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Volunteers Always Welcome

The various events that occur throughout the year don't just magically happen so more help is always needed. Please contact one of the officers if you see something listed on the calendar where you think you can contribute your time and/or ideas. If you volunteered at the Annual Meeting, a committee chair for that event will be in touch.

Tuneful Tuesday at the Rock Island Public Library

March 1 12:00-1:00 Community Room
Rock Island, 401 19th Street

The library hosts area and visiting musicians on the first Tuesday of each month and, coming in March, will be the Turas (which means trip or journey in Gaelic). This Irish traditional band of five musicians from central Illinois will play a wide variety of Celtic tunes. The performance is free and open to any member of the public. Seating will be socially-distanced and masks are required regardless of vaccination status.

St Patrick Society's Grand Parade

March 12, 2022. 11:30 a.m.

SAS will again be participating in this annual bi-state parade. You can help with constructing the float, walking the route and distributing candy, and/or by donating candy. If you want to help, complete the attached form and send it in or contact one of the Board members.

Tartan Day

April 6 5:30 p.m.

Front Street Brewery, 421 River Dr., Davenport
Wear your clan tartan and join SAS friends for dinner to celebrate this uniquely Scottish day. Order from menu with tip included. We will meet in the lower level and the outdoor patio will also be available - weather permitting. RSVP to Gale Hoff galehoff@gmail.com 563-210-1591



CATCHING HAGGIS IN SCOTLAND

Haggis Prep

April 30 9:30 a.m.

Bill & Judy Hawthorne home,
4404 Royal Oaks Dr., Davenport
SAS members and anyone else interested in learning how to make haggis is invited to come Saturday, April 30 to make our very own delicacy to be served at both the Burns Dinner and Celtic Night Out. There will be donuts and coffee/tea available.



Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner

May 7, 2022

The Isle, Bettendorf, IA

Considering some of the issues that have cropped up related to the new Covid variants, the Board is pretty sure it was a good decision to postpone this year's Burns Celebration. We hope you have May 7th on your calendars for a fun evening. The dance lessons that took place at the 2020 Burns will be again be a part of the evening as well as much of the same pageantry and performances by Troid Gaelic (father/son guitar/fiddle performers), Blackhawk Pipe Band, Scottish dancers, and a few vendors. Informational letters and reservation forms will be sent out in late March or early April.

Donations needed for Burns Raffle

The Burns Committee tries very hard to keep the cost of attending this, our biggest event of the year, to a minimum. Something that helps keep the cost down is the raffle. Any donations of items you can provide will be appreciated i.e. gift baskets, tickets to events in the community, books, etc. It's preferable that you let Gale Hoff know in advance what you can donate.

Membership Renewals Overdue

If you have forgotten to renew for 2022, complete the attached form and send to Mary Gloeckner-Bouljon now. This will be the last Porridge Pot for members who have not renewed. If you know of anyone who might join as a new member, make a copy of the form for them to join SAS.

Like and follow SASQC and Celtic Newsbytes on Facebook

St. Andrew's/Christmas Party & Annual Meeting

Thirty-six members and guests gathered on December 2nd at the Riverfront Grille in Rock Island to celebrate the holiday season and fulfill our organization's requirement to hold an annual meeting. The same slate of officers, as has been serving the past year, was re-elected and a few volunteers signed up to help plan events for 2022. The pictures below are from the party.



H.A.G.G.I.S. Burns Supper

SASQC President Henry & wife Sharon, along with Pipers, Derek Grant and Bill Sterba with wife Mary, show mutual support to Susan Kula, H.A.G.G.I.S. president by attending their Burns Supper January 15th in Shueyville, IA.



Celtic Adventures in Scotland & Ireland

September 8-22, 2022

There is still room for you, or others you may know, to participate in this great trip. It will be limited to 24. As stated in our last newsletter, if you have ideas where the trip could be publicized or know someone who would be interested, contact Gale Hoff Trip Coordinator, galehoff@gmail.com or 563-210-1591. More details can be found on our sasqc.com website.



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Join the Scottish American Society of the Quad Cities on this fun
and exciting 15-Day Celtic Adventure!

Scotland & Ireland

September 8–22, 2022

LAND ONLY **\$5,659** per person, based on double occupancy
Single Room Supplement \$1,740

Optional Travel Protection Insurance is available at \$259 per person and is due at the time of booking.

Tour Includes:

- Exclusive transport by luxury motorcoach with a driver/guide
- Meet and greet service with one group transfer upon arrival and departure at the airport
- Hotel accommodation based on twin bedded rooms with private bath as listed for 13 nights
- Full breakfasts (13)
- Lunches (1)
- Dinners (9) including a festive Scottish Evening with traditional food and entertainment
- Celebrate Mass at St. Giles Cathedral
- Ferry to Isle of Arran
- Tour of Dublin with a local guide
- Visits and admission fees to: Edinburgh Castle, Palace of Holyroodhouse, Scottish Parliament, Mary King's Close, National Museum, Rosslyn Chapel, Scotts View, Floors Castle, Dryburg Abbey, Melrose Abbey, Abbotsford

House, Lochcarron Mill, Traquair House, Robert Burns Museum, Brodick Castle, Titanic Belfast, Giant's Causeway, Old Bushmills Distillery, Slieve League, Donegal Castle, Belleek Pottery, Enniskillen Castle, Guinness Storehouse, Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Old Jameson Distillery, Dublin Castle, Christ Church Cathedral

- Hotel portage, service charges and government taxes
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and identifying strap

HOTELS – 13 Nights: (stay in the following or similar)

Apex Grassmarket Hotel | Edinburgh (3)
Dryburg Abbey Hotel | St. Boswells (2)
Fairfield House Hotel | Ayr (1)
North West Castle Hotel | Stranraer (1)
Grand Central Hotel | Belfast (1)
Harveys Point Hotel | Donegal (2)
Camden Court Hotel | Dublin (3)

To book or for more information, contact:

Mary Fislar | mlfrlf1315@yahoo.com

PICTURE PERFECT TRAVEL | (309) 788-0500

1315 30th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201

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This tour is subject to CIE Tours' booking guidelines and cancellation penalties.
Refer to General Conditions on your CIE Tours group contract.
CST# 2021285-20.

Informational meetings for our Celtic Adventure to Scotland and Ireland

Tuesday, March 1 ~ 2:00-3:00

Bettendorf Public Library

2950 Learning Campus Drive (18th street)

Wednesday, March 2 ~ 6:00-7:00

Moline Public Library

3210 41st Street

Roger from CIE will present the highlights of our trip September 8-22

Refreshments and a door prize at each meeting. RSVP preferred to Gale Hoff 563-210-1591

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Moline, IL 61266

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

2022 Upcoming Events:

Tuneful Tuesday March 1
St. Patrick Society's Grand Parade March 12
Tartan Day April 6
Haggis Prep for Burns Dinner April 30
Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner May 7
Beltane June 11
Celtic Night Out July 16
Celtic Adventures Trip September 8-22
Samhain TBD
December Christmas/St. Andrew's Party & Annual Meeting Party TBD

SAS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s)_____ Family \$20_____

Address_____ Single \$10_____

City/State/Zip_____

email_____ Phone_____

Clan(s)_____ (optional)

Send renewals or new memberships to:

Mary Gloeckner-Bouljon, P.O. Box 132, Moline, IL 61266
Make payment to SASQC

VOLUNTEER FOR ST. PATRICK SOCIETY'S GRAND PARADE

Name_____

email_____ Phone_____

Help to assemble float _____ Participate in parade _____

Donate candy_____

Send to:

Bill & Mary Sterba, P.O. 132, Moline, IL 61266