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The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary

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Kilt Skate 2019

The 5th Annual Great Canadian Calgary Kilt Skate will be celebrated this year on Sunday February 10th 2019 at the Olympic Plaza 228 – 1st Street SE from noon to 4 PM. As in previous years, this is a free event open to the public. We will be providing free hot chocolate and birthday cake to mark this celebration of the birthday of Canada's 1st Prime Minister and the country's Scottish Heritage. This is a cross Canada event being hosted in 7 of Canada's major cities. We will have the Scottish Society's St. Andrew's Caledonian Gaelic Choir kick off the official ceremonies at 12:30 pm with the singing of O'Canada in Gaelic and English. This will be followed by a few remarks and then the reading of a proclamation provided to us by the Rt. Hon Prime Minister of Canada. Thereafter, weather and schedules permitting we plan to have entertainment provided by the St. Andrews' Caledonian pipers and the Springbank Highland Dancers. As well we expect a visit from a special guest the Calgary Flames Mascot Harvey the Hound to help entertain the public. Throughout the event we will have free public skating with or without kilts!



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Tartan Day 2019

The Society is celebrating Tartan Day 2019 with a social get-together at Murdoch's Pub, 1935 — 37th Street SW, 6 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—all are welcome.





Casino 2019 Update

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) has moved the Society's Casino up to the third quarter (July to September) 2019 at Cowboys Casino, 421—12th Avenue SE. Our dates will be drawn in February, so wait for the March Saltire for further details. 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 Chip Runners, Cashiers, Bankers, Count Room Staff (2230-0330hrs), General Managers and Count Room Supervisors. Interested members should contact Robert Henderson at 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 appreciated.

Board Member Opportunities

The Society's Board of Directors is looking for one half-term member who would like to get involved with



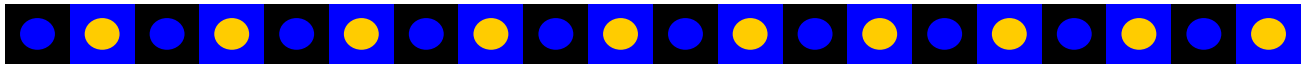
St Andrew's Ball 2018



Our 135th annual St Andrew's Ball, held Saturday, 24 November at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre, was a great success. One hundred and twenty members and their friends were in attendance for a wonderful meal and great performances. The evening began with the piping in of the Head Table followed by Grace from Don and Joanne Fraser, members of the Society. Dinner began with Ballygowan Green Salad, then Calgary Bay Roast Beef with Loch Frisa Beans Almandine and Ulva grilled mixed vegetables, and finished with Tobermory Peach Melba. During dinner, the company was entertained firstly by the Calgary Fiddlers with their rousing Scottish sets, followed by outstanding selections from the Society's Gaelic Choir with Beth Ann Friesen and superb Highland dancing performed by Heather and Fiona from the Wendy Wilson School of Highland Dance. Greetings were read out from The St. Andrew's Society of the Eastern Shore (Maryland), The St. Andrew's Society of Petrolia (Ontario), The Fredericton Society of St. Andrew (New Brunswick), The St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg and, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. The formal part of the dinner was finished with the President and company toasting the Monarch; Kate Reeves, Past President of the Chinook Historical Society toasting St. Andrew; Charity Callahan, Director, CKUA Radio Foundation toasting Calgary; Scott McKenzie, Vice President of the Society toasted Canada, and; Ian Lewis, Treasurer for the Society, toasted 'The Homeland', Scotland. The dinner concluded with the company, led by the choir, singing 'Auld Lang Syne' and then prepared for the Ball starting off with the Grand March. Our musicians, Scott Band & Bill Ewan (Aberdeen UK), brought their lively style to the dance portion of the evening and the music was very well received with several repeats. The Ball is the cornerstone event of the Society and the Society wishes to thank our ticket sellers: Margot Aftergood, Mona Baker, Barrie Purvis, Nonie Sundstrom, and Ann Vanderwal. Also thanks to Nonie Sundstrom for decorating, and

Ann Vanderwal for organizing the table settings and the bar.





Burns dinner for the Homeless 2019

The 17th Annual Burns Dinner for the Homeless was held on Sunday, January 20, 2019, 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, entertains, serves the meal, then cleans up afterward. We are also the best dressed!! (in my opinion). The day started out with a parade of the entire group of volunteers taking up their positions. The Burns Show started at 11:30 am with the pipers, highland dancers, singers, poetry readers—David Swann, MLA, read 'To A Mouse' and Kent Hehr, MP, paraphrased the 'Address to the haggis' - and the Society bard putting on a demonstration of Burn's work culminating in the Address to the Haggis. Then, the performers paraded to the kitchen and helped to serve the dinner, loading the plates with: roast beef, mashed potatoes, turnip, gravy and haggis. The kitchen volunteers all sported highland aprons which made for lots of fun. The entertainers performed a second show which was enjoyed



by those who couldn't find a space for the first show. Mercat Cross serenaded the patrons through the lunch time service plus an extra performance after the second show. This dinner is the largest Robert Burns dinner in the world! We all stayed afterward for our own 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. Tapadh leib

Margot Aftergood



Scots Gathering 2019



The Society will be offering the 2019 Scots Gathering on 11—13 October in Canmore with new classes, the Three Sisters Ceilidh, Lady MacDonald Lunch, the Wild Rose Ball, great teachers and good company. In Scottish Country dancing, the



teachers are: Janet Johnston and Robert McOwen. Ken Persson will be returning in penny whistle with new subjects and more classes to come. Watch for full information on the Scots Gathering website www.calgaryscots.org

Calgary Tartan Sales



Make the Calgary tartan part of your Christmas giving with the following items (*non-member prices in italics*):

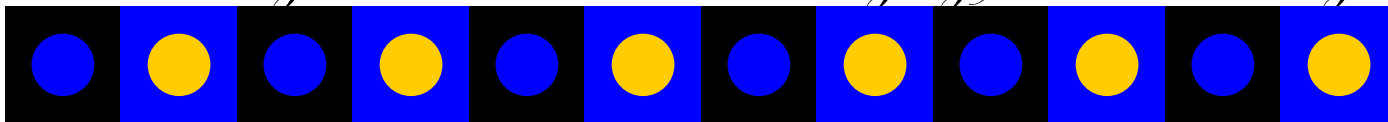
Ladies Sash \$75 *\$80*
Mini Rosette Sash \$25 *\$30*
Calgary Tartan Wool Scarf \$35 *\$40*
Calgary Tartan Lambswool Wrap \$145 *\$155*
Calgary Tartan Long Tie \$25 *\$30*
Calgary Tartan Bow Tie - sold out
Calgary Tartan Cummerbund \$45 *\$50*
Calgary Tartan wool yardage (per yard)

Calgary Tartan 11 oz double wide. \$70 *\$75*
& Calgary Tartan Kilt weight double wide \$50 *\$60*
Watch the Society website Merchandise tab
at www.standrewcaledonian.ca

Modern Scotland

The Scottish Executive has launched a new Website www.scotland.org featuring "**Scotland is Now**" with all you need to know about Scotland. Topics include; History, Food and Drink, Visa and immigration, Safety and Inclusivity, Scotland's Stories, Scotland Cities, Getting Around Scotland, Scotland Around the World, Connectivity, Our People, Culture, Weather, Facts and money Matters. The website has information on moving to Scotland, family life, healthcare, lifestyle, property life stories, and education and school systems. Further information includes: working, employment packages, career opportunities, and working for companies in Scotland. There more on Visiting, Studies, Business, Events & News.

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the operation of Society events and activities. 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.
- \$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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