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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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Tartan Day 2018

The Society is celebrating Tartan Day 2018 with a social get-together at Murdoch's Pub, 1935 — 37th Street SW, Saturday, 7 April, starting at 4:30pm. Plans include: membership prizes, Scottish trivial pursuit, highland dancing, whisky tasting, piping, singing, Scottish Country Dancing, the Mayor's Proclamation, and great company. 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. The dance program includes: Shiftin' Bobbins, Flowers of Edinburgh, Posties' Jig, Petronella, and Reel of the 51st Highland Division. Members should wear their tartan, and tell their friends



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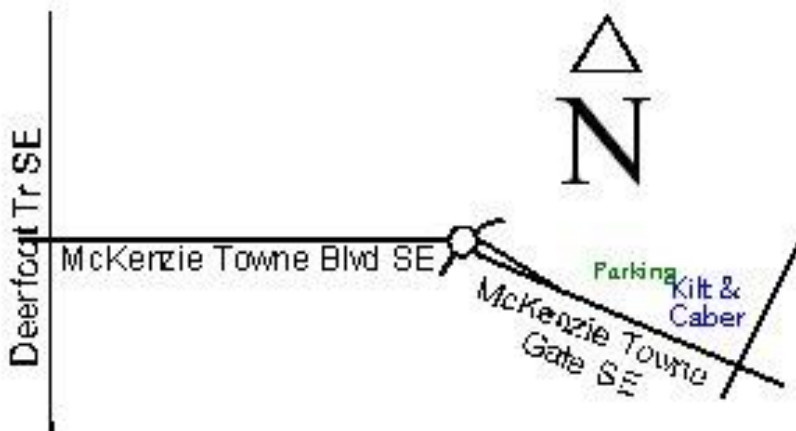
Society Annual General Meeting

The Society's 134th Annual General meeting will be held at 2:00pm, on Saturday, 26 May at the Kilt & Caber Public House, 53 High Street SE (in McKenzie Towne—see the map below). Directions: coming off Deerfoot Trail eastbound on to McKenzie Towne Boulevard SE, proceed to the traffic circle and take the second right (a split boulevard street) on to McKenzie Towne Gate - you will see the Rexall Tower farther down the street. Just before the STOP sign at High Street, you will see the Kilt & Caber on the left. Parking can be found behind the K&C, or on the street. The Private Function Room is on the second floor

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(no elevator). The meeting will present the 2017 AGM minutes, the audited financial statements of 2017, the Annual Report for 2017 for review and approval, the slate of Directors for voting, and a Code of Conduct proposal. Following the meeting there will be coffee, tea, a light buffet for all to enjoy, entertainment from the Society's Gaelic Choir and a whisky tasting session with Andy Dunn from Gold Medal Marketing.



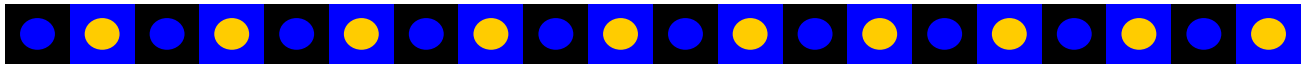
Burns Dinner for the Homeless 2018

The Society's 14th Burns Dinner for the Homeless was another well run, and well received, event with a great crew of volunteers on Sunday, 21 January 2018 at the Calgary Drop-In and Rehabilitation Centre in the East Village. It was a fabulous success!! 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, and cleans up afterward. 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 from the Wendy Wilson School of Highland Dance, singer Leela Aheer (MLA for ChestermereRockyview) and her son Akesh, and bard putting on a demonstration of Burn's work culminating in the Address to the Haggis borne by Kent Hehr (MP for Calgary Centre), and addressed by Pat Kelly (MP for Calgary Rocky Ridge). Then the performers paraded to the kitchen and started serving the dinners while Mercat Cross provided music and backup for Leela. The kitchen sported highland aprons and worked right through, filling the plates under the supervision of Ian Hopkins. The entertainers performed a second show which was enjoyed by a new crowd of clients. This dinner is one of the Drop In Centres "highlights" of the year and we served around 840 clients this year, making it one of the largest Robert Burns Dinners in Canada! We all stayed afterward for lunch, it was a great day. 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. *Scott McKenzie*

Mobile Burns 2018

The Society's Mobile Burns program proved to be popular and was the largest since it began in 2007 with four general entertainment teams and one Scottish Country dancing team performing at 28 seniors' and intensive care facilities across the City of Calgary on Thursday, 25 January. The entertainment teams were composed of: a singer, a bard, a piper, and highland dancers. The North Team consisted of: Michael Begg, Andrew Joo, Laura Stott, Olivia & Kaelan, and they performed at: Confederation Seniors, Brentwood Care, Colonel Belcher, Scenic Acres, Evanston Summit, Newport Care and Whitehorn Seniors. The East Team consisted of: Ian Lewis, Ross Smith, Heather, Alyssa & Kessiah, and they performed at: Beaverdam Seniors, Valleyview Seniors, TARA Retirement, Bow Valley Seniors, Spruce Lodge & Clifton Manor. The South Team consisted of: Barrie Purvis, Robert Henderson, Julianna, Lucy and Moly, and they performed at: Shawnessy Seniors, Evergreen Seniors, McKenzie Towne Seniors, Providence Care, Mayfair Care, Trinity Lodge, Care West Glenmore & Peter Coyle Retirement. The West Team consisted of: Eric Sundstrom, Carol Johnson, Bill Mulloy, Nonie Sundstorm, Sarah & Addison, and they performed at: Wentworth Retirement, Westview Seniors, Manor Village, Care West Signal Hill, Signature Park, Shouldice Seniors & Bowcrest Care. The Scottish Country dance team closely followed the West Team and was composed of: Grace Northcott, Lloyd Northcott, Chris Hartman, Rick Jenkins, Marian Duguid, Linda McLeod, Suzanne deMos, Myrtle Fisher & Janyyn Bertram. The Mobile Burns Unit entertained close one thousand seniors and shut ins. Members are welcome to join the next year's teams which will be going out on Friday, 25 January 2019. *Robert Henderson*





Society Burns Night 2018

The Society's annual Burns' Night was held on Saturday, January 27 at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre. It was well attended by both Society members and others who discovered this event online through our website. The evening began with the first performance of the Society's Pipes and Drums, playing several sets, which went over well with the audience. This marked the first appearance of the Society's drummers who were able to perform with our pipers and did a great job. This was closely followed by The Address to the Haggis and on to dinner. A special thanks is owed to Nonie Sundstrom for her creative and attractive table

centre-pieces (shown at right). The Society's Gaelic Choir entertained us during dinner with an excellent set of well known songs. We would also like to thank Robert Henderson for addressing the haggis, Ian Lewis for his Immortal Memory, Michael Begg for his Toast to the Lassies, and Joanne Robertson-More for her reply. We were delighted to have most of our Society teachers (Robert Henderson: bagpipes, Beth-Anne Friesen: choir, Donna Gillespie: Gaelic, and Connor Chisholm: drums) present and were able to acknowledge their service to our society. A full dance program closed the evening with music provided by GlenMorin's musical talents, with further thanks to Debby Henderson who briefed part of the dance program. *Ann Vanderwal*



Kilt Skate 2018

In some ways, Calgary is the spiritual home of the kilt skate. It's where the pride of the Scottish forebears was nurtured. And it's a place where people are strong enough not to care that it's 20-below. They go skating in kilts anyway. But the morning of Sunday, February 11, dawned cold and brittle. So cold, shadows froze to the sidewalks. So cold that the northern lights needed to be jump started. So cold, that teenagers zipped up their jackets. But the team of volunteers under the guidance of the [St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary](#) were preparing the venue. For some, it was a chance to learn the basics and get comfortable on the ice. For others, a chance to glide with fanfare and flare. For some, a day to get together with family and friends. At 12:30pm, the skaters gathered for the opening ceremonies. David Aftergood was Master of Ceremonies. [Leela Aheer](#). Member of the Legislative Assembly from Chestermere-Rocky View, spoke on the importance of youth -- this being [Scotland's Year of Young People](#). Robert Henderson brought greetings from the Prime Minister of Canada. Special guest Don Cummer, the Skater-in-Chief from Ottawa



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thanked the Scottish Government for its support and talked about how the kilt skates were spreading to cities across Canada. And the St. Andrew- Caledonian Gaelic Choir sang O Canada in both English and Gaelic -- followed by a rousing chorus of *Scots Wha Hae*. But by far the biggest celebrity was [Harvey the Hound](#), mascot of the Calgary Flames. Everyone wanted their picture taken with Harvey.

Opening ceremonies completed, it was time to cut the cake.....and serve the hot chocolate. In the shade, it was still minus-20, so the hot chocolate was well received. But here's the thing about winter in southern Alberta: temperatures can be very cold, but the sun can be very strong. And so on the corner of Calgary's Olympic Plaza where the sun shone brightly, it was warm enough to play the bagpipes -- at least if you're as hearty as Robert Henderson. And if it's warm enough to play the pipes, it's warm enough to dance! Calgary has a very strong Highland dance community and Michelle and her Springbank Dance Troupe did not disappoint, despite the freezing temperatures.

There were other ways to keep warm in a sub-Arctic afternoon. A firepit near the rink was a good place to warm up bare knees. And whether you wore a tartan jacket.....or tartan trews.....or tartan pajamas.....or a tartan hat.....or went the full nine yards with a kilt.....you were more than welcome at the Fourth Annual Sir John A's Great Canadian Kilt Skate. It was a great day to be a Scot. *David Aftergood*



Scots Gathering 5-7 October 2018

See full details at www.calgaryscots.org

Board Member Openings

The Society's Board of Directors is looking for two members who would like to get involved with the operation of Society, specifically, a golf and curling event co-ordinator, and a person with charitable foundation experience. The Board is the place for those who would like to make a difference in the Society. Board positions are elected for two year terms, and meetings are held usually 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 Andrew Joo at andrewjoo@msn.com via an email indicating their interest, or if they are proposing someone as a candidate, then please supply a contact telephone number and/or email address for follow-up with that individual. Thank you.
Andrew Joo

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.
- Special room rate (SAB13) at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre Calgary

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

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