



The Porridge Pot



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CELTIC FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES

September 18th & 19th, 2015

Even though we experienced what felt like a "Mississippi River Typhoon" on late, Friday evening, which managed to rearrange and/or destroy a few of the tents, a large crowd showed up on Saturday. There was no shortage of music or kilts or other Celtic-related activities. Several attendees visited our SAS tent and a few even decided to become new members of our organization. As is the case every year, there were many questions about genealogy and clans. A big thank you to Ty Thomson, Bill & Mary Sterba, John & Gale Hoff, Sandi Barnes, Al & Donna Wahmhoff, Bill & Judy Hawthorne for their work in setting up, staffing, and tearing down the tent so that SAS could be represented. Also, many thanks to Darren Low and his volunteers for all the work they do every year to make the Celtic Festival the successful event it is!

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

On October 17th, three members of the staff from the Family History Center of the Davenport LDS Church presented an introduction to genealogy and family history. The presentation was based on the familysearch.org website and how it can be used as a tool for research, record-keeping, and archiving. If this is of interest to you, you can access the website or are invited to visit the church's facility to pursue what they have to offer. Thanks to Jim Dougherty, our Membership Chairperson, for organizing this event.

SAMHAIN POTLUCK AT THE HAWTHORNES

A small but talkative group had an enjoyable evening while observing the Scottish/Irish tradition of Samhain. There were some new members who attended and, after the meal, Bill Hawthorne enlightened those present about the origins related to Halloween and Samhain. Derek Grant recited "Tam 'O Shanter" by Robert Burns in his best Scottish brogue and played some special music on his "indoor" pipes. We also watched a 60 Minutes program about whisky-making on the Isle of Islay which is located off the western coast of Scotland. A DVD of the 2013 Tatoo in Edinburgh was donated to our organization, so we watched part of that as well.

ST. ANDREW'S DINNER

Monday, November 30th @ 6pm

11th Street Precinct BACK ROOM thru the main entrance past the bar. Come one - come all... EVERYBODY'S SCOTTISH on St. Andrew's Day. Let's meet for supper and maybe a dram (or 2), and some bagpipe music. A fun night to visit before the hustle and bustle of the holidays.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 2

The Manor, 1104 Kimberly Rd. Bettendorf, IA beginning at 6:00 p.m. will again be the location for this year's SAS Christmas Party. Food will be catered by HyVee. Entrees will include a chicken dish, roast beef, and pasta. Everyone is invited to BYOB. Coffee and tea will be provided. There will be a short meeting to elect officers for the next two years - president and secretary. There's a spacious room for you, your family, and friends to enjoy each other's company and celebrate the holiday. You don't have to be a member to attend. For the second year, Alan & Jan Johnson and Curt & Suzanne Johnson are this year's party planners and hosts. Please return the attached reservation form no later than November 30.

ROBERT BURNS CELEBRATION

January 23, 2016

Radisson Quad-City Plaza Davenport

Letters and reservation forms will be sent out in December for this annual event. Included in the evening will be performances by Blackhawk Pipes & Drums, our own special pageantry such as recitation of "To the Haggis" and toasts to Scotland, the queen, the United States, to the lassies and laddies, a silent auction, very nice door prizes, paintings by Bill Hawthorne, Rampant Lion (vendor of things Scottish), and featured entertainment by Don Estes. Remember to put the date on your calendar so you don't forget!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Be sure to send in your renewal to Jim Dougherty by January 1, 2016. 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.





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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

2015-2016 UPCOMING EVENTS

November 30th - St. Andrew's Dinner
December 2nd - Christmas Party
January 23rd, 2016 - Burns Celebration

SAS Christmas Party December 2, 2015 The Manor, 1104 Kimberly Rd., Davenport 6:00 p.m.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Number Attending: Adults _____ Children _____

\$10 per adult for members \$15 per adult for non-members \$5 per child under 12 yrs.

**Send no later than November 30th to:
Sue Johnson, 2717 Olympia Dr., Bettendorf, IA 52722
(Make out check to SAS of QC)**

SAS Membership Renewal for 2016

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

_____ Single (\$10) _____ Family/Couple (\$20)

**Send form & check to:
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(Make out check to SAS of QC)**