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Scotland to split from UK and 'be a nation again'?

With a referendum looming, critics allege an independent Scotland would likely be at odds with the US on many issues

By Ian Johnston

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LONDON — It is the nation that once ran the largest empire the world has ever known, a country so powerful that it claimed to "rule the waves" in a patriotic anthem.

But last month a "political tsunami" struck the United Kingdom and this once-

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A Message from Our President

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Membership Meetings:

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month, at 7:30 PM. Light refreshments served after the meeting.

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St. Andrew's Society
of San Francisco

Dear Members and Society Friends:

"Thank you!" to Donna Tuggel, who did a fabulous job and gave us a superb presentation at our May meeting, highlighting the new Walt Disney Foundation Museum at the Presidio.

On a sad note, longtime member Jack Sutherland passed away on May 17. Jack and fellow member Bill Beriman were the keystones in the formation of the Prince Charles Pipe Band in 1968. (Some of you may know that Jack's son, Ken, is Pipe Major of the Prince Charles Grade II band.) The Society was represented at the funeral held at the Presbyterian Church in Larkspur on June 5th.

Regrettably, new member, architect Robbin MacDonald suffered a severe stroke last week and currently is in ICU. We wish her a speedy recovery. And speaking of recovery, I am happy to be back playing golf. The broken arm is slowly mending and I'm down to just two physical therapy sessions per week.

We look forward to being entertained at our next meeting, June 20, by the Scottish engineers who maintain the last surviving liberty ship from World War II, the Jeremiah O'Brien. I hope we will be able to have our Members' Dinner Night aboard this vessel on September 19.

Hope to see all your bright and shiny faces at Green Street on June 20. Remember, this will be our last meeting prior to the summer break. We don't meet during July and August. Details for our September Members' Dinner will follow.

Aye,

John Grant Allison

President



Membership meeting

Program Topic: Scottish Engineers

St. Andrew's Society of SF & Related Calendar of Events for 2011

Membership meeting
June 20th
Scottish Engineers
The Scottish Engineer: the greatest generation preserves the Jeremiah O'Brien for future generations

July 18th
No Meeting this month

August 15th
No Meeting this month

Membership meeting
September 19th
Clark Chelsey, Ph.D
Scottish Philosophers and the Founding Fathers

Membership meeting
October 17th
To Be Confirmed

Membership meeting
November 21st
British Consul General
Scotland and the UK: annual review from the British Consul General

Membership meeting
December 19th
Erskine Trust-supporting
Scotland's Heroes
Erskine: Meeting Yesterday's and Today's Needs.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER CHAT

As we go about our daily lives, making plans for the future and wrapped up in that which pertains to our own immediate sphere of life, we as members of a benevolent and caring Society, want also to remember those in our organization who need our prayers and thoughtful concern.



Some of you may already be aware that Robbin McDonald Conway suffered a stroke on May 20th and was in a Marin hospital ICU for a number of days; her husband Steve has been in touch with a couple of our members, keeping us apprised of Robbin's condition and progress. She would probably enjoy receiving cards which Steve can bring to her hospital room, rather than phone calls, so for those who don't have the new roster, here is her (snail-mail) address:

10 Humboldt Avenue San Anselmo, CA 94960

Those wishing to monitor Robbin's recovery can visit a blog setup for this at: <http://robblinsrecovery.tumblr.com/>

Another member, Selby Haussermann, was recently involved in an automobile accident which hospitalized him with multiple and serious bone fractures; he was just released to go home on Saturday, the 20th of May, where he is able to maneuver with the use of a wheelchair, walker and crutches. With therapy, he hopes to be walking, unimpeded, in a few weeks. Selby's phone number and mailing address (P.O. Box 2142,

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Novato, CA 94948) are also in the new directory, and it's my guess he would really appreciate a call or card.

"One of our longtime members, John H. Sutherland, passed away recently. He joined the Society in 1957 and was instrumental, as a Board member, in leading the now renowned Prince Charles Pipers Band; he traveled to Scotland with the Band on several of their award-winning tours, and, although his position was not that of Director, his leadership was highly respected and appreciated.

Mr. Sutherland's memorial service will be on Sunday, 5 June, at 3:00 p.m., at the Redwoods Presbyterian Church, 101 Magnolia Avenue, Larkspur, CA.

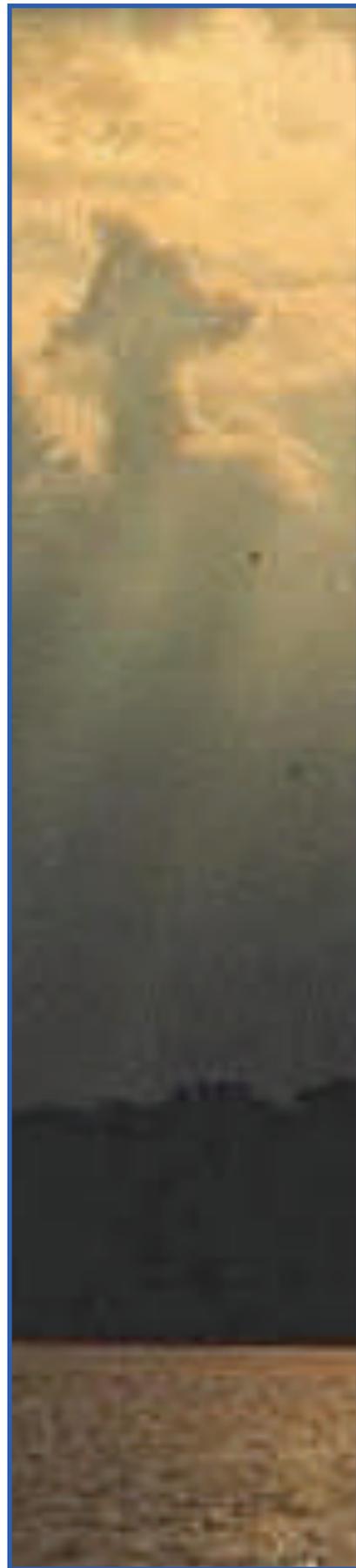
We offer our condolences to Mr. Sutherland's family."

There are many more among our membership whose health or other life situation may be difficult to face; if you're aware of them, please remember how something as seemingly small as a phone call or a note can mean so much to a person who thinks he or she is alone in facing a particular hardship.

And as important as our own immediate environment and plans seem, it's good to be reminded that certain aspects of our future are beyond our own control; tomorrow--or even the next few minutes--may bring on unexpected and unwelcome events. Let's savor the present and help one another travel this journey called Life with a spirit of compassion, joy and generosity.

Cheers,

Elisabeth Sturm, SASSF Chaplain



AN EXCITING MUSICAL EVENT

The Songs and Music of Scotland

featuring

Isla St Clair

One of Scotland's foremost singers and recording artists, noted for the depth of feeling she brings to her country's music.

"Isla brings centuries of Scottish music to life - this is the genuine article."

London Sunday Times



The Macintosh Pipe Band



and the San Jose School of Highland Dancing

August 31, 2011, 7:00 PM

Hall Middle School

230 Doherty Drive, Larkspur, California

Advanced ticket purchase prior to 8/15/11

\$15 adults, \$10 for juniors (under the age of 16). After 8/15/11 adults \$20 and juniors \$15

To purchase tickets email: bizmck@comcast.net



To the membership,

I wanted to let our St. Andrews Society membership know about the upcoming "Songs and Music of Scotland" concert which will be presented by the MacIntosh Pipe Band on Wednesday, August 31, 2011. The concert will take place at Henry Hall School in Larkspur and will feature Isla St Clair, one of Scotland's foremost singers, along with the MacIntosh Pipe Band and dancers from the San Jose School of Highland Dancing. It should be an outstanding evening of Scottish music.



I would very much appreciate your including the details of the concert in the upcoming edition(s) of the St. Andrew's Society monthly newsletter as I think many of our members would have an interest in attending. Attached to this e-mail is a pdf file of our concert poster which includes information about tickets, etc. Also attached are separate images of the MacIntosh Pipe Band and Isla St Clair.

I will be at the meeting this coming Monday at the firehouse. If you have any questions we can chat then or feel free to contact me at any time. It might also be a good idea to include my name and contact info in the newsletter so I can respond to any inquiries.

Thank You,

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Patron Life Members

Life Members who have elected to make additional contributions for 2010.

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John Lord

Gerry Sample

Don Sanford

Brian Tulloch

Jim Campbell