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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you for the honor of being elected SASQC president. Our society's success over the last 10 years is the result of the hard work of our officers, board and members. During the pandemic many heritage societies dissolved. Not only did the SASQC survive but came out of it stronger. We have an increasing membership and have added several events to our annual calendar. We've expanded our community outreach, participating in the Girl Scouts World Event and our new college scholarship program. Our web site is being revamped. We're getting ready for a fantastic Burns Dinner and are well into planning for Celtic Night Out and our other events.

My heartfelt thanks go to outgoing president Lisa Lockheart for her leadership and our officers and board for their hard work on behalf of the SASQC. Henry Marquard.



*Taken at our SAS Board meeting. Lisa is wearing her appreciation gift for serving as president.*



## HAGGIS PREP

February 7 at 9:30 a.m.  
Any members or their guests are welcome to the Hawthorne kitchen, 4404 Royal Oaks Dr, Davenport to prepare

haggis that is served at both the Burns Dinner and Celtic Night Out. Various members provide the ingredients making what could almost be called a "haggis potluck." Ty Thomson supervises the process and makes sure our Scottish delicacy is 'just right!' There will be donuts, coffee, and tea and a short board meeting afterwards. Anyone attending is welcome to stay for the meeting.



## 2026 BURNS CELEBRATION AND DINNER

February 21

If you are receiving this newsletter, you should have received the Burns informational/reservation letter by now. In addition to the Blackhawk Pipes & Drums usual performance toward the end of the evening there will be musical vignettes during the cocktail hour. There will also be Scottish dance lessons led by Kait Meeker and a professional photographer will be onsite to take photos of families, friends, etc. for a fee. If you plan to join the fun, it is very important that you return your reservation right away so the committee has an idea of numbers. As we announce every year, if you have suggestions on how we can publicize and promote this event i.e radio announcements, places to hang posters, etc., please contact Board members Lisa Lockheart or Ron Stuart. One good way to promote this event is to make a few copies of your reservation form and give copies to some of your friends and family (or direct them to the SASQC website). Also, multiple hands are needed to help with set-up which will take place the morning of the 21st at 9:00 at The Isle. For online reservations SAS uses Eventbrite. Instructions are on the website about how to use this service. Please allow plenty of time for mailing. We always have a great raffle and if you have anything you can donate, contact Judy Redlinger jredlinger@frontier.net. Since we try to keep the cost of your reservation at a minimum the raffle helps cover expenses. An FYI - for health reasons, The Isle is not allowed to package up meals to be taken home.





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## GRAND PARADE XL MARCH 14

The Board is considering entering this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. An email will be sent out to the membership if a decision is made to participate.



## TARTAN DAY APRIL 12

Kavanaugh's Hilltop Bar & Grill, 1228 30th St, Rock Island at 5:30 p.m. will be the location for this year's celebration of the tartans. You will order your meal off the menu. There will be an cash bar and cake

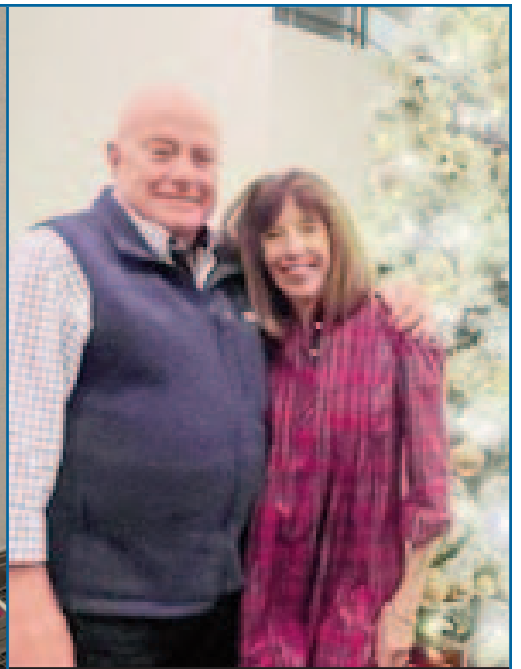
for dessert. If you have any questions, check with Ron Stuart [stuartrl@icloud.com](mailto:stuartrl@icloud.com) 563-528-0252

## 2025 ST. ANDREWS NIGHT/CHRISTMAS PARTY/ ANNUAL MEETING

For the second year the Fifth Avenue Syndicate in Moline was the location for the SAS December 3rd party. Elected to be officers for the upcoming year were Henry Marquard (President), Lisa Lockheart (Vice President), Chris Iossi (Secretary) and Rich Stewart (Treasurer) If interested, members are encouraged to join the Board as a Director to help with planning and decision making for the future of our organization. A sign up sheet was distributed for those present who could volunteer to help with some of the upcoming activities for 2026 and Lisa L. gave a synopsis of those activities. The group had some fun with a Scottish trivia game prepared by Mary Gloeckner-Bouljon. Thanks to all who worked to make the evening possible.







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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

### 2026 UPCOMING EVENTS

Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner February 21  
Tartan Day April 12  
Beltane Potluck Picnic May 19  
Celtic Night Out July 11  
Samhain Potluck/Whisky Tasting October 10  
St. Andrew's/Christmas Party/Annual Meeting December TBD

### **SCHOLARSHIP BEING OFFERED BY SAS**

Several regional schools - St. Ambrose, Augustana, Western Illinois, Knox College, and Monmouth College - have been sent a form notifying them of a \$1000 scholarship from SAS for freshman, sophomore, and junior students. This is the first year we have begun offering this scholarship so it will be interesting to see if any students take advantage of this opportunity. It is not a requirement that the student have any Scottish heritage but he/she must include information describing any interest the student has in learning about his/her heritage or the affect Scottish culture has had on society or possibly any plans to study abroad. If you know of any students who attend one of these schools and who you think might find this scholarship helpful, please let them know about its availability.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME**

This will be your last newsletter if you do not renew your membership for 2026. Attached is the form you need to use to renew. Dues were due by January 1. Please share with any friends or relatives you think might be interested in becoming a member of our organization. Benefits include a quarterly newsletter, a discounted dinner for the Annual Meeting, and several opportunities for fun-filled events throughout the year!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

## A Gathering of Celts

Join us for the 4th annual potluck  
of all local Scottish societies.

Saturday, August 29th, 2026, 12pm

Whip-Poor-Will Shelter, Kent Park

2048 US-6 NW, Oxford, IA

BYOB, and table service

HA.G.G.I.S Members - Please bring a main dish

SASQC Members - Please bring a side dish

SHSI Members - Please bring a dessert

R.S.V.P. to [president@haggis-iowa.com](mailto:president@haggis-iowa.com)

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### **2026 SAS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Clan(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: Single \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Checks should be made out to SASQC.**