



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 descendents, 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.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events 2009

- Jan 6 Board Of Managers Meeting  
Home of Howard & Lynne Sinder
- Jan 18 Funspiel Curling Tournament (see page 3)  
Talbot County Community Center
- Jan 21 Luncheon – Martini’s, Easton
- Jan 24 Burns Night Dinners (see page 3)
- Feb 3 Stated Meeting and Covered Dish  
Christ Church Parish Hall, St. Michaels
- Feb 22 Chesapeake-Potomac Invitational (Curling)  
Talbot County Community Center (see p.3)
- Mar 3 Board Of Managers Meeting  
Home of Randy Gregory
- Mar 28 Ceilidh and Tartan Day Celebration  
Location TBA
- Apr 7 Board Of Managers Meeting  
Location TBA



### From Our Past President:

*I just wanted to write a brief thank you to all of the board and the other members who helped make this a fun year for me. You are a great group to work for and your ideas and willingness to help make everything a pleasure. I'm looking forward to 2009, new activities, new friends, old friends, and good times. I leave you in the very capable hands of George Dixon who will make the good times happen.*

**Perry Foster**

### To Our Newly Elected Members

*„Ceud Mìle Fáilte“*



**A Thousand Welcomes!**

Robert K. Barrett  
7951 Oakwood Park Ct., St. Michaels MD  
21663  
Steven and Cherie Christy  
503 Bryarly Ct., Churchville MD 21028

### Congratulations to Our Newly Installed Officers and Board of Managers!

#### Officers

President	George Dixon
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Jack Moore
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Howard Sinder
Secretary	Paulette Johns
Treasurer	Mike Sheridan
Membership Secretary	Barbara Sheridan
Corresponding Secretary	Susan Coulston
Immediate Past President	Perry Foster

#### Members at Large

Helen Henseler	2009
William Hull	2009
Cliff Fleenor	2010
Fred Parker	2010
Randy Gregory	2011
Randy Welch	2011

*Many thanks to Jim McConnell, Bill Hughson, Joseph Johns, and Leo Foulds who have completed their terms of office. We appreciate your dedication and service to your Society! And we also thank Leo for staying on as our Chaplain.*

### The President's Corner....



Thank you for electing me President of the St. Andrews Society of the Eastern Shore. I look forward to meeting each of you as we continue to grow SASES with new members and new activities.

Perry Foster has done an awesome job of leading the Society this year and on behalf of all the members I wish to express our thanks and gratitude for all her work. On a personal note, she has helped me and been a source of great advice and guidance. Perry, thanks for everything you do for the Society and we look forward to your leadership as the Past President.

New members give the Society renewed energy and I urge each of you to bring a friend to our lunches, dinners, Ceilidh and other activities. Our recruiting depends on people knowing about the Society. Your word of mouth and that of your friends is the best way to advertise the Society so Scots and descendants of Scots will hear about us and join.

Members are what make the Society and we are improving our communications with the membership and seeking your participation in all activities. We will use the Bagpiper to get the word out to the members. So please read it and note the upcoming activities. We are improving our web site so members will have another way to find out what's going on at SASES and also be able to communicate with your officers. We will start making better use of e-mail to tell you about upcoming activities. When you send in your annual dues, please give us your e-mail address. My objective is to get information to the membership by using the Bagpiper, the web site, and e-mail.

Looking forward to seeing you at the January and March lunches, the February Stated Meeting, and the March Ceilidh,

**George Dixon**

### Message from the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:

More than 80 members and guests attended our Thirty-eighth Annual Dinner at the Harbortowne Resort on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was a wonderful evening full of fine food and spirits, Scottish entertainment and, most of all, good company! Highlights included traditional toasts, The Parade of the Haggis, a spirited Robert Burns' "Address to a Haggis" by Peregrine Russell-Hunter and his son, and Leo Foulds' fascinating talk on the story of St. Andrew's Day and a' Wha' Honor It. A rousing performance by The Ellice MacDonald Pipes & Drums concluded the evening. Many thanks to George Dixon and all those who worked so hard to make the dinner such a success!

Plans are already underway for next year's Annual Dinner. In January, we will be exploring new locations and a date in November. Randy Welch has already volunteered to plan an evening of Celtic music. Please call or e-mail any comments about this year's dinner or suggestions for next year.

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### Fellowship from Around the World

Susan Coulston, Corresponding Secretary

Every year, St. Andrews Societies from all over the world send greetings to each other in celebration of St. Andrews Day in November. This year, greetings were sent to and received from societies in Scotland, Ireland, England, and Chile. We also heard from many societies throughout Canada, as well as from societies all over the United States. Our first greeting every year is always from the city of New York, followed by greetings from coast to coast, from California to Vermont, Massachusetts, Georgia and South Carolina, in addition to our neighboring societies.

The number of greetings we receive has grown each year and this year we had our best response ever. It is a tradition to post them at our Annual Dinner for all to see. Be sure to come next year to share in all the good wishes that come to us!

### Stated Meeting and Covered Dish Supper

Tuesday, February 3

Christ Church Parish Hall, St. Michaels

6:00 pm Meet and Greet - 6:30 pm Dinner

This is our general winter meeting and your chance to hear what's going on and to give us your input. Besides, who wants to miss all that good food? So brave the cold, bring a dish, and please join us.



### Mark Your Calendars Now! Ceilidh and Tartan Day Celebration

Saturday, March 28, 2009 6:00 pm

Location TBA

Calling all singers, dancers, musicians, comics, actors, and artists. Here's a chance to show off your talent and celebrate Tartan Day. Bring a friend and plan to come out for this evening of good food, good drink, and good fun.

**Watch your mail for more details!**

### Letter from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President....

Part of my duties, aside from being a gadfly, is to go out and eat at various restaurants in the area so as to select venues for SASES' luncheons. Lynne and I have taken to this task like ducks to water, and I'm pleased to announce that our January luncheon will be held at Martini's Restaurant, 14 N. Washington Street, Easton. The menu will be a choice of either pan-fried chicken breast with oven roasted tomatoes and mozzarella or flounder franchise (egg battered sautéed flounder with lemon butter and capers). The cost with a non-alcoholic beverage, tax and gratuity will be \$25.00 per person. The date is January 21, 2009. The time is 12:00 pm.

Since the event is so close to Robert Burns' birthday, anyone who has a favorite poem by any poet (not just Burns) should bring it, and be prepared to recite it for the enjoyment of the other attendees. We can make our own entertainment.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Howard Sinder



### Reminder

The New Year approaches and it's time to pay your 2009 membership dues. If you haven't received your renewal form, please contact Mike Sheridan at 410-745-5937.

## Raise a Glass and Toast the Bard as He Turns 250!



January 25, 2009 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, Scotland's National Poet, and a hero to Scots worldwide. A patriot who chose to write in his own language, he helped create an enduring Scottish identity at a time when the Scots might have been entirely absorbed into the prevailing British culture. The hundreds of poems and songs he wrote in his lifetime truly capture the Scottish soul.

Although he began life in humble circumstances as the son of a farmer, he is now one of the best-known and loved poets in the world. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "People who care nothing for literature and poetry care for Burns."

Come out and celebrate this banner year at one of the region's Burns Nicht Suppers:

### The Burns Society of Annapolis

Saturday, January 24, 2009, 6:00pm

Elk Lodge # 622, 2517 Solomons Island Rd., Annapolis

For tickets or more information: (410) 849-2813

### The Caroline County Council of Arts

Saturday, January 24, 2009, 6:00pm

Caroline Country Club, Denton

Price: \$36/person

For tickets or more information: (410) 479-1009

### Saint Andrews Society of Baltimore

Saturday, January 24, 2009, 5:00pm

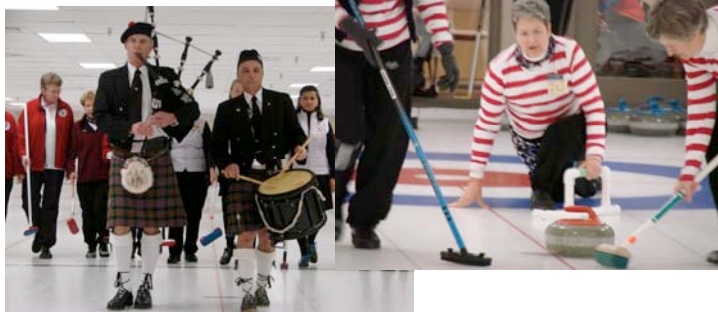
Rolling Road Golf Club, Catonsville

Price: \$75.00/person

For tickets or more information: (410) 570-3831

### The "Roarin' Game" of the Scots

What do ice, a broom, and a large stone (preferably granite) have in common? They are all you need to practice the ancient sport of curling. This uniquely Scottish pastime is thought to have been invented in the 1500's and has been an Olympic sport since 1998. Teams of four players (men or women) attempt to move large granite curling stones down the ice to the goal or "house" by sweeping to melt the ice and reduce friction. It's sometimes called the "roaring game" because of the noise the stones make sliding over the ice. So come out this winter and support our local Chesapeake Curling Club at the Talbot County Community Center.



Here are some of the events:

Free "Learn to Curl" sessions are offered on Wednesday, December 17, 7:00-9:00 pm; Sunday, December 21, 1:00-4:00 pm; and Wednesday, January 7, 7:00-9:00 pm. Anyone over 13 is welcome. Wear warm clothes and clean rubber-soled shoes.

The club will host two major competitions: the Funspiel, January 16-18 and the Chesapeake-Potomac Invitational, February 19-22. A special highlight is the final day of each tournament when our own Randy Welch pipes the teams out onto the ice. Anyone who is interested in meeting up at the Community Center on January 18 or February 22 from 12noon-2:00pm, please contact Helen Henseler at 410-822-8683 or helen@shorephotos.com. If there is enough interest, we can then continue on to an impromptu bite or "wee dram"!

Open curling sessions are also held throughout the winter. Check [www.chesapeakecurling.org](http://www.chesapeakecurling.org) for more information.

### Two New Books on Robert Burns

Learn more about Robert Burns this winter by reading about his life and work. Here are two recently published books that present him from different perspectives:

#### Abraham Lincoln and Robert Burns: Connected Lives and Legends

Ferenc Morton Szaaz (September 2008)

"Few are aware of how famed Scots poet Robert Burns—and Scotland in general—influenced the life and thought of one of the most beloved and important U.S. presidents and how the legends of the two men became intertwined after their deaths. This is the first extensive work to link the influence, philosophy, and artistry of these two larger-than-life figures." (Amazon.com)

#### A Night Out with Robert Burns: The Greatest Poems

Robert Burns, with essays by Andrew O'Hagan (January 2008)

"It is very hard to have a proper sense of Burns: on one hand he is sentimentalised to sell tartan and biscuits; on the other, his language seems intractable and unapproachable. A new book presents him as a poet infinitely worth reading, setting 40 of his works in their proper context, bringing them to life for those who never knew them and those who want to rediscover them." (Telegraph, UK)

And of course, there is a wealth of information on the web. Just Google "Robert Burns"....



### Did You Know....

*Hogmanay (December 31) is a more important festival in Scotland than Christmas? Its origins are lost in the past, but historians believe it came in with the Vikings. So, to start the New Year off right, clean your house, serve "black buns" and make sure your first visitor of 2009 is a dark haired man bearing gifts (preferably bread so you won't go hungry and coal so you'll stay warm)! And of course, don't forget to sing "Auld Lang Syne"....*



### Flowers of the Forest 2008

In memory of "Them That's Awa" and with our heartfelt condolences to  
those who loved them:

George Brown	Frederick O. Dutton III
Robert A. Homiller	George F. Johnson
James W. Kerr	Ellen G. Lally
Virginia T. Linthicum	Robert M. McDonald, MD
Una Lee McLeer	Peter Thompson

Jim Kneale

### Wanted

Members with an interest in genealogy who are also willing to help other members trace their Scottish roots. Please contact George Dixon at 410-745-6307 or [georgedixon@mindspring.com](mailto:georgedixon@mindspring.com).

### Web-Savvy Member Needed

SASES needs someone who is willing and able to implement a new website for the Society. If interested, please contact George Dixon at [georgedixon@mindspring.com](mailto:georgedixon@mindspring.com) or 410-745-6307

*If you know of any SASES member who is ill or who has passed away, please contact our almoner, Martha Nelson at 410-745-5256.*

Please contact Helen Henseler at [helen@shorephotos.com](mailto:helen@shorephotos.com) or 410-822-8683 with any comments, suggestions or items for *The Bagpiper*

### Samuel Freeland Made Honored Life Member

In recognition of his many years of service to SASES, Sam Freeland was awarded Honored Life Membership in the Society in a ceremony at the annual picnic. Perry Foster presented him with a special plaque, designed by Randy Welch. Sam has been our long time counselor and advocate, and has worked tirelessly for our benefit. He also very generously opens up his property to us every year for the picnic. So join us in saying "Thank you and Congratulations, Sam!"

*Many thanks to John Stephenson for his contribution as The Bagpiper editor over the past two years.  
We appreciate all your the time and effort!*

*© Scotia! my dear, my native soil!  
For whom my warmest wish to heaven is sent;  
Long may thy hardy sons of rustic toil  
Be blest with health, and peace, and sweet content*

*Robert Burns*



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