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The Newsletter of the St. Andrew's Society of Richmond, Inc.
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Board@StAndrewsSociety.org with your correct address so that we may save money on postage.

Membership renewal for 2008/2009 is in full swing. Please mail checks to our post office box, or present to a Board member at our next (first of the new year) general membership meeting (see calendar). Thanks and we hope to see you at our meetings and fun filled events through out the new season!!

Calendar



NOTE: St. Patrick's Church is making plans to celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2009. They would like to be in touch with all the alumni of St. Patrick's School. Please let them know your name and address. Drop them a note at 213 N. 25th St. Richmond VA 23223, or call 804-648-0504 or email at st.patrickric@aol.com.

September 10 St. Andrew's Society Business Meeting at The Church of the Holy Comforter (Monument Ave. at Staples Mill Rd.) We gather at 6:30 pm to socialize and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm. *Celtic Buffet,*

as usual, so please bring a dessert or an appetizer to share.

September 6 Celtic Festival at the Gayton Kirk. Presbyterian Church USA, 11421 Gayton Rd., Richmond, VA 23238. 804/741-5254. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a Ceilidh from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The tickets are \$10 for the festival and \$10 for the Ceilidh. The tickets are available from Kirk members or through the Kirk office (phone number above) or gaytonkirk@yahoo.com. Also visit www.thegaytonkirk.org for more details. The St. Andrew's Society will have a Scottish heritage booth at this event.

September 6 An Irish Homecoming hosted by Cherish the Ladies with their guests Maura O'Connell, bohola and Dermot Henry, plus an award winning ensemble of Irish stepdancers. Performances at 3:00 pm & 7:30 pm Alice Jepson Theatre, Modlin Center for the Arts

In a stellar collaboration, Irish chanteuse Maura O'Connell appears with the all-female Celtic ensemble Cherish the Ladies, led by Grammy Award-winner Joanie Madden. Cherish the Ladies lays claim to a breathtaking mastery of the genre and a no-holds-barred exuberance that has led the ensemble's members to become some of the most sought-after practitioners of Celtic music today. Celebrated for her prowess in immersing herself—heart and soul—into her repertoire, O'Connell melds the tradition of her ancestry with influences culled from her life in America. They are joined by singer-songwriter Dermot Henry and the duo bohola—performers who have earned the highest accolades from Celtic music lovers everywhere. Add to this glorious mix an all-

star ensemble of dancers from The Chieftains and the cast of *Riverdance* and you have Irish high spirits and merry-making that you won't want to miss!

Tickets: \$38 adults, \$36 seniors, \$19 children. Call (804) 289-8980 or e-mail modlin.richmond.edu

October 3 and 4 The Williamsburg Scottish festival will take place in Lanexa in New Kent County at the Rockahock Campgrounds. This is the same festival that used to take place in Williamsburg at the Jamestown Campgrounds. For more information call 804-966-8362 or go to <http://www.wsfonline.org/>

October 8 St. Andrew's Society Business Meeting at The Church of the Holy Comforter (Monument Ave. at Staples Mill Rd.) We gather at 6:30 pm to socialize and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm. *Celtic Buffet, as usual, so please bring a dessert or an appetizer to share.*

October 25 and 26 The 14th Annual Richmond Highland Games & Celtic Festival. These dates also mark the final Festival at Richmond International Raceway. Next year it will move to Meadow Event Park, the new location for the State Fair of Virginia. So, let's make this a farewell party for the old location and come on out and make it a great sendoff. The entertainment line-up is being finalized, but one thing is sure – Charlie Zahm will be back. Also, the St. Andrew's Society will be the presenter of the first annual Bonny Knees Contest. (It's much safer than Ferrett-Legging).

The St. Andrew's Society of Richmond Tent will be in the same location as last year (Tent #3) and it will be a double tent, once again. We'll be needing folks to help man the tent over the two days and also to help in the Bonny Knees Contest.

Circle the dates and plan to join us for a weekend of 'Music, Food & Large Men Throwing Stuff.'

November 12 St. Andrew's Society Business Meeting Dinner meeting (TBA)

Dec. 10 St. Andrew's Society Business Meeting at The Church of the Holy Comforter (Monument Ave. at Staples Mill Rd.) We gather at 6:30 pm to socialize and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm. *Celtic Buffet, as usual, so please bring a dessert or an appetizer to share.*

December 13 A Celtic Christmas Party Is Coming Our Way!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 13, 2008. On that night, for the first time, all three Celtic Organizations will be gathering for a Christmas Party. The Irish-American Society, The St. Andrew's Society of Richmond and the Scottish Society of Richmond will join together to celebrate the "Most Wonderful Time Of The Year!"

While details are still being finalized, what we do know is that the date is Saturday, December 13 and the location is St. Edwards School on Huguenot Road. While the Irish-American Society is taking the lead on this, all three groups will be involved in planning, setting up, etc.

We'll have more information as we get closer to the date

Jan. 2009 St. Andrew's Society Business Meeting will not be held, as on January 3, 2008, we will celebrate Hogmanay. The event will take place at the Virginia Crossings Resort. Details will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

The Prez Sez!

Everybody up for the kickoff!

It's that time of the year – football season is here! I've been waiting since last February for this. What will the Redskins do? What will my beloved Buffalo Bills do? How about the University of Richmond, Virginia Tech, UVA...and the list goes on. What does the season hold for each of them?

How about the St. Andrew's Society of Richmond? What does the new year hold for us? Your Board has been busy this summer with plans and we have had some changes. That will always happen. I was sorry to see Analee step down as Treasurer. The good news is that she will continue to edit our Saltire Sentinel and I thank her for that. Our Board has two new members: Amanda Scholte and Jack Short. John LoRe has moved over from Secretary to Treasurer and Bill Cooper has agreed to assume the position of Secretary for the coming year. So you can see that we have been active during the heat of summer.

Now what is ahead and how can we ALL get involved? I emphasize ALL. I have said many times that this is a Society of ALL members. It is not just for the officers and board members. YOU are a very important part of what we do. What would YOU like to see and who would YOU like to hear at meetings? Chris Rapp is always open for suggestions. The Richmond Highland Games & Celtic Festival is coming up in October and we need YOU to be an active part. The Tent needs to be manned both days and we need volunteers to help with the task at hand. The Hogmanay is scheduled for January 3 and I know there is a need for additional help.

So, what is the first thing YOU can do? Be active in all phases of our Organization. We welcome anyone's ideas and input. Volunteer to help in projects. We want to see you at meetings and we want YOU to be a part of the whole. The St. Andrew's Society of Richmond has a great Board of Directors...BUT...they cannot do it all alone.

Come join in the fun and the activities. We want YOU!

Aye! Dick

Treasurer's Report:

For the month ending June 30, 2008, we stand at:

Beginning Balance:	\$1,534.35
Income:	\$ 84.00
Expenses:	\$ 125.31
Balance:	\$1,493.04

You can email the Officers and Board at Board@StAndrewsSociety.org. Each of the officers can be directly emailed at President@..., VicePresident@..., Secretary@... and Treasurer@....

Contributions Please!

Please send any articles, music/book reviews, jokes, recipes or information on upcoming events (of a Celtic nature) to **Analee Evans** at analee_e@hotmail.com or P.O. Box 3972, Glen Allen, VA 23058, **by the end of September**. **This is your St. Andrew's Society newsletter . . . so please send something you would like to see in it!** Thank you!