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President's Thoughts

Just a short update on the projects and plans the Executive Committee has undertaken this year; The most important project has been a complete rewrite of the By-Laws for the Scottish American Society, Quad Cities. The By-Laws are up on the Society's website, AND, will be available at Samhain and St. Andrew's celebrations. The Membership will be asked to vote at the Society's Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be convened immediately before the Society Christmas Dinner in December. Please read, review, and be prepared to vote. All paid Memberships will be eligible to vote.

The SECOND major news for the SAS is the awarding for Tax Exempt 501(c)3 status by the IRS, effective immediately. As a result, the SAS will save many hundreds of your dues dollars when we pay for supplies and activities, including the Burn's Dinner in January. Kudos to Judy Hawthorne and our Legal Counsel for their hard work!

The SAS also has established an account with Square for taking credit card payments and with PayPal for taking computer/internet payments. Jim Dougherty was instrumental in making both a reality; in addition, Jim was the Lead in getting our new website up and running; the address is prominent in the Porridge Pot. The SAS will be taking dues payments electronically, saving paper and postage expense.

The Society is making great strides towards being the Scottish American Society that you want, and the Board asks that each membership, whether individual or family, become active in the Society, attending our events, bringing with you ALL of your ideas, thoughts, and helping hands. We will all benefit from everyone's participation — participation which lead the SAS to being newer, bigger, better, and able to demonstrate Scottish resourcefulness and pride in our Heritage.

The Society has many ideas and plans for the future, and will, with your help, reach out, become more visible, and give back more to our community.

And lastly we are coming up on a significant anniversary for the Society; 2017 will mark the 40th Annual Robert Burns' Dinner and everyone involved in the planning will be work-

ing towards the biggest and most resounding celebration that we can produce and the Board invites every membership to be involved - lend a hand, lend your ideas, and lend your Scottish Pride to the 40th RB Dinner.

Thank you in advance for being Members.
Yours Aye, Bill



St. Andrew's Dinner

Wednesday, November 30th @
6:00 p.m. 11th St. Precinct in the
Village of East Davenport. On
the corner of 11th & Mound

Streets. Enter on 11th Street, BACK room
thru/passed the bar. Bagpipes and dessert
provided.



Thru the Stones

December 2nd & 3rd
The Isle, 1777 Isle Parkway,
Bettendorf

SAS will have a display table at this event to promote our organization. This is a convention based on the "Outlander" series (books by Diane Gabaldon and a television series found on the Starz channel). Bill Hawthorne will also be displaying and selling some of his artwork. For more details, the website is www.thruthestones.com.



Christmas Party/Annual Meeting

Wednesday, December 14th @
6:00 p.m. The Manor, 1104 Kimberly
Rd., Bettendorf

As was stated in the August newsletter, this is the time of year when new officers are elected and general business of SAS is discussed. This year we will also vote on updated by-laws. If you are interested in being an officer and would like to know more about what this involves, you can go to our website and check the section of the by-laws referring to the duties of the officers (or contact one of the current officers). To attend the party, please complete the attached reservation form. Our hosts again this year are: Jan & Alan Johnson and Sue & Curt Johnson. Menu will be fried chicken, roast pork, hash brown casserole, 7 layer salad, glazed carrots, green beans almondine and a dessert of assorted shortbreads and decaf coffee.

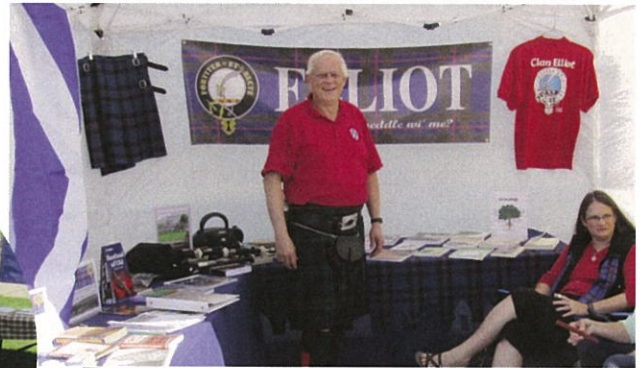


John Deere Classic

The pictures included in this volume of "guys in kilts marching around with flags and a bagpipe" were taken at the JDC Golf Tournament August 14th. Those representing SAS were Derek Grant, Jim Scott, Darren Low, and Bill Hawthorne.

Celtic Festival/Highland Games

Thanks to those members who donated up/teardown of our tent on September 1 day filled with lots of activities and a time of heritage. Many of the pictures in this qu



Samhain at the Hawthornes'

their time to host and/or assist with set-
th & 17th at the annual Festival. It was a
for many to enjoy celebrating their Celtic
terly newsletter were taken at the Games.

After a super potluck meal, with the use of some of his paintings and research he
had done, Bill Hawthorne shared information about the standing stones found
throughout the British Isles and Scotland, in particular. He talked about "ley" lines
that have been found in many locations, including other areas in the world such as
in Arizona.

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 30 - St. Andrew's Day Dinner
December 2 & 3 - Thru the Stones
December 14 - Christmas Party/General Meeting
January 21, 2017 - Haggis Prep
January 28, 2017 - Annual Burns Celebration & Dinner



SAS Revised By-Laws

The Board has been working diligently on updating our organizational by-laws. It requires that membership be offered two readings before the final vote is taken to approve. You can access the by-laws on our website

www.sasqc.com. Copies were available at the Samhain Potluck and will also be available at the St. Andrew's Night and Christmas Party.



Website

Remember to check the SAS website for information about upcoming events and ways you can participate. Jim Dougherty works hard to keep this important communication tool up-to-date for our group.



We are now officially a non-profit/tax exempt group! As our president, Bill Sterba, stated in his letter to the members, SAS has been approved to be 501(c)3. This is an IRS classification which allows us to be tax exempt, but it has responsibilities as well. A big part of the SAS mission is to educate and promote the Scottish heritage and to be productive members of our communities. The Board has a few ideas how we can fulfill this mission, but new ideas are always welcome.



HAGGIS PREPARATION

Saturday, January 21st, 2017 @ 9:30 a.m.
The Manor, 1104 Kimberly Rd., Bettendorf
All are welcome to help prepare our traditional haggis for the Burns Dinner. Several

members are already providing the ingredients, but there is always a need for tasters and those with good strong arms to help stir the haggis until it reaches "perfection!"



40th Annual Robert Burns Dinner & Celebration

Saturday, January 28th, 2017
The Radisson QC Plaza, Davenport
Details about and reservation forms for this premiere event of our group will be included in a mailing in December. The forms can also be accessed on our website. This will be an exciting year so don't miss it!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Be sure to send in your renewal to Jim Dougherty by January 1, 2017. Complete the attached form and send to Jim with your check so you can continue to receive the Porridge Pot, get your member discount for the Christmas Party, and support the Scottish-American presence in the Quad-Cities.



Eastern Iowa Community College

Continuing education is offering a class on Robert Burns Night. The class description: Robbie Burns Night (no kilt required). Traditional dishes served on Robbie Burns night will be prepared. Cost \$24 per person.

Wednesday, January 25th • 6-9pm • Section #176234

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