

**David Campbell, President**

April 2018

# President's Report

Dear St. Andrew's Society,

After first acknowledging National Tartan Day (April 6th)—I would like to begin with a big round of thanks to our St. Andrew's Society for pulling together and doing good work. To Jack Ryder for stepping up last minute last month and putting on a great presentation—which highlighted Scottish San Francisco architect (and St. Andrew's Society member) T. Paterson Ross. To Brian Costello for accepting his new role as BABC Envoy, and his willingness to contribute to the newsletter as occasion permits. To Rory Gammell & Sam Smith for sharing



**Jack Ryder**

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## Is Meghan Markle a descendent of King Robert the Bruce?

**By Irené Waldman Costello**

I love the summer. I love the sunshine, the warmth and the laughter that comes with the summertime. And more than anything, I love getting out one of my fabulous stylish hats or fascinators for a good British wedding (or a proper High Tea on May 5th at the Fairmont!), but I digress! I am so seriously excited about the upcoming Royal Wedding!



**Royal Wedding hats!**

Meghan Markel and Prince Henry of Wales will be married on Saturday 19th May at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, where Prince Harry was christened. It is said to have become a "very special place" for the couple in their relationship so far. The service will begin at 12PM GMT and I am yet to know where it will be live streamed for us here in the USA (at 4AM!). Yes, I will be up (and awake!) and drinking champagne with fine cucumber sandwiches somewhere as I celebrate this union of love!

The Lord Chamberlain's Office at Buckingham Palace is usually responsible for organizing royal weddings, but this time, Harry and Meghan are leading the show. This includes selecting their flowers, under the guidance of floral designer Philippa Craddock (including white garden roses, foxgloves and peonies

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# President's Report

their enthusiasm, including the recent “Le Mons” running at Sonoma Raceway of their Saltire-crossed, Jimmy Hat Tam O’ Shanter-wearing “McMazda.” It was quite a sight! To University of Edinburgh Envoy David Walker for his good work in representing both the university and our Society to each other. To 1st VP Francesca McCrossan for putting together our table sponsorship which will both support the Caledonian Club’s upcoming Tartan Ball and also represent our Society at that event. To Irene’ Waldman & Francesca for co-hosting their **Ladies Afternoon Tea** at the lovely SF Fairmont Hotel in early May. Also, now that we’re in the scholarship application review “season”—to Kitty Lenhart for her (and her committee’s) good work on the Board of Student Assistance. Lastly, thanks to all in the Society for the roles that you play and for all that you do on a regular basis to promote the SASSF, and to help things run (mostly) smoothly.

A few items to share with our membership from the past month. I attended the Annual General Meeting of the **British Benevolent Society**. The BBS, founded in 1858, is a well-run organization which does good work in providing a safety net of sorts for British subjects who occasionally run aground while abroad—and end up needing to seek assistance of the British Consulate General and/or the BBS itself. You may recall that as in the past—we were planning on attending two events this month—Tartan Day at Ardenwood, and the John Muir Birthday/Earth Day celebration at the National Historic Site in Martinez. A letter was sent out electronically informing the Society of our cancellation. While our absence this year is more a timing issue, it has raised the question of our priorities—in terms of which events and activities we will choose to support in the future. As I wrote, it is a fair question—one which will be addressed as an Agenda item at our May 21st meeting.

Regarding upcoming events—2nd VP Allen Cary is coordinating with our contact at the **Spey-O-Rama** event in Golden Gate Park (April 20–22), as we are still trying to work out what our presence there might look like, since it would be a new event for the SASSF. Additionally, please also see promotional flyers in this newsletter regarding further details for the following events—worthy of our attention: **The Robert Louis Stevenson Museum Poetry Night** (April 26th), **Rugby Cup Sevens** (July 20–22), and the **joint-Societies Summer Ceilidh** (July 21st).

Lastly, for our April 16th meeting we will be honored to welcome Fulbright Scholar—**Professor Kevin Orr**—here on sabbatical at U.C. Berkeley through May. Dr. Orr is Professor of Management of the School of Management at the University of St. Andrews. We look forward to Dr. Orr’s visit—hearing about our namesake in Scotland, and learning about that great university’s history, dating back to 1413!

Yours in service,

David Campbell, President



David Walker, Edinburgh Envoy and David Campbell attend Edinburgh alumni reception in SF.



Race team Loch Ness Le Monsters and David Campbell at Sonoma Raceway.



Jimmy Hat Tam O’ Shanter-wearing McMazda making its way around the race course.



Rory Gammell and Sam Smith celebrate for a race well run.



# Report from the BABC

By **Brian Costello, BABC Envoy**

As introduced at our last members' meeting, our Society seeks to evolve our relationship with the **British American Business Council of San Francisco (BABC)**. We desire these stronger ties with the BABC, and in particular their members, to further our missions of benevolence and service as well as our celebration of Scottish culture. The results of our efforts will be increased membership, more attendees at our events and increased opportunities for us to extend our hearts, heads and hands in Scottish fellowship.



The BABC states their mission is as follows: "Access to the right connections, markets, influence and intelligence is key to business success. And high-quality access, on both sides of the Atlantic, is at the heart of the business advantage we offer. We offer our members in Northern California practical business expansion opportunities by delivering high-caliber networking and marketing opportunities, top-quality business intelligence, regulatory advice, and the opportunity to achieve real business from the personal relationships they develop through their membership. We serve our members by providing a business focused environment that cultivates opportunity, expansion of personal networks, and social interaction by facilitated introductions, and organizing a number of events throughout the year."

So, while there are not obvious intersections between our respective missions, there are synergies from our shared roots. Accordingly, we will embark upon a multi-prong strategy to increase our exposure with the BABC and its members, including:

- Promote the Society as a center of culture and fellowship for ex-pats and UK staff on secondment to the Bay Area. We will promote the Society in BABC member materials generally and highlight any events of special interest to members such as business or regulatory matters.
- Create and publish a SASSF business directory for those of us interested in dovetailing on our membership. Some of us could contribute our expertise and experience to their newsletter(s) and events. As part of this, we will leverage existing relationships to bridge Scotland and the Bay Area/Silicon Valley, such as the Scottish Business Network and Fintech Scotland.
- Sponsor an event with the Young Professional Group (a group of young people who meet up regularly to network and socialize in San Francisco and Silicon Valley. It is open to members and non-members to these free events and one does not need to be British to attend) as a SASSF membership tool and to drive attendance at balls, dances and our Burn's Supper. We could consider a BABC member event as well.

Please contact me directly at [brian.costello@inbox.com](mailto:brian.costello@inbox.com) with your feedback and ideas so that we are aligned on our collective approach to our membership in the BABC. If there is sufficient desire, we can have a short discussion before our next membership meeting to kick-off our efforts.

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# Meghan Markle

which are my favorite!). In addition, they have selected an unusual lemon elderflower cake (made by Pastry chef Claire Ptak).

Andrew Morton, the Royal family writer, has announced that this Hollywood glamorous “Princess-to-be” can trace her roots back to 14th Century King Robert the Bruce, who won independence for Scotland at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. Robert the Bruce was the King of Scotland from 1306 until 1329. His heart was placed to rest in Melrose, while his bones lie in Dunfermline Abbey. The architecture of the abbey is beautiful, as is Meghan Markle!

Not only is Meghan Scottish, but news suggests that Meghan and Prince Harry are actual cousins dating back to 1480, from the ancestors of her father Thomas Markle. He may have been raised in Kensington and she was born 5,500 miles away in California, but the two share a connection through a 15th Century ancestor of the Queen Mother! While it is just one report, this isn't the first time that a royal couple shared such a connection. Earlier this year, Expedia developed an online tool to show how Scandanavian and British royal families have been connected through marriage!

Here is to a wonderful wedding and a lifetime of love, health and happiness!

Sources: <https://goo.gl/WCnoQd>, <https://goo.gl/JHdyVn>, <https://goo.gl/Nav9kT>, <https://goo.gl/Xuchtg1>, <https://goo.gl/sjTSLG>



Windsor Castle



Dunfermline Abbey, Scotland



King Robert the Bruce of Scotland



The Happy Couple!

# Architect, T. Paterson Ross

By Jack Ryder

Born in Edinburgh in 1872, Thomas Paterson Ross was one of San Francisco's most prolific architects. He designed more than 200 buildings during his short career. It was cut short because in 1922 an elevator lift full of bricks at his project, 555 Post Street (The Union League Club) fell on his head fracturing his skull and leaving him paralyzed even though he lived another 35 years.



850 Steiner was built in 1898.

It was a pleasure to give a brief presentation on the diversity and breadth of his work at the last meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to review some of his most notable architecture in San Francisco, so you can visit some of his buildings, many of them right here on Russian Hill, should you be inspired. The **Noble Chapel** at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park (1892) was the first of Ross's designs to be constructed. 850 Steiner (pictured) was built in 1898, and is his only known work on Alamo Square. In Parnassus Heights he designed the Wood Shingle structure at 100 Edgewood (1902), which is currently the residence of the French Consul General and features breathtaking panoramic views of San Francisco.

Ross became well known among the seasoned architects in San Francisco after his design for the California Building at the World's Columbian Exhibition in Chicago (1893) was almost selected as the winning design. Ultimately, A. Page Brown who had designed the San Francisco Ferry Building the year prior won

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# ⇒ How Queen Victoria Found Balmoral ⇐

By Anne-Mary Paterson



Photo © Stuart Yates

**In 1853 the foundation stone for Balmoral Castle was laid, just 100 yards from the original building.**

**H**ow did Queen Victoria and Prince Albert come to buy Balmoral as their Scottish holiday home? This is a story involving a doctor and a tiny village in northeast Scotland.

The tiny village is Fordyce, about one mile inland from Portsoy on the coast of Banffshire. It is a town in miniature, with a small castle built at the end of the 16th century and streets on the old medieval pattern, lined with attractive flower-filled gardens. Near the castle, the ruined church, which dates to the 13th century, stands in an ancient kirkyard.

However, the village's fame is its school. Fordyce Academy, founded in the last quarter of the 16th century, was called "the Eton of the North" because so many of its pupils went on to distinguish themselves in medicine, law and other fields. Two of these were Sir James Clark and Sir John Forbes, both of whom became physicians to the royal household.

Queen Victoria first mentions Dr. Clark in her journals when he called at Kensington Palace on Friday, April 3, 1835. He was physician to her mother, the Duchess of Kent, as well as the family doctor. Victoria appointed Dr. Clark to the royal household on June 20, 1837, the day she became queen.

James Clark, born in December 1788, was the son of David Clark of Findlater. After he finished school at Fordyce, he continued his education in Aberdeen, where he took an arts degree at the university. He then studied medicine at Edinburgh Uni-

versity. After graduating, he entered the Royal Navy. In 1818, after accompanying a patient with advanced tuberculosis to the south of France, he started research into the effects of climate on illnesses.

In 1819, he settled in Rome and attended to the medical needs of influential British residents living there. During this time, he met Prince Leopold, later King of the Belgians. Some years after his return to London in 1826, Leopold, now king, recommended Dr. Clark to the Duchess of Kent.

In 1840, Queen Victoria married her cousin, Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. In 1842, she and Albert made their first visit to Scotland. In 1844 they visited again and travelled farther north. Albert was particularly enchanted with the scenery because it reminded him of his home in Germany. The railway had not yet penetrated into the far corners of Scotland, so travel was by royal yacht, the *Victoria & Albert*. They landed in Dundee on September 11 and drove by carriage to Blair Castle. The queen said in her journal, "Albert was in perfect ecstasies" about the scenery. They decided that they must make more visits.

On Saturday, August 27, 1847, the royal yacht arrived at Fort William where she and Albert were greeted by "a great gathering of Highlanders in different plaids, with Ld. Lovat & Mr. Stewart McKenzie at their head." When the carriages were

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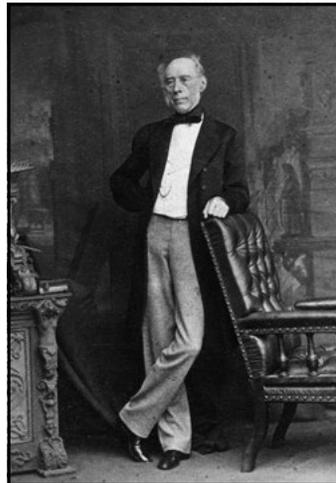
## Balmoral

ready, they set off for Ardverikie House on the shores of Loch Laggan, owned at that time by Lord Abercorn. The queen recorded, "We changed horses only once & came at length in sight of Loch Laggan, a fine lake (small in comparison to what we have been seeing) surrounded by beautiful mountains. The road winding along its side is extremely pretty. We saw Ld. Abercorn's house of Ardverikie long before we came to it. At Laggan there is only a small inn, & a little further on a ferry, at the end of the lake. Here, in spite of the pouring rain, were assembled a number of Highlanders with Macpherson of Cluny (the Cluny) 3 dear little Boys of his." The rain continued off and on during their visit, though they did get out a bit to admire the beautiful situation of the house on the loch. Lord Abercorn lived nearby. The queen and Albert had considered buying Ardverikie as their Highland retreat, but it seems the weather put them off. In modern times, this house was the setting for the television programme *Monarch of the Glen*, and those who have viewed it will remember that the sun was nearly always shining and there was no sign of the proverbial Scottish midges!

While Victoria and Albert were enduring the wet weather at Ardverikie, Sir James Clark's son John was enjoying sunshine and fresh air at Balmoral Castle, then the home of Sir Robert Gordon, a distinguished British diplomat. This led Sir James to suggest to the royal couple that Aberdeenshire might be a good place for their holiday home.

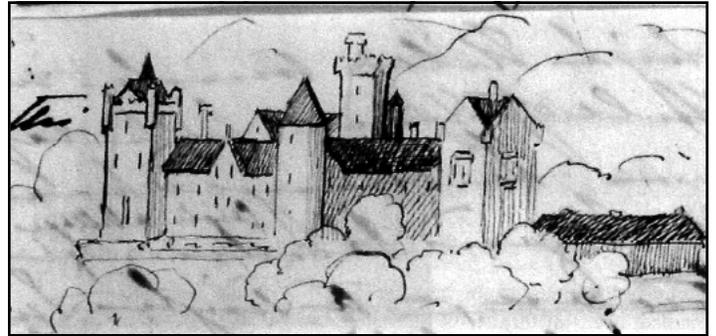
Sir Robert owned the lease of Balmoral Castle, which he had purchased from the Earl of Fife. During his time, he made extensive changes to the castle, but he was not to enjoy it for long because in October 1837 he choked on a fish bone and died. As he had no children, there was no one to inherit. On February 17, 1848, without ever viewing the property, Victoria and Albert purchased the remaining 26 years of the lease.

On Friday, September 8, the royal yacht arrived at Aberdeen and the royal party drove to Balmoral for their first visit. Queen Victoria recorded their arrival in her journal with great enthusiasm: "The last place we changed horses, was at the small village of Ballater, the post town of Balmoral, which is 11 miles from there. We crossed the Dee, about 4 miles before getting to the castle, & the scenery became prettier & prettier, & there is much agriculture & cultivation, which gives a flourishing look to the country. There are very few cottages between Abergeldie & Balmoral, which we reached at ¼ to 3. It is a pretty little castle, in the old Scotch style. The accompanying sketch I did from a little print I bought at Aberdeen. In front are a nice lawn & garden, with a high wooded hill behind, & at the back, there is a wood."



**Dr. James Clark, physician to the Royal Household, suggested Prince Aberdeenshire as a holiday location.**

After protracted negotiations, which were completed in June 1852, Albert purchased what was called "a fee simple" for Balmoral, which released them from the lease, thus giving them outright ownership. By this time, they were finding that the castle was a bit small for their expanding family and staff. They engaged William Smith, city architect of Aberdeen, to design a castle in a new position 100 yards to the northwest so that they could live in the original building while the new building work was in progress. Queen Victoria laid the foundation stone on September 28, 1853. She signed a parchment, which was put in a bottle along with examples of the coins of the day. They placed this under the stone. In 1856, the new castle was completed and the old building demolished.



**Queen Victoria's sketch of the old Balmoral Castle.**

In 1855, Sir James Clark heeded his own advice and purchased the Pronie Estate near Tarland in Aberdeenshire. When visiting, he and his family lived in the Laird's House. Sir James retired in 1860 to Bagshot Park, lent to him for life by Queen Victoria. Sir James's son John, who had left the diplomatic service, spent a lot of time with his family at Pronie, so in 1867 they commissioned a new house that they called Tillypronie.

On September 24, 1868, Queen Victoria recorded in her journal that she drove "to Tillypronie, to visit dear old Sir James Clark. Took post horses at Ballater. Found Sir James alone at home, & he was much pleased to see us. I thought him wonderfully well & cheerful though he is said to be weak. We took tea with him, leaving again at 5. It was fine & clear & the view from the new house, when it is finished, will be very fine, the hills looked very lovely lit up by the evening sun...." Sir James died on June 29, 1870, at Bagshot Park. He was 81.

John Forbes and James Clark were friends since their school days at Fordyce. They followed somewhat similar careers as John also went into the Royal Navy from 1807 to 1816. Following this, he obtained a doctorate of medicine at Edinburgh University. He then moved to Penzance, Cornwall, where he was a family doctor. He heard about the stethoscope, newly invented by the French physician Rene Laennec, and brought one back from a visit to Paris. A short time later, he translated Laennec's book on the use of the stethoscope for medical diagnosis into English. So it was that Forbes, who also studied the lung problems of Cornish tin miners, was gradually able to spread the word about the uses of a stethoscope.

In 1822 he moved to Chichester and then to London in 1840. Sir James Clark helped to set him up after his move, and in

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## T. Paterson Ross

the competition, and his design was the one constructed for the world fair.

Ross's Sing Fat (1906) and Sing Chong (1907) pagoda-style buildings at California and Grant set the tone for the remaining architecture, and remain the gateway to Chinatown.

He designed seven residential buildings in Presidio Heights, including a terrific example of Mission Revival style architecture at 21 Presidio Terrace. He designed at least eight residential structures in Pacific Heights, including the Classical Revival style building at 2210 Clay. In 1912 Ross's association with William Chipman pioneered the first "community homes" on the west coast, generally referred to now as Cooperatives. 2111, 2164, and 2222 Hyde are all Ross designed Co-op buildings, as well as 1020 Union where he lived with his wife Belle before they moved to Santa Cruz.

The only known scandal Ross encountered during his career was after the design of The Islam Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of Mystic Shrine (currently the Alcazar Theatre) at 650 Geary (1919) where he inscribed above the door "ميظع ميظع و ه ل ل و ه ميظع و ه ل ل و ه" which translates, "Great is Allah and Great is Ross the Architect." Though it upset quite a few people, it remains there today. Ross was an active Shriner, Mason, as well as a member of the St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco.

For additional information visit [Stately Homes of San Francisco](#) and on [Instagram @statelysf](#).

## Balmoral

1841 John Forbes became a physician to Prince Albert and the royal household. He also gained a reputation as a medical journalist; after his retirement in 1848, he wrote about homeopathy and other subjects. He moved to his son's house at Whitchurch-on-Thames and died there in November 1861. During his retirement, his friendship with James Clark continued.



**This 1861 photo shows Victoria and Albert with their nine children, four boys and five girls born between 1841 and 1857.**

Queen Victoria frequently mentions Sir James Clark in her journals and he seems to have been a great favourite, but there is nothing about John Forbes. Maybe James Clark endeared himself to her by finding Balmoral, the queen's Highland home and still the holiday home today of Queen Elizabeth. It all started in Fordyce.

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# *Ladies Afternoon Tea*

**Calling ladies of conversation,  
style and pizzazz!**



*~ Hosted by ~*

Irené Waldman, Francesca McCrossan  
and the St. Andrew's Society  
of San Francisco

*~ Where ~*

Fairmont Hotel, 950 Mason St.,  
San Francisco, CA 94108

*~ When ~*

Saturday May 5th, at 1:30 PM

*~ Dress Code ~*

Glamorous or Stylish Dress, Hat / Fascinator, Purse, etc.!  
Think Kentucky Derby or Royal Ascot!  
No hat is too big for this event!

The event includes champagne  
reception and afternoon tea.

Cost: \$85.00 per person  
Please email Irené at  
[irenewaldman@yahoo.com](mailto:irenewaldman@yahoo.com)  
for registration.

Tickets are limited  
so sign up early.



The Caledonian Club of San Francisco's  
**Annual Tartan Ball Celebration**

is on Saturday April 14th at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel  
2600 Bishop Road, San Ramon  
(Formal Attire - Kilts Recommended)

No host Cocktails at 6:00pm, followed by Dinner at 7:00pm,  
with a choice of filet of beef, chicken marsala, salmon and vegetarian entrees

Apres-dinner entertainment features dancing to live music  
from Full Steem, as well as special performances from  
the Prince Charles Pipe Band and Highland Dancers

Tickets \$75, are available online,  
or contact 1<sup>st</sup> Chieftain Ian Purvis for reservations  
Cell: (707) 344-2511 or eMail: [dmianpurvis@gmail.com](mailto:dmianpurvis@gmail.com)

Special Discount for Lodging at the San Ramon Marriott  
Single or Double \$111.00 rate must be reserved by March 30  
Call (925) 867-9200 to reserve, or book online here

# summer ceilidh

## JULY 21, 2018

Come, put on your dancing shoes and join us for a Summer Ceilidh. A fun evening with good music, good dancing, good friends, good food and a Whisky Tasting.

**Dances led by Linda Henderson**  
**Music by 3/8 Reel of Seven**

5:00 pm—Registration / No Host Bar  
 5:30 pm—Whisky Tasting (by Alan Purves)  
 7:00 pm—Buffet Dinner  
 8:30 pm—Ceilidh Dancing



Encinal Yacht Club  
 1251 Pacific Marina (Alameda)

**ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**  
*Please sign up early as space is limited*

Please print legibly, complete this form and mail with check (payable to PBFSCO) by July 8th to:  
 PBFSCO PO Box 10162 v Pleasanton, CA 94588

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Reservation Name)

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Whisky Tasting	\$15 x _____	\$_____
Dinner & Ceilidh	\$45 x _____	\$_____
Total Amount		\$_____

Tickets can also be purchased online through:  
[www.pbfsc.org](http://www.pbfsc.org) OR <http://Ceilidh2018.bpt.me>

*Tickets will not be mailed—available by will call at the door*  
*Information/Questions? [susan@celtic-lass.com](mailto:susan@celtic-lass.com)*

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 St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco, St. Andrew's Society of Oakland  
*Please drink responsibly*

# Spey-O-Rama

The World Championship of Spey Casting

April 20th–22nd, 2018



The Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club (GGACC) is pleased to announce the 15th annual World Championship of Spey Casting to be held at the world-renowned casting ponds located in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park (on JFK Dr. across from buffalo paddock). For more information visit [Spey-O-Rama](#).

A promotional advertisement for the Rugby World Cup Sevens San Francisco 2018. The background is a vibrant blue with a geometric pattern. In the center, the Golden Gate Bridge is depicted within a shield-shaped logo. Below the logo, the text reads 'RUGBY WORLD CUP™ SEVENS SAN FRANCISCO 2018' and 'JULY 20-22, 2018 AT&T PARK'. A red banner at the bottom contains the text 'RUGBY WELCOMES YOU' and the website 'RWCSEVENS.COM'. On either side of the central text, there are images of male and female rugby players in white and blue jerseys, holding rugby balls. The male player's jersey has 'FIY Emirates' and 'adidas' logos. The female player's jersey also has 'FIY' and 'adidas' logos. At the bottom of the advertisement, there is a line of text: 'For more information visit [rwcsevens.com](#).'

The Robert Louis Stevenson Museum  
Presents the 2nd Annual

# Stevenson Poetry Night



April 26th at 6:30pm  
at St. Helena Public Library  
1492 Library Lane  
St. Helena, CA 94574

Join the RLSM in celebrating the  
spoken word and the poetry of  
Robert Louis Stevenson!  
An open mic portion will be  
available to recite favorite works  
and perform new pieces!

To be guaranteed a performance slot, please  
contact the RLS Museum by April 20th!

Light refreshment provided.  
Free admission.

(707) 963-3757  
office@stevensonmuseum.org

Arts in April  
NAPA VALLEY

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON MUSEUM  
www.StevensonMuseum.org

For more information please visit [RLS Museum Events](#).  
If anyone wants to say their "going" or "Interested" visit [RLSM Facebook Events](#).



## The 15th Annual Irish-American Crossroads Festival

The Irish-American Crossroads Festival is a literary, musical, and cultural event that takes place every year in the San Francisco Bay Area during the month of March. It is a celebrated annual festival inviting the public to come together around inspired, creative, and relevant events regarding Irish and Irish-American history and culture.

For additional information please visit [www.irishamericancrossroads.org](http://www.irishamericancrossroads.org).

### 2018 Festival events

Saturday, March 3rd.

#### Indigenous-Irish Relationships and Building Solidarity on Ohlone Land



An Irish community fundraiser for the Sogorea Te' Land Trust, highlighting the campaign to save the West Berkeley Shellmound while considering local and global relationships between Irish and American Indian peoples. La Peña Cultural Center, Berkeley. 4:30PM–7:30PM. *photo: Matt Horton*

Saturday, March 10th.

#### One-day Irish documentary film festival featuring three premiere films



Top documentary films by Irish filmmakers—Kíla: Pota Óir; The Farthest; In the Name of Peace: John Hume in America. Delancey Street Theater, San Francisco. 3PM, 4.30PM, 7.30PM.

Sunday, March 11th.

#### Irish-American Autobiography: an Exploration with James Silas Rogers



Is there still a distinct Irish identity in America? James Rogers' new book, *Irish-American Autobiography: the Divided Hearts of Athletes, Priests, Pilgrims and More*, says yes, though it's often an indirect one... 1PM–3PM, Main Public Library, San Francisco.

Sunday, March 18th.

#### Crossroads Salon



Join us to share or enjoy creative work inspired by Irish-American life in a comfortable and congenial Salon experience. A forum for writers and artists who have Irish or Irish-American heritages or are interested in exploring Irish-American themes, as well as for readers and viewers who want to participate in this exploration. Private residence, address on RSVP 1PM–4PM.

Saturday, March 24th.

#### Tony DeMarco in Concert



Virtuoso Irish fiddle player Tony DeMarco is a product of the vibrant immigrant Irish music scene of New York during the time Italians and Irish lived and played side by side. "It's hard to imagine an Irish traditional music scene in New York City without Tony DeMarco." – Mick Moloney. *The Plough & Stars*. 9PM.

Sunday, March 25th.

#### Peig Sayers: an Informance by Storyteller Mary McGrath



Love her or hate her, Peig Sayers was called the Queen of Irish Storytelling for a reason. She told many folklore collectors over 300 folktales in Irish, from her home on the Basket. United Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco. 2PM–4PM.

Sunday, April 15th, 1pm.

#### Oral Histories of the Irish in San Francisco



An Afternoon of Storytelling. Families welcome. United Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco. 1PM–3PM.

Sunday, April 15th, 5PM

#### Experiences of Chinese Diplomat Luo Linquan



Luo Linquan will speak about his experiences as Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Ireland and as Chinese Consul General in San Francisco, as well about major contributions of Chinese workers to the construction of the first Transcontinental Railroad in the US. United Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco.

## Meeting & Events Schedule

Date	Event / Topic	Location / Notes
<b>2018</b>		
Mon. April 16	Member Meeting (Fulbright Scholar—Professor Kevin Orr, University of St. Andrews)	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. April 21	John Muir Day / Earth Day celebration	NPS - Martinez, CA
Mon. May 21	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD)	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. June 18	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD)	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. July 16	No Meeting (Summer Recess)	
<b>Sat. July 21</b>	<b>Summer Ceilidh at Encinal Yacht Club</b>	<b>Alameda, CA</b>
Mon. Aug. 20	No Meeting (Summer Recess)	
<b>Sept. 1–2</b>	<b>Caledonian Club's 153rd Highland Games &amp; Gathering</b>	<b>Pleasanton, CA</b>
Mon. Sept. 17	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD)	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. Oct. 15	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD)	1088 Green St., SF
Sun. Nov. 11	Remembrance Service	Grace Cathedral, SF
Mon. Nov. 19	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD)	1088 Green St., SF
<b>Sat. Dec. 1</b>	<b>155th Annual St. Andrew's Banquet &amp; Ball</b>	<b>Marines' Club, SF</b>
Mon. Dec. 17	No Meeting due to December 31st. Hogmanay Celebration	
<b>Mon. Dec. 31</b>	<b>Hogmanay Celebration</b>	<b>1088 Green St., SF</b>
<b>2019</b>		
Mon. Jan. 21	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD)	1088 Green St., SF
<b>Sat. Jan. 26</b>	<b>Annual Robert Burns Supper</b>	<b>The Family, SF</b>
Mon. Feb. 18	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD)	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. Mar. 18	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD)	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. April 6	Tartan Day Scottish Faire at Ardenwood	Fremont, CA

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### Membership Meetings

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month, at 7:30 P.M. Light supper served before the meeting. (Free valet parking is provided for members' meetings. MUNI: one block east of Hyde St. cable car).

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