



# THE WHIN & THISTLE

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## TARTAN DAY RECAP

Our seventh celebration of the U.S. Tartan Day brought out great crowds, often braving April showers, to celebrate our heritage in Alexandria, the National Capitol, and our neighboring communities of Scots in Annapolis and New York City.

A number of dignitaries joined us in our celebration and more news of the events appears in the pages that follow. Thanks to John King Bellasai for his article\*

## DIAMOND JUBILEE KIRKIN

Our sixtieth Kirkin o the Tartan at the National Cathedral was a notable success in the bright weather, great crowds and tremendous performance by our band, the Cathedral staff and guest choirs. This is the first Kirkin in many years to be held on the traditional Sunday and from the large crowds it appears this was the great move we'd all hoped. We're delighted with Reverend Libby's efforts and coordination to ensure the upcoming Kirkin's are also on Sundays. Some pictures appear in the following pages\*

## SCOTS FOR TOTS—WHAT IS IT?

In a special supplement we celebrate the successful first year of a charity supported by a number of our membership. The good work done by S4T as it's called by those "in the know" is just one of the many ways our members put real meaning into our motto, "to relieve the distressed".

As we go to press we learn that Scots for Tots has already had a great start to their second year as well\*

## THE RETURN OF THE WEE DRAM

On the 16th of June, at a very convenient DC location, the Wee Dram has resumed. At Againn, an Irish gastropub in mid town DC. See the contribution by TJ Holland\*

## VIRGINIA SCOTTISH GAMES JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

Save the dates on Labor Day Weekend of the 3rd and 4th of September. At the expansive and picturesque Great Meadow in the Plains Virginia, the heart of hunt country and a perennial favorite for devotees of Scottish athletics, music, crafts and culture. Bring a chair, cooler (no glass please), even your dog for two days of celebration of Summer's end and Scottish Heritage. There is a discount for web purchasing of tickets \$20/day or \$30 for both at <http://www.vascottishgames.org/PatronsShopping.html>. Note that this year parking is free. More information at 703-912-1943\*

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## CALENDAR

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### August 2011

1,15 Jefferson Club Luncheon

### September 2011

3,4 Virginia Scottish Games, Great Meadow, VA

5,19 Jefferson Cup Luncheon

13 Board of Managers Meeting

15 Members' Dinner

### October 2011

2,17 Jefferson Cup Luncheon

4 Board of Managers Meeting

### November 2011

1 Board of Managers Meeting

7,21 Jefferson Cup Luncheon

19 Tartan Ball

### December 2011

3 Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk

5,19 Jefferson Cup Luncheon

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### NEW HERITAGE COMMITTEE DELVES INTO SOCIETY ARCHIVES

By Bart Forbes

The new Heritage Committee will hold its inaugural meeting from 3:00pm to 5:00pm on Sunday, August 21, at the home of Secretary Bart Forbes in Alexandria. The agenda will include developing a strategy for organizing the current Society archives, collecting other items, securing professional assistance in cataloging, and creating ways to share the Society's heritage with members and the general public. Participants will visit the new location of the archives in a nearby commercial storage facility. All members are encouraged to join the committee! An added incentive for this meeting will be the opportunity to sample Bart's huge collection of single malt whiskies. Please confirm your participation by sending an e-mail to [secretary@saintandrewsociety.org](mailto:secretary@saintandrewsociety.org).



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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Gentlemen of the Society:

I'd like to take this opportunity to fill you in on what has been happening in the life of our Society since my last letter. The Society has had a busy spring, and we're looking forward to an even busier fall. I will only touch briefly on some of the events, since there is more information elsewhere in this issue.

In cooperation and partnership with the National Capital Tartan Day Committee, the Society participated in the open air Tartan Day festival in Alexandria and supported the events on Capital Hill (see the article in this issue by John Bellasai).



The National Kirkin' of the Tartan is now back on Sunday! Our first Sunday Kirkin' in several years was very well attended, and, largely through the efforts of Reverend Richardson Libby, we've gotten dates for the next two years locked in. Mark your calendars for Sunday April 22, 2012, and Sunday April 14, 2013. This year the post-Kirkin' concert was held down the hill from the Cathedral in a small amphitheater, the band, dancers, and spectators all seemed to prefer it over the Cathedral steps. The reception following the Kirkin' was also a partnership event with the Tartan day Committee; they underwrote the reception and we provided insurance coverage.

The Color Guard continues to be active, providing support at Society events such as the Kirkin' and members' meetings, as well as increasing visibility of our Society at other venues, including the Virginia Gold Cup. Well done, gentlemen!

In my last letter I discussed the issue of the Society's charitable activities. Towards that end I have asked a committee, led by Past President Doug Brooks, to look at the issue and report back to the Board of Managers by the September meeting. This is a high level report on what activities the Society might or should be involved in. Armed with this report, the Society leadership can make informed decisions on how we can increase our charitable activities going forward. Members who wish to provide input to the report should contact Doug.

I also pledged to increase the number of low cost events. We are going to revive the Wee Dram as a get-together at local bars, where the only expense will be the cost of your drinks. The goal will be simply for members to meet informally after work to enjoy good fellowship, perhaps lubricated with a little bit of the water of life. Second, I'd like to invite members (and their families and guests) to a baseball game at Nationals Park on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30. Tickets would be only \$10 per person (even less if we get more than 25). A great summer event for members, families and friends. Please respond directly to me by July 20 so I can order the tickets.

The Corps of Stewards is a vital part of our organization, responsible for providing support to all of our events. Their duties include checking in members to meetings and dinners, escorting new members as they are piped in, and ushering at the Kirkin'. Many of the current leaders of the Society were (and still are) members of the Corps of Stewards. It's a great way to get involved in the activities of the Society and to meet other members. And you get a cool pin! I urge members, old and new alike, to contact the Chairman of the Corps, Earl Donaldson, to volunteer your time.

For the past year David Close has served as the interim chair of the Membership Committee and has done a stalwart job. David made it clear, however, when he took over the reins that it was on an interim basis, and we are now looking for someone (actually, a couple of some ones) to step up on a more permanent basis. The job is primarily administrative in nature, processing new member applications and getting the members to their piping in ceremony, as well as processing member certificates. Please reply to me if you are interested in helping out. Again, I'd like to personally thank David for his efforts, both in helping us grow our membership and in getting out membership certificates to those members who had not received them.

Mark your calendars now for the Virginia Scottish Games, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, at Great Meadows. Join your brothers at our Society tent and take in the athletics and entertainment. Also in September we will have a members' dinner and meeting. More details (including the date and location) will be out shortly.

In closing, I'd like to wish each and every one of you a pleasant Summer, and look forward to seeing you at the Virginia Scottish Games (if not sooner).

Yours Aye, Russ

## BOARD NOTES: APRIL 5, 2011

By Bart Forbes, Secretary

The Board of Managers (BOM) of the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C., usually meets on the first Tuesday of every month, except for July and August. The complete approved minutes of the BOM are posted in the members section of the Society Web site located at [www.saintandrewsociety.org](http://www.saintandrewsociety.org). These are the highlights of the BOM reports, business, and actions.

### Board Actions:

- To accept the agenda, as amended. Passed by acclamation
- That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers on March 1, 2011, be approved as distributed. Passed by acclamation
- To accept the Membership Application of Bradley P. Willets, pending posting to the membership. Passed by acclamation
- That the Society partner with the Virginia Scottish Games who has an agreement with the Gold Cup for this tent. Passed by acclamation
- That the Society allocate \$250 to pay the pipe band. Passed by acclamation.
- That the Society sign a contract with the Mayflower Hotel for the Tartan Ball on November 10, 2012, with the same food and beverage rates as the previous three years. Passed by acclamation.
- To adjourn. Passed by acclamation.

**Officer Reports:** President Russ Shumway reported that the next edition of the *Whin & Thistle* was planned to go out in mid-May. Vice President Juge Gregg reported that the next Members Meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2011 and that he was considering the Belle Haven Country Club as the venue. He also noted that he was exploring less expensive venues that may be closer to the Metro and that he welcomed suggestions. Secretary Bart Forbes reported that a new version of the web site had been loaded and was being updated. He has also added a web page for a full calendar of Scottish events and requested updates. Treasurer Lisle Bean reviewed the Treasurer's report previously via e-mail and reported that he had established access to the Society accounts. He noted that the Society has over \$42,000 in general fund. He could not report on the roster of members but would at the next meeting. He also noted that he did not have a draft of the 2011 budget to present.

**Trustee Report:** Mr. Shumway reported on behalf of the Trustees that they were currently working on an investment strategy for the for investment funds.

**Committee Reports:** Membership Co-chairman David Close proposed for membership Bradley P. Willets who applied and presented a check for membership. Mr. Close reported that he was planning on three or four new members being piped in at the next members meeting and an additional member who joined in 2009 but was never piped in. The Treasurer, responsible for maintaining the membership rolls, was instructed to send out a 30-day notice to all members in arrears for the previous year. Membership Relations Co-Chairman P. Cummins reported that member Joseph Johnson was interned at Arlington Monday. Color Guard Chairman Close reported that the Color Guard may be attending the Southern Maryland Games on April 30, the Great Meadows Gold Cup event on May 7, a polo match on June 18, a parade on July 4, and twilight league polo matches that start in September. Mr. Close also delivered a check for \$480 for the complete reimbursement of a member's uniform. On behalf of the Color Guard Tom Wright reported that the Gold Cup organizers offered a sponsorship package for a tent space and eight passes for people working the tent, in exchange for \$250 from the Society and \$250 from the Virginia Scottish Games. The funds will go directly to the Washington Scottish Pipe Band. National Kirkin' o' the Tartan Co-

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Chairman Dave McKenzie confirmed a rehearsal for the National Kirkin' o' the Tartan was scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, at 8:00 pm. Mr. Shumway confirmed a reception at 5:30 pm, following the service, would be at St. Albans and underwritten by the National Capital Tartan Day Committee, Inc. The Society would provide a small donation and use of the Society insurance policy to cover liability.

**Old Business:** Mr. Shumway reported on behalf of Mr. John Bellasai that National Tartan Day events are ongoing during the week, including a State Tartan Symposium and Tartan Day Reception at the Capitol Visitor's Center and a concert at the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center. Adam Pressman did not have a proposal regarding his proposed professional leadership training and noted that he would poll individual members. Henry Moak reported that he attended a recent Jefferson Cup Luncheon and received suggestions for members that may be a part of the new outreach for older members. He noted that he would have a report at the May Board meeting with a scrubbed list and a recommendation that all would be visited no later than June 1. Mr. Gregg reported that he will schedule a meeting to discuss the membership process and will propose a couple dates for the next month. Mr. Gregg reported that a Wee Dram is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, at Againn, at the corner of 12th Street and K Street in northwest Washington, D.C.

**New Business:** 2012 Tartan Ball Chairman Roger Libby reported that the Mayflower Hotel had notified him that another party was interested in the same date as the Society had tentatively confirmed for the 2012 Tartan Ball, November 10. He noted that the Society has the right of first refusal but would need to sign a contract to secure that date with the same food & beverage rate. Mr. Shumway reported that the Board would be exploring opportunities for Society members to engage in charitable activity other than scholarships. He noted that he will be appointing a committee and expects an action item by the middle of summer. Color Guard member Tom Wright distributed designs for logo for polo shirts for the Color Guard and the general consensus was that the members of the Color Guard would order and purchase their own shirts and that the Society may act only as fiscal agent.

## BOARD NOTES: MAY 3, 2011

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### Board Actions:

- To accept the agenda, as amended. Passed by acclamation
- That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers on April 5, 2011, be approved as distributed. Passed by acclamation
- To accept the Board of Trustee recommendation to grant from the Washington Scots Charitable and Education Fund \$22,500 for scholarships and \$2,500 for other charitable purposes. Passed by acclamation.
- To grant \$2,500 to the Virginia Scottish Games. Passed by acclamation.
- To accept the Membership Application of Jeffrey S. Massie pending posting to the membership. Passed by acclamation
- To accept the membership re-instatement of Michael Monroe. Passed by acclamation.
- To provide the funds for up to \$1,200 for the year for a commercial storage unit. Passed by acclamation.
- To adjourn. Passed by acclamation.

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## MEMBER MEETING NOTES: MAY 12, 2011

By **Bart Forbes, Secretary**

The Society's May membership meeting included several highlights. First and foremost, the Society welcomed four new members. In order to speed the evening along, President Russ Shumway conducted some business in advance of the dinner and presentation. Mr. Shumway took nominations for the open position on the Board of Managers that would expire in 2012. Mr. Henry Moak was elected by a majority of the members present. Mr. Shumway then requested nominations and conducted elections for the members of the Nominating Committee that would present a slate of candidates for the 2012 officers, three candidates for the Board of Managers, and two candidates for the Board of Trustees. Please see the Bylaws concerning the nomination process below. The complete section on Annual Elections is included in the 2010 Member Directory. During dinner, Secretary Bart Forbes and Vice President Juge Gregg carefully tallied the ballots twice and presented the results to President Shumway. At the business meeting after dinner and presentation, Mr. Shumway announced the members of the Nominating Committee were: Doug Brooks, Vern McHargue, David McKenzie, JB Meek, and Tom Wright. Subsequently, Mr. Shumway appointed Mr. McHargue as Chairman of the Committee. Complete minutes of the members meeting will be forthcoming.

The slide presentation after dinner was titled "St. Andrew's Society: Celebrating 250 Years of Tradition, Culture, Fraternity and Service." Members John Bellasai and Bart Forbes shared a wealth of research and artifacts concerning the influence of the early Scottish immigrants in the area and the history of the St. Andrew's Societies of both Alexandria and Washington, D.C. The paper and slide presentation will be available on the Society Web site.

**Bylaws: Section 3. Annual Elections.** A *nominating committee* shall be elected at the first meeting of the Society following the annual meeting, and shall consist of five members in good standing. Upon the election of a nominating committee, the president shall designate one of those so elected to be chairman pro temp of the committee. Nominations for election to the nominating committee shall be made from the floor. The nominating committee shall transmit to the Secretary, not later than October 1, one nomination each for the offices of president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, two nominations for trustees, and three nominations for the office of manager. The secretary shall publish the list submitted by the nominating committee not later than October 15, and if no additional nominations are received these names shall be presented for election at the annual meeting. Any five members in good standing may also submit a nomination for any elective office; such nominations shall be transmitted in writing to the secretary not later than November 1. All nominations shall note the consent of the nominee, and no member may accept nomination to more than one elective office.\*

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## WEE DRAM UPDATE

By **TJ Holland**

On June 16th we held a pleasant if lightly attended Wee Dram. It's time to spread the word of our traditional recruiting event. With a very pleasant and centrally located venue, we hope to have the significant turnout of years past. There is much to attract at Againn, where eight society members, including our president and two prospective members. Even the bartender showed an interest, not knowing there was such a Society as ours.

Information on Againn: <http://www.againndc.com/>.

They are located on 11th St between K & New York Ave, just blocks away from Metro Center. There will be happy hour specials for both food and beverages and they may even provide a special incentive for those who show up in kilts. AGAINN is a contemporary gastropub. A place to gather - your thoughts or with friends - and enjoy traditional pub fare with a modern twist. They offer extensive single-malt Scotch, whisky, and beer selections, as well as fine wines, hand-crafted cocktails, and personal scotch lockers. AGAINN's food features sustainable seafood, organic meats, and products sourced from select local farms.

AGAINN is Gaelic that loosely translates as: "with us." We'll advise the next Wee Dram so you can be with us

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## SCOTTISH TARTAN DAY CONCERTS SUCCESSFUL

By Tom Campbell-Smith

The support of the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC and other Scottish organizations in the Baltimore/Annapolis/Eastern Shore region helped ensure the success of the Friday, April 8, 2011 Scottish Tartan Day Concert held at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis. The Concert raised \$4500.00, all of which was provided to the Blue Ridge Brass and Montreat Scottish Pipes and Drums of North Carolina. This sum will be used to continue endeavors to promote appreciation for the rich heritage of traditional Scottish music.

An abbreviated version of the Concert was held at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage the following evening (Saturday, April 9). The Kennedy Center staff estimates that 2,000 persons (including many families and children) attended this event.

The Kennedy Center performance is available for viewing on the web at [www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium](http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium). Place the words "Blue Ridge Brass" in the search box on the right side of the page under the heading "Archives" to view and listen to the one-hour performance. Among the memorable moments of the performance are the Marine standing at rigid attention in his kilt of the Marine Corps tartan as the Marine Hymn is played; Ed Miller's solo performance of "A Bottle of the Best;" and Annie Jo Buchanan's rendition of "The Tartan." ✱

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## TARTAN DAY 2011 EVENTS IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, DC A GREAT SUCCESS

By John King Bellasai

An extensive series of Tartan Day events were held this year on Capitol Hill on Tartan Day itself—Wednesday, 6 April—all sponsored by the National Capital Tartan Day Committee, Inc. (NCTDC), with generous support from individual and corporate sponsors, including our own St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC.

(NCTDC is a nonprofit charitable corporation created in 2002 expressly to promote and celebrate the Tartan Day holiday each year here in the National Capital Area. Its President, Gil Smith, and its Vice President, John Bellasai, as well as many of its members are also members of our St. Andrew's Society.)

NCTDC sponsored both a cocktail reception and a scholarly symposium that day in the Capitol Visitors Center (CVC), immediately adjacent to the US Capitol Building. A long list of local and out-of-town VIPs were invited to the events on Capitol Hill this Tartan Day—all Scottish Caucus members from both houses of Congress, special guests of the Caucus members (congressional constituents), officers and governing board members from our various local area Scottish-American organizations, all the State Tartan Day Coordinators from the Scottish Coalition, USA and the officers of its various constituent member organizations, as well as NCTDC's own members and donors.

In addition to the reception, and leading up to it, NCTDC reserved the 425-seat theater-style auditorium in the Capitol Visitors Center for a special symposium on state tartans. This state-of-the-art facility is equipped with a stage up front, on which a panel of expert speakers sat, plus a big screen on which PowerPoint presentations and video clips were shown by the panel presenters as visual aids to their presentations. The symposium was videotaped by Bart Forbes and William Moore; an edited version will be posted on NCTDC's Website soon. The symposium occurred as officially described in the invitation sent to all members of the Friends of Scotland Caucuses in both the House and the Senate (about 70 legislators total):

*"The 2011 Tartan Day Symposium will focus exclusively on American tartans, with special emphasis on State tartans. (Thirty-nine States of the Union currently have their own tartans.) A panel of experts will*

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*discuss how and by whom these tartans were designed, promoted and officially adopted, highlighting selected examples. All the current state tartans will be shown in full color. Attention will also be given by the panel to some examples of American city and county tartans and tartans created to commemorate events of importance to Scottish-Americans. Audience participation will be encouraged at the end of the symposium, during a question and answer session.”*

The symposium began at 2:00PM. NCTDC Vice President John Bellasai served as Moderator. Speakers included Matthew Newsome, FSA Scot, Director of the Scottish Tartans Museum in Franklin, NC; Dr. Phillip D. Smith, Jr., FSA Scot, a widely published expert on the subject of state tartans and himself a past recipient of the Scottish Coalition’s Tartan Day Award; Bob McWilliam, Board Member of Scottish Heritage, USA (SHUSA) who was instrumental in getting the Wisconsin State Tartan designed and adopted by his state legislature; David Berger, newly elected President of the St. Andrew’s Society of Milwaukee and a former Wisconsin state legislator who worked with McWilliam to shepherd the state tartan bill through their state legislature; Barbara Humphrey, State Tartan Day Coordinator for Minnesota who was likewise instrumental in getting the Minnesota State Tartan adopted; Todd Wilkinson, Professor of History at Ozark Technical Community College in Springfield, MO, who has written extensively about the Iowa and Missouri tartans; and Bob Currie, President of the Clan Currie Society and Chairman of Tartan Day on Ellis Island, who had just returned from Scotland where he had registered the new Ellis Island Tartan.

The symposium was followed at 4:00PM by an awards ceremony, also held in the CVC Auditorium. . This kicked off with a short video introduced by Darren Burgess, Second Secretary for Scottish affairs here at the Embassy, featuring pre-recorded Tartan Day Greetings from the First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond. This was followed by the reading of an open letter from the Duke of Buccleuch & Queensbury, President of the National Trust for Scotland, conveying Tartan Day greetings. Former First Minister of Scotland, Henry MacLeish, joined us in person to offer Tartan Day greetings from the people of Scotland to America. NCTDC President Gil Smith then presented a special life-time achievement award to former Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, who was in attendance, in recognition of his efforts to get the first Tartan Day Resolution passed by the Senate. In addition, NCTDC had invited the Scottish Coalition, USA to use the occasion of the Capitol Hill Reception as the venue at which to present its own Tartan Day Award for 2011. Our Society’s longtime friend Bob Murdoch, the Coalition’s National Chairman of Tartan Day, travelled to Washington to present the award to Barbara Humphrey of Minnesota.

This Awards Ceremony was followed by the reception, larger than in years past; a wide variety of Scottish-Americans from across our region and from elsewhere were invited and attended. In addition to an open bar and hors d’ouvres, the reception featured a scotch tasting, entertainment (pipers, fiddler, Highland dancers, and a Scottish vocalist, Megan McGovern), and remarks by American and Scottish government officials who were in attendance. As in past years, a number of members of the bipartisan Friends of Scotland Caucus in the House attended the reception. Caucus Co-chairmen Mike McIntyre (D-NC) and John Duncan (R-TN) made brief remarks during the reception. Both Speaker of the House John Boehner and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi also attended the reception (though not together) and each offered Tartan Day greetings. Many of the attendees took the opportunity to have their pictures taken with the Caucus Co-chairmen and with either the Speaker or the Minority Leader. The symposium, awards ceremony and reception were all widely attended invitation only events. Among many others, all the officers, BOM and BOT members, past presidents and committee chairs from our Society were invited to

These Capitol Hill events aside, several other successful events were held in the Greater DC Metro Area in the days just before or just after Tartan Day. NCTDC again this year sponsored its open-air Tartan Day Festival in Market Square in Old Town Alexandria on Saturday, 2 April. Despite weather challenges which brought rain, wind, hail and bright sunshine—not necessarily in that order—during this five-hour event, the Festival was extremely well attended. Food vendors, craft merchants, clan societies, and Celtic entertainers all contributed to a fun and free event, , which drew Scots and non-Scots alike. Mayor Bill Euille addressed the assembled crowd and the Alexandria

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## SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE GRANTS AWARDED FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2011-'12.

By **T.J. Holland**

The St. Andrew's Society Founders' Prize of \$7,500, established this year in honor of our Society's 250 years of Tradition, Culture, Fraternity and Service and made possible by generous donations in the name of James & Mary Dawson and Donald Malcolm MacArthur, for an outstanding Scottish or Scottish-American scholar, is awarded to **Mr. Michael Collins**. From Glasgow, Scotland, Mr. Collins is a graduate with distinction in foreign languages from the University of Strathclyde. He is pursuing a Master of Science in Foreign Service degree at Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service here in Washington, DC. Planning to return to Scotland and enter government service, his experience and education will lay the foundation for future contributions to the analysis and formulation of foreign policies and helping the Scottish people find their voice on the world stage.

St. Andrew's Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each have been awarded to each of the following:

The **Rev. Thomas Christian Currie** of Charlotte, NC. An experienced pastor and rising leader in the Presbyterian Church with degrees from Davidson College and the Princeton Theological Seminary, he is pursuing a PhD in Systematic Theology at the University of Edinburgh's prestigious School of Divinity. Recognizing that pastor-theologians are needed in the life of the church and in the life of educational institutions, he hopes to train new leaders in a challenging time for the church and for the larger culture.

**Ms. Elizabeth Ford** of South Charleston, WV, beginning her PhD in Musicology at the University of Glasgow in Scotland. A magna cum laude graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Ms. Ford received her MM in Historical Musicology from the Peabody Conservatory of The Johns Hopkins University. She will be conducting groundbreaking research into the role of the transverse flute in Scotland in the eighteenth century, focusing on its role in traditional music, and as an instrument for gentleman amateurs.

**Mr. Aaron Jentzen** of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A Rhodes Scholar nominee, Grade I Champion piper and former Music Editor of the Pittsburgh City Paper, he is working toward dual master degrees in Professional Writing and Investigative Journalism at Carnegie-Mellon University and the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. His plans include investigating the changes in technology and new communications paradigms challenging traditional print media and book-length non-fiction writing on a range of topics including bagpiping culture in the United States.

**Mr. Alexander Whittaker Smith**, an award-winning Honors graduate of the august Glasgow School of Art, with an impressive résumé of exhibitions and projects within the UK and internationally, and recognized by The Scottish Arts Council, The British Council, The Dewar Arts Awards and The Fulbright Commission. Mr. Smith is at Columbia University in New York City pursuing a Master of Fine Arts degree in Visual Arts.

**Mr. Craig Stanford** of Chesapeake, VA, an MA candidate for a joint degree in Archeology and History at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. His excavations and projects have included north British Mesolithic middens and a comparative study of Pictish and Romano-British settlement patterns in the Bronze Age.

St. Andrew's Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each have been awarded to each of the following:

**Ms. Ann Crawford-Roberts** of Furlong, PA, working toward her BA in Anthropology and International Relations at Brown University in Providence, RI, on her path to becoming a physician with training in medical anthropology. Seeking to understand the balance between the macro work of policy makers and the micro work of doctors, Ms Crawford-Roberts approaches health from the paradigm of human rights, and looks forward to a career focused on health delivery in resource-limited settings.

**Ms. Cassandra Smith-Christmas**, of Stafford, Virginia, who is working toward a Ph.D. in Celtic Studies at the University of Glasgow. A champion Scottish fiddler and linguist, her doctoral work centers on the preservation

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Pipes & Drums, in full strength, and our Society Color Guard made an impressive entry onto the scene, playing several popular marches. Our Society pitched its tent on the square, along with many others, and collected a number of new member applications.

The Blue Ridge Brass and the Montreat Scottish Pipes & Drums travelled from North Carolina to the Washington Area this year to put on three concerts in honor of Tartan Day. Tom Campbell Smith, a member of our Society, served as booking agent for the bands. A public concert was held in Annapolis, at the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, on Friday, 8 April. Working with Scots4Tots, a similar concert was scheduled for wounded warriors and their families at Walter Reed Medical Center in DC. And on Saturday, 9 April, a third concert, open to the public and sponsored by NCTDC, was performed in DC at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage. All three events were extremely well attended ✨



*Tartans of the United States was the keynote presentation of the Symposium*

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Officer Reports: President Shumway reported he was determining interest in a Sunday baseball event in early June or July. Vice President Juge Gregg reported that, for the upcoming Members Meeting, he had asked Secretary Forbes and member Dick Badger to present results of archive research and discuss the creation of the Society Coat of Arms. Mr. Forbes reported that a new version of the website will be completed soon and that he will issue governance group accounts. Other functions of the website remain unchanged. Treasurer Lisle Bean was not present and no report was offered.

Trustees Report: Trustee Doug Brook reported that the Fund has \$477,000 in assets that includes life member funds and a total of \$14,000 in profits were generated by the Tartan Ball silent auction. The trustees recommend a total of \$25,000 in disbursement: \$22,500 for scholarships and \$2,500 for other charitable activities.

Committee Reports: Membership Co-chairman David Close reported that four members will be piped in at the next Members meeting. Membership Relations Co-Chairman Pat Cummins reported the passing of member Roy Tandy. Community Relations Chairman John Bellasai reported that he and Rev. Dick Libby continue to plan the combined society dinner, tentatively planned for late summer or early fall in Annapolis. Mr. Bellasai also noted the success of the recent National Capital Tartan Day Committee events, including a symposium and reception at the U.S. Capitol Center. Mr. Bellasai presented to the Secretary for the archives a copy of the book *Wherever the Saltire Flies*, written by Kenny Macaskill and Henry McLeish, in which the Society is prominently mentioned. Color Guard Chairman David Close reported participation in the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival, a tea at Tudor Place in Georgetown, and the Gold Cup at Great Meadow. National Kirkin' o' the Tartan Co-Chairman David McKenzie reported the event will be held on Sunday, May 22, at 4:00pm. Mr. Bellasai confirmed the reception would begin at about 5:30 pm, following the service and concert.

Old Business: Mr. Shumway reported that the recent Dining In event attracted about twenty current and prospective members. Agenda item regarding professional leadership training was shelved. Regarding outreach to older members, Henry Moak distributed a members list for review. Mr. Gregg reported that the membership process meeting would be re-scheduled. Mr. Shumway reported on a previous meeting's action item regarding re-instatement of a former member. Though the member resigned in 2007, Mr. Shumway noted that if a member is in good standing upon resignation, a he would be eligible for re-instatement upon the vote of the Board of Managers and payment of the current year's dues.

New Business: Mr. Shumway requested members from the Governance and the general membership to assist in developing a charitable giving strategy for next year. Messrs. Bellasai, and Wright volunteered. Mr. Forbes reminded the Board of his proposal at the February meeting for budgeting funds for a climate-controlled and accessible storage space for the Society archives and other property ✨

## COLOR GUARD

By David Close

The CG and the band attended the Gold Cup Races at Great Meadow, We had a 40% (6) turnout from the CG, 3 Drummers and 9 Pipers + 1 society member. The CG & Band did an outstanding job for the opening ceremony to a very appreciative crowd. During the day some of the band played at various location while the CG manned the tent and mingled with other Gold Cup patrons to spread the society word.

I personally handed out 11 applications to prospective new members and had conversations with and pass on contact details with 12+ other people while touring Great Meadow.

In total we had 3 people interested in joining the band as pipers (they already play) around 18 applications went out and countless inquiries from other patrons.



*Members of the St. Andrews Color Guard support events at*

The team did a fantastic job representing the society here and also in support of the good work of the Capital Caring group (nee Capital Hospice) at their polo event. As this goes to press the Color Guard again presented the flag for the Independence Day celebration at Great Meadow. While there, the members of the Guard helped the Virginia Scottish Games staff promote the Scottish Games of Labor Day weekend.

Finally on the CG, I would like to formally announce the following changes, as C/Sergeant I am pleased to announce that as from today Tom Wright and Adam Pressman have agreed to jointly take over my current duties as C/Sergeant, this change should be of no surprise as I have always stated that within the CG unit I welcome and encourage the development in leadership roles. This change will give me more time to work with the band. I will stay with the CG team as a point of contact and will continue to attend events ✨

### *Scholars Update continued from page 9*

of endangered languages – specifically Scottish Gaelic. Her long-term aims include an academic post in Linguistics, research and teaching contributions to Gaelic language preservation programs, and the creation of a publishing house for children's books in endangered languages.

Awards 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 granted totaling in excess of \$20,000. The size and total number of awards varies from year to year.

To be eligible, scholars must be of Scottish birth or descent. Applicants who are British subjects must have been born in Scotland. Applicants who are United States citizens must maintain their permanent residence in the Mid-Atlantic Region. All applicants must be able to cite their Scottish descent and must submit a statement of their plans and goals.

Other criteria applied by the Society's Scholarship Committee include an identifiable need for financial assistance, a meritorious academic record, and an indication that the proposed course of study will materially contribute to the applicant's intellectual development and economic independence. Special attention is given to applicants whose work would demonstrably contribute toward enhancing knowledge of Scottish history or culture ✨



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## SCOTS FOR TOTS—WHAT IS IT?

Celebrating our past and brightening the future is what it's all about. In displays of Scottish drill and heritage embraced by our Society's band and Color Guard, this new charity brightens the day and fortunes of those who may need it the most. Children facing medical procedures, our heroic wounded warriors and the scores of dedicated people who help them have supported and benefited from this new organization.



*Salute to our Troops*

Our Society members support and founded the Mid-Atlantic chapter of the Scots for Tots as a way to further our purpose to "relieve the distressed" while at the same time providing an opportunity for our ladies and our extended community who love all things Scottish to step up and "step off" for these worthy and needful groups.

Members of the Color Guard and the Pipe Band teamed up with the Mid-Atlantic Scots4tots (M.A.S.T) to present the Colors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center's (WRAMC) Spring Fling/ Family Fun-Day April 30<sup>th</sup> and help with various activities throughout the day.



Bill Ray from the pipe band had his daughter Katie doing face painting. This was Katie's first event for M.A.S.T. since recently joining, and did a fantastic job for the families. David Close introduced other members to balloon twisting which was a huge hit with the children at the event (and for other members too (see picture below))



Within just one year Mid-Atlantic Scots4tots, has be able to present WRAMC with \$1000 to help with the families emergency fund, \$310 to WRAMC Auxiliary



President of M.A.S.T. David Close said, "It has been an amazing year, and thanks the members of M.A.S.T. for their dedication and commitment to these causes, also thanks members of the Pipes and Drums for giving up their time to support M.A.S.T. at this and other events".

"It is team work like this that helps us to make a difference and show our gratitude to the Men and Women who have, and are serving to protect us".

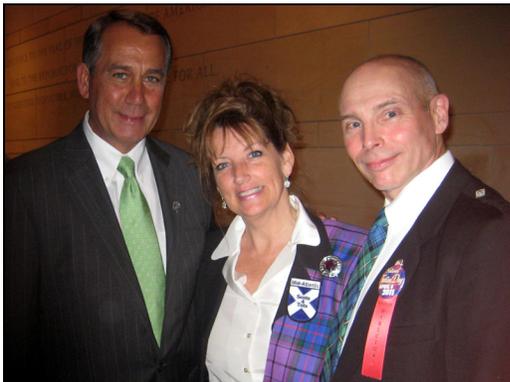
Another award of \$500 went to The New Horizons unit at the Children's National Medical Center (CNMC). The New Horizons unit brings arts and craft programs to the children at the hospital.

Total donations to date **\$1810** if you would like more information on helping or joining Mid-Atlantic Scots4tots, Contact [david@scots4tots.org](mailto:david@scots4tots.org) or 571 277 7357, visit us at [www.scots4tots.org](http://www.scots4tots.org)

Motto: You don't have to be Scottish, you just have to care! ✨

## SCOTS FOR TOTS A YEAR OF GROWTH

By Rhonda Wardlaw



*Rhonda Wardlaw of S4T with Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) and our Secretary Bart Forbes*

For a non profit charitable group that has only been in existence for a year, the Mid-Atlantic Scots4Tots (MAST) is setting the standard for community involvement.

The organization received its non profit status in April of 2010 and immediately started finding ways to encourage participation from its members. MAST is involved in at least one event per month that ranges from fundraisers to military affairs, entertainment venues and political appearances. Most recently, the Mid-Atlantic Scots4tots Color Guard was invited to lead the New York City National Tartan Day Parade.

MAST members participate in Scottish festivals across the state and are proud to be affiliated with the Children's National Medical Center of Washington D.C. and the Walter Reed Medical Center.

They say good things come in 3's... and MAST is certainly following suit.

While the non profit is modest about its accomplishments, it was the preferred group contacted by the Shakespeare Theatre Company of Washington DC to be a part of its presentation from the National Theatre of Scotland's production of "Black Watch."

The group has the support of the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor from the Scottish Affairs office of the British Embassy and a former Surgeon General, and yet you will find its members busy making animal balloons and face painting!

This is a group for everyone, and as their motto states: You don't have to be Scottish, you just have to care!

For more information, go to their website at [www.scots4tots.org](http://www.scots4tots.org) ✨

Update—As we go to press, the Scots 4 Tots Charity has been very busy on a traditional American Celebration. Very busy this Independence Day Weekend the organization has either earned or been promised by Corporate Donors more than four times the revenue of last year. Scots for Tots is off to an auspicious start of its new year.  
- Ed.

# PICTURES FROM THE 60TH ANNUAL KIRKIN OF' THE TARTAN



**COME TO THE KIRKIN, AGAIN  
ON SUNDAYS FOR THE NEXT  
TWO YEARS ON APRIL 22,  
2012 AND APRIL 14T, 2013.**



*Highlights of the Annual Kirkin of the Tartan and a picture of just some of the community's Scottish Heritage advocates.*

- John Bellasai, Society reception coordinator-
  - Russ Shumway, Society President
  - Darren G. Burgess, Second Secretary Scottish Affairs, British Embassy
  - Gil Smith, President, National Capital Tartan Day Committee, co-host of reception
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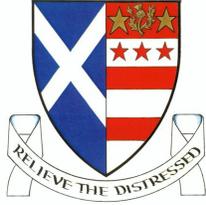
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If you are interested in insignia and memorabilia, please contact Russ Shumway at 703-980-6252 or [russ@rmshumway.net](mailto:russ@rmshumway.net)



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