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Newsletter of the St. Andrew's Society of Richmond, Inc.
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Calendar

Apr. 13 St. Andrew's Society of Richmond Business Meeting at Dumbarton Library, 6800 Staples Mill Road, Richmond, Virginia 23228, (804) 262-6507. For directions: www.co.henrico.va.us/library/dudir.htm

We gather at 6:30pm, business meeting at 7:00pm. **Program theme: storytelling.** Celtic Buffet (please bring munchies or dessert, soft drinks, but *absolutely no alcohol*).

Apr. 6 National Tartan Day

Apr. 16 Strawberry Hill Races

May 14 St. Andrew's Picnic at Echo Lake Park, 5701 Springfield Road. The shelter has been reserved from 3:00pm to dusk. Food, fun, games, music—so reserve this date! More details coming soon. Directions: Take 64W to Staples Mill Road West Exit. Cross over Parham Road and Hungary Road. Turn left on Springfield Road. Continue and bear right on Springfield Road. Entrance is on the left.

Jun. 8 St. Andrew's Society of Richmond Business Meeting

Consider serving your society

A Nominating Committee consisting of **Glenn Mullins** (Chair), **Sarah Bennett**, and **Analee Evans** has been formed to take nominations for the positions of:

Officers: President, Vice-President,
Secretary, Treasurer
Director: 2 general positions

The officers will serve 2-year terms from

July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007
The general Director positions are for 3 years--July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008

You may nominate yourself or any current member of the society for any position. The Nominating Committee will confirm that anyone nominated is ready and willing to serve. Nominations should be made prior to the May general membership meeting and elections will be held at our annual meeting on June 8, 2005. For descriptions and duties of the positions, please see the society bylaws (if needed, email Beverly Cochrane for the bylaws Beverly987@aol.com).

April in history

3rd, 1603: The Clan Gregor (MacGregor) is outlawed by James VI. Those using the name of MacGregor can be killed on sight. If they had only gotten into the hamburger business (cooked... not on 'the hoof'), this might not have happened.

1617: John Napier, Scottish inventor of logarithms was born in Edinburgh... or maybe Balforn.

5th, 1820: The Scottish Insurrection of 1820 begins. I can't find this on a time-line.

6th, 1320: The Declaration of Arbroath is finished, asserting Scotland's ancient independence. Great day to fly The Rampant Lion.

1985: Willie MacRae, the Secretary of the Scottish Nationalist Party died... probably assassinated.

9th, 1139: 2nd Treaty of Durham was signed recognizing David I as a ruler independent of the Normans.

12th, 1700: The only Scottish scheme to have overseas colonies was abandoned (Darien) on the Panama isthmus. Scotland went 'broke' and when English gold came north to bribe them, the Scottish 'nobility' voted for The Union. "We are bought & sold for English gold, What a parcel of rogues in a nation"

1820: Scottish Rebels storm Greenock Prison, freeing 5 members of the Scottish Provisional Government.

13th, 1827: Hugh Clapperton, Scottish explorer of Africa died of 'a fever' in Sokoto, Africa.

14th, 1582: Edinburgh University was founded.

16th, 1746: The Battle of Culloden (Drumossie)... last gasp of the Stuart Dynasty & the beginning of the end for the auld ways of The Highlands. The last battle on 'British soil'.

17th, 1341: Edinburgh Castle taken back from the English.

20th, 1934: Scottish National Party was formed. These guys are Socialists & I've thrown out my membership card.

26th, 1711: David Hume, Scottish philosopher was born in Edinburgh.

27th, 1852: Robert Lochore, Scottish poet died.

Tartan Day

Americans of Scottish descent have played a vibrant and influential role in the development of this country. However not until 1997 was this influence recognized by a single-year U.S. Senate Resolution that appeared in the Congressional Record of April 7, 1997. In 1998 National Tartan Day was officially recognized on a permanent basis when the U.S. Senate passed [Senate Resolution 155](#) recognizing April 6th as

National Tartan Day. This was followed by companion bill House Resolution 41 which was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on March 9, 2005. The passage of this bill was due to the work of the [National Capital Tartan Committee, Inc.](#), and president James Morrison.

That date commemorates the signing of the [Declaration of Arbroath](#) in 1320, which asserted Scotland's sovereignty over English territorial claims, and which was an influence on the American Declaration of Independence.

Canada has been celebrating "National Tartan Day" since 1993. The idea and motivation for creating a similar American holiday was provided by the [Scottish Coalition](#), a group of national Scottish-American cultural organizations.
<http://www.tartanday.org/history.htm>

AOH 2005 trip to Ireland

The winner of the AOH 2005 trip to Ireland was ticket 709 **Mark Collins**. The ticket was drawn from the drum by Frank Hardy, IAS. Mark was present and is a parishioner of St Pat's. and an AOH member. Thank you for your participation.

Paul Mc Fadden

Contributions?

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