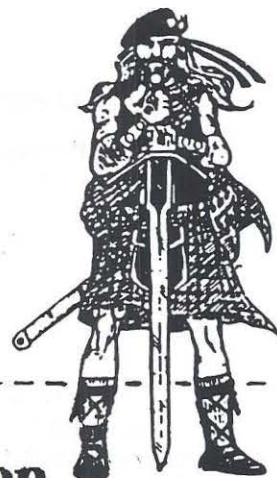




THE SPECTATOR

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Saint Andrew's Society
of Williamsburg



Society Ready For A Busy Season

Spring is in the air and all the new buds are popping out. The new 1995 Board of Directors is in place to manage the affairs of our Society.

Recent Board meetings have been interesting and productive. A program has been developed for the period up to and including the 1996 Burns Night, so the Scots and Scots descendents in the Williamsburg area will have several opportunities to gather and celebrate our proud heritage.

The notices have already gone out for the Ceilidh in May, then there will be a luncheon in the summer, and before we know it, we'll be having a booth at the Scottish games in September. Also, we have been asked by the caretakers of old Christ Church at Kilmarnock to conduct a Kirkin' o' the Tartan for them at that historic colonial structure in addition to our own Kirkin' in Williamsburg in November. In October will be the annual members' night out and plans are being made to make the annual trip to Alexandria for the Christmas Walk in December.

Taken altogether, there will be lots to do, so the average Scot around these parts will have at least one opportunity to hear the skirl of the pipes or view some knobby knees! Some might even venture out in their kilts! The Board of Directors is always looking for help in the planning of each of these activities, and they want to respond to the members' advice on how and when to conduct each affair. The plans are made in a way that each committee thinks will appeal to the membership, but if YOU think those plans are "gang alee", contact the committee and staighen them out! Better still, volunteer to help out on any of the committees listed elsewhere in this paper.

The Board is composed of sixteen members, each of whom serves a term of four years. They elect the President and other officers for one year terms. Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month except in June and July, and any Society member is invited to attend. Just contact any Board member for the time and place.

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From the Editor

Being the Editor has its good side. I get to voice my thoughts about our connections to Scotland and things Scottish. As the son of two who came to the USA just before I was born, I suppose it gives me the opportunity to dwell for a few moments on experiences long ago in our household. Hearing Colin Govan's readings of Burns made me realize that there are many others in our Society who are able to turn their thoughts back to gentler times when, as children, we were learning that there is a degree of pride to be taken in having some connection to a society such as the Scots. As a sentimental type, I enjoy this periodic journey into recollection of days gone by, of hearing stories about a wee country so far away, of the brogue being spoken when visitors arrived.

I haven't been to see the new movie "Rob Roy" yet, so your editor can't give a review in this issue of "The Spectator". We shall be going soon, I'm sure, because the reviews, although they are mixed, all proclaim that the Scottish scenery is great, and I want to view that on the big screen. There are some indications that movie making in Scotland is becoming a maturing industry, and "Rob Roy" is but one of several efforts to produce full length features in Scotland.

Election returns are just in for the Old Country, and it looks as though the Scots are aroused about something. It seems that the figures could be interpreted to show that they had an election turn-about just as we did in November, only in Scotland, it was in the reverse direction. The Tories' seats were reduced, while other parties, such as Labour, were increased. Even the Scottish National Party now has three seats, according to the article I read.

While I have this page in hand, I would like to put in a plug for the Kirkin' at Christ Church in Kilmarnock, since I'm one of the people on that committee. The folks up there are really interested in having us do it, and are anxious to support us in every way. They have information on lodging and dining, and will provide a reception, advertizing, and some financial assistance. It is about 61 miles from Williamsburg via West Point (58 miles through Gloucester), so it should be a pleasant scenic drive going one way and returning another! As several of our members live in that area, it would be nice to have a good turn-out. April, 1996, is their proposed date, so we have sufficient time to plan for it.

To close: I'm always looking for your inputs to our newsletter. Send snips, snippets or big long articles.

The Editor

Words From The President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mark your calendars for May 7, our Spring Ceilidh, will be held at the Kingsmill's Pavilion in Williamsburg. By now every member should have received information on this event. If not, contact Byron Adams or Jim Young for details. This event was so successful last year that Byron and Jim decided not to change a good thing. I encourage all of our members to attend. We have several new members this year so come out and make them feel welcome.

Our spring activities have kicked off with our first Quarterly Luncheon at the Williamsburg Country Club. Many thanks to Jim Anthony and Tom Sale for hosting this well attended event.

The first Scottish Game that we will support will be the Tidewater Scottish Festival held at the Chesapeake City Park, Greenbrier Parkway in Chesapeake on June 24, 9:00am to 5:00pm. The Society will be supporting several games in Virginia and Grandfather Mountain Games in Linville, NC. Please plan to attend and enjoy the heritage that binds us together.

Your directors have great enthusiasm for all of this year's events. We look forward to your support for these activities and look forward to sharing this enthusiasm. To grow, we still need a flow of new members, bring a friend - bring a future member to our events.

Bob Davis
President

Flowers of the Forest

Friends grieve with Laney and Doug McLean for the loss of Laney's daughter, Laura Hunter, whose life was taken in a fire in Michigan.

Officers And Committees for 1995

President	Bob Davis	229 - 5631
Vice President	Colin Govan	826 - 4689
Secretary	Byron Adams	220- 0310
Treasurer	Ken Garrison	898 - 5350

The President has named the following committees

Membership Chairman	Dr. Thomas Sale
Burns Night	Jack Rouzie and Jack Robinson
Scottish Festival Tent	Charles Saunders
Spring Ceillidh	Jim Young
Members Night	Ev Tucker and Jack Kane
Kirkin of the Tartan	Jack Robinson and Tom Nichols
Quarterly Luncheons	Tom Sale and Jim Anthony
Chaplain	Rev. Walter Kennedy
Quartermaster	Pat Bierer
Grandfather Mountain Games	Ev Tucker
Corporation Papers	Jack Rouzie
Nominating Comimittee	Jack Kane and Ev Tucker
Alexandria Christmas Walk	Bob Davis and Tom Nichols
Public Relations	Dr. David Borland
Newsletter	Tom Nichols
Memorials	Byron Adams
Audit Committee	Jack Kane and Ev Tucker
Historian	Howard Topp
Scot of the Year Nomination	Jack Kane
Tidewater Games Representative	To be announced
Scotchtown Games	Ev Tucker, Jack Kane, Jack Rouzie

Quarterly Luncheon

Monday, March 20th, was a lovely spring day. The Williamsburg Country Club was a delightful setting. Twenty three of our members and guests assembled in the sunlit dining room for conversation and catch-up on recent events and travels. It was the Society's quarterly luncheon, and the Country Club was an excellent venue for the event. The service was just right, the company was pleasant, the food was fine, and Bob Flinn stepped up to the piano for an impromptu medley of sparkling pieces of background music for the lively pre-luncheon chats.

While dining, the conversations rambled from tips on where to stay in Scotland to what's going on in Williamsburg. Tom Sale and Jim Anthony had set up the affair, and they had covered every detail in their planning. The menu they had offered was just right, and after dining, everyone settled in for the program.

Jim Anthony had arranged for a speaker through his brother, who is instrumental in a program of summer training sessions for high school students. They are afforded the opportunity to travel and live with families in foreign countries. In memory of Malcolm Kerr, the American educator who was killed in Beirut, scholarships are offered to stimulate interchanges between Arabs and Americans. The guest speaker was a bright young man from Williamsburg, John Athayde, who had spent a summer in Tunisia on a Kerr scholarship. His talk was well presented, the subject was current and topical, and he revealed a mature appreciation of what he had seen and done in his summer in Tunisia. The attitudes of the common citizens of the Muslim world towards the US were of interest to the audience.

Thanks to Tom and Jim for an interesting program and a delightful mid-day gathering.

Our New Members

We welcome our new members! If you see them at the Ceilidh, greet them and get to know them. They are:

William Stone and Peggy of Clan MacGregor
at 308 The Maine West in Williamsburg

James Ryan and Patricia of Clan Gordon
at 1666 Westover Ave. in Petersburg

Dr.. Donald Fisher and Jeanne
in Kilmarnock

Donald Dalrymple and Michol
at 1 Kennington Court in Williamsburg

WELCOME TO OUR SOCIETY! We hope you can join us
in the activities we plan together.

*St. Andrew's Society
Spring Ceilidh*

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2:30 to 5:00 PM

Kingsmill Picnic Pavilion

*Featuring: Pipers, Roast Beef Dinner,
Entertainment, Refreshments*

For reservations, contact Jim Young



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