



Volume 1 Number 6 November 2007 Beth's Newfangled Family Tree

National Museums of Scotland Library is closing after April 2008

According to the *Newsletter* from the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, the NMS Library - housed in the back of the Royal Museum on Chambers Street in Edinburgh, above the rear cafe, will be closed during the new Royal Museum Project - a multimillion pound development of the museum to begin in April of 2008.

The project will have a serious impact on the library and particularly on the reading room.

The Society of Antiquaries says that there will be a restricted Library service operating for about four years from April 2008, and that the reading room will be closed.

The article says, "Obviously, this is a blow, not only to our Fellows, but to archaeology in Scotland in general, since the Library is rightly regarded as the major archaeological research library in North Britain, kept well stocked with many otherwise hard to source foreign periodicals and journals through exchanges for the Society's *Proceedings*."

The article continues that The Director of the



Stone Mountain Highland Games photos...see pages 7, 8-9 and 12.

"The Friendly Games" enjoy perfect weather and huge crowds this 2007 year!

Museum has, however, assured the Society that the Fellows will be able to continue their privilege of

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A groaner for sure!

A Scot walks into a fish and chip shop with a fish under his arm: "Do you have any fish cakes?" he asks the woman frying fish.

"Of course," she says.

"Oh Great," says the man, nodding at the fish under his arm. "It's his birthday."

With dubious thanks to The American Clan Lockhart Society *Newsletter*. Write Robert Ryder, 48 English Village Park, Nixa, MO 65714.

Visit <http://www.ClanLockhart-US.org>



Got pictures? If you have photos of your own Highland Games or other Scottish event, they can appear in the pages of Beth's Newfangled Family Tree! Please, if you have LOTS of photos, send them on a disc in jpeg format to: Beth Gay, 347 Rocky Knoll Rd., Walhalla, SC 29691. Just a few? Email to bethscribble@aol.com

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consulting and borrowing a restricted range of publications. Fellows of the Society are advised to make use of the few remaining months that the Library is open for full operation. Fellows are urged to make the staff aware that you are a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

The Royal Museum Project will also mean that The Society of Antiquaries cannot use the lecture theatre from April 2008. Please check both the Society website and the pages of the *Newsletter* for further developments and information.

*Never put off until
tomorrow what you
can do the day after
tomorrow.*

- Mark Twain (1835-1910)



One of those “right place, right time” pictures. Our tour was in Beaulieu, Scotland and everyone else had gone to supper and I was desperately trying to figure out how to light the effigy of the MacKenzie knight of so long ago. Twiddling with the camera, I just happened to glance up - and Mother Nature had done the job for me. One tiny ray of sunshine had penetrated a crack at exactly the correct place!

Grand Priory of the Scots Grand Bailiwick of the Scots, Priory of Robert The Bruce invites members and postulants...

Chev. W. James Nethery, Prior of the Priory of Robert the Bruce, requests the pleasure of your company at an Investiture on Saturday, November 10, 2007, at Waverly Chapel, 1717 Fairhaven Dr., Santa Ana, California. There will be a dinner following at the Foxfire Restaurant at 5717 E. Santa Ana Canyon Rd., Anaheim Hills, CA 92807.

Black tie, military or Highland evening wear is requested.

Your menu selections include fresh garden salad with buttermilk dressing, fresh rolls, dessert and coffee and tea. Entree selections include stuffed chicken Florentine, roasted Rib Eye or Grilled Mahi Mahi. The dinner is \$45 per person. Please make your check to the Grand Bailiwick of the Scots and send to Dame Helen Eisenhower, DCTJ, 34785 Calle Sestao, Cathedral City, CA 92234-7180.

There will be a Postulants Reception on November 9 at 6 PM at the home of Chev. James and Dame Joyce Nethery, 4325 Terra Vista Lane, Anaheim Hills, CA 92807.

Please RSVP to Dame Helen Eisenhower, DCTJ, at 760-324-5331. The Knights Templars of Robert the Bruce are requested to bring covered dishes. Please coordinate with Dame Helen.

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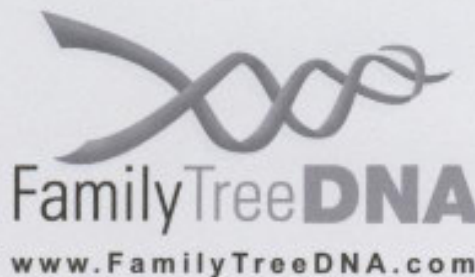
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Why do I have a perfect DNA match with Jebidiah McDinglehoffer?

James E. Henderson, Clan Henderson Project Administrator

When I first received my Y-DNA results from the Henderson DNA Project, I was beside myself with excitement, confident that I would see a perfect, 25-marker match with an unknown Hendeson cousin in Missouri or Tennessee who had traced our family with impeccable documentation back to Ulster, and further back to the lowlands of Scotland.

I opened my personal page on the Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) website, scanning all the options until I found the link to “Y DNA Matches.” I double clicked, triple clicked and finally opened the page to view the list of my long lost cousins, my perfect DNA matches.

My heart sank when I read the list. “Pule,” “Harrison,” Rockstraw,” “Fox,” and someone named Jebidiah McDinglehoffer. Who the heck is Jebidiah McDinglehoffer, how did he get into my family tree?

My thoughts went ballistic. There must be some error in the DNA collection process. They mislabeled my sample. The lab process must be flawed. It never occurred to me that some unknown adoption could have brought this strange surname into my family tree. Or...maybe it was something else, something darker, more sinister. Could there have been infidelity in my ancestral line? My brain was awash with all sorts of outlandish possibilities.

After I calmed down and looked at my DNA results dispassionately, as simply an outcome of science, I began to understand. There were no Hendersons on my DNA match list because my particular line of Hendersons had yet to join the project and given more time and greater participation, my match would appear. I also had to accept the possibility of an undocumented adoption or even sexual infidelity in my past. (In DNA circles, this is properly called a “non-paternal” event.)

Another plausible reason why random sur-
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names appeared on my DNA match list was simply the reality of space and time. We know Clan Henderson originated from at least five distinct locations in Scotland and that most likely none of these root clans were blood related. Over time, they simply took on the identity of Henry's sons. Eventually, they settled on the surname Henderson.

The adoption of surnames happened in the western world at different times. In many parts of Europe, surnames were fixed from the 12th century forward. The bulk of European surnames in England and France were formed in the 13th and 14th centuries. In other places, like Scotland, it took a bit longer. Overall, the norm is that 11th century people did not have surnames and by the 15th century, they did. The problem for modern Hendersons is that back in the 15th century, Scotsmen with the same Y DNA claimed surnames other than Henderson. These men could have come from the same village, or in the same county, or perhaps migration had taken them to different countries. To be sure they were in different clans when the clan system was in place. For whatever reason, they did not adopt the name Henderson, but instead it was Harrison, Pyle, Fox and yes, even McDinglehoffer. Today, their descendants are perfect DNA matches with many of our modern Hendersons.

Another reason why we have matching Y DNA results with different surnames is DNA convergence. Convergence is where you start with two different Y DNA results and the results mutate over time, to where they match or are in a close match today.

The higher the population of a Y DNA result, the more opportunity there is for convergence to occur.

Since Haplogroup R1b is the largest population group for Hendersons, matches with other sur-

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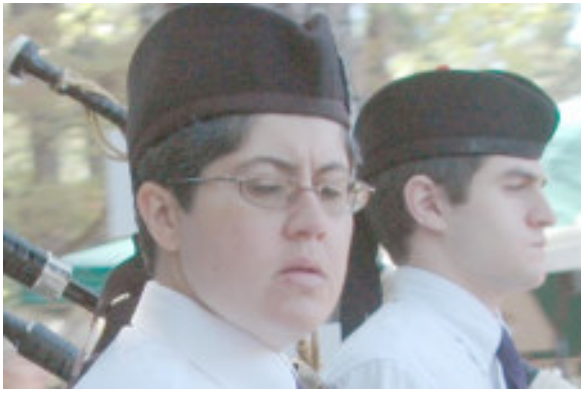
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Genealogy suggestions for beginners

Carver Kennedy

One of the major reasons people join The Clan Kennedy Society is to try and learn more about their ancestry. Many of the visitors to our Kennedy tents at Highland Games are looking for genealogy help.

If you are just starting your search, here are a few suggestions which might help: 1. The US Census has been taken every 10 years since 1790. Records from 1790 through 1930 have been re-

leased for review and are a good source of genealogy information. You will need to know the state or states where your ancestors lived and, of course, their names in order to use the Census records.

Records from 1850-1860 and 1870 are the easiest to use and have the most useful information easily available alphabetical indexes. Prior to 1850, only the name of the head of household was recorded, the 1890 records were largely destroyed in a fire, and the 1880 and beyond use a code system called Soundex for the indexes which make them harder to use.

2. Birth, marriage and death records are good information sources. State birth records are complete and accurate beginning about 1900, but before that, the completeness and availability varies by state. Church records are good sources for birth, marriage and sometimes death information. Probate Court records usually located in county court-



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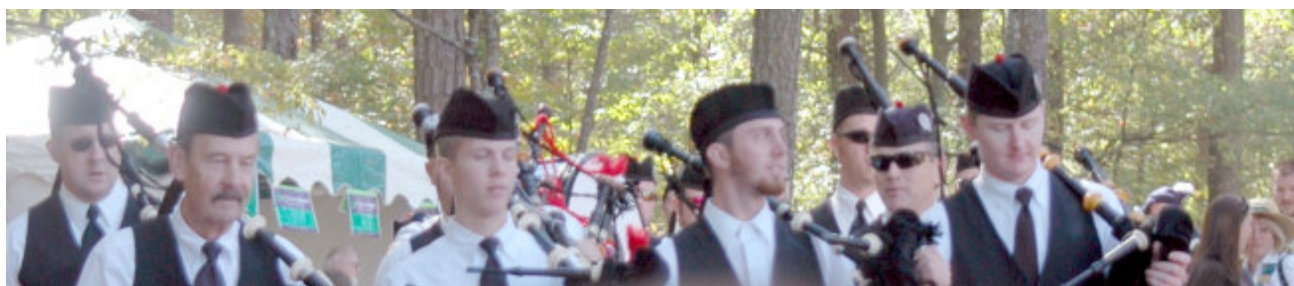
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Clan Sutherland Society announces newest SSECF scholarships!

As acting Chairman for the Sally Southerland Educational and Charitable Fund (SSECF) it was my privilege to award scholarships to two of our young Clan members, Jesse Lynn Sutherland (12) of North Carolina and Kyra Noelle Sutherland (11) of Washington State.

Gene N. Sutherland, NW Regional Commissioner, prepared two very attractive SSECF certificates for Jesse and Kyra and then presented them to the two young ladies at the AGM & 2nd Annual Sutherland Summer Ceilidh in Acme, Washington on August 18th 2007.

Jesse was awarded \$350.00 so that she could attend a Highland Dance camp to help further her dancing skills when she competes at the various Highland Games.

Kyra was awarded \$600.00 so that she could purchase her own outfit for Highland dancing - her very first one. No more borrowing dancing outfits from instructors and other students for Kyra!

With full gratitude Jesse writes: "The Sally Southerland Fund paid for my participation at highland dance camp in Minneapolis, NC. We had two instructors, who are both very well known in the dance community. Having different criticism helped my dancing technique, and also increased my knowledge. We would dance for 3 hours each day, for the week I was there. After the highland dancing, we could dance „Cape Breton. which is a form of step dancing, which originated in Scotland, and is now preserved in Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia. It was a great experience; I made

friends with highland dancers my age all along the east coast, and from Canada. The camp was originally started by the dreams of Sally Southerland, and now Pat Johnston has restarted it. I loved every minute of it, and am looking forward to returning next year."

A very appreciative Kyra writes: "Dear Clan Sutherland, thank you so much for awarding me my scholarship from the Sally Southerland Educational and Charitable Fund. It has helped me a great deal in getting my new Highland outfit made. As it is, I have a beautiful new wine-colored Sutherland tartan kilt and hose, and a wonderful velvet jacket to match. If I had not gotten the scholarship to help pay for it, I probably wouldn't have such a stunning Highland outfit to dance in. I sincerely hope that you keep scholarships so that others can have this wonderful opportunity. Full of heartfelt thanks, Kyra Sutherland."

Both of these two young ladies charmed those in attendance at the Sutherland Summer Ceilidh by dancing a variety of Highland dances throughout the day. The crowd was able to demonstrate their own appreciation for what the two young ladies were able to accomplish that day with their loud applause after each dance routine. Keep up the good work, Jesse and Kyra, the Clan Sutherland is behind you 100%. Make us proud as you dance and compete as Sutherlands at the Highland Games! And please, keep us informed of your successes.

Robert J. Sutherland Jr, CSSNA-Treasurer
With thanks to *The Dunrobin Piper*.

SGES invites you on Saturday, November 10

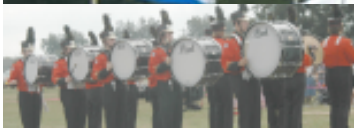
The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society, Inc. will hold "Our Ancestors Antiques Home Show" on Saturday, November 10th, at 10:30 AM Mandarin Library, Community Meeting Room, 3330 Kori Road, Jacksonville.

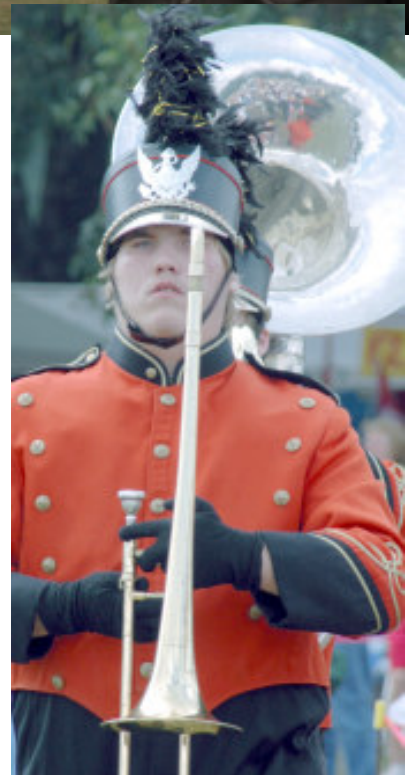
Each person brings a heirloom, photograph or story and has a 5 minute platform to share the information with others present.

The meeting is open to all, no charge. If you are interested in beginning a family tree, please come! There will be a short business meeting at 10:15 AM, for the election of SGES 2008 officers.

Loch Hartwell (GA) Scottish Highland Games

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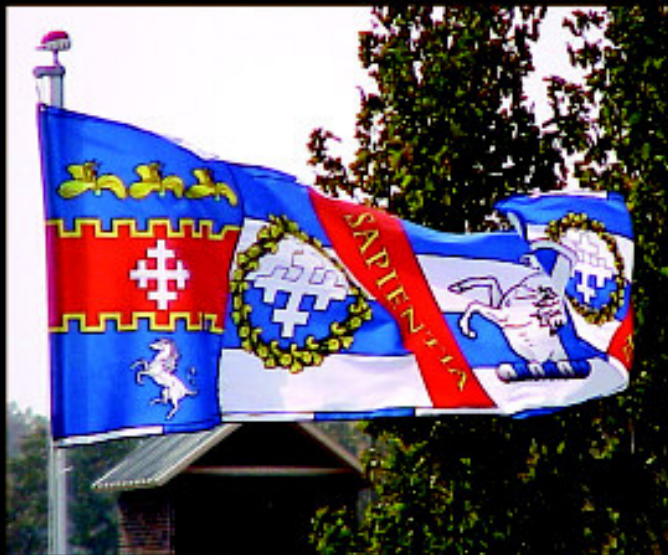
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names are very common. If we go back far enough in time, we are all related. The surname was just a protocol used to establish a boundary to show who was in and who was outside the family.

If you match DNA with someone of a different surname, you are most likely related to them but prior to the adoption of surnames.

Does this mean surnames are unimportant? Certainly not!

Our Henderson surname is very important to us, and DNA testing helps fill the void in our genealogy research when historical records prove science and there are many discoveries yet to be made in the field.

Imagine, years from now, when every major Henderson family line has been tested. We will be able to immediately place new Henderson Society members into their ancient family based on DNA testing. We will combine our collective DNA information with other DNA programs like the Scottish Roots DNA Project administered by the Glasgow Caledonian University in Scotland.

Using surname mapping, frequency distribution studies and research in medieval records, we can confirm the geographic areas that were the origin of our Henderson roots.

To accomplish these objectives, we need two things.

One is time and the other is active promotion of the project by you and other members of your family.

We need to increase our sample size and active promotion is the way to do it.

You can read more about Henderson DNA testing at <http://www.clanhendersonusa.org/dna.htm> with a complete guide to joining the project.

If you would like to join the Clan Henderson Society, contact Carol Maley, Membership Secretary, 19 Sunbury St., Minersville, PA 17954-1441. Email camteddy@aol.com



George Hendderson "on parade" at the 2007 Charleston Highland Games.

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houses are also good, often containing wills showing ancestors, relatives and descendants.

3. One of the best and easiest used sources for genealogy information are the Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) Church records. These sources can be checked by anyone with no fee, cost or obligation. (Ed note: Please double-check information ob-

tained from these sources as the information is only as good as the individual genealogist who provided it to the LDS records.)

A. The LDS church has a website that can be accessed online at <http://www.familysearch.org> This website gives you several options. Select the "Search" tab at the top of the page.

B. The Mormons have facilities around the country wherever there are Mormon Church. Look in your phone book for "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints" churches. Contact them and ask for the location of the nearest Family History Center (FHC). These are staffed by volunteers and have access to all of the Mormon records and other records including US Census.



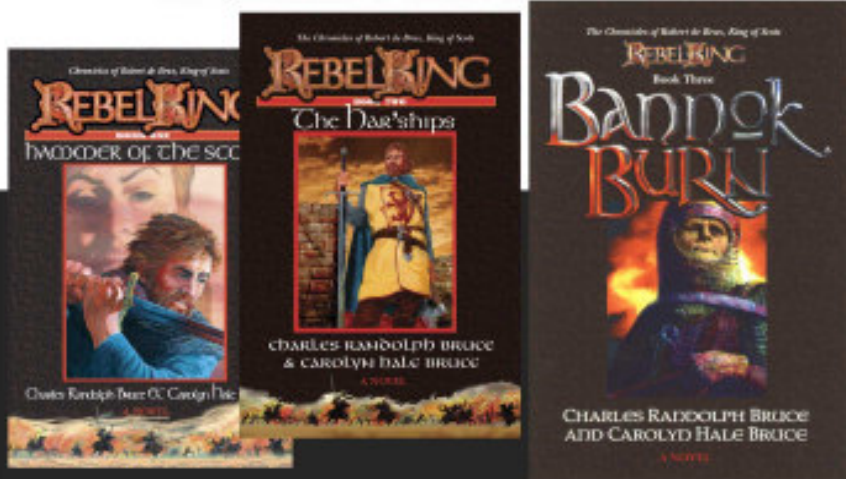
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Flowers of the Forest

Rick Owens passed away on August 9th 2007, at the age of 37. Rick was the son of Jane and Dan Owens, of Chandler, Arizona, who are Life Members of the Clan Sutherland Society.

Rick was so proud of his Scottish heritage, and had made three trips to Golspie and Dunrobin Castle. Rick's passing is a terrible loss for his family and for his friends.

Rick's friends hired a bagpiper to play at his funeral, who played "Sutherland's Lament" (written in the 1600's for a Sutherland man who died at age 28), Amazing Grace, and Flowers of the Forest.

The Clan MacCord Society Honorary Chaplain **Dr. Charles Reynolds** (O.B.E.) was promoted to his heavenly home in September.

An outstanding man and friend of our Society, he was a former Royal Air Force Officer in WWII in Northern Ireland, London during the Battle of Britain, and in India.

After the war he served some 50 years as a missionary in India, knowing the Ghandi family and many others of note there.

He was awarded the Order of British Empire by Prince Charles for his missionary work abroad and was our Keynote Speaker at our Reunion in 2004.

He will be sorely missed by his many friends all over the world including those of us who knew him here and revered his friendship.

He was the author of several books, including his book *He Leadeth Me: The Trial and Travail of the Scots-Irish*. A great man of God who we

are sure he was greeted with "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Charles was not only proud of his Christian faith but also that in just recent months he became a citizen of the U.S., joining his fine wife in that citizenship!

James McCord, President, October 23, 2007

Pat MacTavish, wife of John, has died from



metastatic bone cancer this past May. Deepest sympathy to her family.

Eugene Dudley Bowman died September 18, 2007 at his home in Shattuck, Oklahoma. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jimmie Jean Pate Bowman. He served in the Army Medicals Corps at Pine Bluff, AR Arsenal and the 240th General Hospital in Nancy, France during World War II.

He retired from Riley-Beard in 1984.

He was an oil painter and a member of Brookwood Painting Partners, American Legion Post #0401, Louisiana Pioneer Families and the Sons and Daughters of the Province and Republic of West Florida.

Robert D. McLaren continues his “Genealogists for the Scottish Clans” tradition for us all

For many years, Robert D. McLaren has compiled a list of Clan Genealogists or Scottish Clan points of contact for genealogy for the Scottish Clans and Family Associations.

The amount of information available from those genealogists varies greatly, with some having extensive records and some having less.

The listing also includes email addresses and home pages.

McLaren distributes this list at Scottish games he attends and the list is also on the Internet, on the web page of The Capital Scot (<http://thecapitalscot.com>).

For complete information, write Robert D. McLaren, 7810 Kincardine Court, Alexandria, VA 22315-4025 or call 703-971-6924. Email bobmclaren@earthlink.net



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Austin Celtic Festival

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<http://www.austincelts.org/festival>

9-11 November - Salado, TX

Salado Scottish Clan Gathering & Highland Games

Central Texas Area Museum

<http://www.ctam-salado.org>

10-11 November - Gulfport, MS

Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Music Festival

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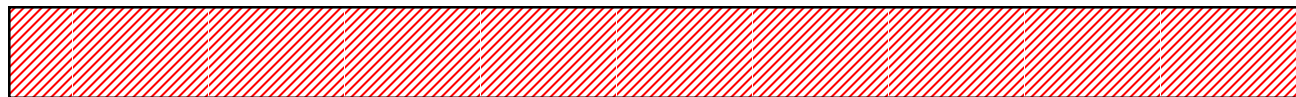
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The American College of Heraldry has a new address!

Please update your records with The American College of Heraldry's new address.

The new information is 1643 - B Savannah Highway, Suite 396, Charleston, SC 29407.

If you would like complete information regarding this group, please contact David Robert Wooden, Executive Director and Editor, at the above address. You may also visit the website at <http://www.americancollegeofheraldry.org>



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10 a.m. Friday, December 7

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Saturday, December 1, 2007, 6:00pm-11:00pm

The Illinois Saint Andrew Society's Annual Anniversary Dinner gala is Chicago's longest-running black-tie event. Commemorating the Feast Day of Saint Andrew, Scotland's patron saint, the gala is a grand Scottish celebration. This great tradition began in 1845 when a group of Scottish immigrants gathered at Chicago's finest hotel, the Lake House on Michigan Avenue (almost the exact spot where the InterContinental Chicago now stands). At that inaugural dinner 162 years ago, the decision was made to form the Illinois Saint Andrew Society whose honorable mission was to "Relieve the Distressed."

"Since that time, Society members and friends have gathered at this gala dinner, known for many years as the "Feast of the Haggis," to proudly celebrate Scottish heritage and to support the cultural and philanthropic work of the Illinois Saint Andrew Society, including our Scottish Home for the elderly.

The event is a spectacular evening filled with music, dancing and Scottish tradition. The evening begins with a cocktail reception at 6:00 p.m. in the Empire Room on the 7th Floor and dinner begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom on the 7th Floor. Program highlights include a Scotch Tasting from Glenmorangie; Silent and Live Auctions; an encore performance by James Nicol, former tenor with the Scottish Fiddle Orchestra; performances by Highland dancers and the Midlothian Scottish Pipe Band. Guests will dance late into the night to music by the Grand Avenue Big Band.

Barry MacLean, CEO of MacLean-Fogg Company will receive the 2007 Distinguished Citizen Award. The 2007 Clansman of the Year Award will be presented to Reverend Joseph T. Ledwell, Scottish Home Chaplain. The 2007 Clanswoman of the Year Award will be presented posthumously to much respected former Society Board member, the late Carolyn Link. Carolyn's niece and cousin will accept the award on her behalf. This year's Haggis Lad and Lassie will be Mia Caroline McCoyd and Aidan Thomson McCoyd.

Plan the weekend downtown to see the City decorated for the holidays. The event also provides the perfect opportunity for some great holiday shopping. The Silent Auction is filled with goodies, from tickets to sporting events and local theaters to spa packages and private studio sessions with some of the best photographers in Chicago. The Live Auction will include two American Airlines business class tickets to the United Kingdom and the chance to help purchase items for our Scottish Home.

A block of rooms are being held at the InterContinental Chicago for the evening of December 1. Rooms are available in the Main Building at \$199.00 or \$229 for the Historic Tower. Please call (800) 628-2112 or (312) 944-4100 and refer to the Illinois Saint Andrew Society room block. Discounted room rates are valid until October 31, 2007.

TICKET INFORMATION:

\$150.00 Individual ISAS Member Ticket - \$160.00 Individual Non-Member Ticket

\$250.00 Order of the Sgian Dubh, Single Patron Ticket

\$500.00 Order of the Claymore, Two Patron Tickets

\$2,500.00 Order of the Thistle, Ten Patron Tickets

The dinner is limited to a maximum of 500 guests!

Register today on our website, www.chicago-scots.org

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.chicago-scots.org or contact Apryl Niksch, ISAS Director of Events at apryl@chicago-scots.org or 708-426-7149.

Unsung Heroines

Your nominations are welcomed!

Mrs. Leslie MacTavish of Dunardry

Scottish born men have made many important contributions to the social, political and economic advancement of the world. If you haven't already, have a look at www.ElectricScotland.com under its 'Famous Scots' section for an impressive and lengthy list of male scientists, writers, artists, politicians, mathematicians, inventors and the like. The achievements are something of which to be very proud.

Scottish women's achievements, on the other hand, have been consistently written out of history. Fortunately times are changing.

Looking at Internet sources for example, there are now a number of web-sites that are examining the causes for the subordination and/or providing the public access to information about the role of Scottish Women.

Electric Scotland has some interesting biographies on Frances Wright (woman's advocate), Mary Lyon (first female school principal in the United States), Sheena Easton (singer), Cicely Hamilton (co-founder of the Women Writers Suffrage League), Elizabeth Taylor (actress) and Mary Fairfax Greig Sommerville (leading mind in mathematics and physical scientist), in addition to the more well-known Mary, Queen of Scots and Flora MacDonald.

To get you started, you might also want to look at www.swhn.org.uk – Women's History of Scotland; www.uoguelph.ca – Women in Scottish History; www.hfienberg.com – Have Women Been Hidden from Scottish History due to Inconsequentiality in the Past?

In that interesting article about past practices,

the author quotes Joy Hendry as saying "women are awarded a place in history only if they are the wives of Kings, nobility, poets (very occasionally), mistresses, or mothers of important men. Otherwise, their existence goes unremarked".

"Unsung Heroines" will be a regular column.

The goal is to lend our support toward reversing the subordination trend.

It is wonderful that we have our larger than life stars – the Sheena Eastons and Elizabeth Taylors of the world. But what we also need to hear about are those women who work tirelessly

and with great talent, in daily activities that make our lives better and who make significant contributions to our Scottish Heritage.

People we can relate to, look up to, and emulate.

Each column will focus on a selected woman Scottish born or of descent, whom you and others nominate for attention.

Have you worked with, known or observed a woman who is multi-talented, who displays exceptional dedication to a cause or causes and who is promoting our Scottish Heritage? Look within and outside our clan. We need role models to teach our children about our rich diversity.

Please send me a short e-mail with your suggestion, how to contact the person for an interview, and the reasons for your choice to: mactavishnewsletter@yahoo.com. It would be very helpful if you could put "Unsung Heroine: then the name of the person" in the subject line.

Mrs. MacTavish wishes to hear nominations from across our entire Scottish community - no matter what the clan affiliation.



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