

The Porridge Pot



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SAMHAIN GATHERING

October 8 @ 6:00 p.m.
3718 Lorton Ave., Davenport
In an attempt to not have to cancel everything this year, the Board decided to try and celebrate Samhain. One of newest Board members, Chris Iossi, has graciously offered her backyard where we can safely social distance and still enjoy each other's company. Rather than sharing a potluck, all attending are asked to bring his/her own food, table service, lawn chairs, beverage(s), and your mask (no, we won't make you wear it while you're eating or drinking!). The date is a little earlier in October than usual with the hope that the weather will cooperate. In case of rain, we will not reschedule.

THRU THE STONES

"Outlander Fan Convention"
This event, that had been mentioned to occur December 4 & 5, has been rescheduled for December 2021.

CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS (ST. ANDREW & NICHOLAS) & GENERAL MEETING

IMPORTANT INPUT NEEDED FROM YOU:
Currently our plans are to hold the party and general meeting on December 9 in the Evergreen Room at the Tanglewood Hills Event Center on East Middle Rd. in Bettendorf. As part of our planning we need your opinion. Please give us your thoughts.

Will you consider attending with the following guidelines in place?

1. Face coverings will be required except during eating or drinking.
2. Table seating would be at large round tables with as few as 4 people unless requested otherwise.
3. All food and drinks would be served by servers wearing gloves and masks.
4. Social distancing will be observed.

Please know that we are asking only for your opinions and thoughts—you are not making any commitments to attend. We just need to know IF we should continue to plan OR stop planning, based on your thoughts at this time. We appreciate YOUR input, and ask you to let us know by email as soon as you can. Thank you to those who responded to an email we sent out earlier on this

topic.

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ANOTHER POSSIBLE? TRIP TO SCOTLAND/ IRELAND IN 2022

Gale Hoff, truly a hardworking and creative member of our Board (and a little crazy), is considering planning another SAS-sponsored trip. Our "Celtic Cousins" such as members of the St. Patrick's Society will also be notified of the potential for a trip. She would appreciate knowing if there is interest (or you know of any non-members who would be interested), so if this sounds appealing to any of you, please contact her at 563-210-1591 or galehoff@gmail.com.

BOARD MEETINGS

Members are invited to attend Board Meetings. The meetings are held at The Manor Clubhouse, 1103 Kimberly Rd, Davenport. Upcoming meeting dates are September 13, October 11, and November 8 at 2:00 p.m. Masks will be required until further notice.

DONATIONS MADE

As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, we are always looking for ways SASQC can contribute to our community in a meaningful way. With the passing of two of our former members (Scotty McFedries and Clevelyn Scott), we have made memorial donations in their names to Cafe on Vine and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. If you have ideas for ways in which our organization can contribute, please let a Board member know.

BURNS DINNER UPDATE

As with the Celebration of the Saints party, the Burns Dinner is still on the calendar for January 23 at The Isle in Bettendorf. The Board has been hearing of several cancellations of other similar events throughout the area originally scheduled in this timeframe, so will make a determination by early December if holding the dinner makes sense or sounds safe. As with many, many groups/businesses/families/individuals/etc etc, this has been a year of difficult decisions.

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WHO WAS THAT MASKED BOARD?

SCOTTISH AMERICAN SOCIETY

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

UPCOMING EVENTS

Samhain Gathering - October 8
Celebration of the Saints/General Meeting - December 9?
Robert Burns Celebration & Dinner - January 23, 2021?

OFFICER CHANGE

Our current secretary, Kait Meeker, will no longer be able to serve in that capacity, so Chris lossi has volunteered to serve as secretary (Judy Redlinger will assist her when necessary). Kait will continue as chairperson for the Burns Dinner.

and really hope we don't have to miss the next one!" You can visit their website at www.rampantlion.com and see what they have to offer. They are also available on Facebook and Instagram, so look them up and follow them for more timely updates.

RAMPANT LION WEBSITE

In an attempt to help out our friends from Rampant Lion who have attended almost every Burns Dinners since we began sponsoring the event, we are including the following article. This information is also posted on our SAS website.

The cancellation of Scottish, Irish and Celtic festivals across the country has impacted everyone, whether it's in planning a vacation, looking for some volunteer time or getting together with friends. But it has impacted our friends at Rampant Lion Celtic Traders even more. Out of more than 20 festivals they vend at annually (including our own Burns Dinner), this year they could only attend 5 before the whole world shut down events of any size! Since then, they have been doing whatever they can to make ends meet. At one point, before face masks were readily available, they were making and selling face masks to those who had no source for them otherwise.

They have used the time off to the best advantage possible and one of the projects they tackled was updating their website. Removing products no longer available as well as adding in items that were in good supply was the basis for the update. Now that they have updated the website, they hope to get back to the business of selling Scottish, Irish and Celtic gifts, something they have been doing since 1986. Currently, they can only do mail order, but that's something they have always done. They will even ship a gift directly to the recipient, with your personal message included.

Gayle Baker hopes they will be able to return to our Burns Dinner in 2021, but only time will tell. "We have attended every SASQC Burns Dinner since 1987, have made many friends there

OUR THANKS TO ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES, & INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR SAS

The Board would like to encourage you to support local businesses who have been so generous in their support for SASQC. Baked in the Village, Caddy's in Bettendorf, Neckers Jewelers, The Clubhouse, 11th Street Precinct, Dan Dolan, Putnam Museum, Wide River Winery, MAC's Tavern, Pepsi, Channel 6, Fox 18, Channel 4, CW, Bierstube, US Golf, STERN Beverage Rock Island, John Deere TPC, Starbucks, Galaxy Golf, Walkers, Lexus, Highland Kilt Company, River Bandits, Great Revivalist Brew Lab, Green Family Hyundai, Genesis, Green GMC and Chevy Moline and Davenport, Franks Pizza, RIAFCU, Blackhawk Bank & Trust, Quad Cities International Airport, Mint Green Boutique, Cafe Express, Highland Springs Golf Course, Colona Chiropractic, QC Storm. Hopefully, we have not omitted anyone but wanted to express our appreciation for their support.

In addition to our Board members who donate so much of their time to SASQC. We thank Ty Thomson, Mike Olsen, and Derek Grant .

When publicizing our thanks for different businesses, SASQC wanted to be sure to especially include Minuteman Press. Sue Grant works closely with Judy H. to produce our quarterly Porridge Pot as well as providing quality products for any of our printing needs at a reasonable cost to our organization. Stop in and see Sue or Derek for any print, copy, fax, banner/sign or apparel needs you might have. Open Monday thru Friday from 8am-5:30pm. Lots of products are listed on their website www.davenport.minutemanpress.com request a quote 24/7 make sure you mention SASQC friend for special pricing.

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