



# The Porridge Pot



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## Golf Tournament

August 11th-14th  
Deere Run, Silvis  
For those of you not

already aware, SAS is represented by four members of our organization as flag bearers and a piper (Derek Grant) on the last day of the tournament every year. There is an early morning pre-tournament service and our crew closes out the tournament at the end of the day by marching down the 18th fairway. For all you golfers and/or bagpipe enthusiasts, this is really a cool tradition!



## Celtic Festival/Highland Games

September 16th & 17th  
Centennial Park, Davenport

As was stated in our May newsletter, volunteers are always needed to sit for an hour or two in the SAS tent and also to set up the tent on Friday early afternoon and tear down the tent on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. There will be SAS officers present but more help is needed. No special knowledge is required. One of the main reasons for our involvement at this Festival is to make available, to those interested in their Scottish heritage, a source for them to pursue and meet others with the same interest. If you can volunteer, contact any Board member listed on the officer list contained in this newsletter. Visit the on-line website for more details about the event visit <http://www.celtichighlandgames.org>



## Samhain Potluck

October 28th at 6:00 p.m.  
4404 Royal Oaks Dr., Davenport  
All are welcome to attend this gathering of friends and family at the Hawthorne home to recognize one of the seasonal festivals, Samhain -

the opposite of Beltane. Our ancestors, who were so dependent on their crops and herds, sought hope and protection by performing these seasonal ceremonies. In a world so much in need of hope, we can add our own version of this ancient custom by sharing friendship and fellowship. A main dish, table service, and lemonade/ iced tea will be provided by the Society. Just bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage. If you can RSVP to 391-9971, but reservations are not required.



## St. Andrew's Dinner

November 30th  
Save the date - details to come!



## Thru the Stones

December 2nd & 3rd  
The Isle 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf  
Many of you may remember the very successful Outlander-themed convention held in 2014 at the River Center, Davenport. SAS had a display, Blackhawk Pipes & Drums performed, and Bill Hawthorne conducted a workshop as well as showing and selling his artwork. The "Outlander"

series of books by Diana Gabaldon is also a television series found on the Starz channel which has gained quite a following! Deb Ford from Orion, IL, who originated and organized the 2014 event, is planning another convention this year. There will be special speakers associated with the television series as well workshops, vendors, elaborate meals, and more. Check out the website [www.thruthestones.com](http://www.thruthestones.com) for more details.



## Christmas Party/Annual Meeting

December 14 @ 6:00 p.m.

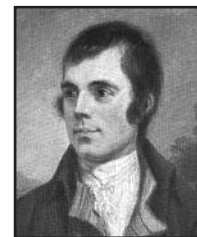
The Manor, 1104 Kimberly Rd.  
Bettendorf

Be sure to include this date on your holiday calendar. Alan & Jan Johnson and Curt & Sue Johnson will again be hosting our party. More details and the reservation form will be included in the November Porridge Pot. This is the time of year when officers are elected and other business requiring membership approval takes place. If you are interested in either being an officer or committee member or being on the Nominating Committee, please contact one of the Board Members.

## SAS By-Laws



The Board recently was reviewing the SAS By-laws and determined they were in need of updating, so two meetings were dedicated to that purpose. As members, you will be sent the proposed updates (everyone's favorite reading material!!!) once before our Annual Meeting in December and the final reading will be voted on at the Christmas Party.



## Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner

January 28, 2017

The Radisson QC Plaza will again be the location for the 2017 Burns Celebration. Attendance last year was very gratifying for the committee who worked so hard to organize the evening. We hope you will encourage friends and family to join us for this next year's event. More details will be included in the November newsletter and the reservation form and information will be sent in December (would make a great Christmas gift).



## SAS Website

Our new website continues to be open for suggestions, so contact Jim Dougherty, Vice President & Co-Membership Chair, with something you might like to see included. We will be making available recent copies of the Porridge Pot and attempting to keep announcements up-to-date as possible considering that it's an "all volunteer" effort!

VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!

Please help with tent set-up September 16<sup>th</sup>  
and/or sitting in the tent for an  
hour or two September 17<sup>th</sup>  
and/or tent tear down!

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**FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- September 16 & 17 - Celtic Festival/Highland Games
- October 28 - Samhain Potluck
- November 30 - St. Andrew's Day Dinner
- December 2 & 3 - Thru the Stones
- December 14 - Christmas Party/General Meeting
- January 28, 2017 - Annual Burns Celebration & Dinner

**Scottish Golf Tournament at Highland Springs**

June 5th was the day 27 teams took part in this golf event. Thanks to all the feature sponsors: Channel 4, CW, Fox 18, St. Killian of Chicago, Dan Dolan, Tek System, O'Keefs, and The Beir Stube. There were over 50 raffle prizes donated. Volunteers included members from SAS. The future date for the Scottish Golf Day is proposed for June 4, 2017. The funds raised will promote Scottish Highland Dance in the QC. Plans are to work with the dance schools from Chicago, Peoria, St. Louis, and Des Moines to host a Midwest Scottish dance competition here in the Quad-Cities and to have a tent at the Celtic Festival to promote future classes that will be scheduled in the QC. Providing support for this and other such events is a means of pursuing one of the main goals of SAS - that of promoting education and activities related to our Scottish heritage. Anyone interested in or wanted more information about Scottish Dance classes contact Darren Low 563-579-9225 or leave a message on the SAS website.

**Beltane Picnic**

Before enjoying a potluck meal together at Duck Creek Park on May 17th, Bill Hawthorne led the group in a Beltane ceremony. Traditionally bonfires were lit to honor the sun and to encourage the support of Bel and the Sun's light to nurture the emerging future harvest (Beltane originates from the Celtic god Bel meaning the bright one and the Gaelic for "teine" meaning fire). Everyone present was given a symbolic piece of wood to light and toss in the fire while stating his/her surname. Ty Thomson provided cake in remembrance of Chick and of their anniversary.



The bench is in the little park in the block where Thomsons live in Silvis. Chick always hit golf balls here and played soccer with the neighborhood kids. The city also planted a beautiful purple maple tree next to it. It's a lovely sight!