



The Spectator

The Quarterly Newsletter of Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

Fall 2016

President's Message – Fall 2016

December 15, 2016

Lads and Lassies,

We've had a busy autumn season! Many thanks to Duncan McIver and Bob Davis for arranging to have the Society present at the Newport News Fall Festival of Folk Life in early October. It was a tremendous opportunity to bring awareness to the Society's mission while mingling with the general public.

Lynn Newcomer did a great job arranging the Fall Kirking of the Tartans at Williamsburg Presbyterian in November. It is always a great pleasure to hear Williamsburg Pipes and Drums play and I am certain everyone enjoyed the performance.

The Annual General Meeting was held in November, also. Duncan McIver, et al, did a wonderful job preparing the Queen's Lake Clubhouse for the event. The single malt presentation by Jack Kane was definitely the highlight of the day. Thank you to all the helpful hands that assisted with squaring things away afterward.

The Christmas Luncheon was attended by nearly sixty members, family and friends. Thank you to Anne Korff for leading us in the gift exchange with the Wright Family Christmas Escapade. I am still not sure we all know our right from our left!

At the December Board meeting the following officers were elected to serve during 2017: President – Mott Robertson, Vice President – Michael Thompson, Secretary – Tim Cordle, Treasurer – Doug Burns. The Board appointed the following: Membership Secretary – Sharon Tucker, Assistant Treasurer – Charlotte

McCarter. I have every confidence they will lead the Society with great skill and enthusiasm.

In behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you Nollaig Chrìdheil (Merry Christmas)!

Yours Aye,

Sherri Cornoni Elmore, Clan Campbell

Newport News Fall Festival of Folklife - 2016

The Fall Festival of Folklife was held October 1 and 2 (Saturday and Sunday) 2016 in Newport News Park. This is a huge gathering that attracts around 40,000 visitors over the weekend. This was the 43rd year for the event, but the second time for the Society to participate. It is mostly an arts and crafts festival.

We had a nicely decorated tent in the Heritage and Food section (those two go together well) on both Saturday and Sunday. We had an attractive group from our Saint Andrews Society, in kilts, tartan, and smiles, staffing the booth. We gave out a nice brochure, membership applications, and a lot of clan and other Scottish information. We believe it was a good outreach activity and we made some new friends, and we hope some will turn into new members. Some photos are shown below.

Special thanks to Bob Davis and his team for organizing and producing another excellent Saint Andrews Society Event. The team included: Bob Davis, Ed Matheson, and Duncan McIver. We also had an outstanding team staffing the booth and welcoming visitors over the weekend. Included were: Sherri Elmore; Joanna and Michael Thompson; Holly and Skip Yohe; Lianne and Douglas Boller; Cindy Matheson; and Pat McIver. We also thank our entertainers Collin Henson and Charles Perry on the pipes, and Arden Clark on violin.

The Newport News Folk Festival event is a good opportunity to introduce our Society to the community and look for new members. We had a couple dozen potential members to sign our register and we are in the process of contacting them. It was also a lot of fun and we should consider returning next year.

Article by Bob Davis, Ed Matheson, and Duncan Mciver.



Colin Henson and Charles Perry on pipes



Arden Clark

Fall Kirking of the Tartans and Annual General Meeting

The Society held its Fall Kirking of the Tartans on November 13 at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church on Richmond Road. The service was conducted by Pastor John E. Morgan. The Williamsburg Pipes and Drums participated in the service and later gave a sidewalk concert. The Annual General Meeting followed, at the Queen's Lake Clubhouse. The secretary and treasurer gave their reports and the President gave the State of the Society report (see below). New members were welcomed, new Directors were introduced and voted in, and future events were announced. Lady Dunmore, wife of Lord Dunmore, Governor of Virginia, told us her story. Tori Brennan was the talented actress who played Lady Dunmore. The luncheon was excellent! In true Scottish tradition, the event ended with a whiskey tasting.

State of the Society

2016 State of the Society for the AGM

November 13, 2016

Lads and Lassies,

2016 was the 48th year for the Society, the tenth year women could be members and the first year that an Associate Membership was offered for those without Scottish lineage. There have been seven Active Members inducted this year, one member returned to Active status and no Associate Memberships requested. We have eight life members, 26 Honorary Members and eleven Senior Members bringing our membership total to 132. I think it is fair to say that the Society is faring very well.

The Scholarship Committee was tasked with reviewing several applications this year. In 2016 we approved several grants totaling \$2,200.00. These grants went to: Erin Park - MA Degree at Glasgow University, Brianna Girimont - BA Degree at Randolph-Macon College, Barbara Rice for Gaelic Studies. This year's grants represent a very significant contribution by our Society to Scottish history, culture and traditions. Thank you to each of you who made financial contributions to the Scholarship Fund this year. Without you, we could not support these deserving students.

The year's busy event schedule began with Burns Night in January. It was delayed a week due to a snowstorm, but attendance was fantastic just the same. Duncan McIver relinquished the President's medallion and staff to me a wee bit hastily, I thought! Many thanks, again, to the Master of Ceremonies Douglas Boller, who wore several hats during the evening and somehow managed to make them all seem effortless.

Tartan Day was celebrated in April with an afternoon of fine music and dancing thanks to Vice President Mott Robertson's leadership. The Community Center building continues to be an ideal place for such an event. Many folks passing by wandered in to see what was afoot and ended up lingering for the afternoon.

The Spring Kirkin' of the Tartans was held in late April at the historic Christ Church in Kilmarnock as has become custom in recent years. Past President Bob Davis facilitated the event and attendance was very good. The Kilmarnock and

District Pipe Band delighted the crowd consisting of many locals, Society members and visitors from as far away as the South Side of Hampton Roads.

The Annual Picnic and Ceilidh was a free event held in June with a change of venue to the Windsor Forest Clubhouse. It was very successful thanks to Wayne Craigmiles who procured the location and a number of other members and their spouses, all pitching in to lend a hand. Programs ranged from pipes and drums to dancing and a presentation on the proper wearing of kilts and plaids.

In September members gathered for a luncheon at the Fat Tuna restaurant and were regaled with the adventures of Anne Korff, Kathy Kasley and crew during their voyage to the Outer Hebrides. I understand the food was excellent and the tales enchanting.

The Fall Kirkin' of the Tartans this morning at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church was impressive and delightful as always. Thank you to all who were able to attend. It makes the heart proud to see so many people willing to take the time to share this time together. Many thanks to Duncan and Pat McIver for spearheading the AGM organization and to the local members who arrived early this morning to set up.

The last event for the Society in 2016 will be a Christmas Luncheon on December 3rd at Sal's By Victor. I hope many of you will be able to join us for good food, great camaraderie, a gift exchange and the usual shenanigans.

Looking forward into 2017, the Burns Night Supper will be held on January 28th at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center. Doug Burns and Holly Yohe are co-chairing the committee this year. The plans are coming along nicely and we anticipate invitations will be mailed in late December. There will be a silent auction as usual and we welcome items you may wish to donate.

The 2015 Scot of the Year, Kathy Kasley, continues to support the Society at every opportunity without fail. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Kathy for her continued service on the Board this year and for playing the harp so frequently at events for us.

The Nominating Committee this year consists of Past Presidents Bob Davis and Duncan McIver as well as Secretary Michael Thompson. Their tasks are not easy by any stretch of the imagination and they have done a fine job. Thank you, gentlemen, for preparing nominations for the Board as well as for the work you will be doing soon to prepare the nominations for the 2017 officers.

Past Presidents Jack Kane and Bob Davis will present a whiskey tasting for us shortly. I anticipate it will be one of the highlights of the year!

The Spectator quarterly newsletter continues to be a tremendous publication. Many thanks to Marshall Thomas for the time and effort he continues to pour into it and for keeping me on task. I would have been lost without his thoughtful reminders. Thank you to Wayne Craigmiles for creating the Facebook page some time ago and to Doug Burns for taking on its maintenance. Marshall and Doug have worked together to update the website regularly. These lads make the Society look good on social media!

I would be remiss if I did not mention the Flowers of the Forest, those who have passed away this year. They are all sorely missed, but remembered with much affection:

Arthur Korff, husband of Anne Korff – February 9th

Jane Stewart, wife of Harley Stewart – March 24th

George Morledge – May 28th

Bill Weaver – August 28th

For those of you who attend society events often, you will have noticed that there are some extremely talented folks who frequently participate: Kathy Kasley, who sings and plays the harp, The Williamsburg Pipes and Drums, Arden Clark on the fiddle, Connie Smith with guitar and songs, David Gardner with Scottish fiddle and songs, Highland Dancers Rose Martin and Gwyneth Anderson. Also, let us not forget the very talented Saint Andrew's Society Dancers led by Douglas Boller. They enthusiastically welcome anyone who would like to join them.

In all honesty the Society is benefitting mightily from the continued participation of Past Presidents in Society events. In fact, Duncan McIver is also a member of the Board of Directors for The Scottish Gaelic Foundation of the USA, a non-profit group located in North Carolina, dedicated to offering Gaelic language education.

In closing, I would like to thank 2016 Board of Directors with whom I have greatly enjoyed working:

Mott Robertson, Vice President	Roger Ferguson
Michael Thompson, Secretary	Holly Yohe
Doug Burns, Treasurer	Lynn Newcomer
Duncan McIver	Frances Holt
Douglas Boller	Milt Holt
Bob Davis	Jack Kane
Kathy Kasley	

Ed Matheson
Dean Short

To those ending their terms this year, Duncan, Douglas and Bob, thank you very much for your dedication and commitment to the Society. I am certain this is not the last we will see of you.

Also, I would like to recognize some other non-Board members who have contributed to the Society's success this year:

Sharon Tucker, Membership Secretary
Wayne Craigmiles, Quartermaster

In closing, thank you to each one of you for your continued interest, ideas and participation in this organization. The Society IS alive and well!

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Cornoni Elmore
President



Kirking of the Tartans





Kirking of the Tartans (above). AGM (below)





Christmas Luncheon, December 3

The Society's Christmas Luncheon was at Sal's by Victor and was a tremendous success. Just about everyone normally shows up for this event and I saw members that I had not seen in years. It was a festive show packed with fun and good conversation. A gift exchange was conducted, new member Robinette Ross was welcomed and the Scots of the Year, Charles and Nancy Miller were cited for outstanding service to the community and Scottish culture. Congratulations to President Sherri Elmore and everyone who assisted her with this event.







Scots of the Year, Charles and Nancy Miller



New Member Robinette Ross, with President Sherri Elmore



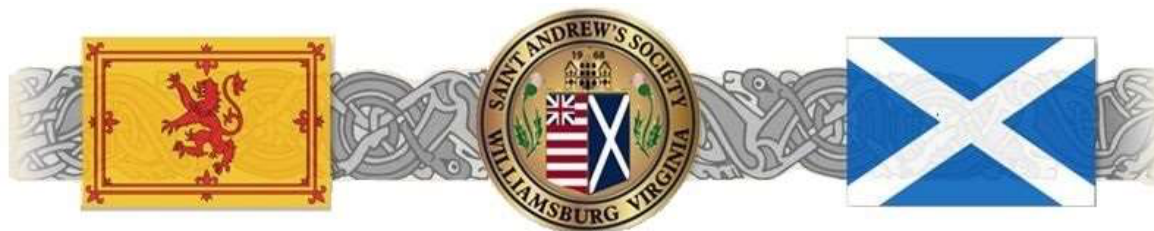
Flowers of the Forest

We are saddened to say that John “Bill” Weaver, past President of the Society, passed away in August. We are so very appreciative of his years of service to the Society. Bill, 1992 President of the St. Andrew’s Society and member since 1977, and who was active in the Williamsburg Scottish Festival for years died on August 28 after a very long illness. We will all miss him. We posted his obituary in the last Spectator, but did not have a photo. Now we have one (below) and we repost the obituary.

WILLIAMSBURG - John William (Bill) Weaver, 82 years old, of Williamsburg, died at home on August 28, 2016. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Lottie Weaver of Durham, NC; and his twin, Thomas Weaver of Raleigh, NC. John is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sara; a son, David (Ellen); two brothers, Robert (Elizabeth) of Raleigh and David (Connie) of N. Myrtle Beach, SC; two sisters, Carolyn Bobbitt of Cana, VA and Martha Powell (Wayne) of Cary, NC; and several cousins. A private graveside service was held on August 30, 2016. A special heartfelt thank you goes out to Debbie Richardson, his caregiver for two years. And a thank you to Riverside Hospice staff for their kindness and thoughtfulness. Memorial contributions may be made to, Hospice House of Williamsburg and Heritage Humane Society of Williamsburg. Online condolences may be made online at www.bucktroutfuneralhome.net



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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.