



February 2010

Saltire Sentinel

The Newsletter of the St. Andrew's Society of Richmond, Inc.
PO Box 3972, Glen Allen Virginia 23058, www.standrewssociety.org

If you are receiving this newsletter through the United States Postal Service, it means we do not have an accurate or valid email address. Please email us at <mailto:Board@StAndrewsSociety.org> with your correct address so that we may save money on postage.

Calendar

February 10, 2010 Wednesday:

SASR Regular Meeting

We meet at the Church of the Holy Comforter (Monument Ave. at Staples Mill Rd.) We gather at 6:30 p.m. to socialize and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. *The Celtic Buffet will be there, as usual, so please bring a dessert or an appetizer to share.*

This evening's presentation will be on Scottish Drumming by members of the Virginia Scots Guard pipe band.

Please note that we will be meeting in a different location at the church (see article to the side for details).

February 13, 2010 Saturday:

Celtic Harp Concert

This concert celebrates the Tenth Year Anniversary of The American Youth Harp Ensemble and features an arrangement of "Danny Boy" by William Jackson, noted harpist and composer as well as being a founding member of the group *Ossian*. The concert will start at 7:00 PM at The Gayton Kirk ([11421 Gayton Rd., Henrico, VA 23238](http://11421GaytonRd.com)).

This is a free event; there will be an opportunity to make donations to the

American Youth Harp Ensemble after the concert.

February 20, 2010 Saturday:

SASR Movie Night

Your Society will hold its first Movie Night (that is Bra Scots for "night") at the [Samis Grotto, 4028 MacArthur Ave.](http://SamisGrotto.com) beginning at 7:00PM. The movie will be "[The Water Horse](http://TheWaterHorse.com)" about a lonely boy who discovers a mysterious egg that hatches a sea creature of Scottish legend. There will be concessions for sale: Pop Corn, Nachos with cheese, hot dogs, candy, and drinks. There is no admission charge so bring your friends and family.

March 10, 2010 Wednesday:

SASR Regular Meeting

This will be a Charity Fundraiser incorporating a Live Auction (Items t/b/a March Newsletter), Book Sale, St. Andrew's Society Car Decals, and other items. The location will be announced in the next newsletter.

New Meeting Location

The Community Room at the Church of the Holy Comforter has been our regular meeting place for many years. The church has asked us (and other organizations) to move to another building on the church grounds. It is a smaller building that was a Boy Scout meeting place and later a day care center. There are several ways to get to the building:

- From the entrance we normally use on Monument Street (not Avenue!), walk to the right and then along the building. The

meeting place is the smaller building to the back and right.

- From the Staples Mill Road side, walk through the arches between the main church building and the community room and the meeting place is at the end of the side walk.
- There is also an alley on Chantilly Street between Monument Avenue and Monument Street that dead-ends at the building with minimal parking. This should only be used by people with a Handicap Parking permit.

We will try to have signs and people to direct you.

You can email the Officers and Board at <mailto:mBoard@StAndrewsSociety.org>. Each of the officers can be directly emailed at President@... VicePresident@... Secretary@... and Treasurer@...

President's Notes

Well, there was no meeting in January but we did, I think, have a successful Hogmany dinner “dance” attended by sixty hungry guests. I say “dance” in quotes because there was a wee challenge trying to fill the floor with dancers - even with the services of our very energetic and enthusiastic Ceilidh caller, Marion. However, not to be offended she and Jim are still considering joining SASR.



On reflection afterwards I did realise that we had a fair number of attendees recovering

from recent medical conditions or treatments – so maybe next year but I’ll leave that decision up to our members.

We enjoyed a very good dinner menu and table service not to mention an outstanding tasty Haggis course supplied by the only USDA approved maker in the country. – more on this company at our next meeting.

A big thank you to everyone who donated to our Silent Auction and watch this space for details of a future Live Auction to take place at one of our business meetings.

On behalf of everybody who attended, I will take this opportunity to thank Amanda Scholte for the hours she put in pulling the event together and to David Hinton for not only his Piping support but the installation and managing of the electronic equipment and for his DJ services.

Having seen their efforts, I want to also recognise the efforts of all past hogmany event volunteers for I truly did not understand their commitment to success on our behalves. – You know who you are!

On the night, we also celebrated with Charlie and Jackie Scott their 60th wedding anniversary as they were piped to their table by David to the tune of “Mairi’s Wedding” – a brilliant moment enjoyed by all and truly worth celebrating.

Many of us also captured the spirit of the evening by having our pictures professionally taken for posterity. If I say so myself, I think we were all “well turned out”.

A number of SASR members also attended the Virginia Scots Guard’s “Burn’s Supper” event on 23rd January. The VSGPD’s objective has been to adopt more of the traditional activities of a Burn’s Night from the previous year plus include non-traditional stuff – so it is called A Burn’s Night Gala event. They achieved this with an excellent program on the night and included Highland Dancers, a “Try Reading Burn’s” competition (I still think Jackie Scott from our table should have won) as well as introducing the new “X” Band. And who knows, I may even sing “Scots Wha Hae” next year instead of

reciting it...*mmmm* ... that might involve some of that b.y.o.b. Amber Nectar stuff.

OK, I hope to see you at our February meeting featuring a lecture/demonstration of drumming and drum history from David Hinton – and remember the new venue at the same location.

Yours & Aye for Scotland,
Bill Cooper

How do you disperse an angry
Scottish mob?
Take up a collection.

Flora MacDonald

For two months Charles, being on the run, had been flitting from hiding place to hiding place in the Outer Isles before he and Flora met. Now had it not been for a Kinswoman of Flora's the two may never have met at all!



She was not pinning away for the Bonnie Prince but deeply in love with her husband to be Allan MacDonald who was a redcoat officer throughout the campaign. As her foster-father, Clanranald, was also in command of King George's troopers on Benbecula. Flora would never have seen the Prince Betrayed though she sympathized not

with the Jacobites.

It came about one day that Flora was asked to do more than just 'Not Betray' the Bonnie Prince as she was young, healthy, full of spirit and practical she seemed, to those on the inside, to be the most likely young woman on the island to guide Charles on the next perilous stage of his journey to find refuge on the mainland. When a Captain of the Troop first approached her she prudently refused.

It was decided. Flora and Lady Clanranald prepared the clothing for her big, rawboned Irish Maid 'Betty Burke'. The gowns, the petticoats, the snood, cloak and white cap were a perfect fit, all was well bar the big clumsy boots which almost gave the game away. The stage was set.

June 20th 1746 was the day that the young Prince and Flora finally met and after a week of hiding they were ready to leave. Horror struck as news reached them that General Campbell had landed on the island with orders to search for the escaping Prince, and bring him down! But whether the General was tired or unbecoming of his role as hunter, or whether he simply hated traitors no one knows, but he disregarded the advice from the local Reverend Mr Macauley as to the residence of the Prince - and did not complete his orders.

When finally the boat left, Miss Flora MacDonald - Neil MacDonald - and the strange looking 'Betty Burke' slipped away into the night across the Minch. As for General Campbell, well he was no where to be seen, or at least no where near the fleeing Prince.

And so the story ends, Bonnie Prince

Charlie escaped the red coats under command of General Campbell. Some folks say, or would like to think, that a romance had blossomed between young Flora and the Bonnie Prince, but if one thing is true it is this: whether there was a love between the two, or whether Flora had converted to the Jacobite cause, simply knowing that she did indeed put her life on the line for the fleeing Prince is romance enough for most.

Flora's grave is on The Isle of Skye

Submitted by Amanda Scholte.
Article came from Wikipedia and
scotlandvacations.com

The following was seen on a poster in Argyll:
DRINK IS YOUR ENEMY.
Adjacent to this was another poster which said:
LOVE YOUR ENEMY.

Book of Scottish Connections

What is the Book of Scottish Connections (BSC)?

The BSC is a new public record that allows people all over the world, with a Scottish connection, to apply for a birth, death, marriage or civil partnership abroad to be recorded in the BSC held by the Registrar General in Edinburgh (provided that the event has already been registered with the civil registration authorities of the country in question). A commemorative certificate of the event (and the Scottish connection) will then be available from the registration service in Scotland, to be preserved as a part of the family history record.

I want to apply for and entry to be made in the BSC. How do I go about it?

Documents about requirements that may be helpful are available to download on-line.

The BSC6 leaflet on-line should answer most of your questions but please bear in mind the following points:

- Ensure that any application meets the eligibility requirements.
- Remember to provide an original or certified copy of the certificate recording the event and a translation (if applicable).
- Remember to send the correct fee with your application.
- The copy of the entry in the BSC you receive is commemorative and cannot be used as evidence that the event took place.

You can see more on-line by going to www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/regscot/book-of-scottish-connections.html

Scots link to Native American tribe celebrated

By Laura Seawright
Digging Up Your Roots

An extraordinary link between Scotland and a Native American Indian tribe is set to take centre stage at an International Clan gathering

It is believed that up to a half of the Cherokee Nation could be descendants of Ludovick Grant, who was a laird's son from Creichie in Aberdeenshire. A delegation from the tribe are planning a visit to the Clan Grant

International Meeting this summer to discover the roots of their celebrated ancestor.

Ludovick Grant was captured while fighting for the Jacobite army in the battle of Preston in 1715 and was due to be hanged. However, he escaped death and instead was transported to South Carolina, where he was an indentured servant. Following his release from his seven years of servitude, he began working as a trader for the Cherokee people.

According to Marjorie Lowe, a descendent of Ludovick, the fact that he was the son of a Scottish laird would have been meaningless to the Cherokees. "Each person was judged on his own merits and they did not recognise any kind of social hierarchy except their matriarchal clan system," she told BBC Radio Scotland's Digging Up Your Roots programme.

"So Grant, no doubt, was accepted as a peaceful person who brought trade goods which they desired. "Since Ludovick lived among the Cherokees for more than thirty years and intermarried we can surmise that he was accepted fully as an adopted Cherokee citizen." Ludovick met a Cherokee girl known as Eughioote, and according to the Clan Grant, they had a daughter named Mary.

Seannachie Adrian Grant said: "Although Ludovick only had the one daughter with his Cherokee wife, nevertheless she went on to be the ancestress of so many Cherokees that a huge proportion - something like a third or a half - of all Cherokees now count Ludovick Grant as one of their ancestors."

Ms Lowe added: "Many of our Cherokee leaders were descended from this one intermarriage, others too numerous to mention, would include justices of the Cherokee supreme court and many council members."

However, while creating a legacy with the Cherokees it also appears that Ludovick had left a wife behind in Scotland. The laird's son had married a woman called Margaret Redwood in Edinburgh in 1710 - five years before he was captured and sent abroad.

In 1736 she sought a court order requiring Ludovick to act as a proper husband. This document, known as a Process of Adherence, was viewed as a first stage in seeking a divorce.

But Adrian Grant still has some sympathy for Ludovick. "I think it's quite poignant that Margaret's daughter [from a previous marriage] was called Mary, and Ludovick called his own daughter Mary," he said. "So one can't help feeling that he did have some regrets about the situation he found himself in. "But then he was lucky to be alive, he really should have been hanged for his pains."

An Englishman, lecturing on his travels, was speaking disparagingly about the Scots in Canada and the mixing of the race with the Indians. 'You'll find,' he said, 'a great number of Scots half-breeds and French half-breeds, but you cannot find any English half-breeds.' 'Not surprisingly,' shouted a Scot in the audience. 'The squaws had to draw the line somewhere.'

The Rules

For many years Esquire magazine has published its "rules" as small filler pieces. These are supposedly the rules by which an educated and sophisticated gentleman (whether that is redundant or a contradiction we will leave to you, Gentle Reader) should live by. In the February issue they published Rule No. 435: *It is possible to enjoy bagpipe music, but only from a distance of at least 25 feet.*

How many Scottish managers does it take to change a light bulb?
Five. One to notice that it needs changing, one to prepare a budget, one to sign it off, one to order it from supplies and one to tell their secretary it needs replacing.

Contributions Please!

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

Hogmanay 2010 Photos

Photographs professionally taken at our 2010 Hogmanay are available for viewing (and purchase!) at Libby Clark's web site: http://libbyclark.printroom.com/ViewGallery.asp?userid=libbyclark&gallery_id=1890136.

Advertize in the Saltire Sentinel

We now offer our members (and others) a chance to advertize in the *Saltire Sentinel*. This will benefit members who have businesses and the Society through generated revenue.

The rates shown below are for 3-month blocks (that is three consecutive months). The ads must be submitted to the Editor (news@StAndrewsSociety.org) via email in digital format or by USP mail (PO Box 3972, Glen Allen Virginia 23058) in camera-ready form. The half page size can be either vertical or horizontal half page. The business card does not have to be an exact business card; the idea is to have just the essential details (see example below).

RATES:

Full Page	\$100
Half Page	\$50
Quarter Page	\$25
Business Card	\$10

MacTavish Haggis, Ltd

Satisfying your family's haggis needs since 1957

P O Box 1234
Richmond VA 23230

804-555-1212
www.MacTavishHaggis.com