



Saint Andrews Society of the Eastern Shore
The Bagpiper

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St. Andrews Society of the Eastern Shore is a social and benevolent organization which offers educational and charitable assistance to Scottish men and women, their descendants, and their widows or widowers. Membership in the Society is available to both men and women of Scottish birth or ancestry. The Society is an independent organization and is not affiliated with any religious or secular group. Our aim is to perpetuate Scottish culture and traditions.

"Cued Wise faifte"



**A Hundred Thousand Welcomes!
 To Our Newly Elected Members**

Noel V. Bourdin of Easton, MD
 Elizabeth Y. Foulds of St Michaels, MD
 Adrienne McIlraith Wafer of Easton, MD
 Robert H. McWilliams, Sr. of Cambridge, MD

The President's Corner....



The March 28th Ceilidh was a resounding success with over 100 people having a great time enjoying good food, drink, and trying Scottish Country dancing. Thanks to all of you who attended and especially to Perry Foster for putting this event together and giving us such a great evening.

Likewise the April lunch and May Stated Meeting were great successes.

Thanks to Helen and Richard Henseler we have an awesome, world-class web site. We are adding more and more content, especially photos. The web site is a great way to see our calendar, connect with other Scottish organizations, and catch up on *The Bagpiper*.

Visit your web site at:

www.standrewseasternshore.org

We have many talented members and are always looking for more folks to get involved in your St. Andrews Society.

Summer is upon us and many of us will travel, have family visit and enjoy the great Chesapeake. When Fall comes, we hope to see you at one of our many scheduled events: the Annual Picnic and the Kirkin of the Tartans at Christ Church in St. Michaels in September, and the Fall Luncheon in October. We also have the Stated Meeting, the Annual Dinner and the Kirkin of the Tartans at Trinity Church in Oxford coming up in November and the Holiday Luncheon in December. Both Luncheons will have a speaker.

In October, we'll have a tent at the Anne Arundel Scottish Festival and Highland Games and look forward to seeing many of you at this great event.

The Bagpiper is being sent to you both in color via e-mail, and black and white via USPS. Starting with this edition, you'll be able to go to the web site and read it there.

Bring a friend to the Picnic, the Annual Dinner or one of the Luncheons. Our events are getting such a great turnout because you are spreading the word about your St. Andrews Society.

George Dixon

From the 1st Vice President's Desk....

What's in your attic?



Plans for our annual dinner at the Krystal Q on November 22nd are well under way. This year we

would like to include a silent auction in the festivities. In addition to supporting worthy Scottish causes and providing educational and charitable assistance to men and women of Scottish ancestry, our Society financially underwrites many of our events to perpetuate Scottish culture and traditions. Proceeds from an auction would be used to support these activities.

With all the marvelous talents we have among our members, and overlooked treasures in our attics, a silent auction would be a great addition to our annual dinner and would provide much needed funds to continue our good work. Over the next several months, please keep an eye out for something you can contribute to our auction! Many thanks!

Jack Moore

Need Help Tracing Your Scottish Roots?

Please contact one of our member genealogical advisors:

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SASES Participates in Area Tartan Day Events



Mayor Robert C. Wiley of Easton presents SASES Past President Cliff Fleenor with a proclamation declaring April 6, 2009 as Tartan Day in the Town of Easton.

SASES members were also in attendance at the National Capital Tartan Day Committee (NCTDC) reception held on Capitol Hill for the US House of Representatives' Friends of Scotland Caucus. Among them was Martha Walls, who also serves on the NCTDC. Martha had a key role in advocating for the Presidential proclamation of April 6 as National Tartan Day. Randy Welch, our own bagpiper, was asked to perform at the reception. SASES President George Dixon, Past President Leo Foulds and members Elizabeth Foulds and Randy Gregory were also present. In addition, the Society had a tent at the Tartan Day celebration in Old Town Alexandria on April 4. 1st VP Jack Moore had an opportunity there to re-unite with other members of the Clan Sinclair, where they discovered they were each wearing one of the four different clan plaids!

See p. 3 for more photos from these events.

(Photos are courtesy of Cliff Fleenor, Elizabeth Foulds, Helen Henseler, Martha Walls and Randy Welch.)

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2009

- Jun 17 Luncheon and Speaker
Scossa Restaurant, Easton MD
- Aug 4 Board of Managers Meeting
Home of Perry Foster
- Sept 1 Board of Managers Meeting
Location TBA
- Sept 19 Annual Picnic
- Sept 20 Kirkin of the Tartans
Christ Church, St. Michaels MD
- Oct 10 Anne Arundel Scottish Festival
Crownsville, MD
- Oct 21 Fall Luncheon and Speaker
Location TBA
- Nov 3 Stated Meeting and Covered Dish
- Nov 21 Annual Dinner
Krystal Q, Easton MD
- Nov 22 Kirkin of the Tartans
Trinity Church, Oxford MD



Mark Your Calendar Now
for Our Exciting Fall Events.
You Won't Want to Miss Them!

The 2nd Vice President's Letter....

John Law – The Scottish Gambler Economist by Howard Sinder



When you think about Scotsmen who have shaped our modern world, one should consider John Law as one of the greatest. He is best known for causing the Mississippi Bubble by creating money out of thin air. Born in Edinburgh in 1671, he was, in no particular order, an economist, gambler, banker,

convicted murderer, royal adviser, rake and adventurer – just the sort of fellow who would have succeeded as one of Wall Street's "Masters of the Universe."

Law's economic fame rests on two major ideas: the scarcity theory of value and the real bills doctrine of money. The latter he explained by use of his famous "water-diamond" paradox, namely, that water, which has great use-value, has no exchange-value, while the opposite is true for diamonds.

Law's "Real Bills Doctrine" of money basically stated that money was credit and, therefore, determined by the needs of trade. Essentially, the amount of money in existence is determined by the supply of credit in the economy.

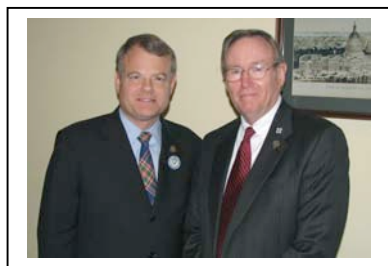
In the early 18th century, the economy of France was in shambles, making it fertile ground for Law's monetary and economic ideas. Law came to France in 1714, having escaped from jail in London, and renewed his acquaintance with the nephew of King Louis XIV, the Duke of Orleans. In 1715, the duke became Regent of France after the king's death. The Regent served as

ruler while the heir to the throne, 5-year-old Louis XV, was still a minor. The duke recalled Law's financial prowess and sought his advice and assistance in straightening out France's financial mess which had been created by years of reckless spending under Louis XIV.

In 1716 Law convinced the French government to let him open a bank, the Bank Generale, with the rights to issue paper money, or bank notes. The paper notes would be supported by the bank's assets of gold and silver, and would circulate as a medium of exchange. Law believed that paper notes would increase the money in circulation, which, in turn, would increase commerce. These conditions would help revitalize and rehabilitate the finances of the French government.

In August 1717, he organized the Compagnie d'Occident (Company of the West) to which the French government gave the control of trade between France and its Louisiana and Canadian colonies. The colony stretched for 3,000 miles from the mouth of the Mississippi River to parts of Canada. It included the present-day states that hug the river: Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. The colony of Louisiana's connection to the Mississippi River gave rise to the company's more popular name, The Mississippi Company.

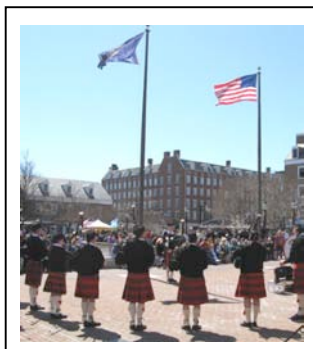
The story of John Law and the Mississippi Company is as intriguing as any modern financial disaster. To read more about it, you may go to *The Bagpiper* page on our website www.standrewseasternshore.org. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may contact the editor at 410-822-8683 for a printed copy of the full article.



SASES President George Dixon (r) with Rep. Mike McIntyre



(l to r) Leo and Elizabeth Foulds, Randy Welch



Tartan Day Festivities in Old Town Alexandria

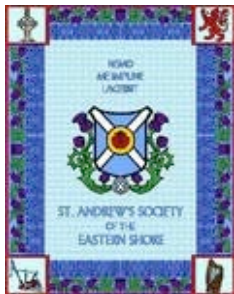


Martha Walls (2nd from r) with Tartan Day dignitaries



1st VP Jack Moore (2nd from r) with the Clan Sinclair

SASES Blanket Throws Are Still Available



These beautiful throws make wonderful gifts for friends, family or even for you. The price is \$45.00, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Society to offset the cost of our subsidized functions. If you are interested in ordering one (or more), please contact Randy Welch at randy@eastonpiper.com or 410-822-5441 (at home).

A Day at the Library of Congress June 29, 2009

SASES Members are invited to this special tour sponsored by the Burns Society of Annapolis. The details were sent to our email list. If you did not receive an email and are interested, please contact the editor **ASAP** at 410-822-8683 or communications@standrewseasternshore.org

Don't Miss the Summer Luncheon

Scossa Restaurant
8 N. Washington Street, Easton, MD
Wednesday June 17, 2009 at 11:30 am
Cost: \$26.00/person

Our special guest, John Gillespie, will speak on Celtic music, with a focus on Scottish music.

Please use your yellow postcard, the form on our website or call Howard Sinder at 410-745-2346 to reserve your place.



The Chinese Enjoy A Dram

--from Leo Foulds, Reporter-at-Large

We are becoming all too familiar with tales of failing businesses and job losses, but all is not doom and gloom. Business is booming for Scotland's single malt distilleries, not because the Scots are drowning their sorrows, but because of the growing Asian market for Scotch whisky, especially in China. The value of whiskey sales rose from \$1.6MM in 2001 to \$112MM in 2007, according to the Scotch Whiskey Association. The demand for blended whiskeys declined in 2008, but sales of single malts are still going strong. Bottles of 30-year-old Scotch go for \$1600 apiece. There is also a market in Moscow, which did not exist before. This all goes to show us that where there's drink, there's hope – *Slàinte!!*

Have You Seen Our New Website?

If you haven't visited our website lately, you'll want to check out our new look at:

www.standrewseasternshore.org

You will find the latest details on upcoming events on the Calendar. You can read recent issues of *The Bagpiper*. The Links page also leads you to many useful sources of information. We will be adding new items, like a Photo Gallery, so stop back frequently to see what's new!

And if you have any ideas or comments (or photos of recent SASES events!), please contact:

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