



David Campbell, President

August 2018

President's Report

Dear St. Andrew's Society,

Pausing for a moment to take account of Summer thus far, and also to look forward briefly to the upcoming Pleasanton Highland Games, and the Fall season beyond.

First—kudos and thanks to Irené and Brian for helping get Summer off to a good start by generously hosting this year's class of Bay Area-based Saltire Foundation interns to a memorable BBQ in early July at their lovely home in San Mateo. Brian, Irené, and James were then off to Scotland shortly thereafter, so we'll have their report to look forward to upon their return (at our September 17th meeting).

Before moving on from Entrepreneurial Scotland—you should know that Rory Gammell has been accepted to its six month long Saltire Fellowship Programme. If I recall—his schedule will have him in Boston, affiliated with Babson College for some time, before returning to Scotland for the balance of the program. Congratulations Rory—we wish you well, and hope

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Scholarships Awarded to Students at San Jose State University

Learn about our Scholars in their Own Words.

By Tony Becker

This summer, after a rigorous process, SASSF awarded two scholarships to students at San Jose State University, San Jose. The awards are valued at up to \$6000 each, and the award-ees are **Kyle Currie** and **Fiona Dunbar**.



Kyle Currie

“As I grew up, our family moved through several countries across Europe and India as my father was involved in film, performance and Scottish cultural work. During our time away from Scotland, my parents made sure to remind me of my roots in Edinburgh and the Highlands. From this, I developed a keen interest to attend University in Scotland.



Fiona Dunbar

“Although native to the Bay Area, I have always been strongly influenced by my Scottish and English heritage, spending long summers throughout my youth in the places from which my parents originated: Caithness and the Cotswolds. Perhaps it was my experiences in those seemingly vast countryside locations that spurred my love for,

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that your future brings you back to SF when the timing is right. A final note regarding Entrepreneurial Scotland—we continue to be impressed by its good work and by the many young and mid-career lives that their programs influence, so we have pledged to step up our giving this year on behalf of the Saltire Foundation.

Later in July (7/20-22) the Rugby World Cup Sevens came to San Francisco's AT&T Park...what a weekend! I was able to attend two Games...on Friday Scotland miraculously overcame a 0-26 deficit in its amazing 2nd half come-from-behind 31-26 win over Kenya. On Sunday South Africa proved too strong for the lads—with Scotland dropping that match 0-36. Overall team Scotland finished in 7th place...not bad at all—well done Scottish Rugby Union! Congratulations also to the British American Business Council for helping organize and support the event...a very impressive endeavor.



Rugby World Cup Sevens—Sunday's match Scotland vs. USA.

That same weekend elsewhere—in Alameda...our several joint societies gathered at the lovely Encinal Yacht Club for our annual Ceilidh. Alan Purves, Susan Spiegel, and the whole organizing committee put together a very fine evening...which enjoyed a healthy turnout ~85. Our Society was well-represented: the McCrossans, Koyils, and Carys, Jean & Jek, Susan & Furio;



Alan Purves guides Whisky tasting at Summer Ceilidh (July 21).



Summer Ceilidh at Alameda's Encinal Yacht Club—Rosemary Mucklow (far R) and friends.



Alan donning his newly knit cap after his well-attended Whisky tasting.

Laurien, Michael, Fred M, Roger; Rory, Sam & Anna were all there to enjoy the evening. I also invited four guests to come along...they too had a great time, were quite impressed with the evening—and especially enjoyed Alan's Whisky tasting!

The past couple weeks have been no less busy...on August 14th the University of Edinburgh sponsored our co-hosted event at the firehouse—its annual new student reception. Later that same week—Rory, as mentioned was seen off and his SF stint feted by his mates at a going-away celebration.



Hosting the new student reception with the University of Edinburgh (August 14). Regional Directors North America, Scott McQuarrie (third from L) and Sara Normand Cavalieri (third from R).

Just last week in representing our SAS—I was invited to Join American Friends of Erskine President Davie Scott and representatives Alan Purves and Floyd Busby for a memorable afternoon and photo opportunity—the ceremonial presentation of our \$15,000 check in support of the very worthy Erskine cause... great work lads! Thanks and kudos also to Tony Becker for his very fine article, acknowledging Erskine's work at home in Scotland and here abroad in The States; and for his equally complimentary article which highlighted two of our 2018 scholarship recipients Fiona Dunbar and Kyle Currie (both attending SJSU in the Fall). For both articles please see the link below.

www.americeltic.net/newsletter

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Scholarship Awardees

Kyle Currie

My interests in the environment and nature were spawned early in life. I realized that there is an impending need to protect and sustain our sensitive world from environmental degradation and arrest the extinction of important species. I have been proactive in my vocation to the extent that I had completed my scuba diving license at the age of 13. Since then I have attended various international gatherings and voluntary programs surrounding marine biology and conservation before beginning my university degree.

When blessed with the opportunity to depart on an exchange program to San Jose State University and Moss Landing Marine Laboratory, I could not let the opportunity escape me. Since then I have decided to stay in California and pursue my academics at SJSU as a fully enrolled SJSU student. I hope to in the near future participate in a hands-on conservation and research project to protect and assist coral reefs and keystone species such as sharks and coral species, to bring awareness and commitment to the commercialisation of environmental protection.

Although my vocation lies in Marine Biology, I also have passion for more subtle artistic outlets, in acting and theatre which likely stem from my father's influence. You may also find me on the weekends sneaking in a quick kite surfing session by the water or practicing a new beat on the drums.

I believe SJSU has the opportunities to fulfill my academic potential with the warm encouragement of The St. Andrews Society of San Francisco.”

Fiona Dunbar

and interest in, the natural world, and which has charted my professional and personal life over the years.

At Pitzer College in Claremont, California, I was an art student and athlete, with additional interests in environmental studies and sociology. I taught elementary school children science and ecology on the Central Coast, and in San Francisco, I worked with children in public schools as a garden teacher, while studying horticulture and landscape design. At The Conway School of Landscape Design, I earned a Master of Arts degree in Ecological Design. Returning to the Bay Area, I took up work designing, installing, and tending residential gardens, with a particular interest in growing food. In recent years, I helped seniors grow their own food and flowers, adapting activities to meet physical and cognitive limitations, and bringing garden activities indoors to assisted living and skilled nursing centers. Working with the elderly broadened my worldview, instilled new understanding of meaningful living and the importance of human connections throughout life, and brought awareness of personal aptitudes and interests.

At San Jose State University, I am embarking on a Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy so that I may join a field which combines my interests, strengths and experiences in many exciting ways. I aim for a holistic approach to healing, recovery, learning and adaptation for clients of any age and background, so they may be active participants in their lives and health.

When not getting dirty in the garden, or studying in the classroom, I cycle, swim, walk my dog through the regional parks, cook, read, and struggle to play bluegrass and oldtime music on the fiddle.”

**Clash For The
ASHES**

September 8th, 2018
10 am - 5pm

 Australian American
Chamber of Commerce
San Francisco

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Piper Park, Larkspur

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more information
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babcsf.org

Scottish Saltires BBQ

By Irené Waldman Costello

Once again, the St Andrew's Society was delighted to host the eight Scottish Saltire students who have made their way to the USA to intern with companies based in the bay area. Four students came from Strathclyde University, studying mechanical engineering (Stephen Armstrong), bio-medical engineering (Sarah Masterson & Ellie Blues), and product design engineering (Kristofer McAdam), while others (Emily Young) studied Computing Science and Business Management at Glasgow. Of course, we had our political discussions too, with Rhea Karpe from St Andrews, studying Economics, and sciences with Matthew Robb from Heriot-Watt University studying physics and lastly Kuljeet Singh who is studying International Business and Finance at Glasgow Caledonian University. Kuljeet won the UK intern of the Year 2017, and is currently a Business Finance Analyst at Cisco. The event was also attended by David Campbell, David & Francesca McCrossan, and Allen & Jeannie Cary. We served a traditional American BBQ, with burgers, coleslaw and potato salad, followed by desserts!



What I love the most about this event each year is that it re-ignites my hope for the future. Scotland is producing incredibly talented and educated young adults. And they were so conversational! I learned that Matthew's dad owns the hair salon in Falkland where I will get my hair done when we next visit Scotland—it is my local! And Kuljeet and Brian all agreed that the BEST bridie and pie that anyone can ever get in Scotland is from Bennetts in Dunblane. Brian and I had

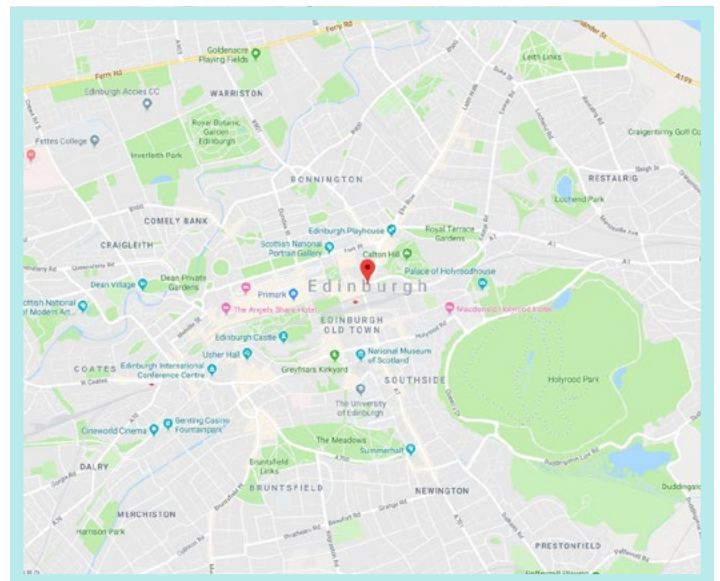
the pleasure of getting our Hogmany Steak Pies from there a couple of years ago and we have been raving about them ever since. We talked about differences in the cultures, work ethics, politics, Theresa May and Irn Bru!

The passion and pride that engulfs these conversations is exciting! All Scottish people LOVE to rant and rave about all the good things that they love about the country and there is a lot to be said! The visit could not have been better timed as Brian and I get ready for our summer retreat to Falkland. I wish you all a fabulous summer and hope everyone has a good story to share when we regroup in September!

Parking Tickets Now Less Than Meters

Last February Edinburgh transport officials announced they were hiking the hourly rate for street parking by as much as 11% in some areas. However, motorists quickly realized that parking fines were not increased in tandem, so it is now possible to park illegally for a full eight-hour workday (and pay the ticket) for less than the cost of feeding the meter. For example, the new hourly rate on Charlotte Square, George Street and St. Andrews Square is £4.20 per hour, while a ticket, if paid within 14 days, would cost £30, a savings of £3.60 (about \$5). "It would be rather selfish of people to decide to occupy a parking space in this way at the expense of others and despite knowing that it's breaking the rules," said the city's transport and environment convener Lesley Macinnes.

This article was first published in the Summer 2018 edition of Scottish Life magazine.



Scottish Influence on Bay Area Civic Institutions

By Jack Ryder

Following the tremendously warm response to my article about Scottish architect, T. Paterson Ross, I decided to follow it up with some additional facts regarding the influence some of the original Scottish settlers to the Bay Area have had on our civic institutions.

Bowling Greens & Golden Gate Park

San Francisco City Landmark 181 was California's first municipal bowling greens. Established on 7 October, 1901 by the St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco as the San Francisco Scottish Bowling Club, Golden Gate Park Superintendent, John McLaren located the greens near Sharon Meadow at the southeastern edge of the park.



John McLaren was Superintendent of Golden Gate Park from 1890 to 1943, and more than one million trees were planted during his 53-year tenure. The 21-acre Rhododendron Dell was developed in his memory after his death in 1943.

"This pleasant sport has been held in high repute in the British Isles and its introduction on this coast would be beneficial to both young and old alike as it combines an exercise with the pleasures of amusement. The ground for its site has been graded, loamed, and manured, and it is in a square about 150 feet in each direction. Plantations have been formed on its margins giving it a secluded air." – John McLaren

The Women's Lawn Bowling Club was organized in 1912, and a second green opened for their group in 1913.

Renamed The San Francisco Lawn Bowling Club in 1931, The San Francisco Scottish Bowling Club was the first municipal lawn bowling green opened in the United States, and the oldest club on the west coast. In 1979 the club merged with the Women's Lawn Bowling Club, and since combining have won several national honors.

San Francisco City Hall & the Palace of Fine Arts

Scot, James "Sunny Jim" Rolph, the club's first treasurer, was elected Mayor of San Francisco in 1912, and was instrumental in the building of the current City Hall, as well as hosting the Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915 in San Francisco. Bernard Maybeck designed the Palace of Fine Arts for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The Palace of Fine Arts and Bill Graham Auditorium are the only two remaining structures from that World's Fair.

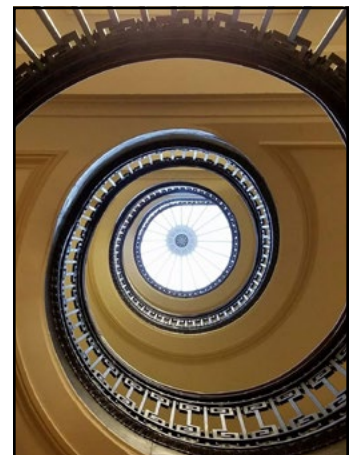
It was during Mayor Rolph's administration that the Hetch Hetchy water and power system was built.



San Francisco City Hall

Mechanics' Institute

The first Mechanics' Institute opened in Edinburgh in 1821 to provide educational opportunities for working men. It included an adult school, library, and an exhibit featuring tools for men in the manufacturing and building trades. Within a few years, more Mechanics' Institutes sprang up in other English-speaking countries, including England, Australia, and later Canada and the United States. By 1841, there were 300 Mechanics' Institutes in Great Britain alone. Education became not just a path to better professions, but a way of life. To learn



Mechanics' Institute

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A proud moment in support of the American Friends of Erskine Hospitals (AFOEH) great work on behalf of Scottish Veterans. Caledonians Davie Scott, Alan Purves, and Floyd Busby along side Pleasanton FRB Branch Manager Ricky

A few dates/events to keep in mind upcoming this Fall: the Tannahill Weavers are scheduled to play at Berkeley's Freight & Salvage (Sunday 9/16); our monthly meeting for September (Monday 9/17); an SASSF-sponsored outing to the Robert Louis Stevenson Museum in St. Helena (date TBD); and of course—our annual Banquet & Ball (Saturday 12/1).

...But while it's still Summer, we have next weekend to look forward—perhaps the highlight of the year: The Annual Pleasanton Highland Games at the Alameda County Fairgrounds (Sept. 1-2). Allen, Francesca, and Susan are doing a great job lining it all up, including e-mail reminders with request—to come out and help staff our SAS booth. Please note that there will be a change of layout this year, as the Clans & Societies area is being shifted to the NW by a short distance. Stay tuned for further details.

Looking forward to seeing you—our Society and friends at The Games, at September's meeting, and at events this Fall and beyond...

Yours in service,

David Campbell, President

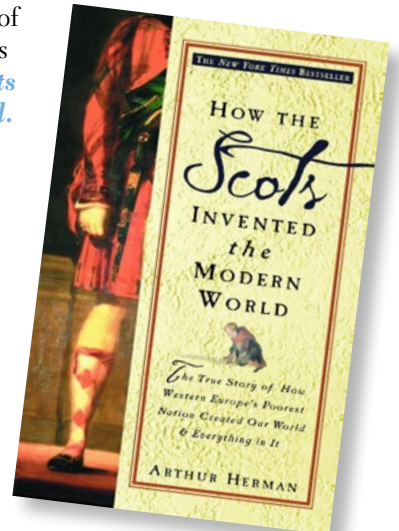
St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco

Scottish Influence

more about Scotland's legacy of literacy, read Arthur Herman's excellent book, *How the Scots Invented the Modern World*.

The Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco, where I am a member, opened its doors in 1854, and predated the San Francisco Public Library. It has been located at 57 Post Street since 1912, and is one of the finest libraries in San Francisco. Andrew Hallidie was a community leader and key contributor to the innovation and technology fairs hosted by the mechanics', which helped promote local industry. Although he was born in London, he was of Scottish descent. Those fairs paved the way for San Francisco to host the Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915.

These are only a few of the civic institutions in the Bay Area founded with Scottish influence that we enjoy today. As the newly appointed Historian for the Society, I will feature interesting Bay Area connections to Scotland on an ongoing basis.



FREIGHT & SALVAGE
2020 Addison Street / Berkeley, CA 94704

rollicking tour of the Scottish traditional landscape
Tannahill Weavers

Sunday, September 16th
Doors: 6:00 pm / Show: 7:00 pm
\$22 ADV / \$26 DOOR (plus fees)

The Tannahill Weavers stand out among Scotland's premier traditional bands, weaving the beauty of classic melodies with the power of modern rhythms. The group features founding member Roy Gullane on guitar and lead vocals, founding member Phil Smillie on flute and bodhran, John Martin on fiddle, and Colin Melville on bagpipes.

To purchase tickets and to learn more about the band visit thefrieght.org

150th Anniversary of Charles Rennie Mackintosh

By Irené Waldman Costello

2018 is the 150th anniversary of the birth of celebrated Glasgow architect, designer and artist Charles Rennie Mackintosh (1868–1928). Glasgow Museums will celebrate this significant anniversary with a major new temporary exhibition at [Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum](#). The exhibition is one of the key events in the city-wide Mackintosh 2018 program. Following the recent fire in June, this exhibition seems to have much more meaning for me too. Scotland has lost a significant part of its living memories of Charles Rennie Mackintosh and these exhibitions will help maintain his memory and his contributions to our society.

The exhibition will span the lifetime of Charles Rennie Mackintosh (1868–1928) and will take a chronological and thematic narrative, placing Mackintosh at the core of the story. It will present his work in the context of Glasgow, his key predecessors, influences and contemporaries, particularly those working in the Glasgow Style.

‘The Glasgow Style’ is the popular term given to the design and decorative arts centered around the work by teachers, students and graduates of The Glasgow School of Art produced between about 1890 and 1920. At the core of this style is the work of The Four: Charles Rennie Mackintosh, his future wife Margaret Macdonald, her younger sister Frances Macdonald and Frances’s future husband, James Herbert McNair. Glasgow was the birthplace of the only Art Nouveau ‘movement’ in the UK and its style made ripples internationally.

The exhibition will present the very best of Glasgow’s internationally important civic collections, drawing from both those of Glasgow Museums and The Mitchell Library and Archives. A number of these civic works have never previously been on public display, and the majority has not been shown in Glasgow for 30 or more years. The exhibition will also include important loans from private and public collections. About 250 objects will be on display across the full spectrum of media, including stained glass, ceramics, mosaic, metalwork, furniture, stenciling, embroidery, graphics, books, interiors and architecture. The act of making will be displayed across this breadth of media—both through the exhibition and the accompanying event program—to truly engage and inspire audiences of all ages to visit the other Mackintosh-related buildings and collections in and around Glasgow, and to make and create.




Variation of the Glasgow Rose, designed by Mackintosh.



Drawing of the Blue Heart window at Queen’s Cross Church, Glasgow, by Gerald Blaikie

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Julie Fowlis

Gaelic singer **Julie Fowlis** is deeply influenced by her early upbringing in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland. She will forever be recognized for singing the theme songs to Brave, Disney Pixar's award-winning animated film, set in the ancient highlands of Scotland. With a career spanning ten years and four studio albums, her 'crystalline' and 'intoxicating' vocals have enchanted audiences around the world.

Event Details
Sunday, October 14, 3:00 pm
Weill Hall

Artist
Julie Fowlis

Mastercard performance series

SPECIAL EVENT - Scotch tasting with Julie Fowlis and her band

Join the artists at Prelude Restaurant immediately following the concert for a guided tour of Scotches from their homeland (and maybe a couple of similar items from nearby). \$30 in addition to your concert ticket.

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Weill Hall

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Julie Fowlis and her band

Sunday, October 14
3:00 PM Weill Hall,
Green Music Center
Sonoma State University

Scotch tasting after
the performance.

Free outdoor showing
of the film **BRAVE**
5:30 PM on Weill Lawn.
Bring your blankets,
chairs and picnics.

To purchase tickets and
for additional information visit:
gmc.sonoma.edu

Dear St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco:

I am from Scotland, and a writer of exciting and engaging Scottish short stories filled with contemporary storylines, Scottish nostalgia, folklore, mysticism and historical fiction around major events in Scotland's past (including the battle of Culloden, the Clearances and Emigration to the New World for example).

My books are available as e-books or paperbacks and can be purchased on-line including through AMAZON (and Amazon Kindle) and Waterstones. A synopsis of each book content can be seen here:

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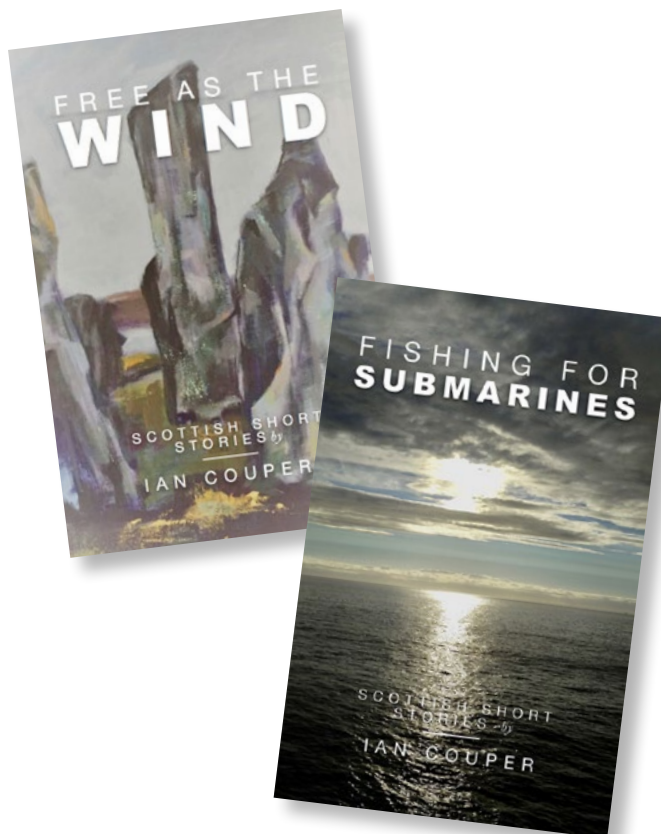
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Further information that will be of interest as well as purchasing links can be seen elsewhere throughout the **website**.

Please contact me should you require any further information at ian@ic-booksandmusic.co.uk

Thanking you in anticipation.

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

155th Annual

Banquet & Ball

**Saturday,
December 1, 2018**

Marines' Memorial Club
609 Sutter St.
San Francisco, CA

Reception: 6:00 PM
(No Host Bar)

Dinner, Evening Program
and Dancing: 7:00 PM



Formal or Highland Dress
Recommended

Please visit our website for more
information, including online
registration and ticket sales available
from mid-September.

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Robert Burns
(1759–1796)

*The St. Andrew's Society
of San Francisco*

Burns Supper

Friday, February 8, 2019

Save the date for the annual commemoration of the
anniversary of the birth of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns
with a traditional Burns Night Supper.

at

The City Club

155 Sansome St., 10th floor, San Francisco, CA 94104

6:00 PM: No Host Cocktails

7:00 PM: Dinner & Entertainment

Formal Attire Encouraged

For enquiries contact Allen Cary (2nd VP) at:
2ndVP@saintandrewssocietysf.org

Tickets will be available through the Society's website,
saintandrewssociety.org, beginning in December.

Meeting & Events Schedule

Date	Event / Topic	Location / Notes
2018		
Sept. 1–2	Caledonian Club's 153rd Highland Games & Gathering.....	Pleasanton, CA
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
Sun. Nov. 25	Tartan Service	Grace Cathedral, SF
Sat. Dec. 1	155th Annual St. Andrew's Banquet & Ball	Marines' Club, SF
Mon. Dec. 17	No Meeting due to December 31st. Hogmanay Celebration	
Mon. Dec. 31	Hogmanay Celebration.....	1088 Green St., SF
2019		
Mon. Jan. 21	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD)	1088 Green St., SF
Fri. Feb. 8	Annual Robert Burns Supper.....	The City Club, SF
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
Mon. April 15	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD).....	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. April 20	John Muir Day / Earth Day celebration.....	NPS – Martinez, CA
Mon. May 20	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD).....	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. June 17	Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD).....	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. July 15	No Meeting (Summer Recess)	
Sat. July 20	Summer Ceilidh at Encinal Yacht Club	Alameda, CA
Mon. Aug. 19	No Meeting (Summer Recess)	

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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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