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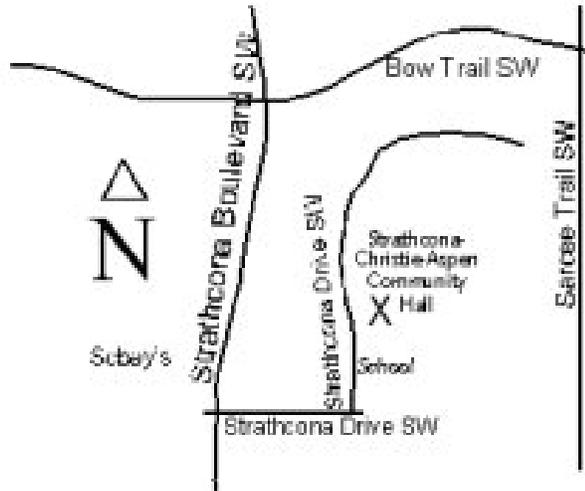
## Annual General Meeting

The Society's 132nd Annual General meeting will be held 7:30pm, Saturday, 14 May 2014 at Strathcona-Christie-Aspen Community Hall, 277 Strathcona Drive SW (see map below). The meeting will present the 2015 AGM minutes, the audited financial statements of 2015, and the Annual Report for 2015 for review and approval, and the slate of Directors for voting. Following the meeting there will be coffee, tea, a light buffet



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for all to enjoy, entertainment and the following Scottish Country Dances: Cutty Sark, Flowers of Edinburgh, MacDonald of the Isles, Starry Eyed Lassie, Shiftin' Bobbins, Banks of the Clyde, Kendall's Hornpipe, Mairi's Wedding, A Jig for Mrs Dunn, Catch the Wind, Lea Rig, Brudenell Jig, Bonnie Links, Miss Gibson's Strathspey, Pelorus Jack & Reel of the Royal Scots. *Ann Vanderwal*

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## Kirkin' of the Tartan 2016

The Society will be hosting a Kirkin' of the Tartan at Knox United Church, 506—4th St SW (corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW), on Sunday, 5 June 2016, 10:30am, to celebrate the history of the St. Andrew-Caledonian pipers and Knox in Calgary. The service will be conducted by Rev Greg Glatz. Participating in the service will be the Knox United Choir, members of The St. Andrew-Caledonian Gaelic Choir and the Caledonian Pipers. Parking is free on the street, \$1.00 in the Barclay parkade 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, and full daily rate at the Impark lot west of 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Please arrive by 10:15am to be seated. Members are encouraged to bring their tartan to be part of the procession and blessing ceremony. Members who wish to contribute to the social afterwards can bring baking and take it to the kitchen before the service.

# It's Bannockburn BBQ time again!



Join us for this 'free to members' annual event to celebrate the 702nd anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn on Saturday, 25 June 2016. This event is being held at the Capitol Hill Community Centre (1531 - 21 Ave NW, Calgary). Starting at 3:00 pm members are welcome to come and enjoy an afternoon of games and chances to socialize with fellow members as well as being entertained by the society's pipers and Gaelic choir. We have access to the lounge and deck during the afternoon but should you wish to sit on the grass, please bring a lawn chair. Memberships will be available at this event so feel free to bring

a friend and sign them up! Dinner will begin at 5:00 pm with the society providing hot dogs, hamburgers, veggieburgers, buns and condiments. Attendees are asked to bring a salad or dessert. A cash bar will be available. At 6:00 pm we will begin the Scottish Country Dance portion of the evening with GlenMorin. The dances will include Circassian Circle, Leap Year, Langholm Fair, Catch the Wind, Jig to the Music, Wisp of Thistle, Highland Rambler, Petronella, Postie's Jig, Lady Glasgow, Pelorus Jack, Dumbarton Drums, Gramachie and the Reel of the 51st Division. If you wish to come, contact Ann Vanderwal (Annvanderwal@shaw.ca, 403-912-8086) to register.

## Burns Dinner for the Homeless 2016

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Burns Dinner for the Homeless was held on Sunday January 24, 2016 at the Calgary Drop-In and Rehabilitation Centre in the East Village. It was a fabulous success!! Thank-you. Thank-you for the 40 plus volunteers that showed up to help. We are the ONLY volunteer group that brings in the meal, serves the meal then cleans up afterward.

We are also the best dressed!! (in my opinion)

The day started out with a parade of kitchen workers taking up their positions to load the plates with the day's lunch: roast beef, mashed potatoes, turnip, gravy and haggis. The Burns Show

started at 11:30 am with the pipers, highland dancers, singer and bard putting on a demonstration of Burn's work culminating in the Address to the Haggis. Then the performers paraded to the kitchen and started serving the dinner. The kitchen volunteers all sport-





ed highland aprons which made for lots of fun. Glen Morin serenaded the patrons through the lunch time service. The entertainers performed a second show which was enjoyed by everyone. This dinner is the largest Robert Burns dinner in the world! We all stayed afterward for lunch, it was a great day. In all about 1000 persons were served.

This dinner is one of the Drop In Centres "highlights" of the year. I wish to personally thank everyone who came and volunteered their precious time for this worthy cause. The show and dinner is always well received and I look forward to seeing everyone again next year! Thank-you once again for a day well received. *Margot Aftergood*



## Society Burns Dinner

On January 30th the Society held its annual Burns' Night. The tables sparkled with tiny lights intertwined with heather, created by the skilled hands of Nonie Sundstrom and her helpers. Attendance continues to grow every year for this event with some attendees finding us by searching for a Calgary Burns' Night using Google and getting to know the Society for the first time. This year was so successful that we have outgrown the Austrian-Canadian Club and have had to book the Polish Canadian Club for next year's event. Along with growth in numbers came a wider age range and we were delighted that over 10% of attendees were under the age of 25. Excellent entertainment was provided by Eric Coyle, the Society's pipers and Gaelic choir. GlenMorin, which accompanied the dance portion of the evening, has also seen recent growth as more musicians become in-

terested in playing Scottish Country Dance music. Eric Coyle addressed the haggis while Andrew Joo toasted the lassies. Grace Northcott gave a spirited reply and Malcolm Stewart added to our knowledge of the Bard with his Immortal Memory. Mark your calendar for next year's event on Saturday, January 28

### Board Member Openings

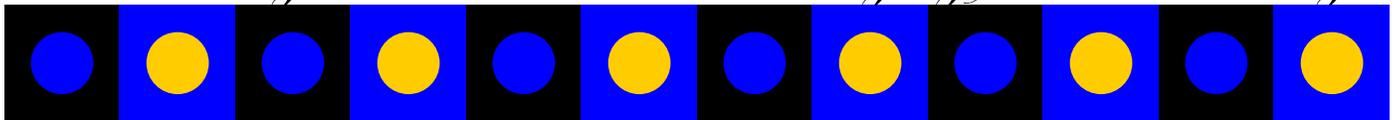
The Society's Board of Directors is looking for three members who would like to get involved with the operation of Society events and activities. Board positions are two year terms with meetings held the first Wednesday evening of the month. A director would be expected to take on a project during their term to determine: 1. the funding required, 2. source of the funds, 3. the member participation and , 4. to bring the project to commencement and/or to completion. Interested members are asked to contact Robert Henderson at [roberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthenderson@yahoo.com) or 403-245-5514.

# Scots Gathering in Canmore

The second Scots Gathering is scheduled for Thanksgiving 2016, 7 to 10 October, in Canmore. Classes offered will include: Highland dancing, piping, Scottish Country dancing, Scottish embroidery, Celtic Art, Scottish Country Dance Music, bodhran, Gaelic Language, and Whisky tasting. New and returning instructors include: Donna Gillespie, Andy Dunn, Dennis Orr, Chris Daniels, Sean Somers, Ron Wallace, Bill Partridge, Wendy Wilson, Calum McKinnon, Morin Orr and Elaine Brunken with more to come. The Canmore Coast Hotel will be the centre of activities and will be offering the same preferred rates as last year. Saturday evening's entertain-

ment will feature instructors, members of the Society, and members of the Alberta Scottish Dance Orchestra, all as part of the Three Sisters Ceilidh. Sunday's events will conclude with the Wild Rose Ball as a Scottish Country dance event with the full Alberta Scottish Dance Orchestra. The weekend will finish with the Lady MacDonald Luncheon on Monday at noon. Information will be posted on the Scots Gathering website [www.calgaryscots.org](http://www.calgaryscots.org) as it becomes available and interested persons will be able to register and pay online through PayPal. Come out and make a family weekend at the Scots Gathering.

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## Casino 2016

The Society's Casino has been set for Wednesday, 28 December and Thursday, 29 December 2016 at Cowboys Casino, 421—12th Avenue SE. This casino has free parking in the parkade west of 3rd Street East on the P2 level and they have night time escorts to the parking area. The Society truly appreciates the members and friends who have stepped up to support this major fund raising activity. The Society is looking for Count Room Staff (2230-0330hrs) for one day, Bankers, General Managers and Alternate General Managers. Interested members should contact Robert Henderson at [roberthenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthenderson@yahoo.com) or (403) 245-5514 and he will be calling as well. Your participation helps Calgary's Scottish community activities and is greatly appreciat-

## 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.
- \$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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