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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Cooler weather may be on the way! The executive committee and board of directors have been busy this summer and a number of events are occurring this year. A Kirkin' o' the Tartans will be held at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday September 17. Twenty kilted banner carriers are required (see notice and instructions later).

The Scotland County Highland Games will be held in Laurinburg the weekend of October 7 and the Society will host a hospitality tent for members and guests. Lunch and beverages will be provided. This is a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new acquaintances. The games are on Saturday the 7th and events are scheduled for the 6th and 8th as well. <http://www.carolina-highlandgames.com/>

The St. Andrew's Day dinner is scheduled December 2 at Knollwood Hall at Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club in Southern Pines. Information will be forthcoming. Facilities have been secured for a great evening during the 2024 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. A casual family event will be held on Friday night July 13, 2024 at the Meadowbrook Inn in Blowing Rock. Since Covid arrived. large formal events have become problematic to say the least. Enjoy the remaining summer!

Slainte,
James R. Graham, President



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GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN GAMES



SASNC Hospitality tent at McRae Meadow



*Brandon Hensley, Sarah & Claude Snow,
Connie Nestor, Dawn Miller, Jim Graham*

*Connie and Dawn were special guests
from Chicago Scots.*



*Dan Pate, Don McLeod,
Carr McCaskill, Jim Graham*

SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF URUGUAY

Society member Leon Hicks of Wilmington has enabled a developing liaison with the Saint Andrew's Society of Uruguay. His son, Chris Hicks and wife Sabrina, while in Uruguay, met with officials of the Uruguay Society and, as encouraged by Leon, established a corresponding relationship with this 128 year-old Saint Andrew's society. The Uruguay society will receive SASNC member communications initially. Montevideo is the capital. a city of 1.3 million people.



George Stewart, Sabrina Calcagno, Raquel Loureiro (President, SAS of Uruguay) and Chris Hicks



Jennifer Licko and Highland Echoes Dancers

JENNIFER LICKO AND HIGHLAND ECHOES

Jennifer received a SASNC scholarship years ago to study Gaelic in Scotland and has become an internationally acclaimed Gaelic performer. Her dancers hail from the U.S., Canada, Scotland and Australia. Hundreds enjoyed the performances in Boone, NC during the GMHG. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttHhErpEGT8>

Scotland County Highland Games

October 6-8, 2023

North Carolina Rural Heritage Center

13043 X-Way Road, Laurinburg, NC

<http://www.carolina-highlandgames.com/>

SCHOLAR APPRECIATION LETTER

To the St. Andrew's Society of North Carolina,

I am writing to give everyone in the Society the warmest thank you for your continued support over the past four years.

Last week I graduated from the University of Glasgow with the degree of Bachelor of Laws with Honours of the First Class.

I am currently writing to you from the law school of the Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Ecuador where I am working for the summer as a research assistant for a professor of environmental law.

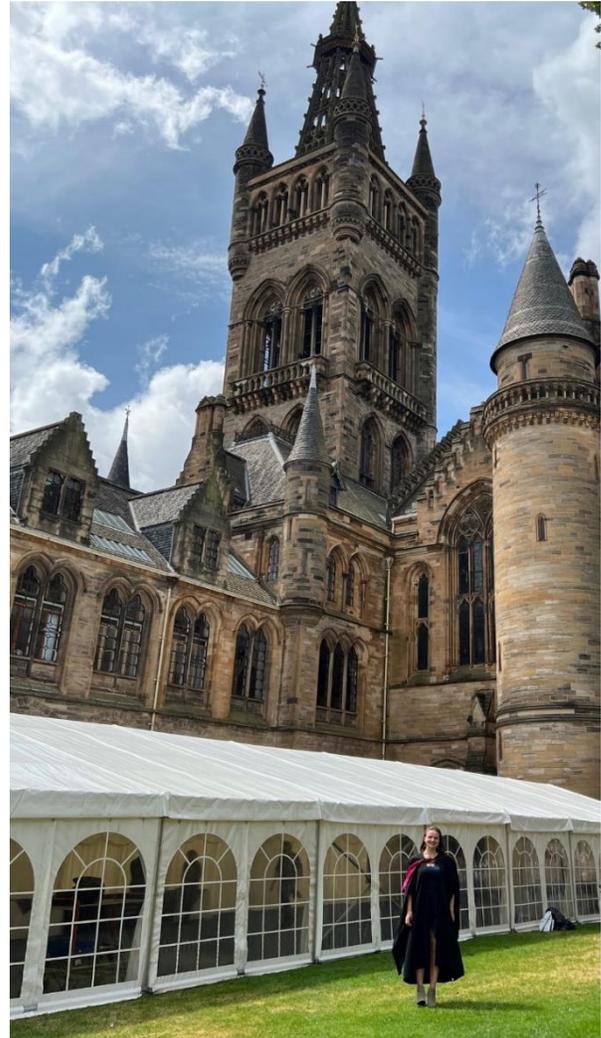
Then in August, I will be attending Uppsala University in Sweden as part of the Joint Nordic Master's Programme in Environmental Law, taught between universities in Sweden, Finland, and Norway.

None of this would have been possible without your continued generosity, and I cannot even begin to express how thankful I am for everyone at the St. Andrew's Society who has given me my wings.

Again, many, many thanks for everything. The next time I am in North Carolina I would love to arrange a way to meet and thank you in person.

Wishing you all the very best,

Elspeth Burdette



Elspeth Burdett at Glasgow University Graduation

Save the Date!
Annual St. Andrew's Dinner
December 2, 2023

DEDICATION OF OLD SCOTCH GRAVEYARD

The Moore County Historical Association on June 4 held its annual meeting in conjunction with the dedication of the restored Old Scotch Graveyard near Carthage. Alexander (Sandy) Stewart, now President of Sandhills Community College in Southern Pines, gave an enlightening history of the origins and development of tartan. Don McLeod spoke on the history of the graveyard, referred to as the Old Scotch Burying Ground in early literature. John Martin, a Highlander from the Isle of Skye, donated the property at the time of the American Revolution. Martin was a Loyalist, as were

many of the Highlanders who had settled in the area in the 1770's. Martin became a British officer, had hundreds of acres confiscated and is buried in Nova Scotia.

Another prominent resident was John Bethune, a Presbyterian minister from Skye, who founded two Presbyterian churches nearby and was the Loyalist chaplain at the Battle of Moore's Creek in February 1776. Bethune was imprisoned in Philadelphia, made his way to Canada, founded the first Presbyterian church in Montreal and is considered the father of that denomination in Canada. Alan and Flora MacDonald resided on Cheeks Creek nearby.



Alexander (Sandy) Stewart and Don McLeod at dedication of Old Scotch Graveyard near Carthage

Kirkin' o' the Tartans
Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church ~ Southern Pines
11:00 a.m. service on Sunday September 17

20 kilted banner carriers required.

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