



# The Porridge Pot



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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME PAST DUE

If you haven't renewed your membership yet or know someone who would like to join SAS, please send the information and dues to Jim Dougherty right away. Due date was January 1st. Go to our website sasqc.com if you need more details or to find a renewal form.

## 2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 11th floor of the Blackhawk Hotel was the place to be on December 13th for the SAS Christmas Party. The view, the food, and the fellowship all provided the 49 members and guests who attended with a lovely evening. Prior to dinner, the SAS Annual Meeting was held. Details of what was discussed can be found on the SAS website. Thanks to Karen Stancliff and Mary Sterba for their efforts in planning the party and for making the evening such a festive occasion.

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Four new Board members were elected at the Annual Meeting (held during the Christmas Party). Serving as Board-of-Directors members will be Henry Marquard, Muscatine, IA; Lisa Lockheart, E. Moline, IL; Kait Meeker, Colona, IL; and Rich Stewart, Moline, IL. Kait will be helping with the golf tournament and Rich will take over treasurer duties in January 2019. Officers for 2018 are the same as from 2017 and are listed on the front cover of the Porridge Pot.

## GIFT TO STUDENT STUDYING IN SCOTLAND

As a non-profit organization with the mission of promoting and encouraging Scottish history, culture and tradition, SAS has given \$100 to Mady Smith, a U. of Illinois student from Cambridge, IL majoring in kinesiology, who is currently studying abroad for 6 months at the University of Edinburgh. When she returns to the U.S., she will be coming to one of the future SAS meetings to share her experiences.

## HAGGIS PREP

The weekend prior to the Burns Dinner the annual preparation of our very own haggis recipe took place at The Manor kitchen in Bettendorf. This is truly a joint effort every year when different members provide the rather unique ingredients that comprise haggis - hamburger, liver, heart, oatmeal, leeks, onions, multiple seasonings, and, of course, the whisky! Ty Thomson does so much to make this happen in some semblance of orderliness. The haggis chefs were told at the dinner that the haggis was fit!

## 41ST ANNUAL ROBERT BURNS CELEBRATION AND DINNER

The Isle Hotel & Casino, Bettendorf, was a new venue for this year's celebration where 184 members and guests enjoyed traditions that have become important to so many over the years. There were several attendees who had not been with us before and there were tartans of all varieties to be seen in the large ballroom where the Blackhawk Pipes & Drums thrilled those present with performances both preceding and after dinner. Laurel Almquist, harpist, played Scottish music during dinner. Dancers from two different schools of dance, Colleen's Clogging & Celtic Dance and Loch Peoria Highland Dance, entertained the group with a variety of dances and even included some history along with their performances. Rampant Lion from Elmhurst, IL sold their wares for the 40th time at our Burns Dinner. Between Bill Hawthorne's many paintings on display and the decorations designed and handmade by Ty Thomson, the room looked a bit like a Scottish art gallery! Derek Grant has done the "Address to the Haggis" for several years now and there was no possibility of falling asleep during his energetic recitation of Rabbie Burns words! Gale Hoff organized the silent auction where some pretty serious bidding took place. Toward the end of the evening, a door prize (a Celtic quaich) was awarded to lucky attendee, Don Devore. The larger room made the "Grand March" less crowded for the many multi-generational participants. Darren Low was the MC again this year and his wonderful accent provided a certain degree of authenticity to the evening. As was the case last year, when he read the list of clans represented, cheers could be heard all over the room. This is a large and important event in the SAS year which requires many volunteer hours. Many thanks to those who were willing to donate their time to make this happen - Gale & John Hoff, Bill & Mary Sterba, Roger & Karen Stancliff, Jim & Natalie Dougherty, Darren Low, Rich Stewart, Lisa Lockheart, Ty Thomson, Bill & Judy Hawthorne, Derek & Sue Grant.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE MARCH 17, 2018

Plans are being made to have some type of representation of SAS in this year's parade, which is known as the only bi-state St. Patrick's Parade in the USA. We will probably have a walking unit but no final decisions have been made yet. The Grand Parade begins in Rock Island at 11:30 a.m. on March 17th and ends in downtown Davenport. Not only could this be lots of fun, it also would provide some good publicity for our organization. If you would like to participate in any way, contact one of the

*Christmas & Haggis Making photos by Judy Hawthorne*





Burns photos by Bill & Sheila Craig

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17th - St. Patrick's Parade  
April 6th - Tartan Day  
April 20th-May 5th - Scottish Castles and Isles  
May 29th - Beltane  
June 10th - Scottish Golf Day  
September 14th & 15th - Celtic Highland Games  
October Samhain - TBA  
November 30th - St. Andrew's Day  
December Christmas Party - TBA  
January 26th, 2019 - Robert Burns Celebration

Board members either by phone or e-mail or submit your questions or offers to volunteer to sasqc.com "Contact Us."

## TARTAN DAY

### APRIL 6

Save the date. A postcard and e-mail will be sent out closer to the date with more details.

## SCOTTISH CASTLES & ISLES TRIP

### APRIL 20-MAY 5, 2018

Gale Hoff, who has been working so diligently to make this a once in a lifetime-type trip, wants to be sure you know there are still spots available. All admittance fees, hotels, transportation, all breakfasts and 7 dinners, and so much more is included in the cost. The local Picture Perfect Travel Agency is working with CIE in the UK to make this a special trip, so if you've been pondering visiting Scotland or know someone who is, don't miss this opportunity! You can either submit questions on sasqc.com "Contact Us" or call Gale at 563-210-1591

## BELTANE POTLUCK PICNIC

This annual meal to celebrate (we do like to celebrate, don't we!) the beginning and awakening of the growing season will be held Tuesday, May 29 at 6 p.m. The location and more details will be included on a postcard and e-mail closer to the date.



## SCOTTISH GOLF DAY

### JUNE 10, 2018

Before you know it, it will be time to pull out those golf clubs again, so included in this issue is information about registering for the SAS golf tournament for 2018. Donations for raffle prizes and/or gifts for the golfers' gift bags are needed, so if you can contribute or know of anyone who can, please contact Darren Low or Kait Meeker. The proceeds from this tournament helps us provide funds for, and as a means of, fulfilling our goal of promoting Scottish heritage in the Quad-Cities and surrounding area.

The Annual Scottish Golf Day event is hosted by  
The Scottish American Society of the Quad Cities  
This event is held at Highland Springs Golf course, Rock Island.

June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 1PM shotgun start

PLAYER LIMIT: 4 per team - Shotgun Start – Best/Better Ball format  
2 player teams will be groups together.

FULL ENTRY FEE: \$260

DEPOSIT REQUIRED- \$150 PER TEAM DUE BY May 31st

KILT RULES: Kilts are not required, but encouraged

Fee includes: Gift Bag, Meal, Green fees, Cart, 1 hour free driving range, Entry to Hole in One, Longest Drive, Longest Putt.

Coolers are not allowed and alcohol must be purchased on the golf course.

More information. [www.sasqc.com](http://www.sasqc.com)

Email: [Darren\\_low@yahoo.com](mailto:Darren_low@yahoo.com) 563-579-9225

## To Register

Send Check or Cash payment to

Darren Low – SGD 2018

1640 MARLO AVE, DAVENPORT, IOWA, 52803

Pay in Person with Credit card at Mint Green Boutique in the Village of East Davenport.

Please make all checks payable to - SASQC