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# A Message from Our President

## The Saint Andrew's Society of San Francisco

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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. (Free valet parking is provided for members' meetings. MUNI: one block east of Hyde St. cable car).

### Officers of the Society

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St. Andrew's Society  
of San Francisco

Members and Friends:

Summer is now passing we look forward to the annual crop of regular Scottish celebrations at this time of year, the first of which was the Scottish games at Pleasanton, managed and promoted by our sister organization, the Caledonian club of San Francisco over Labor Day weekend.

This event, one of the three largest such games in North America, is one which we have supported for many years. The whole weekend truly had something for everyone with Scottish connections or just an interest in Scottish culture and traditions - I strongly encourage you to make the trip there to the Alameda County Fairgrounds next year.

Also, although we are some weeks away from the second of our two major events this year, the annual St. Andrews Banquet and Ball on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Marines Memorial Club. Take a look at our events page on the website for details on tickets and early bird discounts available until November 1<sup>st</sup> for this year's event.

While we value our heritage we are also - in our 150th year - moving slowly into the 21st-century. We have added an online payment option for our events - go to our events page: <http://saintandrewssociety-sf.org/events.html>

With regard to our regular monthly meetings, I've had feedback that our official business is tending to squeeze the "entertainment" part of our program, so look forward in future to a more brisk official business section of the meeting and more time for socializing!

Finally, since publishing glitches meant that some of you may not have seen the President's letter over the past couple of months, we are publishing these again for those who may have missed them.

If we didn't see you at our booth at the games over Labor Day weekend, we look forward to seeing you at the next members' night: Monday September 16th, 2013 7:30pm at 1088 Green St., San Francisco. Remember, we offer complimentary valet parking for meeting attendees and if you prefer MUNI, we're only a short block and a half from the Hyde Street cable car stop.

Yours for Scotland,

David McCrossan  
President



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### Upcomming Membership Program Speakers:

Sept: **Dr. Charles (Chuck) Syers** (Cut and Thrust Scottish Weapons: From the Black Knife to the Claymore Longsword).

Oct: **Don Fraser**, former Captain and USMC fighter pilot (From Crusaders to Peanuts: The life of a Fighter Pilot and His Work with Charles M. Schulz)

Nov: **Past President Gerard (Gerry) Sample** (Sesquicentennial: 150 Years of

St. Andrew's in San Francisco)

Dec: **Roger Weed**, St. Andrew's Librarian (Scotch whiskey: A Holidays Presentation)

### STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

As most of our members know our Society has a Student Assistance Program. Over the last 20 years we have given assistance to 100 students for a total amount of \$201,000. This is a most commendable program of which we are most proud.

We are now accepting applications for the 2013-2014 academic year (available at our web site)

The deadline to apply will be May 10, so they can be reviewed by the Committee and then presented to the membership at our May 20 meeting.

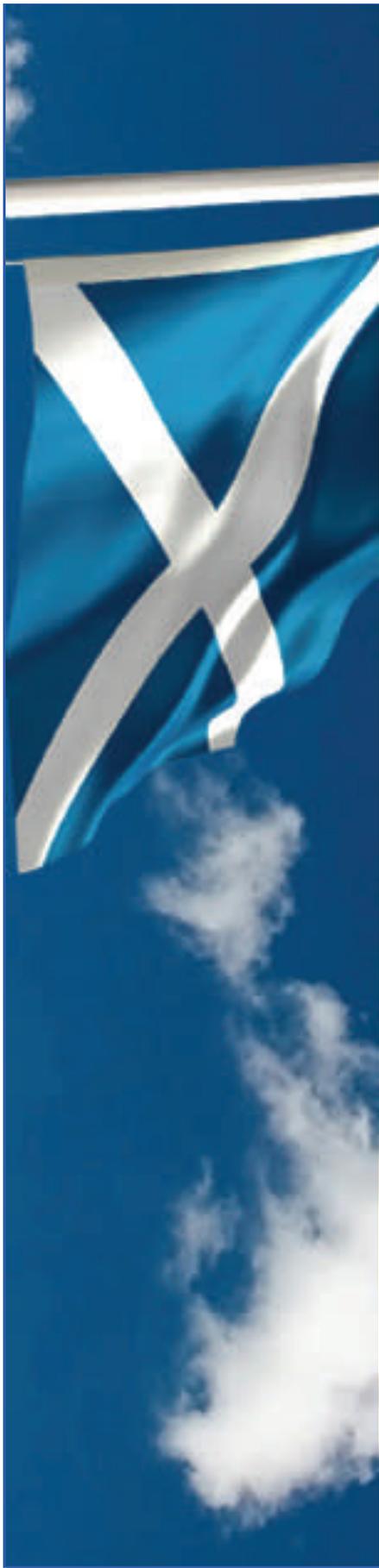
The basic criteria for an applicant is:

- Resident of Northern California
- Scottish birth or ancestry.
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance
- Attending a Northern California University (accredited by the Western Assoc. of Schools and Colleges) , or one located in Scotland.
- Entering their Junior/ Senior or Graduate year
- Demonstrate a grade point average of 3.0

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# OVER AND ABOVE: Gifts to the Society

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## **ST. ANDREW'S HONOR ROLL (\$1000 to \$5000)**

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## **ST. ANDREW'S SPONSOR (\$500 to \$1000)**

Rosie and David J. Colt  
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Fred S. Nagle  
Maria and John R. Pitcairn  
Rosie and Donald M. Sanford  
Ruth and David B. Stronach  
Marilyn Van Story  
Lucille and G. Russell Wiley

## **Patron Life Members**

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

Wade Hughan  
John Lord  
Gerry Sample  
Don Sanford  
Brian Tulloch  
Jim Campbell

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### *May 2013 President's Letter*

Members and friends,

As your president, one of my duties is to bring you some perspective on the Society's purpose and direction of our society. I am writing to you directly from Scotland this month. My this trip is also providing me with some perspective on our society's founding, a century and a half ago, mostly by people originally from in the old country.

Many things in Scotland have changed in that time. The appearance off the place hasn't changed all that much – the major cities would be largely recognizable to our founding members, something that certainly couldn't be said of America, and especially of San Francisco, in that century and a half. Less obvious, but more significant is a better economic outlook, reflected in far fewer Scots seeking a life outside their home country, than those did the early days of San Francisco.

It means that Scottish voices and personalities aren't such a clearly identifiable part of modern day San Francisco - there just aren't as many of us as there used to be. The other side of that coin is that Scotland itself is now a destination for people seeking a new life in ways that it wasn't previously. It makes for a more cosmopolitan modern day Scotland. I can't comment on that – you'd have to ask our founding fathers whether the result is a country that is more or less Scottish nowadays.

I'm also pleased to see here that Scotland still values its veterans. The first week of June is "purple week", when Scots are being urged, in posters visible everywhere, to wear purple in recognition of the contribution of the servicemen and woman who made the ultimate sacrifice, and support the Erskine veterans home. I'm pleased to say that society has supported the work off Erskine in recent years and will continue to do so.

This and more in a report back to you, the members, on my return.

Yours for Scotland,

David McCrossan

President, St. Andrews of San Francisco

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We are bringing this to the attention of our membership so if they know of any potential students, they can advise them and get their application submitted

J. Robert Logan  
Chairman  
Board of Student Assistance.

## Researching: William Beaton Barr (1867-1933)

Hello: I am researching a painter, William Beaton Barr (1867-1933), for a project for the Stanford Historical Society. He was born in Scotland and lived in Paisley and Glasgow there. He came to California and worked here from 1915 to his death in 1933. He lived in San Francisco and was an officer of the St. Andrew's Society, and was President for a time, at least in 1922. He also painted portraits of local notables such as Thomas Boyle, John McLaren, John McNab, and Barr's relative, John D. MacGilvray, many of whom were also of Scottish ancestry and were members of the Society. Is it possible that the Society possesses any of these portraits? If so I would very much appreciate the opportunity to look at them.

Any other information about Mr. Barr would be very much appreciated. If you have archives I would love the opportunity to look at them.

Thank you very much for any help you can give me.

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*Presidents Letter, April 2013*

Dear Members and Friends,

Spring is in the air and as ever at this time of the year, there are important dates to remember.

This month Scots and Americans of Scottish descent throughout the United States are celebrating Tartan day on or close to the official date all April 6th. Why is that important and why do we need an official date?

Well, until the 1990s the contribution of Scots to this country went largely unrecognized, perhaps because we have been involved in almost every significant aspect of the development of the country, our constitution and of many of its signature events.

Finally, in the late 1990s, Scots' influence was recognized in a one-time U.S. Senate Resolution on April 7th, 1997. Official recognition came in 1998 on a permanent basis in U.S. Senate Resolution 155 designating April 6th as National Tartan Day. The U.S. House of Representatives on March 9, 2005 passed its companion bill House Resolution 41. Up in Canada, Tartan Day has also been officially recognized since 1993.

So why is the date significant? April 6th commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320, which asserted Scotland's sovereignty over (England's) territorial claims. It is also said that the Declaration was a key influence on the American Declaration of Independence.

Across the water, another important – potentially very significant date - was just announced in Scotland. September 18th of next year was confirmed as the official date for the referendum on Scottish independence. The voters, (to include 16- and 17-year-olds for the first time in a major poll), will be asked a single six-word question: "Should Scotland become an independent country?"

Since the Scottish Parliament was re-established in 1997, Scotland already has enjoyed a large measure of self-government, not unlike a typical US state or Canadian province. The debate is now about whether all powers – including foreign affairs, defense, social security and the like – should be repatriated to the Scottish Government, or the status quo should prevail.

During the entire history of the United States, nothing this constitutionally significant has happened in Scotland: with the passing of the Act

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of Union in 1707, the country had already shared its sovereignty as part of Britain for some 69 years before the U.S. Declaration of Independence.

In 500+ days until the vote, we'll be bringing you updates on the back-and-forth debate before this momentous decision is taken by Scots.

So this month we celebrate as always, our history and heritage, with an eye to new happenings in the Old Country.

Yours for Scotland,

David McCrossan

President, St. Andrews of San Francisco



## Flowers of the Forest

In Memory

I regret to announce the passing of Wade Patterson, one of the society's longest-standing members, and formerly regular attendee at our San Francisco Firehouse meetings. Our thoughts are with his widow, Lana.

David McCrossan



## **The Royal British Legion**

**Will Present  
The Thirty Fifth Annual San Francisco**

### **Festival of Remembrance**

**Honouring All Those Who Lost Their Lives  
in the Service of their Country**

**For Our Tomorrows, They Gave Their Todays.**

**Sunday, November 10th 2013 at 3:00 p.m.  
Grace Cathedral, 1100 California Street, San Francisco,**



### **The Remembrance**

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,**



**We will remember them.**

**( From "The Fallen," Laurence Binyon )**



**Sunday, November 10th 2013 at 3:00 p.m.  
Grace Cathedral, 1100 California Street, San Francisco,  
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**Preceding the Service, the Salvation Army Band will Present a short concert, starting at 2:30 p.m.**

**[This service is open to the general public](#)**

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