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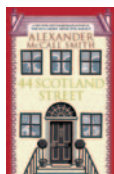
February 15 at 9:30 a.m. If you are in a mood to do some unique cooking, you are invited to the Hawthorne residence, 4404 Royal Oaks Dr., Davenport to prepare our very own haggis the week before the Burns Dinner. There will be donuts and coffee or tea to keep all the cooks nourished while hard at work stirring our version of this Scottish specialty. The Board will have a meeting after the food prep is completed and you are invited to attend if you wish to do so.



2025 BURNS CELEBRATION AND DINNER

February 22 Reservation letters have been sent to all SAS members and past attendees. Please make a copy and share with friends, relatives, and neighbors if you think they might want to join us. All are more than welcome! Information is also posted on the SAS website. If you have suggestions for ways we can further publicize this event i.e radio announcements, places to hang posters, etc., please contact Board members Lisa Lockheart or Ron Stuart. If you would like to help with setting up for the big night, come to The Isle at 9:00 a.m. the morning of the celebration. You are encouraged to send in your reservation as soon as possible so the committee knows how to plan. Please note that there is an error on the reservation form. PayPal is no longer available to purchase your reservation, due to compatibility issues with our website. SAS uses Eventbrite for online reservations only. Due to fees, we strongly recommend paying with a check. Please allow plenty of time for mailing. If you have anything you can donate for the raffle, contact Judy Redlinger jredlinger@frontier.net. Every year the committee tries to keep the price as reasonable as possible, so this year's cost is the same as last year and, as usual, includes a great meal with great pageantry and entertainment!

A Reminder that SAS is Now Registered on Scottish Website As was shared in our November Porridge Pot, we are now registered with www.scotland.org/globalcommunity a website which provides links to similar groups around the world. Contact Henry Marquard for additional information.



NEW BOOK CLUB

Meeting February 8 at 10:30 a.m. "44 Scotland Street" by Alexander McCall Smith is the book to be reviewed at the

newly formed SAS Book Club. Gale Hoff will be leading the first meeting of this group to be held at the Butterworth Center (in the basement Oak Room), 1105 8th St, Moline. Contact Gale (563-210-1591 or galehoff@gmail.com) to let her know if you plan to attend. There may even be snacks! It isn't necessary for you to have read the book if you would like to attend and didn't have a chance to read the book. An attempt will be made to discuss books that have some type of Scottish connection and are accessible in our local libraries whenever possible.



RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS

March 20 @ 7:30 p.m. For all you bagpipe lovers out there the Capitol Theatre in Davenport is the place to be to hear this award-winning Celtic rock band from Scotland that mixes traditional Scottish music with contemporary rock and pop. The group is described as bagpipes with attitude, drums with a Scottish accent, and a show so hot it carries a health warning! Tickets can be purchased on the Capitol Theatre or Red Hot Chili Peppers' websites.

RING OF KERRY IRISH BAND

March 29, 2025 7:30 p.m. This Minnesota-based Irish band will perform at First Presbyterian Church, 1702 Iowa St, Davenport at a post-St. Patrick's Day concert. The group takes its name from the beautiful craggy drive in southwestern County Kerry. Its Celtic Music, however, is played with a heart much closer to its American home. Tickets are \$15 Adults/\$10 Students and can be purchased in advance by contacting the church office 563-326-1691 or also can be purchased at the door.



2024 ST. ANDREWS NIGHT/CHRISTMAS PARTY/ANNUAL MEETING

A chilly, windy December night, didn't keep SAS members from having a thoroughly enjoyable dinner and annual meeting at the Fifth Avenue Syndicate in Moline. Derek Grant's bagpipe music was a hit (and a bit of a surprise for diners in the main restaurant!) Our president, Lisa Lockheart reported on the 2024 activities and some of what to expect for 2025. The slate of officers nominated included the same individuals as had served in 2024. With no new names being nominated Lisa Lockheart (president), Brian Tuck (Vice President), Gale Hoff (Secretary), and Rich Stewart (Treasurer) were re-elected for the upcoming year. Many thanks to Jill and Brian Tuck for making arrangements for the party as well as providing decorations for the tables. Jill also prepared a trivia game with some fun facts about SAS.





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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

- SAS Book Club February 8
- Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner February 22
- Tartan Day April 6
- Beltane Potluck Picnic May 20
- Celtic Night Out July 19
- Samhain Potluck/Whisky Tasting October 18
- St. Andrew's/Christmas Party/Annual Meeting December TBD

OTHER CELTIC-RELATED UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT

Check the Quad-City Visiting Arts Series (<https://www.quadcityarts.com/events.html> View Public Performances) for more details about the following two groups:

- QC Visiting Artist Event: Goitse, traditional Irish music quintet. February 18, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Bettendorf Public Library - free. February 20 7-9 p.m. at the Sound Conservatory, 504 17th St., Moline - buy tickets at door or online.
- Darrah Carr Dance, Irish Step Dance. March 12 6-7 p.m. at LeClaire Community Library - free. March 13 7-9 p.m. Location TBD. Buy tickets at door or online.

donate the use of a truck and/or trailer to use for the parade, please call Lisa at 309-292-7741.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Several Board members have formed a committee to investigate the possibility of, and developing criteria for, providing an annual scholarship for a deserving graduating high school senior or college student. This committee will meet in June. Contact Henry Marquard, Gale Hoff, or Judy Hawthorne with any suggestions you might have.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

This will be your last newsletter if you do not renew your membership for 2025. Attached is the form you need to use to renew. Dues were due by January 1. Please share with any friends or relatives you think might be interested in becoming a member of our organization. Benefits include a quarterly newsletter, a discounted dinner for the Annual Meeting, and several opportunities for fun-filled events throughout the year!



GRAND PARADE XXXIX MARCH 15

The St. Patrick Society of the Q.C.A. has invited the SASQC to join in the Grand Parade XXXIX. Weather and logistics permitting, the SAS would love to support our Celtic cousins by appearing in this time-honored tradition. Volunteers are needed. If you can

2025 SAS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Preferred Phone Number _____ Email _____

Clan(s) _____

Membership: Single \$15 _____ Family \$25 _____

Send to: SASQC, P.O. Box 132, Moline, IL. 61266 c/o Mary Gloeckner-Bouljon.
Checks should be made out to SASQC.