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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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Burns Dinner for the Homeless

The Society's Annual Burns Dinner for the Homeless will take place on Sunday January 18 2015 at the Calgary Drop-In and Rehabilitation Centre, 423 – 4th Avenue S.E. Volunteers wishing to help out can contact Margot Aftergood at margotaftergood@shaw.ca. Kitchen staff is a priority position, aprons will be provided and you can bring your own head wear. Please feel free to wear your plaid. Car pooling is suggested and a map will be provided. Volunteers should arrive at 10:30 a.m. and proceed to the 6th floor to get settled into work groups. We require people to kitchen serve and table serve. The DI staff will direct the kitchen serving. This is a funday, we begin the morning's activities with the kitchen helpers going down to set up the kitchen. Then the entertainers go down to start the Robbie Burns Show at 11:30 a.m. The show consists of piping, singing, highland dancing, poetry reading and the Address to the Haggis. Once the address is finished, the entertainers are piped to the kitchen and the serving begins. It takes about 40 minutes and we serve 900 plus people depending on the weather and the 120lbs of haggis the Society supplies is eagerly anticipated by many of the clients. When all the dinners have been served; please stay for dinner upstairs. The dinner we provide is one of the most anticipated dinners of the year and the clients "mark" it on their calendar! *Margot Aftergood*



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Society Burns Night 2015

The Society will be holding its annual celebration of the life and works of Robbie Burns on Saturday, 24 January 2015 at the Austrian-Canadian Club, 3112 11 St NE, Calgary. We are pleased to be able to once again welcome Glenmorin who will play for the dancing segment of the evening. The dance program is: Circassian Circle, Blue Bonnets, Trip to Bavaria, Rose of the North, Last of the Lairds, Flowers of Edinburgh, Ca the Ewes to the Knowes, Woo'd and Married and A', Mairi's Wedding, Intermission, Corn Rigs, Express, Altshellach, Reel of the Royal Scots, Postie's Jig, MacDonald of the Isles and the Linton Ploughman. Be sure to mark your calendars for an evening of haggis, poetry, song and dance. Tickets are \$50 for St. Andrew's members and \$55 for non-members. Doors open at 6:00pm and dinner will be served at 6:30. A cash bar will also be available. Tickets are available from: Ann Vandewal Annvanderwal@shaw.ca and Robert Henderson roberthenderson@yahoo.com or 403-245-5514. *Ann Vanderwal*



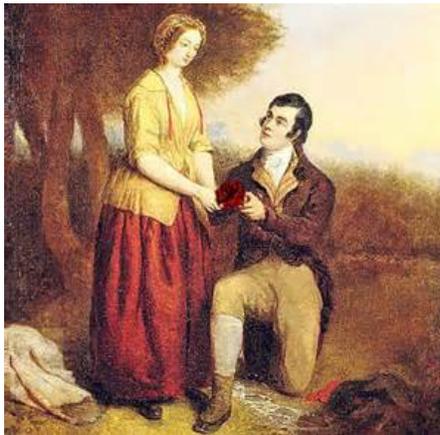
Mobile Burns Unit 2015

Members who are interested in performing on Robbie Burns Day, Monday, 26 January 2015 at seniors' lodges and nursing homes around Calgary should contact Robert Henderson at roberthenderson@yahoo.com or (403) 245-5514. The day starts at about 9:00am with two or perhaps three troupes meeting at car rental offices in the north and south of the city and travelling to six and seven lodges each. The show can consist of highland dances, two songs or poems, including the Address to the Haggis, Scottish Country dancing and a piping selection. The Society rents the vans to travel around and pays for the gas, but will need a driver, who can also be part of the performing troupe. The group usually performs two or three shows before lunch, which the Society sponsors, and three or four shows in the afternoon. We are looking for pipers, singers, poetry readers and Scottish country and highland dancers. In 2014, two Mobile Burns Units performed at a total of 13 locations for about 650 people and was well received everywhere they went.



Robbie Burns Flash Mob

In recognition of Robbie Burns Day (25 January) the Society is composing a troupe of culturally minded members to assemble at various public places to celebrate Robbie's birthday on Saturday, 24 January 2015. The event will commence with scattered pipers playing 'A Man's a Man for A' That' and coming together with a haggis party at a pre-planned focal point. A bard will read aloud, in a booming voice, the "Address to



the Haggis' and at the end, all present will shout "A Haggis", followed by a Scottish Country dance or song and the raising of placards proclaiming 'Robbie Burns Day' 25 January'. The troupe will disperse immediately after the dancing/singing is done. Venues under consideration for this event will be shopping centres with a central two story atrium. The Society will need a haggis bearer, escort members for the haggis, a booming bard to address the haggis and lots of enthusiastic members. Shopping Centre managers will require the signing of a liability waiver for each member. Members interested in participating can contact Robert Henderson at roberthenderson@yahoo.com or (403) 245-5514.

Highland Games Report 2015

Great weather and great members were the keys to this year's highland games season. The Foothills Highland Games at Okotoks saw a good turnout and the Labour Day weekend was great for the crowds, weather and interest in the Society's activities. The Society attracted interest in its activities from new members who join up to take part and then attract other new members. The Society would like to thank Malcolm Stewart for organizing the tent minding and these volunteers who presented the spirit of membership by staffing the Society tent and promoting the programs and benefits of the Society: Ian Christie, Jeanne Duggan, Myrtle Fisher, Rick & Kathryn Hannah, Chris Hartman, Frank Henderson, Robert Henderson, Hannah Ireland, Rick Jenkins, Carol Johnson, Andrew Joo, Jean McCauley, Eileen McElroy, Rhonda McNeil, Lois Morris, Jim & Nubia Shaw, Ilo Torgerson, Ann van der Wal and Sylvia Woods. The Society looks forward to next year's events.



Budget Meeting 2015

This year's Budget Meeting and Dance was held on September 20 at Rosedale Community Centre. There was a good turn out of 40 members and the first approval came for the Gaelic Language Special Group to be taught by Donna Gillespie of the Isle of Lewis. The next item for approval was for the 2015 Budget which included the Cultural Weekend planned for Thanksgiving 2015. Announcements followed for the various Society Special Groups and the meeting adjourned after 30 minutes and was followed by a Scottish Country dance. Mercat Cross supplied the music and the dance went until 10:30pm.

Calgary Tartan

Alister Cowan, Chief Financial Officer of Suncor Energy Inc., became the latest recipient of a Calgary Tartan neck tie. Doreen Herdman, secretary of the Society and lead of Suncor's Integration & Optimization team, presented the tie at a town hall meeting on October 6. Alister, a Scot, said, "I'm honoured by the gesture." and later said, "Now I just need to find a



Gaels No Longer Lost for Words

Gaelic is sometimes regarded as a language which is dying and embedded in the past. There are also competing spellings and pronunciations. But now, for the first time in 25 years, a committee of Gaelic experts, set up by the Scottish Qualifications Authority, has set up an official set of rules governing aspects of spelling, punctuation and grammar. And to show that the language can absorb modern concepts, a number of new words have been added to the language. So now when Gaelic speakers go to a restaurant and want to order a curry they can ask for "coiridh" and for a vodka they can say "bhodca". Other new words include cricket (criogaid), thus showing that the sport is gaining ground in Scotland, and Yoga

(Iòga). Modern life is certainly reflected in the addition of fax (facs), video (bhidio) and jeans (dinichean). A surprising omission has also been rectified - giraffe (sioraf) have at last reached Gaeldom.



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SOCIETY CASINO 2015

The Society's Casino has been set for Monday, 22 June and Tuesday, 23 June 2015 at the Cash Casino, 4040 Blackfoot Trail SE. This casino is noted for their restaurant and quality volunteer services. Ample parking is on the north side of the building and they have night time escorts to the parking area. The Society truly appreciates the members and friends who have stepped up to support our major fund raising activity. Casinos are now open for longer hours and shifts have been changed to reflect these extended hours. The Society will be looking for volunteers to man 7 hour shifts (1100-1700hrs, 1630-2230hrs & 2130-0330hrs) with split shifts available if you have a sharing partner. We will be looking for General Managers, Alternate General Managers, Bankers(6), Cashiers(10), Count Room Supervisor, Couriers(10) and Count Room Staff(10). Interested members should contact Robert Henderson at roberthenderson@yahoo.com or (403) 245-5514 and he will be calling as well. Please support Calgary's Scottish community activities.

Member Benefits

Benefits of Society membership include:

- reduced rates for pipers at your function,
- 10% discount on purchases at the Highland Scottish Gift Shoppe,
- Free entry to the Foothills Highland Games,
- Free entry to the Calgary Highland Games,
- Free entry to the Canmore Highland Games.
- Free entry to the Foothills Highland Games,
- \$2.00 reduction in the regular adult admission to the Globe Theatre 617—8th Avenue SW.

Members should consider renewing for several years to avoid missing any activities or events.

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