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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Given the same momentum that Brian displayed

during his two-year tenure as President. To that end I will be reaching out to many of

you to gather your input and ideas and to involve you in committees and events as your energy and interest permit. This is a volunteer organization and in that regard I recognize that your time is valuable. Some of you have heard me using the expression that was made famous by Ben & Jerry's ice cream: "If it's not fun, why do it?"

Additionally, with the aid of Margo Pollock as our full-time Executive Director running the office, we are now in a position to standardize and improve our database and use of digital communications and social media. This will greatly aid us in continuing our efforts to attract younger members who use social media as their primary form of communication. With respect to our membership initiatives, the office will now have a streamlined onboarding process that will seek to ensure a more consistent and timely delivery of status updates to our prospective members and also deliver new membership packages to those new members who have been formally approved by Council.

As I write this letter sitting at LAX airport, coming back from a brief business trip to Los Angeles where I was hosted by the President of the Los Angeles St. Andrew's Society Ian Skone-Rees and his lovely wife Eileen, I am reminded that we have friends and like-minded people everywhere who look to promote and embrace our common Scottish traditions. As a gesture of camaraderie, Ian and Eileen are now the proud owners of a Montreal 1642 tartan tie and scarf—our *de facto* flag for 2017. As many of you know, we have developed a good bond with our sister Society in Los Angeles over the last few years and we look to furthering these connections not only with them but also with other St. Andrew's Societies and Caledonian organizations in North America.

As we enter our well-deserved summer, I look forward to seeing you at as many of our events as possible, and working with all of you in the coming months and years to continue building our Society to the betterment of you, our members.

Yours aye,

Jason MacCallum

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REPORT FROM THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

By Jason MacCallum

The Annual General Meeting for the Society took place on Monday May 8 at the offices of the MacDonald Stewart Foundation. A good mix of old and new members was in attendance.

The Executive of your Society now consists of Jason MacCallum as President, Marilyn Meikle as First Vice-President, and Guthrie Stewart as Second Vice-President.

A special thank-you to all the heads of committees who gave their informative reports and kept our membership informed as to the progress on all fronts.

Congratulation goes out to Sacha Mathew as the recipient and winner of the Keith Radley Hutchison Award.

Kathy Hardiman and the Activities Committee are to be thanked for their tremendous efforts in providing a scrumptious array of hors d'oeuvres for our reception after the AGM. It is during this time that members can mix and mingle, and much meaningful conversation occurs.

This organization exists by and for its members, and we look forward to having you all participate to whatever degree possible in the Society's endeavours during the year ahead.



Outgoing President Brian MacKenzie and Honorary Treasurer Iain Batchen



Sacha Mathew is presented with the Keith Radley Hutchison Award by Ian Aitken



Marilyn Meikle, incoming First Vice-President



Guthrie Stewart, incoming Second Vice-President



Julia Rochford, Youth Committee Chair

RECENT HAPPENINGS

Here are some of our 2017 highlights so far!

We kicked off the year with our **Sir John A. Macdonald Kilt Skate** at the Old Port on a chilly January 14.



Flying the Scottish flag at the 2017 Kilt Skate

The **2017 Burns Supper** was held January 20 at the University Club. This year's guest was Dr. Heather McNabb from the McCord Museum of Canadian History.

For **WhiskyFête**'s 5th anniversary on February 17, Ruaraidh MacIntyre, Brand Ambassador for Ardbeg and Glenmorangie, led an exclusive WhiskyFête Master Class, and our event

moved to a new venue—the Mount Royal Club. Guests enjoyed an evening of unique and rare whiskies and fine food in aid of the establishment of the Chair in Canadian-Scottish Studies at McGill University.

The St. Andrew's Society danced their way through the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** on March 19—stopping in front of the judges to do a Scottish Fling!



Julia Rochford, Youth Committee Chair, with the new Montreal 1642 Tartan banner, getting ready for the St. Patrick's Day Parade



Ruaraidh MacIntyre and guests at the Ardbeg and Glenmorangie table.

Our annual **Curling for Dummies** night, held March 25 at the Montreal West Curling Club, was a huge success!



"Coach" Campbell Oliver with his curling team! (Photo from 2016 event)

On March 27 we unveiled the **Montreal 1642 tartan** at Montreal City Hall with Mayor Denis Coderre wearing his Montreal 1642 tartan sport coat. (More on page 13.)



New SAS members Luke MacDonald and Drew Laurie, with Julie Perron, Brian MacKenzie, Margo Pollock, and Peter McAuslan, at the City of Montreal Tartan Presentation.

Our 2nd Annual **Tartan Day Trivia Night** took place on April 2 at the Burgundy Lion! We had a great turnout!

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, the **Black Watch Military Tattoo** took place on April 8 at the Bell Centre. The St. Andrew's Society subsidized tickets for high school students and youth groups to attend the event.

Our **Quebec Thistle Council Awards Ceremony** took place April 29 at the Black Watch Armoury. This year's Guest of Honour and Scotsman of the Year was James Allan.



Brian Mackenzie and Scotsman of the Year James Allen



Bruce Bolton with Cultural Activities Award recipient and Society historian Dr. Gillian Leitch at the QTC Awards Ceremony

WELCOME to our newest members!

Jason Belanger Jordan Black Timothy Campbell **Charles** Childs **Gilles** Dionne Amanda Jelowicki Graeme Jennings Julia Kininmonth Sara Lackie Drew Laurie Jeremy Livingstone Luke MacDonald Scott MacKenzie Ian Moodie Carleigh Nicholls David Ross Lilly Volgelsang Jack Walker John Walker

QUEBEC AUTHOR HONOURED

By Helen Meredith

Madame Jeannine Ouellet has received the 2017 Prix Gordon Atkinson for her book *Des Ecossais à Rivière-du-Loup et leurs descendants (1763–2004).*

Through her methodical research, Madame Ouellet has made an important contribution to the knowledge we have of Rivière-du-Loup's Scottish community. In recognition of this, the Quebec Thistle Committee paid tribute to her work in April.

Madame Ouellet is also well known both for her contributions to the Fédération des sociétés d'histoire du Québec (notably as long-standing editor of *Histoire Québec*) and her leadership when the Fédération held its annual conference in Rivière-du-Loup in 2015.

The Gordon Atkinson prize is made in memory of the Montreal broadcaster, veteran, and former member of the National Assembly, and is awarded annually by the Quebec Thistle Committee (Comité du Chardon du Québec) under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal. The prize ceremony was held at the Officer's Mess of the Black Watch Armoury in Montreal. The Committee brings together Scots and Scots organizations from across Quebec to celebrate Scottish culture and traditions brought to Quebec by our ancestors. It is the incarnation of the Quebec Thistle Council, itself created over 25 years ago to organize the Scottish World Festival held in Montreal in 1992.



Madame Jeannine Ouellet receiving the Gordon Atkinson Prize from LCol (Ret) Bruce D. Bolton (member of the Quebec Thistle Committee)



An 1863 G.W. Wilson photograph of Queen Victoria and John Brown on the grounds of Balmoral Castle, a scene replicated in the movie Mrs. Brown.

PIONEERING SCOTTISH PHOTOGRAPHER

By Lynn Verge

During the summer of 2017 the Atwater Library will feature an exhibition on pioneering Scottish photographer George Washington Wilson. Wilson photographed Balmoral Castle construction and Queen Victoria over a period of many years. He received his first medal, with his then partner Mr. Hay, at the Mechanics' Institute of Aberdeen in 1854. (The Atwater Library was known as the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal for most of the organization's 188-year history.)

G.W. Wilson exhibition curator Edward McCann is giving an Atwater Library Lunchtime Series talk on **Thursday, June 22** at 12:30 p.m., the exhibition launch date. Mr. McCann, who is a retired history museum curator (notably Curator of the RCMP Museum in Regina), will comment on Wilson's artistic and technical achievements, and point out his influence in the romantic nineteenth-century landscapes of Montreal's Alexander Henderson and in the business acumen of William Notman.

ATWATER LIBRARY SCOTTISH COLLECTION

By Lynn Verge

The Atwater Library Scottish Collection now numbers over 1,725 titles—books, E-books and DVDs. Each physical item contains a book plate acknowledging the contribution of the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal.

Here are some recent additions and other titles of note.

- Montreal's Golden Square Mile A Neighborhood by Doug Bellevue and Ellouise (Bonnell) Bellevue (2017). A handsome book with beautiful photographs of Square Mile homes and fascinating information about the owners.
- *Celtic Lightning: How the Scots and the Irish Created a Canadian Nation* by Ken McGoogan (2015). The bestselling author helps us understand who we are and where we came from.
- Scottish Photography: The First Thirty Years by Sara Stevenson and A.D. Morrison-Low (2015). A resource recommended by Edward McCann, curator of the Atwater Library's summer 2017 exhibition on the pioneering Scottish photographer George Washington Wilson.

- Scotland: 1,001 Things You Need to Know by Edwin Moore (2017). "A compact cornucopia of fascinating and hilarious revelations about all things Scottish—from monarchs and malts to tartans and Taggart."—Australian publisher Allen & Unwin's website
- *Silver Linings* and *Moving On* by Millie Gray. Two novels following the Anderson family of Leith through World War II and the post-war years.
- Laidlaw by William McIlvanney (1977). "...all Scottish crime writing—'tartan noir'—comes out of Laidlaw."
 —review by Allan Massie in The Spectator (2013)
- Sixteen titles by the great Scottish writer Iain Banks (1954–2013), including his first, *The Wasp Factory* (1984), that emerged as Number 2 in last year's BBC public vote for the most popular Scottish novel.
- DVD of the John Madden movie *Mrs. Brown* (1997) about Queen Victoria, played by Judi Dench, and John Brown, played by Billy Connolly.

The Atwater Library catalogue is online at www.atwaterlibrary.ca. To see titles in the Scottish Collection, enter "SC" in the search box and choose "Anywhere."

The Library is located at 1200 Atwater Avenue, just south of Ste-Catherine Street by the Atwater Metro, and is open to everyone. For more information, contact Head Librarian Marie-Andrée Sylvestre-Roux at 514-935-7344 or ma.sylvestre@atwaterlibrary.ca.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SUMMER BARBECUE

Join us **Monday, June 19** at 6 p.m. on the St-Ambroise Terrace at McAuslan Brewing for one of our summer highlights!

Enjoy the picturesquely situated terrace. The terrace offers a nice selection of barbecue foods as well as drinks, alcoholic and not.

SCOTS IN THE PARK!

Celebrate Canada's 150th birthday on **Sunday, July 9** at 2 p.m. with Scotland's **Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra**, the Black Watch Association Pipes and Drums, Highland dancers from the Jennifer Stephenson School of Dance, and the Montreal Highland Game's "Wee Games"—all free of charge at Strathearn Park in Montreal West!

The goal of Scots in the Park! is to bring cultural communities, families and youth together for a fun day that celebrates all things Canadian-Scottish.



ABOUT THE AYRSHIRE FIDDLE ORCHESTRA

The Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra was founded in August 1982 by Wallace and Lex Galbraith, both string instrument tutors in Ayrshire in South West Scotland, with the aim of encouraging and developing Scots fiddle music among young local musicians, many of whom were, or had been, their pupils.

The Orchestra has steadily matured since those early beginnings and now has 130 violinists, cellists, bass players and percussionists from 10 to 18 years old. Scots fiddler and former member of the orchestra David Moore is now Musical Director of the AFO.

The AFO continues to engage, excite and enlighten others about Scots music today!

40тн ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONTREAL HIGHLAND GAMES

The Montreal Highland Games are proud to announce they are returning to the green grounds of the Douglas Hospital in Verdun to celebrate our 40th anniversary on **Sunday, August 6** with full Highland pageantry. The day will include pipe band, Highland dance and heavy weight competitions, including the caber toss, sheaf toss, hammer throw and putting the stone, featuring competitors from throughout North America. The Celtic bands **Mudmen** and **Mariner's Curse** will be performing in the cèilidh entertainment tent during the afternoon and evening program.

For more information about the Games and related events, please visit www.montrealhighlandgames.com.



OTHER 2017 MHG EVENTS

Thursday, August 3, 7 рм

Don't miss the **Caber Parade** with pipes and drums through the streets of Verdun! Volunteers, come join us on the Douglas Hospital grounds after the parade for an evening of Celtic music with Mariner's Curse.

Saturday, August 5, 7 PM

Join us for our **40th Anniversary Cèilidh** at the Douglas Hospital with the Mayor of Verdun, Jean-François Parenteau, and Celtic band Kitchen Party!

Sunday, August 6, 9 AM

Join us at the Douglas Hospital for the **Caledonian Run**! There will be a 5K run, 5K Clan/Team run, and 1K Fun run at Montreal's premier Scottish summer event! Lace up your running shoes and join us for a run through the glen, as the sounds of Highland bagpipes fill the air. Every participant will receive a ticket to the 2017 Montreal Highland Games and a 2017 MHG Caledonian Run T-shirt. This is a timed run.

Hosted by The Running Room.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY "TEE OFF IN TARTAN"

Every year the St Andrew's Society hosts a golf tournament. Grab your kilt or your tartan trews for nine holes of golf at Caughnawaga Golf Course on **Saturday, August 26** at 2 p.m., followed by a delicious meal in the clubhouse. Prizes will be awarded for best tartan outfit, and for memorable shots.









ST. ANDREW'S BALL

Join us on **Friday, December 1** for an evening of dining, dancing and pageantry celebrating 182 years of Scottish heritage in Montreal.

The Marriott Château Champlain Hotel 1 Place du Canada

> Cocktails 6:30 p.m. Dinner 8:00 p.m.

Formal Evening Dress—Highland Dress—Miniatures

It will be an evening of ballroom dancing with the Directors Showband, and Scottish country dancing with the Black Watch Pipes and Drums.

Scottish country dance practices will take place at the Black Watch Armoury every Wednesday starting on October 18.

ST. ANDREW'S LUNCHEON

Can't make it to the Ball or just want haggis at lunch?

The St. Andrew's Luncheon is a great opportunity to participate in the Ball Week, meet the luncheon's Guest of Honour, listen to bagpipes, eat haggis and have a great meal, all at a very affordable price.

The luncheon is on November 30—St. Andrew's Day!

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ST. ANDREW'S BALL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

DEBUTANTE APPLICATION FORM

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First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
Date of Birth	Age (as of December 1, 2017)		
Address	City/Province	Postal Code	
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email	
FATHER			
First Name	Last Name		
Address (if different from above)	City/Province	Postal Code	
Home Phone	Business Phone	Email	
MOTHER			
First Name	Last Name		
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Address (if different from above)	City/Province	Postal Code	
Home Phone	Business Phone	Email	
SPONSOR (if other than mother	or father)		
First Name	Last Name		
Address	City/Province	Postal Code	
Home Phone	Business Phone	Email	
NAME OF ESCORT (optional-	—if debutante wishes to bring an escor	, an application must be completed)	
First Name	Last Name		
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ESCORT APPLICATION FORM

ESCORT

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
Date of Birth	Age (as of December 1, 2017)		
Address	City/Province	Postal Code	
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email	
NAME OF DEBUTAN	ΓΕ ΤΟ BE ESCORTED (optional)		

First Name

Last Name

FEES

Debutante: \$90.00 Escort: \$90.00

BIOGRAPHIES

Both the Debutante and the Escort must submit a short biography of approximately 150 words with the submission of the application. This short biography will be published in a subsequent edition of the St. Andrew's Society Journal.

DANCE PRACTICES

Debutantes and Escorts are expected to attend dance practices in preparation for the Ball. These practices will take place every Wednesday evening beginning on October 18 at the Black Watch Armoury.

DRESS CODE

The Debutante is expected to wear a long, white evening dress with long gloves and a tartan sash (either her family tartan or a sash can be purchased/borrowed from the Society). A corsage is provided for each Debutante at the Ball. There will be a room reserved for the Debutantes during the Ball.

The Escort is expected to wear traditional Scottish evening wear (kilt and jacket) or black tie.

SUBMISSION

Please submit this form along with payment either online at www.standrews.qc.ca, or to our office at:

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On March 27, the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal unveiled the Montreal 1642 tartan at Montreal City Hall with Mayor Denis Coderre.



SAS Council and Past Presidents, and Montreal City Council Members



SAS Executive Director Margo Pollock, President Brian MacKenzie, and Mayor Denis Coderre



Mohawk Legion member Eugene Montour, Mayor Denis Coderre, Mohawk Council Chief Christine Zachary-Deom, and President Brian MacKenzie



Official Montreal 1642 tartan plaque displayed in Montreal City Hall

MONTREAL 1642 TARTAN ACCESSORIES FOR SALE

The Montreal 1642 Tartan is woven by Lochcarron of Scotland and is a mediumweight tartan (13 ounce) made with 100 percent fine wool.

The St. Andrew's Society has worked with SAS member Glen Nobes of Henry Marks to create 1642 accessories, including ties, sashes and scarves. You can order these items online via the Society website.



THE STORY OF THE MONTREAL 1642 TARTAN

By Brian MacKenzie, Margo Pollock and Sean Smith

In May 2016, Council approved the creation of the Montreal 1642 tartan. Less than a year later, in March 2017, the Society unveiled the tartan and gifted it to the City of Montreal and its citizens at a reception at City Hall, inviting all Montrealers from every background to join together as one clan. This was no small undertaking to accomplish—having an idea and taking it from design to fabrication. The tartan was only made possible by the efforts of members in our Society and their dedication to its realization. This is the story of how the Montreal 1642 tartan came to be, and the path it took to become a reality.



City Councillor Sterling Downey and SAS Council Member Sean Smith

In 2016, SAS Council member Sean Smith approached then President Brian MacKenzie with the idea of creating a tartan that would launch in 2017, celebrating Canada's 150th, Montreal's 375th and the Montreal Highland Games' 40th anniversaries. The concept was presented to Council and a committee was formed with the following Council members and past presidents: Sean Smith, Moira Barclay-Fernie, Campbell Oliver, Peter McAuslan and Brian Mackenzie.

Campbell Oliver spearheaded the tartan design and established contact with Lochcarron of Scotland, a leading manufacturer of tartan, while Sean Smith and Peter McAuslan worked on a description that was inclusive of all Montrealers—one that represented the city's founding cultural groups and its



Past SAS President Ian Aitken and former U.S. President Barack Obama model the Montreal 1642 tartan tie

modern diversity. This description was later used for the official plaque, produced by Graveur Renaud, that is now displayed in Montreal's City Hall.

In February 2017, Mayor Denis Coderre was fitted for a Montreal 1642 tartan sport coat by Glen Nobes of Henry Marks and Sons; this coat was presented to him at the official City Hall presentation in late March. Soon after, orders for kilts, trews, scarves, sashes and ties made with the 1642 tartan began to roll in. Working with Glen Nobes, the SAS began manufacturing items for sale.

At the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 19, the tartan was first worn officially by our members, and a banner was created featuring the tartan.

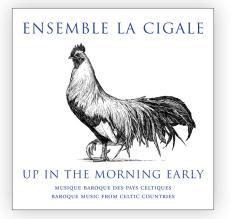
On March 27, Brian MacKenzie presented the Montreal 1642 tartan to Mayor Denis Coderre and his City Councillors, and the tartan was officially adopted by the City of Montreal.

During the Black Watch Military Tattoo at the Bell Centre on April 8, the tartan was featured on overhead screens during the show and was worn by some members in the VIP section.

In May, the St. Andrew's office received the tartan registry certificate from The Scottish Register of Tartans.

On June 6, President Barack Obama was presented with a Montreal 1642 tartan tie along with a certificate describing its significance. The presentation was made on behalf of the Society by Ian Aitken at the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal event which took place at the Palais des congrès de Montréal. Diana Wall is to be congratulated for facilitating the presentation.

NEW RECORDING OF SCOTTISH BAROQUE MUSIC



Ensemble La Cigale, the award-winning Montreal-based early music ensemble, has just released its newest CD, *Up in the Morning Early*, featuring works by Scottish composers in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The disc presents both traditional and classical repertoire with a distinctive Scottish flavour, played on historical instruments. Several of the works are world-premiere recordings, including a sonata by General John Reid, the British Army officer who also composed the slow march of the Scottish Black Watch.

The disc can be purchased at www.ensemblelacigale.ca, and is also available for digital download at iTunes, Amazon, and other online retailers.





ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

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SCOTS IN THE PARK!

with Scotland's Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra

Strathearn Park, Montreal West

Sunday, August 6, 9 AM

MONTREAL HIGHLAND GAMES

Douglas Hospital, Verdun

For information and tickets, please visit www.montrealhighlandgames.com.

Saturday, August 26, 2 рм

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY "TEE OFF IN TARTAN"

Caughnawaga Golf Club, Kahnawake

Friday, October 13, 6 рм

TASTE OF SCOTLAND—WHISKY TASTING NIGHT

Black Watch Armoury, Montreal

Thursday, November 30, 12 рм

ST. ANDREW'S LUNCHEON

Hotel Le Cantlie, Montreal

Friday, December 1, 6:30 рм

ST. ANDREW'S BALL

The Marriott Château Champlain Hotel, Montreal

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY ON THE WEB

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