



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 Mile Failte»



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

William Dudley of Easton, MD
 Neal Jackson of Church Hill, MD
 Mark Wardlaw of Bowie, MD
 Rhonda Wardlaw of Bowie, MD

Upcoming Events 2011

- Feb 7 Stated Meeting & Dinner
Christ Church, St Michael's
- Mar 6 Board of Managers Meeting
Home of Janet and George Raitt
- March Luncheon and Speaker:
Date and Location TBD
- Mar 28 National Tartan Day Reception
Capitol Hill
- April 7 Tartan Day Festival
Market Square in Alexandria, VA
- April 3 Board of Managers Meeting
Home of George and Tellie Dixon
- April Luncheon and Speaker:
Date and Location TBD

For the latest information on SASES events and other local events of interest, check www.standreweasternshore.org/calendar

The President's Corner....

Our 41th Annual Dinner was a great success with nearly 100 members and guests attending. Thank you to members of the Dinner Committee, chaired by Leo Foulds, who made the event such a success, especially Mike and Barbara Sheridan, Helen Henseler, Perry Foster, Martha Nelson, Randy Welch, Elizabeth Foulds, and all those who participated in the evening. And thank you to the twelve members of the Chesapeake Caledonian Pipes and Drums who piped us through the evening and gave such a rousing performance!



In its third year, the Silent Auction was great fun and raised funds for our Society and its good works. This year, your Board of Managers approved a donation from auction proceeds to Mid-Atlantic Scots4Tots. Thank you to Perry Foster and Helen Henseler for their hard work in organizing and running the auction and to members and local merchants who donated so generously.

You will note that we have a new Editor on this Bagpiper masthead. Welcome and thank you to Steve Christy for taking on Communications for our Society. And many thanks to Helen Henseler for the outstanding communications work she has done for us over the past four years. She brought us into the digital age with SASES Communications emails and our website, dazzled with bright yellow postcards and made our quarterly Bagpiper an informative newsletter in which we can all be proud. THANK YOU, Helen!

Please mark your calendars and take advantage of our upcoming events. I look forward to sharing our Scottish heritage and good fellowship in the coming year!

Yours Aye,
 Jack Moore

Members at the Scottish Christmas Walk



Jack Moore with Clan Sinclair at the 2011 Scottish Christmas Walk

This past December marked the 41st Annual Scottish Christmas Walk. Over 150 separate units of Scottish-Americans and pipe and drum bands, Scottish dancers, re-enactment groups, Scottie dog groups, Scottish Clans and Families, dignitaries and, of course, Santa Claus, marched through the streets of Old Town Alexandria.

The Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend is one of the largest fundraising activities for the Campagna Center, a non-profit organization that serves children and families in need in Alexandria, Virginia.

SASES President Jack Moore walked with his Clan Sinclair at this past December's Christmas Walk. He said, "It was a beautiful day. The crowds were huge...it was great fun." And, he added, "It's a great way to connect with your Clan!" Other SASES members walking were Randy Gregory with Clan Gregor and Scots for Tots, as well as Rhonda Wardlaw, Vice President of Mid-Atlantic Scots for Tots, Mark Wardlaw as a member of the Color Guard that lead the parade, and Steve and Cherie Christy, walking with Clan MacLeod.



Cherie & Steve Christy with Clan MacLeod

Congratulations to Our Newly Installed Board of Managers!

Officers

President	Jack Moore
Vice President	Randy Welch
Secretary	Paulette Johns
Treasurer	Mike Sheridan
Membership Secretary	Barbara Sheridan
Corresponding Secretary	Susan Coulston
Immediate Past President	George Dixon

Members at Large

Elizabeth Foulds	2012
Marie Martin	2012
Tom Orem	2013
Carl Widell	2013
Donna Cantor	2014
Janet Raitt	2014

VP Notes

First I'd like to thank everyone for this opportunity to serve as your Vice President in 2012. I hope to work with the same dedication and consistency as my predecessors. I'll continue to be the Pipes and Drums band liaison, in addition to performing as one of the two SASES "Official Pipers" along with Paulette Johns.

Our Chesapeake Caledonian Pipes and Drums band is gearing up for the busy 2012 season with some new music. We again have over 20 functions booked including the annual SASES Kirkin', Picnic, and Dinner. Please refer often to our band web site for our full events schedule -- www.chesapeakecaledonian.net

I've just picked up, and am in the process of delivering, another batch of our beautiful and stylish SASES polo shirts. Thank you to everyone who has purchased them; I know you will love them and will wear them proudly!

I'm looking forward to serving as your Vice President and hope to see our current members and meet our new members at our hosted events. We can't be successful in our mission without you.

Randy Welch

Proceeds from the 41st Annual Dinner Assist the Society and Others

Our 41st Annual Dinner on November 19 drew nearly 100 members and guests, and the silent auction again raised over \$1,000 for our Society and its good works.

Traditional toasts and tunes added to the celebration at the Harbortowne Resort in St. Michaels. Twelve members of the Chesapeake Caledonian Pipes and Drums entertained, and the new snare drum heads donated by our Society last year sounded great!

Piper Art Fournier led the Parade of the Haggis. James McCloud, Michael Sheridan, Howard Sinder and the Haggis Bearer also took part. Peregrine Russell-Hunter and his son Malcolm again addressed the Haggis by reciting Robert Burns' poem with their usual dramatic flair.



Chesapeake Caledonian Pipes and Drums perform at the 41st Annual Dinner



Cherie Christy, emcee for the 41st Annual Dinner

Cherie Christy, assisted by her husband Steve, was master of ceremonies and our Chaplain Leo Foulds gave the invocation. Toasts were made by Jerry Hughes; Philip Webster; Nancy Badertscher, president of the Robert Burns Society of Annapolis; and Elizabeth Foulds. Piper Art Fournier played "Scots Wha Ha'e," and George Dixon said the Selkirk Grace.

Randy Gregory gave an informative and entertaining explanation of "The Day a' Wha' Honor It." Michael and Barbara Sheridan remembered "To Them That's Awa'," in honor of members who died during the past year. Piper Randy Gregory played "Flowers of the Forest."

The Rev. Mary Garner gave the benediction and Barbara Sheridan led the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" to conclude a wonderful evening.

Jack Moore

Where to see the Chesapeake Caledonian Pipes and Drums

March 11	St. Patrick's Day Parade	Baltimore, MD
March 17 th	St. Patrick's Day Parade	Ocean City, MD.
May 19	Fair Hill Scottish Games	Fair Hill, MD
May 26	Chestertown Tea Party	Chestertown, MD
May 28	Memorial Day Parade	Washington, DC
June 2	Ravens Roost	Ocean City, MD
June 10	Kirkin' o the Tartan, St. Anne's Episcopal Church	Annapolis, MD
June 26	Maryland Avenue Irish Festival	Annapolis, MD

Scots Ancestry No Help for Golf

My great-great-great grandfather Archibald Taylor emigrated from Kitts, Erskine Parish, Renfrieshire, Scotland in 1775 to Rygate, Vermont just in time for the American Revolution.

His son James, according to the Town Clerk of Rygate at the time, "was quite a character and composed rhymes, also humorous pieces."

Afterwards, he became a noted scholar and won much fame as a poet in his native state, Vermont.

So maybe I inherited my love of the bagpipes and tartan from Archibald, and my affinity for writing from James.

A pity neither helped my golf handicap.

Philip J. Webster

Do you have a story about your Scottish heritage that you would like to share? Send it to the editor at communications@standrewseasternshore.org.

SASES Shirts Are Available!

Stylish polo-style shirts embroidered with the SASES crest are now available in white, red, navy blue, black, or hunter green in S, M, L or XL for \$32.00. 2X and larger are \$5.00 more at \$37.00. For further details or to place your order, contact Randy Welch at 410-822-5441 or midlifepiper@yahoo.com.

Martha Plunges for Charity



Randy Gregory and Martha Walls
at the 2012 Polar Bear Plunge

I survived another year in the cold Chesapeake Bay. We had a beautiful day for this year's Polar Bear Plunge with a sunny day and temperatures in the low 50's. However, the water was still cold, and I spent as little time in the water as I could.

I want to thank all who supported me. With the generous support of members of SASES and Scots for Tots, I was able to exceed my fundraising goal and raised \$790 for the Maryland Special Olympics.

Over 14,500 people plunged on Saturday, and the preliminary estimate of the amount raised for the Maryland Special Olympics stood at \$2.5 million at the end of the day.

Thank you for sending a smile to future Maryland Special Olympians.

Martha Walls

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