



# THE SALTIRE



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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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## Tartan Day 2017

The Society is celebrating Tartan Day 2017 with a social get-together at Murdoch's Pub, 1935 — 37th Street SW, 8 April, starting at 4:00pm. Plans include: membership prizes, Scottish trivial pursuit, highland dancing, whisky tasting, piping, singing, Scottish Country Dancing, the Mayor's Proclamation, and much more. Murdoch's will be putting on their signature Tartan Day menu of: Cock a' Leekie Soup, 6oz Highland Steak, Steak & Mushroom Pot Pie, Fish & Chips, Tartan Day Prime Rib and Stout Cake. Members should wear their tartan, tell their friends .



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society's 133rd Annual General meeting will be held 7:30pm, Saturday, 6 May 2017 at Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre, 2212—13th Street NW. The meeting will present the 2016 AGM minutes, the audited financial statements of 2016, and the Annual Report for 2016 for review and approval, and the slate of Directors for voting. Following the meeting there will be coffee, tea, a light buffet for all to enjoy, entertainment from Mercat Cross and could include the following Scottish Country Dances: Highland fair, Lady Catherine Bruce's Reel, Monymusk, The Nut, Trip to Bavaria, Wisp of Thistle, Campbell's Frolic, Reel of the 51st Highland Division, Waratah Weaver, Mairi's Wedding, Gramachie, It's All Right, Shiftin' Bobbins, Muse Cottage, Light and Airy, Reel of the Royal Scots.

## CANMORE HIGHLAND GAMES

The Canmore Highland Games are back on after a local developer stepped forward to operate the annual event. The games had been canceled in December due to a lack of volunteers but a new society is being formed, The Malcolm Scottish Society, named for Malcolm Canmore, King of Scots, to continue the event. Frank Kernick, President of the development company, Spring Creek, said that through his company, they will help to administer the games for the next few years to conserve the efforts of their volunteers. Members of the Three Sisters Scottish Festival Society, operators of the games for 26 years, are helping in the transition.

# Mobile Burns 2017

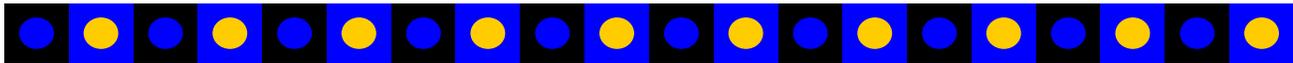
The three St. Andrew-Caledonian Society Mobile Burns teams brought a Robbie Burns Day celebration to 22 seniors facilities on 25 January 2017. Each team consisted of a driver, bard, singer & piper from the Society with highland dancers from the Wendy Wilson School of Highland Dance and the Society would like to thank: Jonathan Aftergood, Margot Aftergood, Michael Begg, Ellen Carroll-MacDonald, Julianna Hammond, Robert Henderson, Olivia Hueston, Andrew Joo, Ian Lewis, Carolynn McGovern, Hannah Mortensen, Leah Pachet, Barrie Purvis, Addison Robertson, Kessiah Robertson, Fiona Sherrington, Ross Smith, Nonie Sundstrom, Judy Ubaldi and Eilidh Wist for coming out to make Robbie Burns Day special for over 700 seniors. The performances included an Address to the Haggis, Burns songs and poems, highland dancing, & piping. The performances were much appreciated by the seniors and staff at the various venues. The Society's Scottish Country Dancers performed at three of the facilities as well, and they enjoyed dancing for the seniors with a full set of 8 dancers. It's both fun and rewarding. If you'd like to join one of the 4 teams next year, please contact Robert Henderson



## Society Burns Dinner 2017

The Society's Burns Night was held on Saturday, 28 January, at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre and was a great success. Members, many returning friends, and also several new faces brought the company to 122 attendees. This year several media outlets brought attention to Burns' celebrations in Calgary and people found our event through Google searches. This demonstrates how vital our website is to the future growth of the society. Online ticket sales have also made ticket purchases more accessible to those who do not attend society activities. The Event began with the entrance of the haggis, carried by Steven Campbell, and then its Address by Malcolm Stewart, who was also celebrating the Chinese New Year. The Polish Centre then supplied a buffet dinner that was one of the best we have had anywhere with lots of haggis to go around. Dinner was followed by the traditional speeches with Eric Coyle presenting the Immortal Memory, Robert Henderson presented the Toast to the Lassies and Grace Northcott presented the Reply. We were delighted to have our Society Choir and Pipers as well as Highland dancers from the Wendy Wilson School of Highland dance for entertainment. GlenMorin started the dance program off in great style with excellent musical accompaniment to the dances. An emphasis on easier Scottish Country dances which allowed many non-dancers to join in the program which was called by Ann Vanderwal and Debby Henderson. When it came time to bring the evening to a close with Auld Lang Syne, the company formed the large circle to finish an excellent event. A special thanks to Steven, Mal-





colm, Eric, Robert, Grace, and Debby for their contributions to the speeches and activities; to the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre, for an excellent venue and fabulous food, Glen Morin for the wonderful music, Wendy Wilson School of Highland Dance, the Society Choir and Society Pipers, and particularly to Ann Vanderwal for organizing this superb event.



# Kilt Skate 2017



The 3rd Annual Calgary Kilt Skate, held Sunday, 12 February, at Calgary's Olympic Plaza, was a great success! Sir John A's 202nd Birthday was celebrated in grand Canadian-Scottish style with perfect weather and an impressive turnout. Over forty kilted skaters and their friends consumed 150 cups of Starbucks Hot Chocolate and 180 pieces of birthday cake made up special



for the occasion. Entertainment was supplied by the Celtic Musicians, the Society's Gaelic Choir, the Springbank Highland Dancers, the Society's Pipers, and Harvey the Hound. The fun and festive atmosphere enthused the participants and generated significant public and media attention. All three major Calgary television stations covered the event for their regular broadcasts. Calgary



showed its roots and also that its Scottish heart still beats strong 133 years after the founding of the St. Andrew-Caledonian Society. The original idea for Kilt Skate came from the Ottawa Scottish Society, and several cities across Canada hosted their own events. The Society wishes to thank all the volunteers and the significant support of the Scottish Government in making Calgary Kilt Skate 2017 a resounding success. *David Aftergood*



## Scots Gathering in Canmore

The third Scots Gathering is scheduled for Thanksgiving 2017, 6 to 9 October, in Canmore. Classes offered will include: Highland dancing, piping, Scottish Country dancing, Scottish cookery, Celtic Art, Scottish Country Dance Music, Gaelic Language, Scottish Cultural Lectures, Scottish Singing, and Whisky tasting. New and returning instructors include: Donna Gillespie, Andy Dunn, Dennis Orr, Bill Partridge, Ken Blackwood, Glenn Potter, with more to come. The Canmore Coast Hotel will be the centre of activities and will be offering preferred rates. Saturday evening's entertainment will feature instructors, members of the Society, and members of the Alberta Scottish 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 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.

## Society Casino 2016

The Society's Casino for 2016 was held at Cowboys on 28 & 29 December in support of the Society's programs and activities that span the entire year: Scottish Country dancing, Gaelic classes, Scottish Choir, Piping and Drumming, as well as the Society's events: Burns Dinner for the Homeless, Mobile Burns, Kirkin' of the Tartan, Burns Night, Kilt Skate, Tartan Day, the Bannockburn Bar-B-Que, Golf Tournament, Scots Gathering, and the St. Andrew's Ball, as well as all the operating grants to highland games organizations and Clan Societies. The Society wishes to thank all the fifty-one volunteers and friends who came out to raise funds so that the Scottish cultural programs, offered by the Society, can continue to function. *Robert Henderson*

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### NEW MEMBER BENEFIT

Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre Calgary, 2120—16th Avenue NE, Calgary, has given Society members, their guests and friends a special discounted room rate for double queen and king size beds of \$89 plus taxes (5%GST, 4%Alberta Tourism Levy and 3% Destination Marketing Fee brings it to \$99.92 per room, per night). Reservations can be made on line through <http://www.clarionhotel.com/CNA28?srp=LSAB13> through the Front Desk at 403-291-4666, or toll free, 1-800-661-8157, with Group Account LSAB13. Guests will be required to provide a credit card at time of booking and upon checking in. This rate is valid up to the end of April 2018 for members, guests of friends coming to Calgary.

### 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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