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SCOTTISH-CASTLES & ISLES

April 20 - May 5, 2018

Informational Meetings August 10 at 10:00 a.m.
at CASI, 1035 W. Kimberly Rd., Davenport or
September 19 7:15 p.m. at The Manor,
Bettendorf

There will be a beautiful presentation of the
places included on this custom tour .
Refreshments included. These are definitely
not for "members only" so please let anyone
know who you think might enjoy learning
more about this fantastic trip. If you would like
to post the dates for these meetings i.e. church,
an organization you belong to, etc. let Gale Hoff
know so she can send you fliers.



CELTIC FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES

September 15 & 16

Centennial Park on Davenport
Riverfront

Help is always needed for set-
up, clean-up, and serving as a host for our SAS
tent. The Festival will be open on Friday 11 a.m.
-9:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m. The
SAS tent will be closing down Saturday at 5:00
p.m. Plans are not finalized for Friday. Contact
any Board member if you can help. Highland
Dance competition will be returning this year.
To learn more about the schedule, and the
numerous musical groups who will be perform-
ing, you can sign on to the website
www.celtichighlandgames.org



SAMHAIN 2017

October 24

6:30 p.m. at The Manor
1104 Kimberly Rd.,
Bettendorf

How does a good old
Scottish movie sound to you? For something
different we will celebrate Samhain with a
movie called "Local Hero" which stars Burt

Lancaster and is directed by Bill Forsyth. It's
about a small Scottish town and its encounter
with a giant oil company. We're told it has
plenty of touches of comedy with a few very
touching moments. Popcorn, lemonade and
water will be provided. It won't be the IMAX
but should be fun!



ST. ANDREW'S DAY

November 30

SAVE THE DATE

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 13

Change of Venue for this Year
To change things up a bit this
year, Mary Sterba and Karen
Stancliff, who volunteered to
plan this year's party, have
made arrangements for SAS to

celebrate the holidays at The Blackhawk Hotel
in downtown Davenport. It will be a plated
dinner and you can choose between two
entrees with a dessert bar also included. There
will be a cash bar. SAS will subsidize member's
dinner. A few details have yet to be worked out
and will be included with the reservation form
in the Porridge Pot to be sent out the first week
in November.



ROBERT BURNS CELEBRATION & DINNER

January 27, 2018

Another Big Change at The
Isle Hotel Bettendorf, IA

You will also hear more
about this, our biggest event of the year, in the
November newsletter, but be sure to add it to
your calendar. There will be a December mail-
ing with details about the evening and will
include the reservation form. In order for the
reservations to be turned in a timely manner,
there will be a discount for meeting the dead-
line (or preferably sending in the reservations
early)!

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 15th & 16th - Celtic Festival/Highland Games
October 24th - Samhain/Movie Night
November 30th - St. Andrew's Dinner
December 13th - Christmas Party
January 27th - Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner

BELTANE PICNIC

Mother Nature wasn't very kind to us for our annual picnic on May 23rd, so the Board decided to make a quick change of venue. The Hoffs kindly made arrangements for SAS to meet at The Manor for an "indoor picnic." Bill Hawthorne encouraged everyone present to circle the room following candle bearers and were asked to throw a 'non-burning' piece of wood in a pile while declaring their clan(s) (since we didn't think The Manor would appreciate a bonfire in their dining room like we did last year when outside)! Ty Thomson provided and served her purple-colored cake in memory of her and Chick's anniversary - as is her annual tradition both before he passed and after.



SCOTTISH GOLF TOURNAMENT

Darren Low worked hard on providing leadership for another successful golf tournament on June 4th at Highland Springs Golf Course this year. There were 22 teams who competed for a variety of prizes in multiple categories and who enjoyed a meal and a few adult beverages together. Watch future newsletters for next year's date.



JOHN DEERE GOLF TOURNAMENT

On July 16th our three color guard members, Jim Scott, Darren Low, and Bill Hawthorne followed piper, Derek Grant down the 18th fairway at 6:30 a.m. to provide an impressive beginning of the day for many of the JDC volunteers. This short religious and memorial service for volunteers, who passed since last year, has been an annual part of the last day of the tournament for many years (Jim has been in the color guard for 17 years). They closed out the day again marching down the same fairway. They were told by several of the volunteers that this was of their favorite part of the tournament. Thanks to Ty Thomson for all the work she does in making the arrangements each year.

