



# The Carolina Piper



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

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games were quite special this year and it's hard to



believe that these games have come and gone.

Everyone enjoyed beautiful weather from our mid-field tent location and our member visitation was very good on each of the four days. If you have never attended the games, please mark your

calendar for the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary next July 9-12, 2020. These games provide the perfect long weekend for family immersion in everything Scottish.

Our Saturday and Sunday SAS attendance was strong, especially at the Blowing Rock Country Club dinner. Over 100 members and their guests were treated to a wonderful lake house buffet and were entertained by the Blue Ridge Brass and Jennifer Licko singing and accompanied by William Caudill piping. Our board members, officers, and several new members were introduced during the evening festivities.

Special thanks go to Carr and William McCaskill, James and Cathy Gellatly, James

Graham, Gregg Allen and Judge Robert Collier. These individuals worked behind the scenes to insure our tent was set up, food and drink was available, entertainment was planned, and guests were welcomed in a magnificent setting.

As the summer races by, please mark our next signature event, the Scotland County Highland Games. The dates are October 5-6, 2019. These games continue to grow in popularity and regional support. Jennifer Licko will be performing Saturday evening.

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

Our directors and officers continue to promote our Society and to evaluate meaningful ways for members to collectively celebrate our Scottish heritage. Please consider sending in your ideas or volunteering to help in these ongoing efforts. Wear the kilt often, be a cultural ambassador and seek new members.

Charles King, President

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## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Voluntary birthday donations are the major source of funds for our scholarship and awards program which allocated \$35,000 for this 2019-20 fiscal year. The William Ross Johnston scholarship, our premier named grant, was awarded to Elspeth Sophie Burdette for study at the University of Glasgow. Margaret Williams received funds for study at St. Andrews University in Scotland. The Society has continued funding for the unique Gaelic Lectureship at UNC Chapel Hill with Dr. Tiber Falzett entering his second year. His classes have been oversubscribed and proven very popular. The Scottish Heritage Center at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg received continued funding for its invaluable Scottish cultural contributions within the state and region. William Caudill, director, also received support to send 4 students to the piping and drumming summer school in Valle Crucis. The Blue Ridge Brass received continued support and its director, James Laughridge, also sent 2 students to Valle Crucis. Dr. Michael Newton was awarded research funds for his research on dance masters in the Highlands 1720-1820. Newton is an internationally renowned Gaelic scholar and lives in Chapel Hill.

Continued funding was provided to Jennifer Licko for her innovative and powerful Celtic Classroom which provides digital learning on Scottish arts and culture. Over 100 lower school classrooms have subscribed to the program, 75 of these in North Carolina. The Society sponsored her Highland Echoes Tour last year. Jennifer received our support more than 10 years ago to study Gaelic in Scotland and she is now an award-winning international Gaelic singer and performer.

(<https://www.jenniferlicko.com/>).

James Graham is chair of scholarships and awards committee and welcomes suggestions for future funding.

## HIGHLANDER AND INDIAN POWWOW



Peter McArthur, piper, with Highland dancer

The 3rd Annual McNair Monument Gathering, organized by Society member Thomas Hall of Fayetteville, was held in Rennert (Robeson County) June 1. Duncan McNair and wife Catherine McCallum immigrated in 1786 and Duncan was the ruling elder of St. Pauls Presbyterian Church founded in 1799. The Highland settlers and native Lumbees have lived together for more than 250 years. Piping, dancing and historical lectures provided a lively afternoon for the almost 100 in attendance.



Lumbee princesses and goodwill ambassadors



## JOHN PAUL JONES-LOST AND FOUND



Bust of John Paul Jones  
U.S. Naval Academy Chapel

John Paul Jones, considered the Father of the American Navy, was born John Paul in the southwest Lowlands of Scotland in 1747. He went to sea at age 12. He had many experiences, including the slave trade which he hated. In 1772 after purchasing a ship in *Tobago*, he killed a mutinous seaman. Fearing a trial he changed his surname to Jones and fled to Virginia to manage the estate of his brother who had recently died.

When the Revolution erupted Jones volunteered in 1775 for the fledgling Continental Navy. The Americans had no warships and began converting and arming merchant ships. Jones commanded several ships, including the *Alfred*, *Providence* and *Ranger*. On the *Providence* he captured 16 British vessels in a single cruise. On the *Ranger* he invaded the town of Whitehaven on the English NW coast and captured the *H.M.S. Drake* in Ireland. In 1779 he commanded a squadron of five ships, including the 40-gun frigate *Bonhomme Richard*, a reconstructed merchant ship donated by the French and named after Ben Franklin's Poor Richard. Jones' greatest

victory came as he was planning to attack 41 ships in a North Sea Baltic convoy headed for England and encountered the *Serapis* and *Countess of Scarborough*. As the *Bonhomme Richard* was sinking Jones rammed the *Serapis* and locked the ships together. When surrender was demanded, Jones refused, seized control of the *Serapis* and sailed it back to neutral Holland. After the war Jones was a hero in France, a pirate in England and ignored in the U.S. The navy was largely scrapped, Jones was given a petty position and became bored and restless.

In 1787 Jones was appointed by Empress Catherine II as a rear admiral in the Russian Navy. He repulsed Ottoman Turk operations on the Black Sea, but imperial politics were too much. After a year Jones retired to Paris on Russian pension but died two years later aged 45. The U.S. ambassador to France thought it folly to spend money on burial. Friends came forward, had the body preserved in a lead casket and buried in a Protestant cemetery. In 1897, 110 years later, the U.S. ambassador, Horace Porter, undertook the mission to find Jones. The grave was unmarked and lost. The cemetery was finally identified. President T. Roosevelt asked Congress for \$35,000 to excavate the cemetery. Congress adjourned and Porter paid with his own money! Two lead coffins with similar bodies were located and the remains of Jones were identified based on lung and kidney autopsy findings.

President Roosevelt ordered four cruisers escort the body back. In July 1905 seven battleships escorted the remains up the Chesapeake Bay to Annapolis. John Paul Jones, Father of the American Navy, now has eternal rest in the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel.

*London, J.P., SHIPMATE, Nov-Dec 2018*

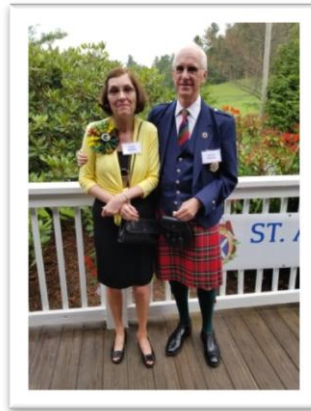


Napoleon-style Sarcophagus of John Paul Jones  
U.S. Naval Academy Chapel

## SCENES from GMHG and BRCC 2019



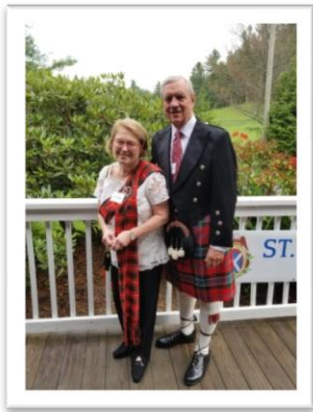
Robert Boykin, Wilson,  
president-elect and chair of  
membership committee



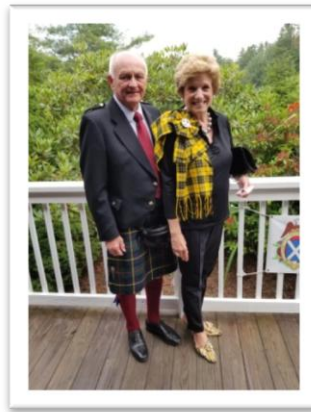
David Gellatly, Winston-  
Salem, board member,  
and Linda



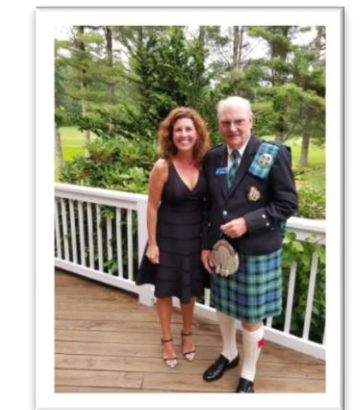
Gregg Allen, Southern Pines,  
SAS treasurer, and Pat



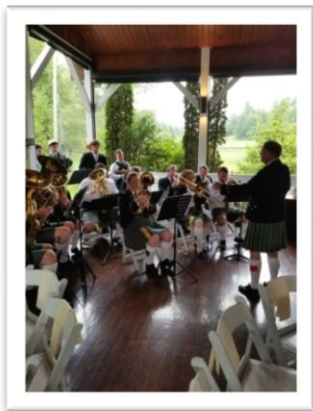
Allen James, Raleigh,  
board member, and Ann



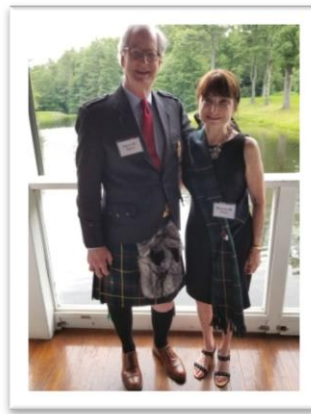
Donald McLeod, Southern  
Pines, past president,  
and Priscilla



Jennifer Licko, Gaelic  
performer, and James  
Graham, chair of scholarship  
and awards committee



Blue Ridge Brass and Pipes,  
James Laughridge, director

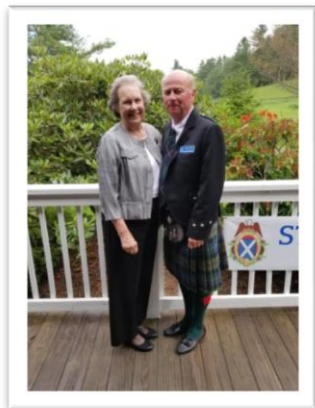


Glenn Davis, Raleigh,  
board member and  
webmaster, and Mary Ann

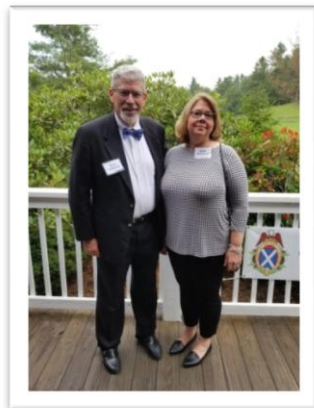


Judge Robert Collier, former  
SAS president and host of  
BRCC dinner





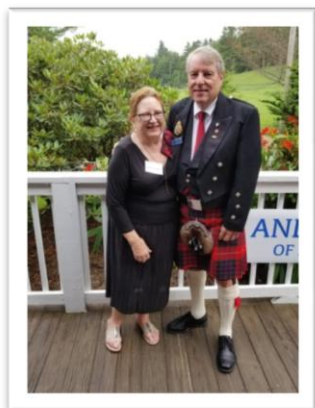
McLeod (Mac) Fowler, Southern Pines, board member, and Janet



Richard McDermott, Southern Pines, assistant secretary, and Shelby



SAS Dinner BRCC during GMHG



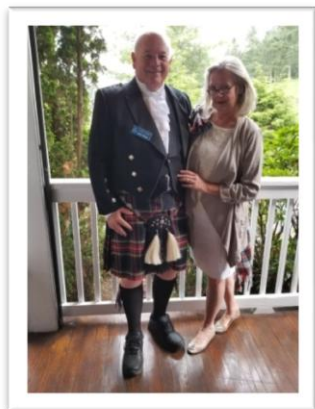
Randall Fraser, Raleigh, board member, and Pam



Robert and Sandy McLeod of Wilmington. Robert is co-president of Wilmington Scottish Society and SAS member.



William Caudill, director of Scottish Heritage Center and Jennifer Licko, Gaelic Superstar



Randall Madry, Raleigh, board member and Stagg



SASNC Observation Tent on McRae Meadow infield GMHG



SASNC Hospitality Tent GMHG

## NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Several new officers and directors were appointed at the July SAS Board meeting. J. Robert Boykin III of Wilson was installed as president-elect. Robert is an estate and antique appraiser, chair of the membership committee and a member recruiter par excellence. Gregg O. Allen of Southern Pines was appointed treasurer and he will be assisted by Alan S. Livingston of Laurinburg. G. Chandler Stewart is the outgoing treasurer. Three new board members were elected: David A. Gellatly of Winston Salem, H. McLeod (Mac) Fowler of Southern Pines and E. Allen James of Raleigh. James R. Graham of Raleigh was appointed for a second 3-year term and is continuing as chair of the scholarship and awards committee. Outgoing board members are Robert L. Sprinkle III and Brian A. Kline. Sincere thanks to each for his service. Members interested in serving should contact President Charles King.

## NEW MEMBERS

### ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 2018 - JUNE 2019

Name	City/State	Sponsor	Endorser
Michael Dixon McKay	Raleigh, NC	Matthew P. Garrett	J. Robert Boykin III
Evan Norris McMillan	Winston-Salem, NC	Charles A. King	Randall H. Madry
William Stewart Gellatly	Falls Church, VA	David A. Gellatly	W. Daniel Pate
James Elbert Maning	Hillsborough, NC	Neil B. Whitford	J. Robert Boykin III
Edward Eric Mills	Raleigh, NC	Keith D. Burns	William G. Mordecai III
James Gearey Ward - Lifetime	Merritt Island, FL	Glenn M. Davis	John R. Harman, Jr.
Jack Alexander Watson	Fayetteville, NC	Thomas J. Hall	Donald C. McLeod
Duncan E. McIver	Williamsburg, VA	John L. Monroe	G. Patrick Henderson, Jr.
Peter Andrew Campbell Seymour	Greenville, NC	Donald C. McGlohon, Jr.	Wilbur S. Hemby, Jr.
James Clinton McCaskill	Pinehurst, NC	W. Daniel Pate	William H. Pate
David Richard Lloyd	Cary, NC	J. Robert Boykin III	Matthew P. Garrett
James Randol Davis	Henderson, NC	J. Robert Boykin III	John R. Harman, Jr.
Julian Victor Brandt III	Charleston, SC	Randall H. Madry	J. Robert Boykin III
Seth Collings Hawkins	Morganton, NC	Christopher M. Davis	Glenn M. Davis
Graham William Gardner	Farmville, NC	Robert F. Sloop, Jr.	J. Robert Boykin III
William Singleton Odgen	Lake Waccamaw, NC	William C. McCaskill	Brown McCallum, Jr.
Stephen Malory Moore	Dudley, NC	Matthew P. Garrett	J. Robert Boykin III