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OF THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF MONTREAL



President's Letter - January 2016

My sincere thanks to our journal editor, Jennifer Cassar, for extending the deadline to yours truly, so that I may reflect on our dear friend, Brian Llewellyn-ap-Dafydd who passed away December 31st.

Who are you
looking at?

St Andrew's
Luncheon

December 2015

Our community was out in force at St. Barnabas Anglican Church in St. Lambert on the 16th of January to pay sincere respects to the President of the St. David's Society, Brian Llewellyn-ap-Dafydd. Brian was very proud of his heritage and family, was a strong supporter of the societies here in Montreal and was truly an outgoing person in many perspectives. Eulogies by his sister Nicky, dear friend Dave Hart and Brian's Vanier College colleague John Preston told of an outgoing, passionate person that excelled at everything he did, including his commitment to higher education. Presentations by the Welsh Male Choir (Cor Meibion Cymraeg Montreal) and closing with 'piper' LCol (ret'd) Bruce D Bolton MMM CD playing Amazing Grace was a true send off to the St David's Society President. I am very sure I speak on behalf of our St Andrew's Society of Montreal membership in sending our heartfelt condolences to Joanne Devlin, his beloved wife.

Looking back to the last few months of St. Andrew's Society events in 2015 we should recognize the exceptional efforts by our committees within the St. Andrew's Society. The St. Andrew's Ball Committee under the leadership and guidance of Jason MacCallum produced a memorable week of events and already the committee has been meeting to prepare for the 2016 ball. The Activities Committee did a wonderful job with the Taste of Scotland and the Children's Christmas Party at the Black Watch Officer's Mess. Thank you to Gillian Leitch and Michelle King to name a few of the activities members.

Moving into 2016 there are many items in the planning stages and I look forward to assisting and seeing these through.

- Sean Smith will be moving forward and guiding the Youth Committee as it prepares for its first meeting;
- Our Burn's Dinner at the University Club lead by Cameron Stevens;
- The Whiskyfête committee lead by Peter McAuslan will be hosted once again at the University Club, scheduled this year for February 19th;
- Supporting the many students, people and organizations that our society assists through areas such as our outreach programs, educational scholarships and cultural grants; and
- Establishing the Chair in Canadian Scottish Studies at McGill.

In closing, the Montreal Highland Games committee is working on a plan to grow the highland games and with support from the City of Verdun and our partners we are on the right track towards a splendid 39th annual highland games this year. We have some new committee members and if anyone is interested in working with us then please contact the society office.

Yours aye,
 Brian MacKenzie
 President, St. Andrews Society of Montreal

*Interested in
 making a
 difference in our
 community?
 Join the Youth
 Committee!*



The St. Andrew's Society of Montreal is currently looking for enthusiastic and bright individuals between the ages of 15 and 25 years to join our new Youth Committee. This is a unique opportunity to take an active role within the Society and to effect positive change within the Society and the Scottish community. This committee will be composed of and chaired by the youth members of our Society. If you are interested in joining or would like more information please contact the committee advisor Sean Smith at smith.sean@seabmco.com or 514-824-6339. Our first meeting will be held in February.



In Honour and Praise of the St. Andrew's Society's First Lady Ball Chairman

Mary Johnston Cox -- Honorary Historian

As last year was the end of the Society's 180th year in existence, it is only right that we should honour our past presidents and other prominent officers of the Society throughout that period. Since this issue of the journal is mostly concerned with the latest Ball, it is most appropriate that we should honour the First Lady Chairman of the Ball, Millicent Hutchison, (familiarily known as Milly Hutchison), widow of the late Dr. Keith Hutchison who was President of the Society between the years 1940-1945.

Milly Hutchison was born, Millicent Branch, the daughter of Dr. Edmund Branch, whose medical practice was on the island of St. Kitts in the West Indies. She moved to Montreal, and soon after her arrival, she met Dr. Keith Hutchison. They became engaged to marry. Being a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal, he would have invited her to the St. Andrew's 100th Anniversary Ball. From then on she became very much interested in the balls.

After she married Dr. Hutchison, she held the position of the First Lady Ball Chairman. She was in charge of each ball until the last ball before the Second World War began. At that last ball, the majority of the young men were in their army uniforms. Because of "the presence of the many officers in the uniform of their regiments," the event later became known as the "Khaki Ball."

Although there had been a

Victory Ball at the cessation of hostilities in 1945, the Ball of 1946 was more spectacular, due no doubt to the remarkable efforts of the Ball Chairman, Mrs. Keith Hutchison, O.B.E., who proudly carried the flagstaff bearing the St. Andrew's flag along Peacock Alley and into the Ballroom of the Windsor Hotel where, to the sound of the regimental pipes of The Black Watch (Royal Highland) of Canada, eighty radiant debutantes were led into the Ballroom, amidst 2,000 guests, for their presentation to the distinguished Guests of

Honour, His Excellency, the Rt. Hon. Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Governor General of Canada, and her Excellency Viscountess Alexander. The magnificent ballroom at the Windsor Hotel was the perfect setting for the St. Andrew's Ball. After Dr. Hutchison's death, Milly continued her fine work as Ball Chairman with the assistance of her three sons, Alex, Bruce and Ian.

Milly Hutchison introduced the idea of having representation from Scotland's peerage to be invited as Guests of Honour to the St. Andrew's Ball. She also introduced the idea of having young



MILLY HUTCHISON – LEFT IN ABOVE PICTURE



How Would You Celebrate/Commemorate?

In 2017

Montreal turns 375; Canada turns 150 and the Montreal Highland Games turn 40

The St Andrew's Society of Montreal wants to know how you would celebrate these important occasions. Would you want the Society to organise a special party, sponsor an event such as a Tattoo, write a book, hold a conference, an exhibition? The possibilities are endless, but this means that the Society has to narrow it down to what the members want, and what they feel is appropriate and what they would support/attend.

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ladies, daughters of the St. Andrew Society's members, to be trained as debutantes and to be presented to the Guests of Honour at the Ball. As is obvious, her format has continued on to this day as seen at the most recent Ball.

Many years later, at a particular Ball, the Ball guests were watching the debutantes being presented to the Guests of Honour. One of the debutantes was Alex Hutchison's granddaughter.

The 2015 Debutants

Claire Kelly

This year, the Saint Andrew's Society welcomed four new debutantes and their escorts. It was a small but very dedicated group, who all proved to be very talented dancers at the ball.


This year, not only did they tackle the classical Scottish waltz, the Viennese Waltz but also the American Standard. They managed to learn 5 steps in the two latter ones, and performed all three at the ball with incredible grace.

This year, the girls had the chance to meet Thea Koper and Céleste McNiven, both debutantes from last year, who had the chance to give some advice and share their experiences; good cups of tea, laughs and a good time were had by all. The escorts gathered for a luncheon at the Irish Embassy alongside Yan-Maurice McNiven, who gave them his perspective and tips on the ball.

The debutantes and escorts, as per tradition, also volunteered at the Old Brewery Mission serving



dinner to those less fortunate. It proved to be an incredibly rewarding and enlightening experience, as discussed were the multitude of different programs and ways the OBM helps the homeless in Montreal.



The Debutante's Reception begun with a short dance practice, the last official one before the Ball and were then piped into the reception where they would each be later presented to all those in attendance. Big smiles were present all around the room on members of the society and proud parents but most importantly on the faces of the debutantes and escorts themselves. The individual biographies were read, detailing how involved, athletic and dedicated this group was, there was no doubt in anyone's mind that this was a very talented group. I am so happy to have had the pleasure to work with such an incredible group of young people.

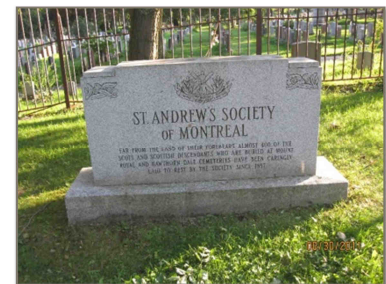
Mount Royal Cemetery

A prominent resting place for Montreal Scots

Today's members of the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal are fortunate to enjoy the legacies handed down by past leaders of the Montreal's Scottish community including the St. Andrew's Ball, a Montreal tradition for 180 years.

Another legacy can be found in the Mount Royal Cemetery where welfare committees of the Society have buried people of Scottish descent since 1857.

As the Society is no rarely called on to bury people, we are making some of the remaining space available to our members for the burial of their cremated remains. This is a unique opportunity for you to secure an excellent location in the Cemetery, with a unique connection to the Society and to Scotland. While it will not be possible



for you to place a personalized headstone, there is a shared headstone (pictured above) and the names and burial locations of any member would be noted in the records of the Cemetery and the Society.

A limited number of burial rights are being made available for \$500 per urn, over and above the Cemetery's regular charges (of roughly \$1,000). Members interested in purchasing a burial right are invited to contact the Society's office: info@standrews.qc.ca or 514-842-2030.

Get to Know the 2015 Debutants & Escorts

Claire Kelly

Sophie Durand and Charles DiGiulian:

John Charles DiGiulian, better known as Charlie, was born on August 21st 1991 in Toronto, Ontario. Charlie grew up with his father John, mother Andrea and sister Sasha in Alexandria, Virginia attending The Potomac School. At age 15, Charlie left home to attend high school at Phillips Academy Andover in Andover Massachusetts. At Andover, Charlie excelled in both sport and academics; he earned 9 varsity letter across four different sports as well as an honour roll student. Upon graduation, Charlie matriculated at McGill University in the Desautels Faculty of Management and earned his bachelor of commerce with a major in finance and a concentration in accounting. While at McGill, Charlie was also a proud member of the Zeta Psi Fraternity and held many student

leadership positions on campus which culminated in being elected to the McGill Senate to represent the faculty of management. Charlie is currently living in Los Angeles, California working for Adidas.

Sophie Mary Moore Durand, grew up in the Laurentians with her father, Norman, mother, Veronica and sisters, Margaret and Jennifer. She attended Lafontaine academy where she graduated with an international baccalaureate diploma. Sophie is currently in her fourth and final year at McGill University, working on obtaining her bachelor of education in hopes of one day becoming a teacher. She is a proud member of the gamma phi beta sorority, in which she has served on the executive

board for two consecutive a years as Vice President. Sophie began to compete in highland dancing at the age of six and carried on until her late teens. She was also proud to represent her province on the national stage in 2013, at the Miss Universe Canada pageant. Upon graduation, Sophie hopes to move to the U.S., to begin her career as a teacher.

Emilie Macfie & Nicholas Jasinski:

Emilie Macfie, daughter of Paul Fydenchuk and Elizabeth Macfie, is originally from Chelsea, Quebec. She now resides in Montreal where she studies



From left to right you have: Sophie Durand and Charles DiGiulian; Jenna Iannella and Thomas Simboli; Helen Pombouras and Mathew King; Emilie Macfie and Nicholas Jasinski

political science at McGill University, with the goal of one day working in the Canadian Parliament. Passionate about politics, she spends her summers as a student in communications at the Senate of Canada. At McGill, Emilie is a proud member of both the university sailing team,

representing McGill in both the United States and Canada, and the Gamma Phi Beta sorority, where she holds the position of ritual chairwoman. As ritual chairwoman, she exercises her passion for history and tradition in working to uphold and pass down the sorority's time-honored traditions.

Nicholas Jasinski, son of Martin Jasinski and Monika Olszer Jasinski is originally from New York City. He now resides in Montreal where he studies Economics and Finance at the Desautels Faculty of Management at McGill University. He aims to one day enter the Venture Capital field. Nicholas is a staff writer for The McGill Tribune, one of the university's

oldest newspapers with a circulation of over 10,000 copies per week; a founding board member of the McGill Students' Private Equity and Venture Capital Club; a Director of the Desautels Financial Open delegation and a brother of the Phi Kappa Pi fraternity as Social Chair.

Jenna Iannella & Thomas Simboli:

Jenna Iannella was born in Montreal but her father in Benevento, Italy and her mother here in Canada. She was raised in 2 cultures. A quarter of her ethnic background comes from Antigua in the Caribbean Islands. Her goal for the future is to travel worldwide, especially where her ancestors come from, and to take pictures of all the wonders of the

world. Her main career interest is photography, and over the years she has been building up a portfolio for her future debut. Art is a passion and has always been a big part of her life. Her hobbies include painting, and drawing, which she has also made a portfolio for. She has done volunteer work with Share the Warmth, packing food for the less fortunate and often helps elders with errands or cleaning when needed. She has attended many high schools including Wagar and Westmount high school; finally graduating from Mile End Programme.

Thomas Simboli is 20 years old and a second year student at Concordia University. Prior to Concordia, he completed his CEGEP education at Marianopolis

2015 Ball Thank You from the Silent Auction Committee

Sean Smith, Chair, St. Andrew's Ball Silent Auction Committee

This year, the silent auction raised a spectacular \$14,438 at the St. Andrew's Ball. For the first time, we started our auction with an online component, which transitioned to our live one at the ball, brought in bidders from across Canada and the US. The Silent Auction Committee would like to thank all of the bidders and to the following donors for their generous gifts to this year's auction:

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College having graduated from Collège de Montréal. He is currently studying towards obtaining a bachelors degree in civil engineering, with hopes of later on obtaining a Masters of Business Administration, as one of his life ambitions is to start his own business in the engineering field. In his time away from school, he works as a supervisor in the aquatics department of the Westmount YMCA, where he swam competitively as a teenager. It is also where he used to lifeguard and teach swimming lessons. When he is not at the library studying or working at the YMCA, his spare time is dedicated to living a healthy lifestyle, playing his guitar and spending time with friends and family. He also enjoys camping, or anything outdoors for that matter, in the summer, and skiing in the winter.

Helen Poumbouras & Mathew King:

Helen Poumbouras is an outgoing person who has been involved in the community of Westmount since she was young. She is athletic plays various competitive sports such as basketball and takes part in leisurely sports such as skiing with her family and friends. Helen attended Lower Canada College for high school where she received awards for community involvement, sports and academics. She

is currently attending Marianopolis College in the Law, Society & Justice program and will be graduating this coming spring in hopes of attending law school after completing an undergraduate program in Canada. Apart from extracurricular

activities and her academic studies, Helen has been working at the YMCA for two years as a lifeguard. In her spare time, Helen loves to read, watch movies, spend time with her friends and family.

Mathew King is 22 years old and has lived in Montreal his whole

life. He has always been curious about how everything works and has done well in his science courses. These interests lead him to studying Chemical Engineering at McGill. He has completed 3 of 4 years and is excited for his future. When Mathew isn't studying, he is doing some kind of physical activity. His parents signed him up for numerous sports growing up: soccer, baseball, swimming and hockey. He loved hockey and played at an elite level all his life. Rugby and lacrosse were also introduced to him later on; he represented Team Quebec at the National Championships for both of these sports. All of this physical activity has required Mathew to eat more food than his parents could handle. For this reason, he is learning to cook and does not plan on stopping this newfound passion.



Still Voices – Still Heard

Sermons, Addresses, Letters and Reports – The Presbyterian College Montreal 1865-2015

Moirra R. Barclay-Fernie

On Saturday, 31st October, a special event took place in Presbyterian College. On that day a book launch was held for the book *Still Voices - Still Heard*, published as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the College.

The book is a collection of sermons, addresses, letters and reports covering these 150 years. Of special interest to members of the Society is the chapter entitled *The College and Women in Ministry*, written by David Stewart Patterson, son of the Rev. Alison Stewart Patterson, LRAM, B.Th. DMin, STM, a member of The St. Andrew's Society, and a keen Scottish Country dancer.

Alison, born in Scotland, sister of Lord Bruce, came to Canada

after her marriage and settled in Montreal where she did wonderful work with young people particularly in creating choirs for them. As time went by Alison's interest in the church grew deeper, particularly within The Presbyterian Church in Canada in which she was eventually ordained as a minister.

When Alison accepted a call to ministry, females in this role were rare but Alison made her mark in many congregations within the Presbytery of Montreal and further afield, but particularly opening doors within the PCC.

Alison is still lovingly remembered by members in the many congregations in which she served.

Note on Society's Education Programme:

The Society gives a grant to Presbyterian College each year for a student with a Scottish background.

Copies of *Still Voices - Still Heard* can be obtained by contacting The Presbyterian College, at 514-288-5256 (ext.200), cost is \$30 CAD plus

shipping and handling fee. VISA, MasterCard and Interac accepted. There is limited stock.

Still Voices – Journal Ja

New Membership

The Society is very pleased to welcome newly annual members: Lawrence Warren Davidson, DEC Aerospace, LCdr (Ret'd) Peter B Ferst, S St. Jean Eng, James Forbes, Eliot Hendry Perrin, Diana Mary Stewart (Daughter of David M Stewart), Craig Edward Sweeny, Carol Wiens, BA, MLIS. Additionally we would like to welcome a new Life Member: James Dawson.

Upcoming Events



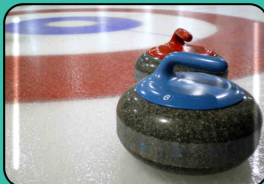
January

- **Burns Supper** - Friday, 22nd January, 2016; University Club - 2047 Mansfield, Montreal.
- **Sir John A Great Canadian Kilt Skate** - Saturday, January 30th, 2016; Vieux Port de Montreal.



February

- **WhiskyFete** - Friday, February 19th, 2016; University Club - 2047 Mansfield, Montreal; www.whiskyfete.org.



March

- **St David's Day** - Tuesday, March 1st, 2016
- **Curling for Dummies** - Friday, March 4th, 2016; Montreal West Curling Club; *limited ice space*.
- \$28 for curling, instruction and pizza and \$10 for pizza only.
- **St. Patrick's Day Parade** - Sunday, March 20th, 2016



April

- **Tartan Day** - Wednesday, April 6th, 2016
- **St George's Day** - Saturday, April 23rd, 2016

Flowers of the Forest

We would like to extend condolences to the families of: Arthur Bruce Leith, BSc., MD, CM and Brian Llewellyn-ap-Dafydd.

BRIAN LEWELLYN-AP-DAFYDD 1949 – 2015

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It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Brian Llewellyn-ap-Dafydd, at the age of 66, on December 31, 2015 at the Notre Dame Hospital, Montreal. Brian had a great love of literature and was passionate in the teaching of his cherished subject. He taught for more than 10 years in his homeland in the

UK and abroad and close to 30 years at Vanier College in Montreal. As President of the St. David's Society, he was very active within the Welsh Community and was a pillar of support in the activities of the Montreal Welsh Male Choir (Cor Meibion Cymraeg Montreal) where he sang tenor and worked feverishly to make sure it maintained its status as one of the most renowned and oldest choirs of the Province of Quebec. Brian was also an avid sportsman, and from the moment of arrival in Quebec in 1986, he associated himself with the Phys. Ed. Department of Vanier to help initiate young people into the pleasures of mountaineering, a pastime at which he excelled. Like all Welshmen, he had a lifetime love affair with the game of rugby. He joined the Old Boys at Montreal Irish RFC and also played with the Quebec Combined Rugby Team, bringing the English and French playing sides together in a memorable esprit de corps. Later in life, he played cricket with the Pirates of the St. Lawrence Cricket Club. Surviving Brian is his beloved wife, Joanne Devlin, his parents, Jack and Edna Llewellyn, his sister, Nicky (John Ball), his nephew, James and his niece, Katy. At home in the UK are Kerensa Miller-Hart, Brian's goddaughter, with his great friends, David, Jenny, Pete, Carolyn, Kevin, Christine, Ron, John, Isabel and Jim. He will also be sorely missed by his brothers and sisters-in-law from the Devlin family, Denise (Claude Geneau), Michèle (Jean-Marc Duchesne), late Albert (Claudette Darveau), Jean- Yves (late Solange Veilleux), Jean-Eudes (late Denise Arseneault), André (Ghislaine Plamondon), Bertrand, Claude (Elaine Johnson), Jacques (Suzie Tremblay), Francine (Peter Foley), many nephews and nieces, and by so many personal friends, students and former students, and of course, his colleagues at Vanier.



The family is happy to receive condolences on Friday, January 15, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Collins Clarke MacGillivray White Funeral Home, 307 Riverside, Saint- Lambert. The funeral service will be held Saturday, January 16 at 11 a.m. at St. Barnabas Anglican Church, 95 Lorne Avenue, Saint-Lambert.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society, the Vanier College Foundation or a charitable organization of your choice.

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Lynn Verge - Directrice générale / Executive Director

Author Sam Allison at the Atwater Library

On Thursday, February 11 at 12:30 pm Montreal author Sam Allison presented his book *Driv'n by Fortune: The Scots' March to Modernity in America, 1745-1812* at the Atwater Library. He signed copies of the book that were available for sale.

This book talk is part of the Library popular Lunchtime Series that features once-a-week events for most of the year – usually on Thursdays. Everyone is welcome. Free admission but donations are invited.

Recent Additions to the Atwater Library Scottish Collection

Still Voices – Still Heard (2015) – This 150th anniversary publication of the Presbyterian College tells the stories of remarkable people who were part of the college's history – among them, John William Dawson, the long-serving principal of McGill University; James Naismith, inventor of basketball; and Cairine Mackay Wilson, Canada's first woman Senator. The meticulously

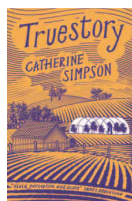


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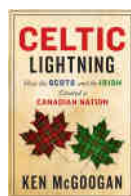


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edited book includes sermons, letters, reports and photos.

Celtic Lightning: How the Scots and the Irish Created a Canadian Nation by Ken McGoogan (2015) – An engaging new book by the author of *How the Scots Invented Canada*.

In Search of Your Scottish Ancestors by Christine Woodcock (2015) – A handy reference guide by the leader of Genealogy Tours of Scotland, based in Brantford, Ontario.

Surnames of Scotland: Their Origin, Meaning and History by George F. Black with Mary Elder Black (2015) – This major reference work, first published in 1946, is a fully documented, alphabetical listing of over 8,000 Scottish family and personal names.

Jellyfish by Janice Galloway (2015) – The accomplished Scottish writer's new short-story collection was termed "exquisite" in a review in *The Guardian*.

Truestory by Catherine Simpson (2015) – A debut novel that's generating buzz. Summed up by the author herself as, "a wry tale of a mother

trapped with a child with Asperger's, who refuses to leave their isolated farmhouse."

The Atwater Library Scottish Collection now numbers over 1,700 titles – books, eBooks and DVDs. Each physical item contains a book plate acknowledging the contribution of the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal.

The 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 métro, and is open to everyone. For more information, contact Interim Library Manager Zile Ozols at 514-935-7344 or zile@atwaterlibrary.ca.

Scottish Women Curlers Touring Canada – November 2015

Fran Todd - Tour Coordinator

The Canadian – Scottish Women's Curling Tour began in 1955. The tour operates on a five-year rotational basis. Canadian curlers visit Scotland followed five years later by Scottish curlers visiting Canada.

On November 6, 2015, twenty-four Scottish women curlers began a 3 week tour of Quebec, Ontario and Northern Ontario. The Scottish Women competed in friendly curling games against local curlers at 23 curling facilities during this three week tour. The group arrived in Montreal and travelled by coach to Quebec City to experience Canadian history. Then it's on to Montreal, Montebello, Ottawa, Russell, Gananoque, Kingston, Ajax and Toronto. Next a flight took them to Sudbury, with coach travel to Sault Ste Marie, the a flight back to Toronto, to the Niagara region, and finally ending with a game and Closing Banquet at the Mississauga Golf and Country Club on November 26.

List of Curling Facilities participating:

- 4 clubs in Montreal - Montreal West, Royal Montreal, Lachine and Pointe Claire.
- 3 clubs in Ottawa – Ottawa Curling, R.A. Centre and Ottawa Hunt.
- 4 clubs in Ontario - Russell, Gananoque, Royal Kingston and Annandale.
- 5 clubs in Toronto - Bayview, Cricket Club, Richmond Hill, Thornhill and Donalda.
- 5 clubs in Northern Ontario - Idylwyld, Espanola, Blind River, Soo Curlers and Tarentorus,
- 2 clubs in Mississauga - Dixie and Mississauga Golf.
- 1 club in Niagara region – St. Catharines Golf.

The Scottish Women's Tour is not as well-known as the Strathcona Cup (men's curling tour). The men tour the West, Central and Atlantic Canada in one tour. When the women visit Canada, they tour one region only, resulting in the Scottish Women's tour returning to each area of Canada every 30 years.

Curlers Reception at the St. Andrew's Society - November 9th, 2015



General Mingling



Food Prep – Doesn't it look fantastic!

History of Canadian and Scottish Women's Tours

The Canadian Women's Scottish Tour began in 1955. The tour now operates on a five-year rotational basis – Canadian curlers visit Scotland, followed five years later by Scottish curlers visiting Canada.

Scottish female curlers have three tours they can access - one to the US, Canada and Sweden and it is a prestigious honour to be selected as a tour participant. Canadian female curlers have an

opportunity to participate in two tours - the Women's Tour of Scotland and a Senior Women's Fellowship Tour to the US. While not as well known or sought after in Canada, any Canadian curler who has had the opportunity to join a curling tour will tell you it is a wonderful experience where friendships are made that last a lifetime.

During the 1971 Canadian Tour to Scotland, the Canadian Ladies Curling Association presented Scottish curlers with a beautiful silver bowl. The Canadian President at the time, Sylvia Fedoruk, asked that the award be named the President's Bowl. The Ladies Branch of the RCCC agreed and all Scottish Ladies Branch Presidents have their name engraved on it.

During the 2010 Canadian Tour to Scotland, a new trophy was presented on behalf of the 2005 Scottish Ladies Tour to Canada. The trophy is named in memory of their much-loved Courier, Muriel Fage from Nova Scotia, Canada, who passed away in 2008 after a long battle with cancer. It is now the Muriel Fage Trophy that is presented to the winner of the Canadian and Scottish Women's Tour.

- 1955 - First Canadian Tour to Scotland
- 1958 - First Scottish Tour to Canada

Burns Quiz – 2016

Gillian Leitch – Activities Committeer

Test your knowledge on these!

1. Edmonton, Windsor and Montreal – what do these cities have in common?
2. What did the Romans call Scotland?
3. Where is the setting for Burns' poem Tam O'Shanter?
4. Where is Burns buried? [Extra point for the name of the church]
5. Where is Highland Mary's statue?
6. What was Highland Mary's real name?
7. Which Bram Stoker novel was allegedly inspired by Slains Castle?

Society Archives

Dr. Gillian Leitch, our society member looking after our archives, would like to thank Doreen Thompson, George Kinloch and Campbell Oliver for their donations of society history to our archives!

If you have any material dealing directly with the society such as ball programs, other event programs, photographs, etc (or material dealing with the Caledonian Society of Montreal) we would gratefully accept their donation to our archives. If you have images you want to share, but not give, please send digital copies - every bit helps.

- 1961 - Canadian Tour to Scotland
- 1967 - Scottish Tour to Canada (Centennial Year)
- 1971 - Canadian Tour to Scotland
- 1975 - Scottish Tour to Canada (Atlantic)
- 1980 - Canadian Tour to Scotland
- 1985 - Scottish Tour to Canada (Central Canada)
- 1990 - Canadian Tour to Scotland
- 1995 - Scottish Tour to Canada (Western Canada)
- 2000 - Canadian Tour to Scotland
- 2005 - Scottish Tour to Canada (Atlantic)
- 2010 - Canadian Tour to Scotland
- 2015 - Scottish Tour to Canada (Central Canada)

8. What year did Burns die?
9. Who is the president of the St Andrew's Society?
10. What poem is on the side of Montreal's Burns statue?

Congratulations are in Order!!

Please congratulate Heather McNabb for her successful defence of her thesis "Visions of Canada: Photograph and History in a Museum, 1921-1967" for her PhD in History, at Concordia.

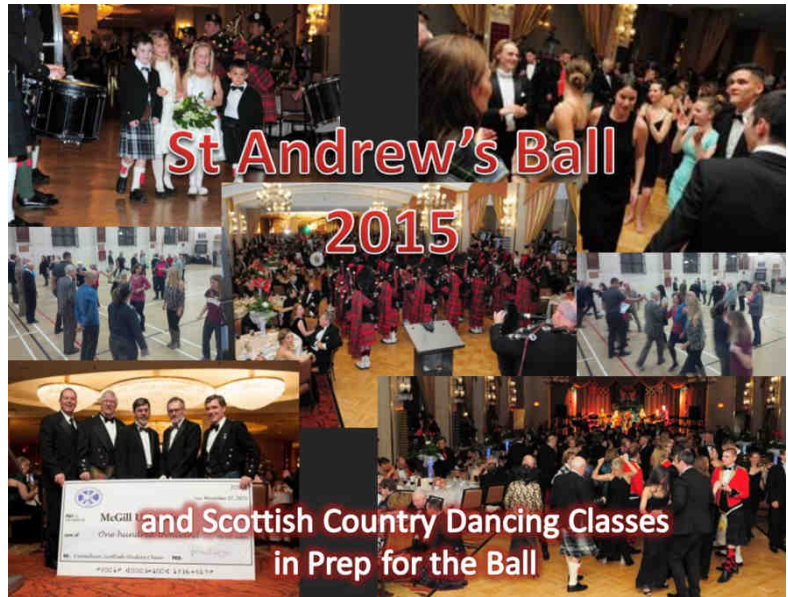
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Whisky Tasting 2015

St. Andrew's Society of Montreal invited members, their friends and those interested in fine whisky to our annual Whisky Tasting Night on Friday October 16th, 2015. This ever popular event will allow guests to sample more than 30 different brands of whisky and enjoy a buffet featuring a variety of delectable Scottish dishes. Food will be provided by "By George Catering" Inc.



St Andrew's Ball 2015

and Scottish Country Dancing Classes in Prep for the Ball

St. Andrew's Society Children's Christmas Party!

December 6th, 2015 -- Officer's Mess, Black Watch

**ONE OF THE FRINGE BENEFITS!
YUM!**



OUR VOLUNTEERS



For those of you who weren't there, you missed a good time. Of course Santa had plenty of time for the Children and from what I hear, he managed to fulfill of their wishes. Make sure you make a point of showing up or volunteering next year. You just might get a chance to eat some of that gingerbread.

Burns Quiz Answers

1. Burns statue; 2. Caledonia; 3. Alloway; 4. St Michael's, Dumfries; 5. Dunoon; 6. Mary Campbell; 7. Dracula; 8. 1796; 9. Brian Mackenzie; 10. Tam O'Shanter

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