



# The Spectator

The Quarterly Newsletter of Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

**Spring 2016**

## **President's Message – Spring 2016**

Lads and Lassies,

It is a privilege and an honor to serve as the President of the Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg for 2016. I never would have guessed twenty-two years ago when I volunteered with the Williamsburg Scottish Festival that I would be here today. The Society has made great strides over that time and I look forward to continuing that momentum this year.

The Burns Night celebration in January was an outstanding event! Many thanks to the committee and society members that worked tirelessly to ensure the event's success: Douglas Boller, Mott Robertson, Michael Thompson, Doug Burns, Kathy Kasley and Duncan McIver. I would be remiss not to mention the spouses who were wrangled into lending a hand as well. Thank you!

Our Tartan Day celebration this month was a resounding success. The public stopped by and lingered through the afternoon enjoying fantastic entertainment and learning much about why we celebrate this important day. Thank you to the committee, members and spouses involved: Mott Robertson, Douglas Boller, Ed Matheson, Michael Thompson, Roger Ferguson and Duncan McIver. Special thanks to Douglas Boller for organizing the SAS Dancers and to Lynn Newcomer for working with Rose Martin in her performance of the Highland dances.

These are some of the events on the horizon you will not want to miss!

Spring Kirking of the Tartan – April 24, 2016

Ceilidh & Picnic – June 26, 2016

Fall luncheon – September

Newport News Fall Festival - October  
 Fall Kirking – Local Church – November  
 Annual General Meeting - November  
 Christmas Luncheon - December

Society members may assist with such things as planning events, the calling committee and submitting articles for the Spectator and website. We welcome enthusiastic participation!

Yours aye,

Sherri Cornoni Elmore

### **Burns Night, January 31, 2016**

This Burns Night was a memorable gala supper at the Fort Magruder Hotel in Williamsburg. From the initial reception to the Auld Lang Syne and adjournment, it was delightful and action packed. After the presentation of the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance, the Invocation and the singing of America, 2015 Society President Duncan McIver welcomed the guests and transferred the medal and staff to the 2016 Society President Sherri Elmore.

A tasty Scottish dinner serenaded by Scottish fiddler David Gardner followed. The haggis entered formally, accompanied by Pipe Major Lynn Newcomer. Douglas Boller made a spirited address to the haggis, dismembered it with his sword, and toasted its memory. Everyone feasted on the haggis which was excellent.

The Williamsburg Pipes and Drums then entered and raised the roof with their awesome Scottish favorites. After the Pipe Major was paid in scotch, the guests bought raffle tickets and visited the silent auction.

Dr. Robert Maccubin made an excellent presentation on "The Immortal Memory." Toasts were made to The President, The Queen, The Land o' Cakes and Ale, The Land We Live in, and the Troops. Sara Katherine Taylor stole our hearts with her lovely singing of O, my Luve's Like a Red Red Rose, and My Heart's in the Highlands. Mott Robertson recited a Burns poem. Skip Yohe toasted the Lassies and Holly Yohe replied with a toast to the Laddies.

David Gardner continued with a lively Scottish fiddle concert. The Raffle followed and then all sang Auld Lang Syne, with all present holding hands in a huge circle.

Here are a few photos of the event – please see the website gallery for all photos.

Our thanks to all who contributed to make this a spectacularly successful event.





**Ana, Kim, Eileen**

**Sherri**



**Sara Taylor**





**Bob & Clarissa**



**Wayne & Jill**



**David Gardner**



## **Tartan Day 2016**

Tartan Day was held on Sunday April 3 at the Williamaburg Community Building. This free event was well advertised and attracted quite a crowd – an estimated 80 people seated, with more standing. It was a beautiful day, with lots of attractions: The Williamaburg Pipes and Drums, Arden Clark on the fiddle, Connie Smith with guitar and songs, David Gardner with Scottish fiddle and songs, Highland Dancer Rose Martin and the Saint Andrew Society Dancers. Displays included the US Senate Tartan Day Resolution, the Declaration of Arbroath, displays on Scottish History and Culture, the Tidewater Genealogical Society table, Clans and Tartans, musical instruments, the St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg table, and the Scotland House Ltd. Scottish Products table.

This was a blast and a half! Here are a few photos; see the website gallery for more.



**Arden Clark (above), Dancers (below)**





**Connie Smith (above), David Gardner (below)**







## News from Erin Park

### Semester Update

Hi Ev,

I just wanted to send you a brief update on my past few months in Glasgow! Please feel free to share with Society members.

I have just started the seventh week of the second semester of my honors years. My courses for English Language haven't changed since last semester, but I am taking a new course in Gaelic called "The 19th Century Through the Eyes of the Gael." It has been a fascinating look at the clearances and land agitation, immigration, development of literature and culture, and the Gaels' view of the new technological advancements such as steamships and railroads. In English language I am doing two projects, both very unrelated to anything I've done before: the first on the

development of the "discourse of terror" in American politics, and the other on a Canadian celebrity's ability to fake a Punjabi-English accent. Both of these projects have taken me out of my comfort zone and given me an opportunity to develop skills which I hope to apply to Gaelic in the future.

This semester has been very exciting already outside of the classroom. As part of the residency scheme, we've had a contingent from University College Dublin (a special relationship exists between our residency scheme and their's as our's is based on their pioneering efforts) come to visit. We put on a ceilidh for them, introduced them to campus, and got their feedback on one of the projects we hope to launch soon.

The next week we went to Dublin! It was a short three days, but we packed a ton into it. We had workshops on the intersection of Scottish and Irish song, an Irish Gaelic language workshop, we learned about Gaelic football and its relationship to Irish language, as well as hearing about several of UCD's residency students' projects -- very inspiring as to what could be done with Gaelic, as well as discovering all our similarities with our fellow Gaels. We spoke with the other students (or tried) in Gaelic, and got to know them and their journeys to Gaelic during the social activities. I've attached a picture of the whole group.

In other news, only last week we were awarded Best Community Drama for our short film 'Cliù nan Caoraich' by FilmG. FilmG is a Gaelic short film competition designed by MGA Alba to foster young (and old) Gaelic film-making talent and to encourage creativity. We were absolutely thrilled to win such a prestigious award, and our prize will be support in putting on a community event at the end of the year. I have also attached a photo of myself and the other two students who live in the Gaelic House, along with the presenter who gave us the award. It's been a busy but exciting few months, and I thank you so much for all your support; I would not be able to take advantage of these opportunities without St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg!

Sincerely, Erin Park



**Erin & friends**



## **John Cleese on ‘Alerts to Terror Threats in 2011 Europe’**

This is an oldie but a goodie, from Facebook. In this age of terrorism we'd best re-aquaint ourselves with the European security threat levels.

“The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent terrorist threats and have therefore raised their security level from “Miffed” to “Peeved.” Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to “Irritated” or even “A Bit Cross.” The English have not been “A Bit Cross” since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out.

Terrorists have been re-categorized from “Tiresome” to “A Bloody Nuisance.” The last time the British issued a “Bloody Nuisance” warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from “Pissed Off” to “Let’s Get the Bastards.” They don’t have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

The French Government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from “Run” to “Hide.” The only two higher levels in France are “Collaborate” and “Surrender.” The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France’s white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country’s military capability.

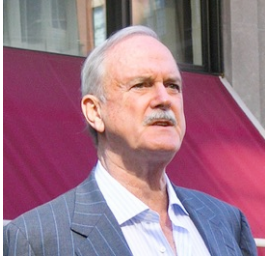
The Italians have increased the alert level from “Shout Loudly and Excitedly” to “Elaborate Military Posturing.” Two more levels remain: “Ineffective Combat Operations” and “Change Sides.”

The Germans have increased their alert state from “Disdainful Arrogance” to “Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs.” They also have two higher levels: “Invade a Neighbour” and “Lose.”

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

The Australians, meanwhile, have raised their security level from “No worries” to “She’ll be right, Mate.” Two more escalation levels remain: “Crikey! I think we’ll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!” and “The barbie is canceled.” So far no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level.”



John Cleese – British writer, actor and tall person.  
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## Flowers of the Forest

### Arthur Korff

The Society's beloved Arthur Korff recently passed away, and Society members paid their respects in full highland regalia at his funeral on February 9 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Newport News. He was a living legend and we will truly miss him.



Newport News - Lt. Col. Arthur Korff USAF (ret.), passed away in Riverside Regional Medical Center on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 following a massive stroke. He was 93.

Col. Korff's military career began with his pilot training in B-24s during [WWII](#) and ended decades later with a Pentagon assignment. Upon retirement from the Air Force he began a second career as a senior Representative for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Washington, D.C.

He moved to Newport News in 1992 where he became a Mariners Museum docent for eight years. He is a member of the Scottish Society of Tidewater, St. Andrew's Society of Williamsburg, Olympia Lodge (New York) Warwick Lodge #336 and Newport News Scottish Rite. He served as an usher in St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Hilton Village and as Retiree Activities Director at Langley AFB. He was co-founder of the Newport News Police Pipe Band, taught beginning bagpipers, and escorted tours to Scotland.

Col. Korff is survived by his loving wife, Anne Korff and many children, foster children, and grandchildren including: Michael Roberts of Hampton; Kevin Murphy of Mexico, Tony Murphy of Atlanta, GA, Cary, Dave, and Mitchell Herold of Jacksonville, Dr. Elizabeth Harrison of Berlin, Germany, Karen and Christine Korff of Washington, D.C., Erin Thomas and Shannon Williams of Tallahassee, Phyllis and Nicholas Mackintosh of Silver Spring, MD, Heather MacKintosh, Baby Iain, and Eric Flamer of Rockville, MD, and Fred Miller and Jennifer Jackson of Hampton.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Monday, February 8, 2016 at Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home with Masonic Rites beginning at 6:15 pm. A celebration of Col. Arthur's life will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, February 9, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Newport News. Interment with military honors provided by the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard will follow at Albert G. Horton National Cemetery. A reception will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

Friends are encouraged to visit [www.parklawn-woodfh.com](http://www.parklawn-woodfh.com) to share memories and words of condolence with the family.

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### **George Morledge**

George was a long-time member and we will miss him.

WILLIAMSBURG - George Alan Morledge died March 14, 2016. He was born on May 28, 1930 in Cleveland, Ohio, soon after his medical missionary father, John Walker Morledge, and mother, Grace Norrick Morledge, returned from service in South Africa. Alan Morledge grew up in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with two older brothers, Joe and John. After graduating from Classen High School, Alan attended Rice Institute in Houston, Texas, completing a degree in chemistry in 1951. He entered the [U.S. Navy](#), serving aboard the U.S.S. Burton Island, an ice breaker, in the Bering Sea off of Alaska. Later in life, he achieved the rank of Commander, with over twenty years of service in the Naval reserves. In 1954, Alan entered the Harvard School of Design, completing a masters degree in 1957, followed with a summer course of study at Ecole des Beaux Arts,



Fontainebleau, France. Alan taught architecture for several years, at the [University of Illinois](#), Champaign-Urbana, and the University of Southwest Louisiana, before joining the firm of Spencer and Lee in San Francisco in 1960. In 1961, Alan consulted with Spencer and Lee for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, to help design a new Lodge conference center, in Williamsburg, Virginia, where he met Anne Jackson. Four months later, Anne and Alan were married in the Wren Chapel on September 30, 1961. The couple stayed in Williamsburg after Alan was offered a position as a restoration architect for Colonial Williamsburg, serving there until 1983. Alan then specialized as a scholar in colonial era restoration projects throughout Virginia, including Blandfield Plantation in Essex County, the Adam Thoroughgood House in Virginia Beach, and countless historic churches, sharing his expertise as an adjunct instructor for the College of William and Mary Special Programs. He designed numerous buildings in the greater Williamsburg area, including homes for Colonial Williamsburg's President Carl Humelsine and popular musician Bruce Hornsby. Over the years, Alan served in the Virginia chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the York County Board of Building Code Appeals, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Virginia, and on advisory boards for historic properties, including Gloucester County's Rosewell ruins, Yorktown's Custom House, and St. Luke's Church in Isle of Wight. Alan enjoyed the activities of the Saint Andrews Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and participated as an actor in the early years of the Williamsburg Players. An active member of Bruton Parish Episcopal Church, serving on the vestry, Alan also enjoyed volunteering for many years in the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg. He was predeceased by his brother, Joe, and his wife, Anne, but is survived by his son, Clarke H. Morledge and, his daughter-in-law, Lisa, of Charles City County, his brother, John Morledge, of Madison, Wisconsin, and many nephews and nieces. He was a bona fide chocoholic. A memorial service will be held at 11:00am, Thursday, March 31, at Bruton Parish Church. A reception will follow at the Alvin P. Andersen Auditorium, Williamsburg Landing, from 1pm to 4pm. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be made to the College of William and Mary Foundation, designated for Swem Library, Make a Difference Fund, in Alan's memory, at P.O. Box 1693, Williamsburg, VA, 23187, or online at <https://giving.wm.edu/give-now.html>, or to the Bruton Parish Episcopal Church.

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## Jane Stewart

Jane Stewart was well known to the Society and we will surely miss her.

WILLIAMSBURG - Jane Stewart: Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Nurse, Outdoorswoman and Honorary Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution Jane Stewart, 74, a Williamsburg resident for 19 years, passed away Thursday, March 24, at home in Queens Lake with her husband of 53 years by her side. She had struggled for many years with pulmonary fibrosis. Jane Stewart was born November 5, 1941, in Buffalo, NY, to Harold and Betty(Neubauer) Muskopf. She married Harley Stewart in January 1963 in Buffalo. Jane received a degree in Secretarial Science from Alfred State University and worked as a secretary at the Linde Division of Union Carbide Corporation. Later, she earned a Diploma in Nursing from Erie County Medical Center. After serving as an RN in a number of health-related facilities, she moved to Williamsburg and worked for 19 years in infection control at Eastern State Hospital in Williamsburg - 35 years in nursing altogether. Jane served as Moderator of Deacons at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. She was also Moderator of Presbyterian Women and was active in many other church activities. She was a dedicated, enthusiastic member of the Williamsburg Chapter , Daughters of the American Revolution for 19 years. As Chapter Regent, Jane was admired and respected by all with whom she served. Jane also loved playing bridge with special friends. She will be remembered for her poise, compassion, and spirit, and as a gracious hostess and cook. Widely traveled, Jane and her family lived in Geneva, Switzerland, for several years. While there, they explored Europe, Great Britain, E.Africa and Morocco on many family vacations. Later, she and her husband continued to explore the world on cruises to Alaska, the Caribbean, Mediterranean, Baltic, Asia/ Australia, and South America/ Antarctica waters. They also enjoyed a land tour of China. Jane loved outdoor activities: Skiing, sailing, camping, hiking, biking, canoeing, rafting and horse-riding. An avid downhill skier, she visited over 50 ski areas in the US and Europe. She helped sail 20 and 30-ft sloops on Lake Ontario and the Chesapeake Bay. She did three bareboat sailing charters in the Caribbean. She was fun-loving and always ready for a new adventure. For the past several months, Jane has spent time at her computer creating family history books from a lifetime collection of family photographs. Her family now has beautiful picture books documenting their journey together. She also created beautiful books of her world cruises and adventures. Jane is survived by her husband, Harley, her children, Susan

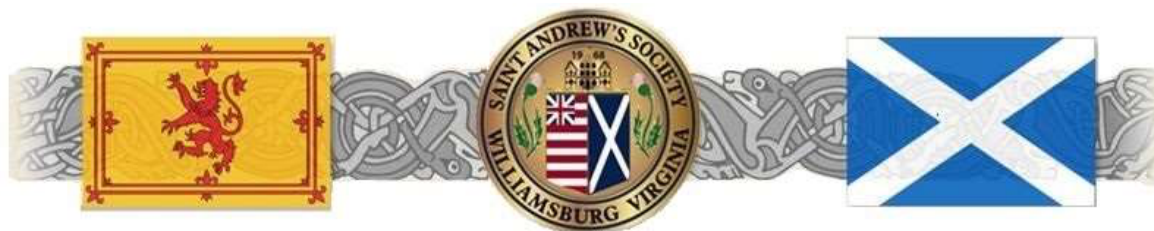




(Mouchantat and husband Bob) and Craig (and wife Kris), four grandchildren, Michael, Elie, Kendall, and Kelsey, and several cousins. She will be missed by her family and so many friends. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. April 8, 2016 at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. A reception will be held in Stephenson Hall following the service. A memorial donation can be made to the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Library in Washington, D.C. Checks should be written to the State Treasurer, Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution (VADAR), 3909 George Mason, Williamsburg, VA 23188-1404.

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## Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

PO Box 533, Williamsburg VA 23187

### Application for Membership

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying as a new Active Member , or as a Spouse , Son , Daughter , in the same household of a current Active Member, or as a new Associate Member  (check one)?

(Active membership is limited to individuals who were born in Scotland or who are lineally descended from a native of Scotland. This is not required for Associate membership.)

Active Member's Name if you are a spouse/son/daughter: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Schools/Colleges: \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name (if not a member): \_\_\_\_\_

Names and Ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Scottish Ancestry: (Not required for Associate Membership.)

Clan Affiliation or Membership: (Not required for Associate Membership.)

Scottish Interests: (History, Literature, Arts, Clan Affiliation, etc.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

To the best of our knowledge, the above applicant is of sound character, over the age of 18 years, and is entirely suitable to membership in the Society. Applicant will actively participate in the functions of the Society as circumstances allow and will perform conscientiously any duties undertaken.

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Checklist for Membership:

**Initial Individual Active Membership in a Household** – Initiation Fee (\$20.00) plus First Year's Dues (\$45.00), Total of \$65.00.

**Additional Active Membership within same household** – Initiation Fee (\$20.00) plus First Year's Dues (\$25.00), Total of \$45.00.

**Individual Associate Membership** – Initiation Fee (\$20.00) plus First Year's Dues (\$45.00), Total of \$65.00.

NOTE: All memberships are individual and only one applicant per application.

Submit your completed application with address, phone number, and e-mail address to your sponsor or the address above. Include your check made out to "St. Andrews' Society of Williamsburg", as well as a small photograph of yourself suitable for digitization.