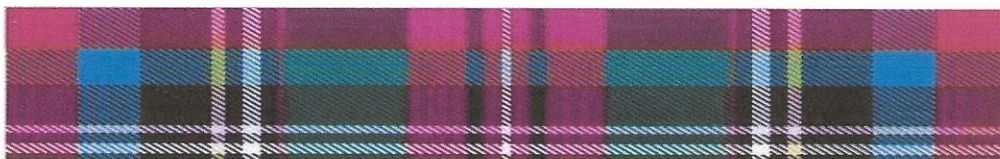


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NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Last summer, Don McLeod concluded his presidency in Blowing Rock and at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Don was an outstanding president and achieved numerous milestones for the St. Andrew's Society of NC. During his two-year

tenure, Don's tireless efforts crafted a growing and well-focused organization that we all can celebrate.

Several highlights include our Society surpassed the 300 member mark and approved many younger applicants. Our scholarship and grant process increased its reach and added more competition to its requests for support. Quarterly newsletter communications kept our members up-to-date on upcoming events. Website posts listed calendar updates, online member information and a host of useful data. A new bylaws committee began the process of updating our organizational documents. Attendance at Scotland County Highland Games and our Kirking at Brownson Presbyterian Church set annual records.

My plans are to build on Don's accomplishments, to promote Scottish activities and to find meaningful ways for everyone to become more involved. My challenge to you is become more active and to participate in one new activity over the next twelve months. Please ask any board member or me for ways you can become more involved in our many activities which include the:

- Identification of Scholarship candidates
- Input for quarterly newsletter articles
- Update of website and social media postings
- Proposal of new members
- Volunteering for committee assignment: finance, communication, scholarships, games & etc.
- Kirkin' o' the Tartans church services
- Set-up of the GMHG or SCHG tent
- Coordinating the GMHG / SCHG luncheons
- Planning for December or July programs

Our organization will be stronger when you participate and let me thank you in advance for ways you will support the St. Andrew's Society of NC. As Don McLeod wrote in the last newsletter, "We have tremendous talent in the organization and we simply need to channel it." Over the next two years I hope to personally meet you and to celebrate our Scottish heritage together.

Charles King
President

WILLIAM ROSS JOHNSTON SCHOLARSHIP

The SASNC names one of its scholarships the "William Ross Johnston Scholarship" in memory and honor of William Ross Johnston who was a member of SASNC at his death in 1988. Mr. Johnston included the St. Andrew's Society as a beneficiary in his will. His substantial bequest is the largest single gift ever received by the SASNC. His generosity is the primary reason the society has its endowment fund which provides (along with yearly member contributions) support for our charitable grants and scholarships.

Other smaller planned gifts have been made over the years to the endowment fund by lifetime gifts or bequests from an estate plan.

The SASNC is a tax-exempt organization, so gifts to its endowment fund are tax deductible. If you want to benefit the society with a gift, either while living or in a will, and wish to discuss this further, please contact me at (910) 692-2885 or by email at dandsjpate@nc.rr.com

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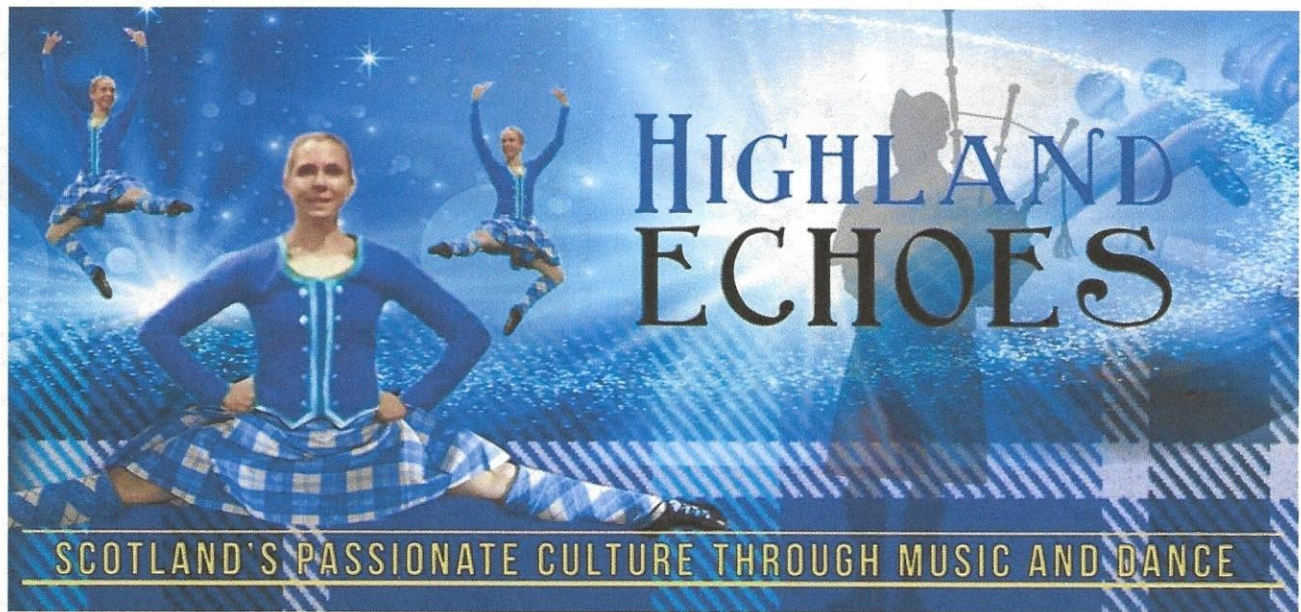
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SAS MEMBER FRANK MCNEILL CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

Frank A. McNeill, Jr. is a candidate in the upcoming Democratic primary for the 8th U.S. Congressional district in N.C. Frank, and his father, Frank McNeill, Sr., are long-time members of the SASNC. They are residents of Aberdeen and are entrepreneurs in the oil and gas business. Frank, Jr. is former two-term mayor of Aberdeen and has served on many civic, educational and historic boards.

Frank has put much emphasis on adequate educational funding, intelligent health care initiatives (e.g. Medicare negotiations with drug companies on prescription costs) and rural infrastructure improvements (e.g. expanded internet broadband). Frank can be contacted at FrankMcNeillforCongress@Frank4NC.



JENNIFER LICKO AND HIGHLAND ECHOES

Jennifer Licko, a native of Swansboro, N.C., received a SASNC scholarship years ago which enabled her to study in Scotland, learn fluent Gaelic and develop her remarkable career promoting Scottish song, dance and culture. She has performed for thousands of school children and has won international music awards. SASNC is providing support for her upcoming Highland Echoes tour which will have four NC performances: **There will be a special VIP reception for SAS at her November 14 performance in Raleigh starting at 6pm.** Her entourage of musicians, dancers and singers will also appear in Fayetteville on Nov. 15, in New Bern on Nov. 16, in Lancaster, SC on Nov 17, in Rocky Mount VA on Nov. 18 and in Swansboro on Nov. 20. Please check the enclosed links to obtain tickets and sign up for her internet newsletter, samples of performances and sterling Scottish cultural highlights. Jennifer is a major talent internationally!

Jim Graham, chair of our scholarships and awards committee, will coordinate our participation in the Raleigh VIP reception (Jim.Graham@pnfp.com). This will be an outstanding evening and Jennifer would like to meet us in Raleigh or at the other locations.

<http://www.jenniferlicko.com> <http://www.highlandechoes.com> <https://jenniferlicko.kartra.com/page/ZDY44>

GMHG DINNER AT BLOWING ROCK COUNTRY CLUB

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games were well attended on the weekend of July 12th to July 15th. On Saturday at noon, over seventy of our members visited our tent and enjoyed scrumptious sandwiches, salads, nibbles, cookies and drinks. Cathy and Jim Gellaty coordinated our luncheon this year and were assisted by Mary and Rick Berry, Linda and Heyward Armstrong and Becky and Charles King. Our tent was located along the back curve of the field and to the right of the announcer's booth. The weather on Saturday was sunny and the backdrop of mountains surrounding McRae meadow were awe inspiring. These games continue to be the perfect weekend for celebrating our Scottish heritage and for developing memorable relationships with your fellow SASNC members.

Plan to attend next year, July 11th to July 14th. Enjoy the following pictures from this year's event.



Board Member James Graham



SAS Chaplain Douglas Kelly & Caroline



President Elect William McIlwain & Sherry



Board Member Randall Madry



Secretary James McCallum & Andrea



*New Board Member Julius McPhaul,
mother Jane & sister Player*



New Board Member Randall Fraser & Pam



Outgoing Board Member William Allison



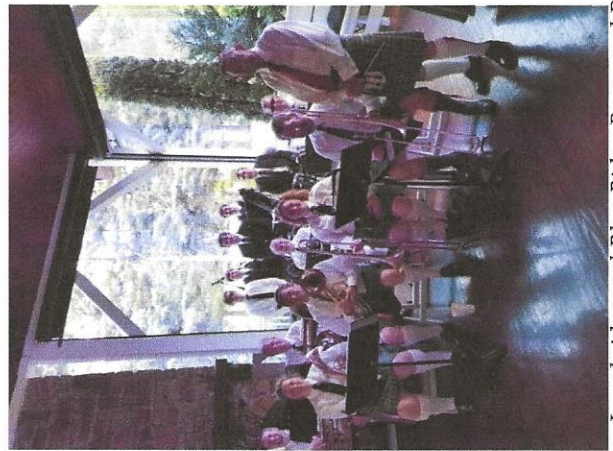
Outgoing Board Member William McCaskill & Susanne



New Board Member Steve McLean & Allison



Former President Cameron Seely & Barbara



James Laughridge and Blue Ridge Brass and Pipes