

# The Porridge Pot



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## MULTI-CULTURAL EVENT

On February 27th at Longfellow School in Rock Island, Mary & Greg Bouljon, Bill Sterba, and Judy Hawthorne represented SAS at this event. There were numerous groups and nationalities from other nations and cultures who provided information and answered questions to help the students become more aware of the world around them. In addition to hosting a table with information about Scotland, bagpipe music was provided by Bill.

## TARTAN DAY AND BELTANE CANCELLED

It will come as no surprise to anyone that it was necessary to cancel two of our annual traditions this year. The Board will stay up-to-date on the latest recommendations re: the Covid 19 closings and will notify you via email and/or post-cards with any further cancellations and/or scheduled events.

## SCOTTISH GOLF DAY CANCELLED

The Scottish American Society of the Quad Cities regretfully announces that this year's Scottish Golf Outing set for June 7th has been cancelled. It is not clear when the State of Illinois will allow groups of people to congregate for events. We also believe that as a socially responsible organization that we should act to protect our members and guests from unnecessary exposure to Covid19. We look forward to holding a successful golf outing in June 2021. We are considering options to this year's outing that will be considered by our Board.

## CELTIC/HIGHLAND GAMES CANCELLED

We have been notified that the Games are cancelled again this year. There will be a dance competition. We will include information about that in the August Porridge Pot in case you would like to view the competition. We also were told the Celtic Cultures Alliance is still a group and hopes to sponsor the Games in 2021 with a few changes.

## SAMHAIN POTLUCK

A final decision about whether this will be taking place in October will also be publicized in the August Porridge Pot.

## FLOWER OF THE FOREST

Sadly, we have lost another member of our group. Clevelyn Scott has passed away. She, and her husband Jim, have been members for many years. Jim represents SAS every year as a flag bearer at the John Deere Classic Golf Tournament. Our condolences to Clevelyn's family.

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

The Board welcomes Chris Iossi and Judy Redlinger as new members-at-large. Their help and ideas will be a good addition in guiding SAS to successful representation of our group in our community.

## NEW ADDRESS REMINDER

In case you didn't notice in the last newsletter, our organization now has a post office box address - SASQC, P.O. Box 132, Moline, IL 61266. If you need to send anything to the Board please do so at this address, unless requested to do otherwise (or unless an email or phone call to a Board member is more convenient).

## BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

We will again be participating in this fund raising opportunity provided by John Deere Classic Golf Tournament. Donations of this type help provide SAS with funds to be applied toward needs within our community (and sometimes even outside the local area) as a means of promoting Scottish history and culture. If you can donate, just complete the information on the enclosed flier indicating the amount you wish to pledge and mail it back directly to the Birdies for Charity office at 15623 Coaltown Rd, East Moline., IL 61244. Online contributions can be made at [www.birdiesforcharity.com](http://www.birdiesforcharity.com). The charity program will take place even if the golfing is cancelled so get your pledge made by July 10th.

## THRU THE STONES

Assuming this convention of "Outlander" fans will be taking place at the River Center in downtown Davenport on December 4 & 5, more details will be provided in the upcoming newsletters.

## WHAT I LOVE ABOUT SCOTLAND

An article in 'Scotland Magazine' written by John Douglas Cochran, a career soldier in the U.S. Army, outlined why he fell in love with Scotland. He hadn't learned his etymology until his mid-twenties, so he then began to read all he could about the Scots, their culture, and especially their

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### GRAND PARADE

A lot of planning and prep went into what became the Grand Parade that wasn't. Efforts were well under way and the float banner arrived the day cancellation was announced. The DeVine Clan held a neighborhood parade as they weren't going to let St Patrick's Day go by without a celebration! Derek Grant led the parade as it wound thru Davenport's west-end crossing over Locust ending at The Meat Market on Washington. A day long (into late evening) of merriment followed as bars weren't officially closed yet.



history. In the article, he shared how he began taking trips to Scotland and the more he saw, the more he wanted to see and learn. He listed so many of the places several of us have also visited. His wife commented to him when they were returning to the states, "This is the first time I've seen you sad to leave a country and go home." He stated, that of all the places he'd mentioned and visited in the article, there is one thing that far outshines, and that is its people. They never ceased to amaze him with their generosity and hospitality. He said Scotland for him is a land of legend. Its history, mythology, castles, landscape, and people amalgamate to create something akin to mythology. I think we can all relate to what Mr. Cochran had to say.

***At this time of uncertainty and concern, the Board encourages you to stay safe and take care of yourselves.***

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Samhain Potluck - October date TBA

Thru the Stones - December 4 & 5

Celebration of the Saints (Andrew/Nicholas) - December 9

Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner - January 23, 2021