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BELTANE PICNIC POTLUCK

May 23, 5:30 p.m.
Pavilion 1 Duck Creek Park,
Davenport
It's that time of year again to
enjoy the prospect of some
warmer weather and the
growing season. Bring your

favorite dish to share with your SAS friends (it's always quite a feast)! Also, bring your own table service and beverage(s) - adult beverages are allowed. There will be a short history lesson given as is related to this Scottish tradition. As she does at the Beltane every year, dessert will be provided by Ty Thomson who provides a purple cake to commemorate the anniversary of her and her late husband, Chick.

SCOTTISH-THEMED CHURCH SERVICE

June 4, 9:30 a.m.
1st Presbyterian Church,
1702 Iowa St, Davenport,
All are invited to a service paying tribute to our Scottish heritage. There will be Scottish-themed music, together with a bagpiper, a display of art by Bill Hawthorne highlighting Scottish castles and landscapes, and short-bread/beverages available following the service. If you are able to attend, you are encouraged to wear your kilt or sash or other Scottish attire to add to this festive service.

CELTIC NIGHT OUT 2023

Join us for the Third Annual Celtic Night Out Celebration on July 15, 2023. Once again we'll be celebrating Celtic music and culture at the Riverfront Grille in Rock Island. Musical guests will be the Black Hawk Pipes and Drums and Blame Not the Bard. See the attached reservation form for details. Secure your spot for a night of fun, food and Celtic fellowship by getting your \$25/person reservation in by July 6. Questions: henry1081@protonmail.com

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

It's Birdies Time!

While there are many great causes, adding the Scottish American Society to your Birdies for Charity list is an easy way to support our educational and cultural mission. Donating to the SAS through Birdies amplifies your contribution by a minimum of 5%. Your donation will help support quality cultural experiences at the Robert Burns Celebration and Celtic Night Out, defray growing operational costs, such as printing and mailing this Porridge Pot newsletter, and help us upgrade the SAS website for greater functionality. Your generosity also allows the SAS to respond to local community needs. In the past, SAS has sent donations to local flood relief, youth Rugby league, Kings' Harvest Animal Shelter, the Davenport Library, and other charitable causes.

Most donors contribute a set (flat) amount, and any amount is greatly appreciated. If you want to guess a Birdie amount for the contest, your donation is due by June 16. If you prefer to just donate, please return your form to Birdies by July 7. Donating online at URL is the most direct method (and saves you a stamp!) If you prefer we have also enclosed a flier if you prefer to donate by check. Our SAS Birdies number, #2179, is preprinted on the enclosed form. It is very important that the number be included with your donation. Thanks for considering SAS in your 2023 Birdies contributions!

GOAL SETTING COMMITTEE 2023

This is a repeat article from February Porridge Pot but the Board wants to be sure you are reminded of the work the Board is doing on your behalf. The committee for the purpose of determining goals for this year has started work on that goal. The plan is to work toward what would be the best use of our resources and efforts for outreach/education that would fulfill our responsibilities as a non-profit organization. Any suggestions you





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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

UPCOMING EVENTS

Beltane. May 23
Birdies for Charity
Celtic Night Out July 15
Samhain. October 14
Thru the Stones (Outlander Convention). December 1 & 2
Celebration of the Saints/Christmas Party. December TBA
Robert Burns Dinner February 24, 2024

might have are welcome, so contact Lisa Lockheart, Jill Tuck, Rich Stewart, or Ron Stuart with your ideas. Their contact information is on the front of the newsletter

MEMBERSHIP

Mary Gloeckner-Bouljon is always pleased to welcome new members or past members who may not have renewed their memberships lately. Her contact information is on the first page.



ROBERT BURNS CELEBRATION & DINNER

March 4th was a fun evening for 138 attendees who included SAS members, their friends and family, and several newcomers who had never attended a Burns Dinner before. This year's raffle was one of our biggest ever and the

funds gained helped cover expenses for the event. Ty Thomson's beautiful, handmade decorations added so much to the festivities. In addition to the excellent traditional Scottish music performed by the Blackhawk Pipes & Drums, the group enjoyed flute, fiddle, and guitar music played by Coppers & Brass. Scottish dances were performed by several students from Colleen's Celtic Rhythm Dancers. Group dance lessons, taught to the brave souls willing to dance, were led by Kait Meeker. To close the evening the pipe band played as we conducted the traditional Grand March followed by joining hands and voices in singing Auld Lang Syne. And, oh yes, the haggis was fit!

ST PATRICK'S DAY

March 17th, Derek Grant was asked to play bagpipes at The Fountains for their Happy Hour. SAS Founding Member, Jan Coffenberry is a resident at The Fountains

and was decked out in all her green to celebrate the day. The set list included the usual Irish Hit Parade; Wearin' O' the Green, The Minstrel Boy, Garryowen, Old Donegal, and the Rakes of Mallow. Derek got his picture taken with many of the residents. Getting this big hug from Jan was by far the best!

TARTAN DAY

We celebrated Tartan Day a day early but that didn't stop us from recognizing the significance (and popularity) of tartans worldwide. Bill Sterba provided the group, many of whom were proudly wearing their family tartans, with a very interesting history of tartan and shared stories of this interesting fabric and how its use has grown over the years.



Scottish American Society of QC

CHARITY SOLICITED FOR

2179

BIRD NUMBER

I PLEDGE TO DONATE:

\$ _____ to the charity noted above.
(one time, flat donation amount)

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY BONUS FUND

☐ Yes, I would like to make an additional donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund in the amount of \$ _____, to help provide the minimum 5% match to all participating charities.

GUESS THE BIRDIES TO WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2023 LEXUS!

I guess that _____ birdies will be made.
Only one grand prize will be awarded. Void where prohibited by law.

BIRDIES SCORED BY YEAR

2,040 (2014)	1,918 (2017)	N/A (2020)
1,990 (2015)	2,355 (2018)	1,905 (2021)
1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)	2,041 (2022)

PLEDGE & DONOR INFORMATION (please print)

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE AND/OR EMAIL

Please include payment & make checks payable to:
BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

Chip in for your chance to win

When you chip in to help area charities, you could win! But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That's because participating charities receive 100% of the donations pledged to them in this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund, which is a guaranteed 5% match.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at
15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, IL 61244

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA TOUR Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS AS YOUR RECEIPT

I pledged \$ _____ one-time donation.

I guessed _____ birdies would be made.

Payment was included with pledge

☐ YES \$ _____ ☐ NO

☐ CASH ☐ CHECK NO. _____

Please make checks payable to:

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY
15623 COALTOWN ROAD
EAST MOLINE, IL 61244



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GRAND PRIZE: 2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2023 LEXUS NX!

One lucky supporter of the
John Deere Classic's Birdies



SMART LEXUS OF QUAD CITIES

for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a 2023 Lexus NX, courtesy of Smart Lexus of Quad Cities.

CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties determined by random drawing.
- All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament office by June 16.
- Rules are available at www.birdiesforcharity.com
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.
- Pledges submitted after the JDC (after July 9, 2023) may be applied the following year.



**JOHN DEERE
CLASSIC**

JULY 5-9, 2023



RSVP NOW FOR THE SASQC **CELTIC NIGHT OUT!**

Live music | Hors d'oeuvres | Haggis | Bagpipes

SATURDAY, JULY 15

DOORS OPEN: 6PM

RIVERFRONT GRILLE

4619 34th St, Rock Island

Black Hawk Pipes & Drums & Blame Not the Bard!

\$25 *reserved & paid no later
than July 6*

\$30 *at door, cash or credit*

Children 10 & under with adult admitted free

Open to all - SASQC membership not required!

**Yes! I want to enjoy a night of music with
the Scottish American Society!**

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Ph: _____ # in group: _____



Return form by July 6 with check to SASQC,
PO Box 132, Moline, IL 61266

Pay online: **www.sasqc.com**



\$2 merchant fee