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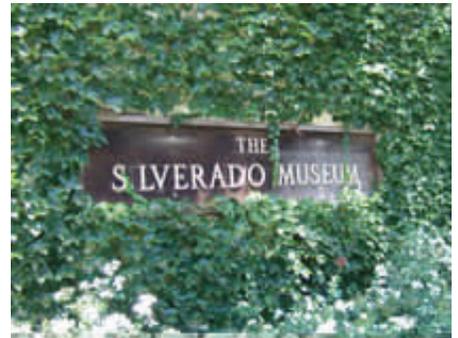
Deadline for newsletter contributions: Articles, pictures, & notices is the 1st Monday of each month of the year (except for July and August).

Greetings from the Robert Lewis Stevenson Museum.

By Marissa Schleicher, Executive Director
Robert Louis Stevenson Museum

The Robert Louis Stevenson Museum is afresh with the buzz of harvest here in Napa Valley. Our jolly time sharing the St. Andrew's tent with you at the Pleasanton Highland Games was our last offsite festival of the year for us. We are now focused on setting up a display of the latest acquisitions made by the museum via a bequest by the heir of Stevenson's step-grandson (Austin Strong), Mrs. Clarissa Porter. Having many items that were in Stevenson's possession passed on to her, Mrs. Porter had donated several of them over the years to us, but with her passing has come the remainder of the material. Included are Stevenson's terrestrial globe, his grandfather clock (which belonged to his grandfather initially) and other furniture and decorative items which had traveled with the Stevenson family from Britain to Samoa, and then came to America with Fanny after Louis' death. They are a wonderful addition to the museum and I encourage you all to come see them next time you are in the area.

Staff is also abuzz with a new branding effort and website development, funded in



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

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St. Andrew's Society
of San Francisco

Dear members and friends:

We've returned to our regular fall seasonal schedule of meetings and events that celebrate our role as both a Scottish and San Francisco organization.

On Sunday, November 10th, we are proud to support financially and participate in the Festival of Remembrance at Grace Cathedral. The date is the Sunday closest to Armistice Day, November 11, marking the end of the First World War. This moving service is modeled on Remembrance Sunday events throughout the British Commonwealth, where the tradition of wearing poppies to commemorate those who sacrificed during those years, will be honored here in San Francisco. Full details are in the notice in the newsletter. I encourage you to join us there.

This time of year is also the start of the academic calendar for most colleges and universities and a timely reminder that one of our Society's founding purposes was to support education for young people. We operate a scholarship fund and full details of the application process as well as forms can be downloaded from our website. It's never too early to think about applying and applications will be considered right up until the May deadline.

It's also not too late to purchase tickets for our prestigious annual St. Andrews Ball on November 30th – with a few weeks still remaining for early-bird discount. See details on our web page, where you can also buy tickets online.

Last month we were fortunate enough to have as our guest speaker Dr. Charles Syers, who provided an entertaining and astonishingly physical account of the evolution of Scottish weaponry. Physical is exactly what those present experienced as Dr. Syers produced several original and rare weapons from his collection and demonstrated their use.

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Upcoming Membership Program Speakers:

OCTOBER

Past President Gerry Sample

Topic: An Abridged History of Saint Andrew's Society of San Francisco - 150 Years

NOVEMBER

Don Fraser (postponed until 2014); alternate speaker TBD

DECEMBER

No meeting due to Dec 31st Hogmanay celebration

Roger Weed presentation and/or Scotch tasting in conjunction with Hogmanay, or deferred until 2014

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)

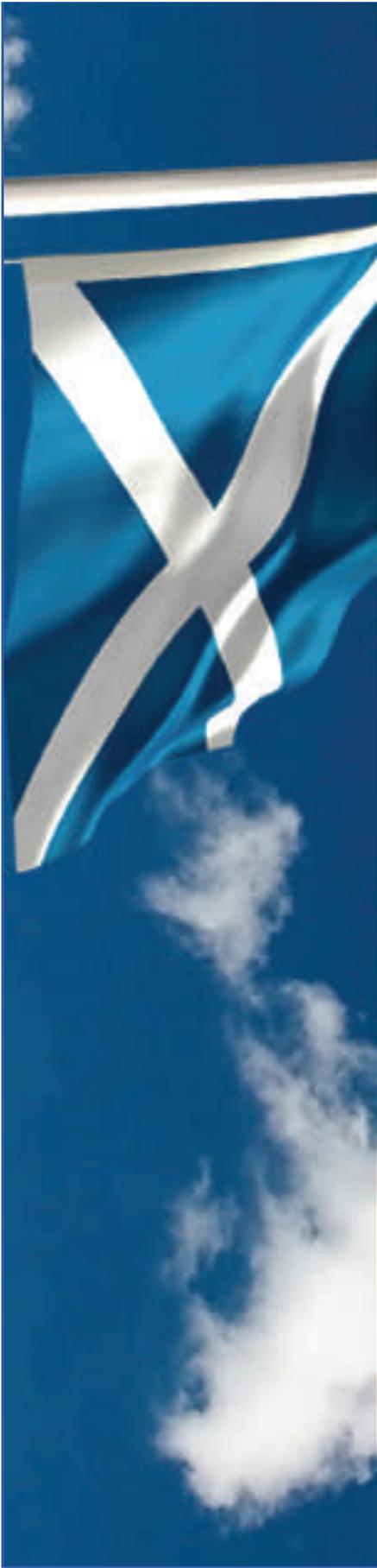
The deadline to apply will be May 10, so they can be reviewed by the Committee and then presented to the membership at our May 20 meeting.

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

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

OVER AND ABOVE: Gifts to the Society



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

William D. Mac Quattie
Thomas E. Kasinger

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

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William D. MacQuattie, Jr.
Sue and John B. Ritchie

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Linda and Gerald W. MacKay
Ellen and Glen McLaughlin
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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The evening was a reminder of the benefits of Society membership and another reason for coming to our meetings in person. Just to remind everyone, I meetings are always held the third Monday of every month except July and August.

In future months, new and returning members can take comfort in the knowledge that our historic Firehouse will be a warmer (possibly even cozy) meeting place, as upgrades to the heating system take place this month.

I look forward to seeing you there soon!

Yours for Scotland,

David McCrossan

President

ANNOUNCEMENT: SOCIETY NOMINA- TIONS

One position in the line-up of officers has become vacant this year, with the impending retirement announced last month by Bill Blair from the Board of Trustees, effective end of 2013.

One nomination has been received for the position by the nominating committee:

Selby Hausserman

I will request any additional nominations from the floor at the October meeting: Monday 10/21/13.

Members will vote on nominations received in October at the November meeting: 11/18/13.

New officers will be installed at the January 2014 meeting: 1/20/14.

David McCrossan

President

St. Andrews Society of
San Francisco

October Edition - Celtic folklore

The most prominent Scottish tale of the headless horseman concerns a man named Ewen decapitated in a clan battle at Glen Cainnir on the Isle of Mull. The battle denied him any chance to be a chieftain, and both he and his horse are headless in accounts of his haunting of the area.

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part by a Napa County grant, working on our Annual Appeal to donors, and upcoming events, such as two author talks. On November 9th, local historian Lauren Coodley will discuss her newest book "Napa Valley Chronicles" in which she re-imagines the unvarnished country life of historic Napa Valley through the stories of those who experienced it first-hand – such as RLS. Then on January 22, we are delighted to be the first stop on NY Times Bestselling author Nancy Horan's tour to celebrate the release of her historic novel "Under the Wide and Starry Sky" – which focuses on the life of Stevenson's wife Fanny. Horan spent eight years researching the Stevenson family to write this and it has already been receiving rave reviews.

With all of these going-ons, I am glad to still be able to find time to talk about Stevenson with community groups – like when I've been invited down to present at your Club. For those of you who may have missed my last talk on Stevenson and the American West, here is a brief excerpt for your enjoyment:

The year is 1879 and Stevenson has been back in Scotland less than a fortnight at the end of July when he gets an urgent telegram. What it said we will likely never know as it has been lost to time. But the effect it had was more powerful than perhaps even the sender would have imagined.



Robert Louis Stevenson, a man of 28 years without a steady job and only minimally known for his literary criticism and travel writing, makes a decision that will completely change the rest of his life – he is going to America.

There are complications though - life altering events are rarely easy for those of us outside of fiction. And so Stevenson's first task is to meet his parents at the train station in Edinburgh to let them know he cannot go to a health resort with them. The date is July 30th, and while Margaret and Thomas Stevenson are disappointed at their son's news, they accept his ill defined excuse that he is called away on business. Never do they imagine that

they will go for months without direct contact from him.

Next stop – his friend and banker Charles Baxter's to collect £90. Then it's down to London to see friends William E. Henley, Edmund

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Gosse and Sidney Colvin. But none of them came make him see their reasons for why he must not go.

You see, for Stevenson it was a simple choice – Fanny Osbourne is seriously ill. He Must Go.

Stevenson does not tarry long in London, it is back north to Glasgow..... Where he will catch the Anchor Line's ferry out the Clyde to board his ship to America – named the *Devonia*. The vessel laid anchor to New York August 7th. The day before he sailed, he wrote his cousin Bob "F. seems to be very ill'...at least I must try and get her to do one of two things. I hope to be back in a month or two, but indeed God alone knows what may happen; it is a wild world..." (6 August 1879, Letter 642).

Little does Stevenson know of what to expect in America – but he is sure of two things: the adventure will make good writing material and he will be crossing the continent by rail.

First Stop: New York City.

After his voyage filled with writing at his tiny second class desk, enjoying the company of those in steerage, and reading his supply of sensational adventure novels by Gustave Aimard, Stevenson found himself disembarking at Castle Garden with two unexpected things: a companion by name of Jones and "the itch." His words to Colvin after his 10 day voyage at sea express it best – "I am not very well, bad food, bad air, and hard work, together with some d - d thing which is either inexpressible nettlerash or the hideous itch in person, have brought me down. But the spirits keep good." (Letter 643).

Stevenson and Jones escaped into Manhattan one hour before sunset on a warm day filled with a continuous downpour that would never let up during his time in the city. They made their way to Reunion House at #10 West Street – a "humble hostelry" where they shared a room, Stevenson on the floor; but neither slept well, as the itch had hold of them. The next evening Stevenson traveled up West Street to the Courtland Street Ferry Terminal of the Pennsylvania R&R and boarded a ferry to cross the Hudson to begin his journey by rail.

After an hour waiting in the cold, rain-filled night air, the Pennsylv-

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vania R&R employees finally unlocked the rail cars to allow boarding. The train departed Jersey City at 8:35pm, passing through Newark and the rest of New Jersey on its way to Philadelphia. It was only when he saw the lights of this city, some time around midnight, that Stevenson was finally able to rest as he “had been twice ordered to change carriages and twice countermanded.” It is his first time sleeping in America.

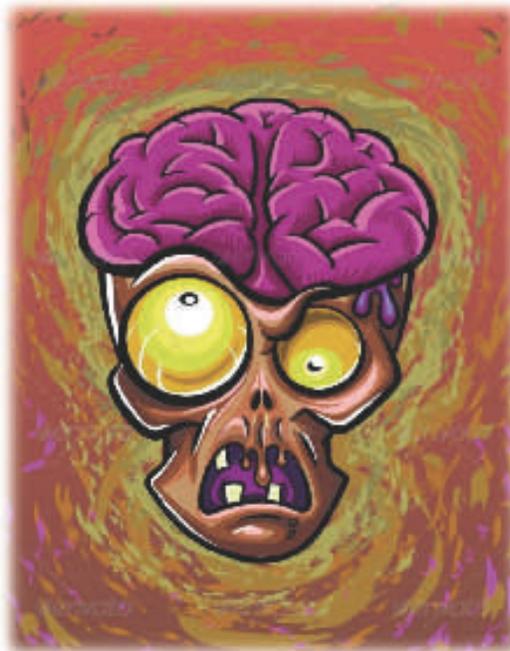
Now Arriving: Monterey

Arriving around 5:30 pm, the depot, built little more than 5 years earlier, stood on the sandy beach by the railroad's own wharf, just east of the outlet of the small estuary, El Estero, on Monterey Bay. The date was Saturday 30 August 1879.

Joe Strong, a painter and family friend of the Osbournes, met Stevenson and brought him into town; likely stopping at Rosanna Leese's wood framed rooming house first. Just south of Larkin House on Calle Principal, Joe gave up his room here to Stevenson since he could stay in his art studio. Then it was a short walk to Casa Bonaficio on Alvarado, where Fanny Osbourne had been living since early in the year with her children, Belle and young Sammy, and her youngest sister, Nellie.

It had been a little more than a year since Fanny, Belle, and Sammy had left Britain – but now the lovers were together again, for better or worse. His first week in Monterey was spent recovering from the journey and continuing efforts to cure “the itch” that continued to plague him. He also split time looking after his finances and writing letters; seeing as much as he could of Fanny, mindful that visits could cause gossip; and getting re-acquainted with her children. But Stevenson soon saw what had happened – the day to day life of the family Osbourne had now been complicated by his appearance and at any time Fanny's husband, Sam Osbourne, could visit from San Francisco and bring reality crashing down around him.

Thus, less than ten days after his arrival in Monterey, Stevenson decided to follow his own usual cure for anxiety and unhappiness and go on a walking tour – this time in the Carmel hills. After falling ill there, he was kindly cared for at a local goat ranch for several weeks. Upon his return, Fanny related her news to him. As soon as it could be done, she would return to Oakland. Her divorce, uncontested, would be carried forward in San Francisco, as quietly and as promptly as possible. Then after a few months they could marry... ■



Ready For a little Brainteaser This Halloween?
The Pub Quiz is back... Register if you dare!



Sunday, October 27, 2013

5-9pm

Redcoats, Downtown Pleasanton

Hosted by The St. Andrew's Society of Oakland

(serving Oakland and the east bay)



Get your team together and come join us for a spooktacular night of trivia, music and fun!

Come dressed in your Halloween costume and give us all a treat!

No trick questions - just good old fashioned trivia!

The Winning team will receive \$100 and there's plenty of runner-up goodies too!

\$22 per person (includes dinner)

REGISTER YOUR TEAM BY EMAIL:

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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,
California, U.S.A.

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

*The St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco cordially invites
you to join in celebrating it's*

150th Annual Banquet and Ball

Patron: His Grace the Duke of Hamilton

November 30th, 2013
Marine Memorial Club
Reception: 6:00 PM
Dinner and Dancing: 7:30

MacIntosh Band
Peninsula Fiddlers
Formal or Highland Dress

\$150 per couple (will rise to \$100 per person after November 1st)



Reservations:

Name _____ @ \$75 Beef or Salmon _____ sub total _____

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