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THE DIAMOND BALL IS HERE

IT'S THE 60TH TARTAN BALL

Juge Gregg, Roger Libby, Russell Shumway

THE 60TH ANNUAL TARTAN BALL -- MORE INTIMATE, MORE ELEGANT AND ON A SATURDAY!

In honor of the diamond anniversary of the Tartan Ball, your fellow SASDC members have organized an amazing evening of dinner, drinks, dancing and Scottish pageantry.

More Intimate: There are only a limited number of seats available for this year's Tartan Ball. As this newsletter goes to press, tickets are fast selling out. To purchase your tickets, visit www.tartanball.org.

More Elegant: This year's Tartan Ball will be held at The Mayflower Hotel, described by President Harry Truman as "Washington's 2nd best address." The hotel and the ballroom are unique and beautiful fixtures of historic Washington.

On a Saturday: We have finally made the move to a Saturday evening, November 14th, 2009. This will allow guests from near and far to enjoy an entire weekend in the Nation's Capital.

Finally, do not forget that the Tartan Ball's Silent Auction is the single biggest fundraiser for the Charity and Education Fund. Please use the donation form included later in this newsletter to donate items for the Silent Auction. Help support scholarships for outstanding students.

For additional information about the Tartan Ball or to purchase tickets, please visit www.tartanball.org or call 202-250-9931.

2009 VIRGINIA SCOTTISH GAMES A ROUSING SUCCESS!

Thomas Wright

The 36th Annual Virginia Scottish Games & Festival took place this year on Labor Day Weekend at Great Meadow in The Plains, VA. In its first year at Great Meadow, the Games were a rousing success with crowds estimated at well over 10,000 people with 3,400 cars counted over two days. "This was the most people we have seen at the [Virginia Scottish] Games since the release of the movie *Braveheart* back in 1995", said Tom Wright, president of the Virginia Scottish Games

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CALENDAR

November

- 07 Haggis Shoot – Fairfax Rod and Gun Club, Manassas, VA
 14 Tartan Ball – Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC
 2, 16 Jefferson Cup Luncheon

December

- 05 Breakfast and wreath laying at Old Presbyterian Meeting House & Christmas Walk,
 Old Town Alexandria
 7, 21 Jefferson Cup Luncheon

January 2010

- 4, 18 Jefferson Cup Luncheon
 7 Annual Members' Dinner Meeting
 23 Burns Nicht Supper
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Association (VSGA) and member of the Society. “We thought Great Meadow would be an excellent venue for the Games, but we weren’t sure if Labor Day Weekend would work. You’re competing with a very popular beach weekend. It turned out that Labor Day Weekend was great for us. I think people were looking for something to do that was close to home.”

Mr. Wright opened the Games on Saturday by thanking the founder and immediate past chairman of Great Meadow Foundation Mr. Arthur W. ‘Nick’ Arundel. Mr. Arundel was instrumental in getting the Games out at Great Meadow. “This wouldn’t have happened without Mr. Arundel’s support”, said Tom. Tom presented Mr. Arundel with a Virginia Scottish Games Marine t-shirt that the Games logistics personnel wear. “He served in the Marine Corps and we thought the t-shirt was a small token of our appreciation for his efforts on our behalf.” Great Meadow is trying to branch out from just steeplechase races and add more community-oriented events. Also speaking at the opening ceremony was Corey Stewart, chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors and David S. McKenzie, Games vice-president and fellow Society member. Mr. Stewart spoke about his Scottish roots and the history of neighboring Prince William County. Dave spoke to the history of the Games and what they mean to him.

The Games had a full slate of activities throughout the weekend. Saturday’s highlight was the professional highland athletic competition which was won by Mike Zolkiewicz. There were competitions also for band and individual piping, highland dancing, and fiddling. The massed bands presentation on Saturday afternoon was again a crowd pleaser as was the Saturday Evening Concert. “We saw a number of people showing up after 4PM just for massed bands and [Saturday Evening] the concert. It had been a while since we had a concert on Saturday night at the Games. It was wildly popular,

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The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC
Tartan Ball Silent Auction Donor Form



The 60th Annual Tartan Ball will be held on Saturday, November 14th, 2009 at Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC (1127 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, D.C. 20036). All the Scottish pageantry of this grand ball, a high point of the Washington social season, will be on display for hundreds of fine guests in attendance. Conjuring images of a more elegant era, this black tie evening boasts single malt scotch, dazzling cocktails and fine cuisine served amidst the heady entertainment provided by our own Highland Pipes & Drum Corps and Roland Cumberland & his Orchestra. The Tartan Ball is sponsored by The St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C., a nonprofit fraternal social and cultural organization whose members are of Scottish birth or ancestry. The Society traces its origins back to 1760 in Colonial Alexandria, Virginia. Attendance at the Tartan Ball is open to all lovers of Scottish pageantry and culture. A Silent Auction accompanies the Ball.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction benefit the St. Andrew's Society's own Washington Scots Charity & Education Fund, a 501(c) (3) charitable arm of The Society, which has enabled students from both the United States and Scotland to further their academic pursuits. The Charity & Education Fund annually grants awards that are made to scholars enrolled in US or Scottish institutions for the third or fourth year of College or University or full-time graduate study. There are generally 6 to 20 awards made annually totaling in excess of \$20,000. Items donated to the Silent Auction are fully tax-deductible to the donor. Thank you letters confirming the donation are provided to all donors once all donated items have been auctioned - which will occur during the evening of the Tartan Ball on November 14th.

Name and address of the Donor(s) _____

Business Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Email Address _____ Fax Number _____

Description of item(s) to be donated to the Washington Scots Charity's Silent Auction at the Tartan Ball:

Estimated fair market value of the above item(s): _____

How will you be delivering the above item(s) on or before the date of the Ball?

Hand-Delivered Shipped by Commercial Carrier

For details about shipping items, contact Jonathan M. Gordon at (571) 334-2885 or jmgordon25@gmail.com.

The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC and the Washington Scots Charity & Education Fund assume no liability for the safe or timely delivery of donated items, nor for their safekeeping while at the hotel for the purposes of display and auction. Donors agree to hold the Society harmless for any breakage, loss, or other damage to items while in transit or at the event.

Contact Juge Gregg (juge@stanfordalumni.org, 202-250-9931) or Jonathan M. Gordon (jmgordon@gmail.com, 571-334-2885) to make your donation or for more information about the Ball.

Continued from page 2 going long after it was supposed to end because everyone was having great time.” The City of Washington Pipe Band kicked off the concert with a 30-minute show. They are one of only three Grade 1 pipe bands currently in the United States. Alex Beaton then took the stage and performed a short set before giving way to Glengarry Bhoys who absolutely brought the tent down with a powerful performance. “They kept going and going. No one wanted to go home. We will definitely have a concert again next year!” Also performing at the Games this year for the first time was Coyote Run. Their modern Celtic sound had many people dancing in the aisles throughout the weekend.

Sunday was dedicated to the children with kids 12 and under admitted free. This brought many families out after church. “In the past attendance on Sunday was usually half of what we had on Saturday. Last year we started admitting kids 12 and under in for free on Sunday. The last two years we’ve seen Sunday attendance increase to about 80% of Saturday’s crowd.” The East Coast Amateur Championship took place on Sunday with Jason Thomas taking top honors. There was a large turnout for the British Car Show with over 80 models on display. “This was one of the best attended car shows in many years, said Tom.” Rounding out the weekend’s festivities were the sheepherding demonstrations, vendors & crafters, food and beer, clans and society exhibits, Scottish country dancing, the living history encampment, and the hospitality area. “Many of those that had purchased a Patron pass this year commented on how much they enjoyed the hospitality area. In lieu of a reception we opted this year to put our money into enhancing the hospitality area. I think people liked that a lot.”

“It goes without saying that an event like this can’t happen without the concerted effort of many many people. We have a dedicated staff of almost 40 [people] that do their part every year to make the Games happen.” Many of those that help are Society members. Some of those that pitched in over the weekend to help make 2009 successful were David McKenzie, David Close, Carlisle Bean, David Grimes, Stephen Hayes, Bryan McEachern, Mark Wardlaw, Lee Shackelford, TJ Holland, and Vern McHargue. At one point on Sunday, both the Society and VSGA president were the only two volunteers out in the parking area collecting the parking fee and welcoming folks to the Games. “You do whatever it takes to get the job done.” Tom said that it was very gratifying for him to have a successful Games after putting forth a lot of time and effort throughout the year. “There are so many things to do. The key is finding good people with both time and passion [for the Games] to help. Success has a way of increasing participation. If something is going well, people are more inclined to jump onboard and keep it going. The Virginia Scottish Games is worth it in my mind. It’s a great cultural event for the region. Even the Commonwealth of Virginia has jumped on board to keep it going!”

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE VIRGINIA SCOTTISH GAMES



*Member and VASG President
Tom Wright greets the crowd*



Bands aplenty on the march



Athletes were the star attraction



The Colour Guard joined the band

MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE VIRGINIA SCOTTISH GAMES



As always... lots of music and dancing

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE—ABBIE SPRAGUE

I'm up in Scotland for another week of research - all thanks to the St. Andrew's Society.

My days have been spent in the basement of the Glasgow School of Art - which is getting ready to celebrate its 100th birthday. It's an amazing building - and still a working art school. And I've been finding some good material to strengthen my argument that there were Scottish Arts and Crafts painters!

I had one afternoon free, so I wandered over to see the Kelvingrove Museum of Art - so much wonderful Scottish Art under one roof . . . Peploe, Fergusson, the Glasgow Boys, and of course Mackintosh and the Macdonald sisters.

I hope you are well! I have one year left . . . I'm in the final stretch. and then I hope to give a presentation to the St. Andrew's Society and share this research.

Best wishes,

Abbie

EASTERN SHORE ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

The St. Andrew's Society of the Eastern Shore will have its Annual Dinner on Saturday, November 21, at the Krystal Q in Easton, MD. This will be a festive evening of great food and spirits, Celtic entertainment, silent auction and, best of all, good Scottish fellowship. Cocktails with cash bar and light appetizers will begin at 6 pm. The Haggis will be piped in and addressed at 7 p.m., followed by dinner. The choice of entree will be medallions of beef tenderloin or chicken Chesapeake. Wine will be served with dinner. A variety of Celtic music entertainment, including pipes, fiddler, drummer and harp, will be presented throughout the evening. Black tie or Highland attire is preferred. The fare for this very full evening is just \$60 per person.

E-mail us at communications@standrewseasternshore.org to receive an invitation. Or mail your payment and meal selection to Michael Sheridan PO Box 1063, St. Michaels, MD 21663

The KrystalQ is located at the address below and their web site offers excellent directions to this easy to find facility.

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 Easton, MD 21601-7027
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<http://krystalq.com>

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

TARTAN BALL

Each year a cadre of gentlemen (and sometimes their spouses) work very hard to plan our signature black tie event – the Tartan Ball. Led this year by Juge Gregg, Roger Libby and Russ Shumway, the Tartan Ball Committee works hard each year to nail down logistics with the hotel, make the always tasty menu selections, solicit sponsors and contributions for the silent auction, prepare the invitations and, lest we forget, organize a whisky tasting. And, if that's not enough, they've also accomplished something this year we've not done for many years – secured a Saturday evening at a landmark downtown Washington, DC hotel – the Mayflower. Please thank the current and past members of the Tartan Ball Committee for their faithful and diligent work in producing and maintaining this elegant event highlighting our shared heritage. Well done!

THIS SPACE TO LET!

Business Card Size	\$20 per issue
Half page Ad	\$60 per issue
Full Page Ad	\$100 per issue

THE RETURN OF THE WEE DRAM—2ND TUESDAYS

Lee Shackelford

Mark your calendars for the Wee Dram on every second Tuesday

We will be meeting in the bar area at The Royal Mile Pub from 5:30- 7:30 at 2407 Price Avenue, Wheaton, MD. All members are strongly encouraged to attend, but we especially welcome new and prospective members. Let's meet to visit with each other; make new friends, greet old ones and talk of what's going on in our Society.

The Royal Mile Pub has been nestled in downtown Wheaton for more than 20 years. In the tradition of Scottish pubs before them, the Royal Mile Pub has a strong focus on their surrounding community. The Pub offers a familiar, enjoyable and fun atmosphere for all - customers and staff. For more information on the Royal Mile Pub, click on: <http://www.royalmilepub.com/ourstory.htm>

Please hold the **second Tuesday of each month** on your calendar for the Wee Dram. While the date will stay the same, we are working on a schedule to rotate each month between locations in DC, Maryland and Virginia. This is a great chance to bring friends and potential members – the more the merrier! We are inviting everyone in the past year who has expressed interest in joining the Society and we know you will help us make all feel welcome.

We hope to see you there!

The Royal Mile Pub

2407 Price Avenue

Wheaton, MD 20902

Phone: 301-946-4511

THE COLOUR GUARD IS GROWING

David Close

Gentlemen,

Please welcome 3 new members to the Color Guard:

- Douglas Currie,
- Stephen Hayes and
- Kevin Mann.

Join the Guards at the Tartan Ball and the Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk and show your support.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fellow Members –

What an exciting season for our society! Fall brings many enjoyable opportunities for you to participate and get the most out of your membership. We'll kick it all off with the **Haggis Shoot on Nov. 7** at Fairfax Rod & Gun Club, and round out the month with the **Tartan Ball on Nov. 14** at the historic Mayflower Hotel.



Then in December, we'll start with a unique activity that is likely to raise our profile and strengthen the society's overall brand. With the help of past presidents John Bellasai, Doug Brooks and their committee, the **Scottish Doctor's Exchange program** will become reality. Several of you have made generous contributions to support this meaningful (and hopefully life-saving) bridge building between U.S. and Scottish oncology doctors. With your help we are finally able to fulfill a commitment that we made several years ago to the Lord Provost of Dundee and I thank you. More information is included in this edition.

Shortly after the doctors complete their visit, we will once again don the kilt and participate in the **Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk on December 5th**. This is a fun, family-oriented event and we plan to have the customary breakfast and wreath laying service at Old Presbyterian Meeting House just before the parade begins – details to follow.

And speaking of Alexandria, next year will be the **250th anniversary** (1760 – 2010) of the founding of our originating society – the St. Andrew's Society of Alexandria. In recognition of this historical year, I am forming the "250 Committee" to highlight this milestone in our society's history. We want to make it a special year but need your help. If you are interested in serving on this committee or have ideas to make the year more meaningful, please contact me – vern.mchargue@heritage.org or 703-313-0671.

Lastly, 'tis the season for renewing your membership. Treasurer Andy McDonald will soon distribute **dues notices**. I encourage you to continue your support but do not consider your renewal a forgone conclusion. The board, trustees, committee chairs, stewards and many other volunteers work hard each year to provide the value you expect from membership. I hope we have made a strong case for continuing your membership and support of things Scottish. And who knows, on the occasion of our 300th anniversary in 2060, you may be recognized amongst the other esteemed members of the society from our 250th year.

Thanks for your membership and participation in the society. I wish you a very happy, healthy and thankful fall season.

Yours aye –

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vern McHargue'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'V'.

Vern McHargue

KIRKIN' IN POTOMAC

Carlisle Bean

For years Society member and church elder Dan Dowd has been suggesting to the minister at Potomac Presbyterian Church that they ought to have a Kirkin' of the Tartan, but it always fell on deaf ears. Then, about two months ago, the church got a new minister, Larry Duncan, from North Carolina. And one of his first questions was, "Why don't we have a Kirkin' here?" It was music to Dan's ears—maybe even an answer to prayer.

Dan got busy right away and Sunday, October 25, all his hard work paid off: Potomac Presbyterian held its first-ever Kirkin' of the Tartan. Flag-carrying members of the Saint Andrew's Society color guard led the procession into the church, to the cadence of Society pipe major Matt Kuldell's expert piping. Inside, flags were posted at Color Sergeant David Close's command. Then color guard members took their places as "covenanters" at the four corners of the sanctuary to declare "All clear!" before the start of the service. It was an enjoyable event, with well-sung hymns, an excellent sermon, and a responsive congregation. Matt's bagpipe "duet" with the organ was delightful.

Following the service there was a reception with delicious refreshments in the fellowship hall. Three Saint Andrew's Society highland dancers entertained an appreciative audience with the sword dance and other dances, while small children sat on the floor and watched in awe. Members of the congregation introduced themselves and several discovered that they and color guard members had common roots. Everyone had a good time, and some said they were already looking forward to next year.

Attending from the Saint Andrew's Society were color guard members David Close, Tom Wright, David Grimes, Lee Shackelford and his wife Ronda, and Carlisle Bean and his wife Denise. Dan Dowd's wife Chris was also present. All except Chris got together for a refreshing brunch at a local restaurant before returning home. Many thanks to Dan for his generosity and inviting us.



"By the front, quick march"



Awaiting the Covenanter's Call



Society Dancers and Pipe Major Matt entertained.



The Scottish Doctors' Exchange Program

Sponsored by

**The Fogerty International Center, National Institutes of Health
The Dundee University Medical Center, Dundee, Scotland
and
The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC**

Origins and Background

In 2004, the then officers of the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC approached City of Alexandria Mayor William Euille to sponsor a service project with a Scottish theme in that town. Mayor Euille suggested the Society undertake to host and fund a Doctor's Exchange between physicians from the Dundee University Medical Center and a major cancer research facility in Alexandria or elsewhere in the Washington, DC metro area. Such an idea had first been proposed to him by the Lord Provost of Dundee, Scotland (Alexandria's sister city), the Honorable John Letford. (Dundee University Medical Center is the premier cancer research hospital in Europe.)

The Society's Board of Managers formally endorsed the idea of sponsoring a Doctors' Exchange, but several years passed in efforts to identify a suitable medical research facility in the Washington Area that was prepared to host a visiting delegation of Scottish physicians. Subsequently, in 2008, a successful outreach was made to the Fogerty International Center, at the Federal Government's National Institutes of Health (NIH), which is located on a spacious campus in neighboring Bethesda, MD. NIH expressed keen interest in hosting and co-sponsoring the pilot year of the Doctors' Exchange. In December 2008, during a visit to the Washington Area by the Lord Provost of Dundee, a visit to the Fogerty International Center at NIH was arranged. Attending that meeting with the Lord Provost and NIH officials were Mr. Robin Naysmith, Scottish Government Counselor for North America—the senior Scottish diplomat in the United States—and a delegation from the Saint Andrew's Society. That meeting resulted in a plan for piloting the Doctors' Exchange at NIH in November – December, 2009.

Program Goals

- To facilitate the an educational exchange between senior cancer physicians and researchers from some of Europe's leading cancer research facilities (the Dundee University Medical Center and Ninewells Hospital) and their U.S. counterparts from the premier cancer treatment and medical research facilities in the United States (NIH

and other Washington Area medical centers) about promising new approaches and procedures in the fight against cancer.

- To promote professional and personal relationships between cancer researchers from Scotland and the United States, for the purpose of opening new channels of communication and for encouraging further sharing of research about successful new treatments in the fight against cancer.
- To enable Scottish cancer researchers an opportunity to learn about scholarships, fellowships and cooperative research programs sponsored by the National Institute of Health.

Such a Doctors' Exchange addresses several of the seven major Strategic Objectives in the Scottish Government's published "Strategy for Stronger Engagement with the USA", which was released in 2006:

- *Objective # 1: "Raise the Profile and Understanding of Scotland in the USA."*
- *Objective # 4: "Strengthen Bilateral Science Links."*
- *Objective # 7: "Strengthen Exchanges of Best Practices with US Counterparts."*

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Marya Levintova, PhD, International Program Officer for Europe and the EU (Acting)
Division of International Relations, The Fogerty International Center,
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Bethesda, MD

Event Host - Fogerty International Center, National Institutes of Health

Dr. Marya Levintova of NIH coordinates international fellowships and visits for European medical researchers on behalf of the National Institute of Health's Fogerty International Center. She has confirmed that NIH will co-sponsor the Doctor's Exchange and has suggested the week of Monday, November 28th - Friday, December 4th, 2009. This coincides with Saint Andrew's Day, November 30th and the Scottish Christmas Walk in Alexandria. The year 2009 has been declared by the Scottish Government as "**Scottish Homecoming**", a major event to promote travel, business and cultural links between the United States and Scotland.

Involvement of the Scottish Government and Dundee University Medical Center

Mr. Robin Naysmith, Scottish Government Counsellor for North America, and the Honorable John Letford, Lord Provost of Dundee, have both publically expressed their support for the Doctor's Exchange Project. However, this remains a private Scottish-American initiative. No Scottish Government funds, nor any US Government funds, have been pledged nor are they being sought. (NIH's involvement is limited to in-kind match.) Likewise, the City of Dundee and Dundee University Medical Center are not providing any financial support to this initiative.

Provisional Speakers and Subjects of Their Planned Lectures

At present, Dundee University Medical Center is recruiting five senior Scottish cancer researchers to present papers of their current cutting-edge research.

- Prof. Sir David Lane – Keynote Speaker (Topic TBD)
- Prof Irene M. Leigh , Vice Principal & Head of College of Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing - Ninewells Hospital & Medical School, Dundee, Scotland
("Skin Carcinogenesis: insights from research on beta-HPV")
- Prof. RJC Steele, Professor of Surgery, College of Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing - Ninewells Hospital & Medical School, Dundee
("Bowel cancer prevention : the Scottish experience")
- Professor Alastair M Thompson, Professor of Surgical Oncology
College of Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing - Ninewells Hospital & Medical School
("Breast cancer: new research")
- Prof. Margaret Smith, Dean of the Nursing School, College of Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing - Ninewells Hospital & Medical School, Dundee (Topic TBD.)

Preliminary Schedule of Events

- Sunday, November 29th --- Five Scottish physicians arrive in Washington, D.C.
- Monday, November 30 --- Keynote Presentation (The St. Andrew's Lecture"), by the senior physician in the delegation; meetings with senior NIH cancer researchers; tour of the NIH facilities
- Tuesday, December 1 ---- Morning: Second presentation by Scottish physician (TBD)
Afternoon: Third presentation by Scottish physician (TBD)
- Wednesday, December 2 -- The Scottish physicians will return to NIH for a day-long session to learn about applying for NIH-funded scholarships, fellowships and cooperative research projects.
- Thursday, December 3 --- Reserved for locally arranged cultural and educational activities, including a Capitol Hill Reception, co-sponsored by the Saint Andrew's Society and the Friends of Scotland Caucus in the US House of Representatives; a reception by the Scottish Government, at the British Embassy; sightseeing and visits to major local cancer research facilities (Georgetown University Medical Center and the George Washington University Medical Center, in downtown Washington, DC, The Johns Hopkins University in neighboring Baltimore, MD, etc.).
- Saturday, December 5 ---- Scottish physicians return to Scotland.

Funding Goal

NIH and the Fogerty International Center have already committed approximately \$20,000 worth of in-kind matching, including use of its conference facilities, staff time and other resources. The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC has taken the lead to raise the funds necessary for long distance travel and accommodations for a visiting delegation of up to five Scottish cancer physicians and educators in 2009, as well as the cost of meals and receptions.

The Society has established a fundraising goal of **\$15,000** to cover the cost of the pilot Doctors' Exchange and some money has already been raised. However, the goal has not yet been reached and there are funding opportunities for this important program. Corporate donations are being sought from pharmaceutical firms, organizations engaged in medical education, research, and treatment and interested individuals.

Tax deductible charitable donations specifically for this purpose may be made directly to the Society's C&E Fund, which is certified under Section (501)(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code ("Washington Scots Charity & Education Fund": IRS Tax Exempt # 52-6056354).

All donors will be invited to attend the lectures at NIH and receive credit for their contributions in the official NIH program for this event. Donors also will be invited to attend one or more receptions planned in honor of the visiting physicians during their week-long stay in the Washington Area.

Platinum Sponsor \$8,000

Sponsors the total cost of roundtrip travel from Scotland, accommodations and meals for two doctors. Includes invitations for up to ten attendees at all receptions, introduction of speaker at one reception, full page ad in program literature and logo and link on the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC web site for one year. Advertising audience will be . . . Estimated advertising value - \$15,000

Benefactor \$4,000

Sponsors the total cost of travel, accommodations and meals for one doctor. Includes invitations for up to five attendees at all receptions, half page ad in program literature and logo and link on the St. Andrews web site for 90 days. Advertising audience will be . . . Estimated advertising value - \$7,500

Patron \$1,000

Includes invitations for up to two attendees at all receptions and business card sized ad in all program literature and logo on the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC web site for 90 days

Supporter \$200 - \$500

Contributions of all sizes are welcome but those who donate at the Supporter level will be invited to all receptions and may bring one guest.

Advertising Opportunity \$150

Business card sized ad in all program literature.

Those who contribute at least **\$100** will also be invited to one reception.

Who to Contact

Individuals and organizations wishing to contribute toward the cost of the 2009 Pilot Doctors' Exchange Program, or otherwise support this activity should contact one of the following members of the St. Andrew's Society's Planning Committee:

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About the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC

The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC, with origins dating back to the 1760s in neighboring Alexandria, Virginia, is a not-for profit charitable and cultural organization incorporated in Washington, DC. Its 450 or more members are all of Scottish birth or ancestry and are drawn from across the Washington Metro Area and beyond.

The Society sponsors a wide variety of cultural and educational events and activities to promote all things Scottish and also maintains ongoing relations with representatives of the government, business and education sectors in modern Scotland. Each year, the Society sponsors the Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Parade in Alexandria, Virginia, the Virginia Scottish Games, the Annual National Kirkin' of the Tartans at the Washington National Cathedral, an annual black-tie Tartan Ball fundraising event to fund scholarships, an annual Burns Night Supper, and other cultural and educational events.

The Society also maintains the Washington Scots Charity & Education Fund as its 501(c)(3) charitable arm to provide an array of educational scholarships for young Scots to study in the United States and for Scottish-American students or researchers to study in Scotland, as well as provide funding for other targeted charitable and educational activities such as the Doctors' Exchange.



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