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AUGUST 22-SEPTEMBER 1

It won't be long before our intrepid travelers will be leaving for this custom trip sponsored by SAS and planned by our own Gale Hoff and Picture Perfect Travel. There will be fifteen this year, both members and non-members, and we wish them a wonderful, unforgettable experience! Pictures of the trip will be included in the November Porridge Pot.



SCOTTISH DANCE LESSONS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14

A reminder that if you know of any children/teens interested in learning the art of Scottish dance, classes will be offered at Studio A, 3860 Elmore Ave. Ste. A, Davenport. The ages range from 7 yrs.-teens. studioadance@gmail.com, 563-323-0484. There are competitions that take place in various locations including at the Celtic Festival (just not this year).



CELTIC FESTIVAL/HIGHLAND GAMES **CANCELLED**

The Celtic Cultures Alliance has announced that the Festival originally scheduled for September 21 & 22 has been cancelled for this year. As has been the case for several other events normally held along the river, the flood damage has made it impossible to proceed. SAS has been informed that the Alliance plans to hold the Festival/Games again in 2020.



SAMHUIN POTLUCK THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 6 P.M. AT THE MANOR

The Scot's Gaelic spelling is Samhuin or Samhuinn, thus the spelling in our heading! To celebrate this ancient Celtic festival

marking the beginning of winter (or summer's end), we will meet at The Manor, 1104 Kimberly Rd., Bettendorf in the main activity room. Table service will be provided. Bring a dish to pass and your beverage of choice. There will be a program related to this day in the Scottish calendar. Bring a friend!



DECEMBER 3, 2019

St. Andrew's Day/Christmas Party/ Annual Meeting
December 3

Putnam Museum, Davenport.
Reservation form will be in November Porridge Pot.

JANUARY 25, 2020

Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner - January 25, 2020
The Isle, Bettendorf.
Reservation letter will be sent mid-December.



SOME OF THE OLDEST PLACES/THINGS IN SCOTLAND (PER PINTEREST)

Pub - The Sheep Heid Inn (Edinburgh)
Oldest Golf Course of the World - Musselburgh Links

(East Lothian town of Musselburgh)
Village - Skara Brae (on Bay of Skail)
Capital - Dunfermline
Continually Inhabited House - Traquair House (in Scottish Borders)
Tree in Britain - Fortingall Yew (at a rural Perthshire village)
Museum - Hunterian Museum (opened in 1807 at Glasgow University)



DONATION TO SALVATION ARMY FOR FLOOD RELIEF

SAS has made a donation of \$500 to be used specifically for flood relief. The Board felt that this would be a beneficial use of our funds during this year that has been difficult for so many in our community affected by the flood waters.

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BELTANE CELEBRATION

On May 14th the annual SAS gathering in commemoration of Beltane was held at The Manor. Bill Hawthorne gave a short presentation on the history of the season and asked everyone to come forward and, as each person called out the name of his/her clan, toss a piece of wood in the ceremonial imitation "fire." As she does every year, Ty Thomson provided a cake in remembrance of Chick and Ty's anniversary.

WHISKY TASTING & SUMMER SHARING/SOLSTICE

New Board member Jill Yates and her husband, Kris, hosted a potluck and whisky tasting party in their backyard of their home on June 22. In addition to the hosts substantial whisky collection, several other attendees brought their favorites. The libations, potluck dinner and good conversation made for a very enjoyable summer evening.

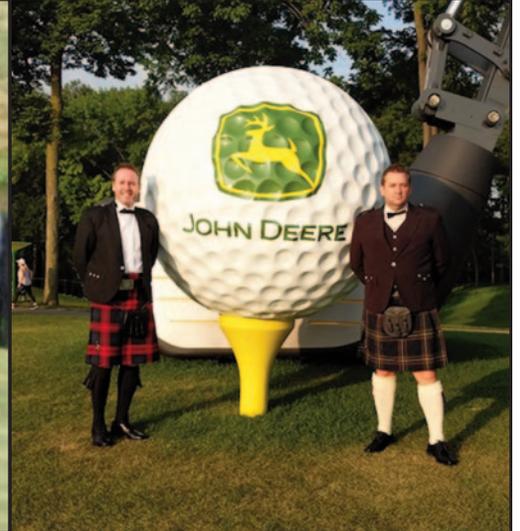


SAS PIPER AND FLAG BEARERS FOR JOHN DEERE CLASSIC

Again this year, Derek Grant bagpiped down the 18th fare-way as three of our other members, Darren Low, Jim Scott, and Bill Sterba carried flags on the final day of the John Deere Classic. This has been quite a long tradition for our group and Ty Thomson plays an important part in making arrangements for this to occur every year.

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

The John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity program provides an opportunity every year for non-profit groups like ours to be awarded income to be used for good causes. As stated in our May Porridge Pot, 100% of every designated pledge goes directly to SAS, and the tournament adds a second check amounting to 5-10% of our total. A few members pledged and the Board may decide to continue to participate next year.



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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 24 - Samhain
December 3 - Celebration of the Saints/Annual Meeting
January 25, 2020 - Robert Burns Dinner

SCOTTISH GOLF DAY

Another successful and fun-filled day was enjoyed by 22 teams of golfers on June 9. Unfortunately, no one won the Hole-in-One prize of a car that would have been donated by Green Chevrolet, but there were plenty of other prizes given for longest drive, closest to the hole, lowest team score, and more. Cody's Bar & Grill won the bar category. Any profit realized from this event will be helpful in providing funds toward community donations. As a non-profit organization, the Board is open to suggestions on how to best represent our group in fulfilling needs throughout the Quad-Cities and beyond. Thanks again to Darren Low, several Board members and other members who worked so hard to make this day a success! Our thanks also to sponsors whose participation is so necessary.

