



Francesca McCrossan, President

February 2019

President's Message

Dear St. Andrew's Society,

It's a season of firsts. We have just held our first Burns Supper at the City Club of San Francisco. It was a spectacularly successful evening and I would like to heartily and warmly thank our new 1st VP, Allen Cary. Through his dedicated efforts, 150 people filled the room, and many of our guests were new to the event. We think that the City Club venue helped attract people who would otherwise not thought of coming and we're delighted to reach out to and welcome new friends and potential members. We all enjoyed excellent music by our guest Piper, Lynn Miller, the Peninsula Scottish Fiddlers, and singer Katina Mitchell. Our Bard Jek Cunningham provided the Address to the Haggis, and in another first, we had an excellent and highly amusing Toast to the Lassies and Reply from the Lassies from our first husband and wife team, Irené Waldman-Costello and Brian Costello. Irené is our new 2nd VP, and Brian is in the new class of Trustees who take office at the February meeting.



It was my first Society event as your new President, and I am still reflecting on how much support there is for me, as the Society's first woman president. Many people I spoke to told me that the Society's decision to elevate a woman to the top leadership position made a difference in their decisions to attend Burns and future events, and to consider becoming a member. It is one thing to know intellectually that this change would make a difference. It is entirely another to see and hear the effects of the change.



25th Annual PBFSCO Burns Supper—(from left to right) Stephen Lind (President, PBFSCO), **Rob Tysinger** (Chief of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco), **Francesca McCrossan** (President, the St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco), and **John Houston** (President, Oakland St. Andrew's Society).

My proudest moment as your new President came as an absolute surprise to me, and for those of you who know me, you'll understand the magnitude of its impact when I tell you it was hard to find words afterwards. Through outreach to the First Minister of Scotland's office, Brian Costello was able to secure a letter of welcome to our Burns guests from the Rt. Hon Nicola

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President's Message

Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland. She recognized the Society's work supporting Scottish culture and causes, and congratulated me as the first woman president. To say that I was gobsmacked is an understatement. To have our efforts to support Scottish culture, and change the Society to recognize values of inclusion and equity recognized by Minister Sturgeon, is the kind of recognition that should make us all proud and help us recognize the magnitude of change on a small scale as it affects change in society on a larger scale.



Francesca McCrossan, President of the St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco.

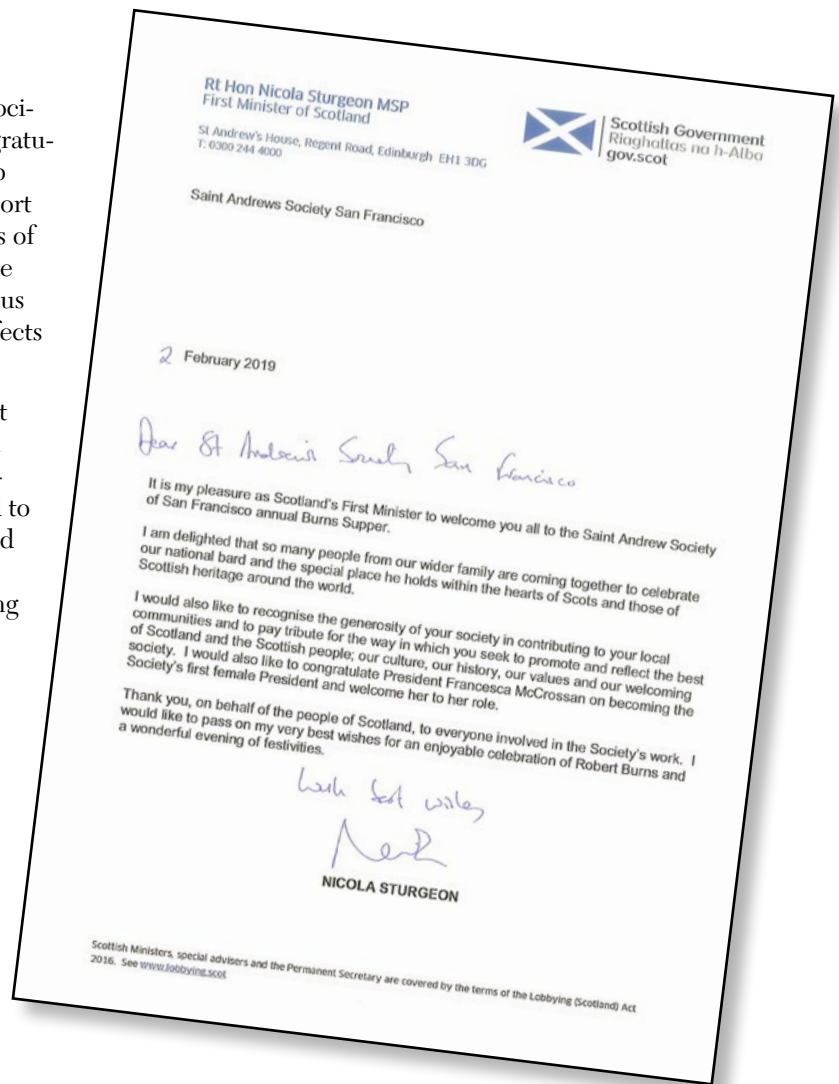
(Daughter's of the British Empire) one of our sister organizations.

Warmly,

Francesca M. McCrossan

President, St Andrew's Society of San Francisco

With this amazing support from across the Pond and throughout our own community, I am truly excited to be your new President and I look forward to growing the Society and celebrating Scottish Culture with all of you. And finally, please join us at our February meeting where we will welcome our colleagues, Edith Caponigro and Pam Stewart, who are the current National President and Vice President of DBE



Saint Andrew's Society of San Francisco Reading Group

The Society now has a reading group for members to share their thoughts and recommendations on their favorite books.

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for more information and if you wish to join.





St. Andrew's Society's 2019
Burns Supper
hosted at the City Club in San Francisco.



The Great Storm of 1968

During 1968, the total number of deaths registered in Scotland was 63,311: male deaths numbered 32,146, and 31,165 were female. The 'Annual Report of the Registrar General for Scotland' records that the cause of deaths varied from illness to accidental death and old age. It also reports that 17 deaths that year were attributed to a 'cataclysm' which occurred during severe storms in the new year, although the total was later confirmed to be 21.

On the night of Sunday 14 January and morning of Monday 15 January 1968 hurricane force winds hit the city of Glasgow before travelling across central Scotland. The impact of the gale was felt particularly across the Central Lowlands, but southern Scotland from Tiree to the Firth of Tay and Kintyre to Edinburgh was also affected. Winds as strong as 130 mph were recorded by the Meteorological Office.

The damage was catastrophic. No-one had been warned about the impending storm and the emergency services were unprepared. Originating in the Bahamas, the storm was expected to push past the west coast of Scotland making little contact with the mainland. When it met another weather front, however, it changed direction and headed up the River Clyde. In addition to claiming the lives of 21 people, more than 100 were injured. Around 250,000 homes were damaged across Scotland, resulting in almost 2,000 people becoming temporarily homeless.

The storm, named Hurricane Low Q, arrived during the night, when most people were at home in bed, blowing in house and shop windows, tearing roofs off buildings and trees from the ground. Cars were crushed by falling masonry and chimney stacks fell straight through tenements. It remains one of the greatest natural disasters in Scotland.



A car crushed by falling masonry in Glasgow.
(Image courtesy of The British Newspaper Archive)

In flats in Dumbarton Road, Glasgow, Annie Best and her 4 year old daughter Angela, who had travelled from England to attend Annie's mother's funeral, were sleeping when the storm hit. Next door slept Janet Gowran and her 10 year old daughter Nancy. All four died when a chimney stack fell through the roof. It took rescuers 12 hours to find their bodies in the basement of the tenement.

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| (1) Name(s) and Surname | Angela Tracy Best | | (2) Sex | F |
| (3) Occupation | - | | | |
| (4) Marital Status | - | (5) Date of Birth | 20 / 9 / 1963 | (6) Age |
| (7) Name, Surname and Occupation of Spouse(s) | - | | | |
| (8) When and Where Died | 19.68... January Fifteenth about 3h. on AM. 535 Dumbarton Road Glasgow | | | |
| (9) Usual Residence (if different from Place of Death) | 6 Rose Street Rothbarrow, Swindon | | | |
| (10) Name(s), Surname and Occupation of Father | Eric Best Motor Mechanic | | (11) Name(s), Surname(s) and Maiden Surname of Mother Annie Murdoch Best ne. M. Altherton | |
| (12) Cause of Death | I (a) Crush Injuries (b) | | | |

Death entry of Angela Best.

(National Records of Scotland, Statutory Register of Deaths, 1968, 644/6 75)

Falling chimney stacks resulted in other deaths that evening, including one man who was killed in bed when a chimney fell through his roof in Willowpark Street, Glasgow, and another in Wellfield Street. A 5 year old girl was killed and her sister was seriously injured when a chimney head crashed through a roof in Port Street, Glasgow. Four month old Isobel Hunter miraculously survived, however, when a chimney fell through the roof of her home in Dumbarton. It hit her pram which fell through the floor. Firemen, police and neighbours dug for an hour through rubble to find her smiling up at them.

In a tragic turn of events, Hugh Timmone, aged 24, died when a tree was blown into his car as he drove his wife Evelyn to hospital to give birth to his son Andrew. Another man, who had taken his wife to the maternity hospital before the storm hit, returned home to find his flat had collapsed.

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| (1) Name(s) and Surname | Hugh Timmone | | (2) Sex | M. |
| (3) Occupation | Van Driver | | | |
| (4) Marital Status | Married | (5) Date of Birth | 18 / 3 / 1943 | (6) Age |
| (7) Name, Surname and Occupation of Spouse(s) | Evelyn M. Lindsay | | | |
| (8) When and Where Died | 19.68... January Fifteenth 3h. 10 on. A.M. Main Street, Bonhill, near junction with Dalrymple Lane | | | |
| (9) Usual Residence (if different from Place of Death) | 96 Bridge Street Alexandria | | | |
| (10) Name(s), Surname and Occupation of Father | James Timmone Travelling Worker (Deceased) | | (11) Name(s), Surname(s) and Maiden Surname of Mother Margaret Timmone n. S. Nixon | |
| (12) Cause of Death | I (a) Multiple injuries (b) Road Traffic Accident | | | |

Death entry of Hugh Timmone

(National Records of Scotland, Statutory Register of Deaths, 1968, 493/18)

Newspapers also reported on the desperate conditions at sea for ships. In the North Sea 19 men in the rig 'Sea Quest' were tossed around by 25 feet waves and two newly built vessels, one a 15,000 ton refrigerated ship, broke away from their moorings. Joseph Ayre, the ship's cook, Ewen Morrison a deckhand, and Matthew Hanton, a boiler-man, all drowned when the Clyde

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The Great Storm

Port Authority dredger 'Cessnock' capsized and sank 300 yards off Princess Pier, Greenock.

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| (1) Name(s) and Surname | Joseph Ayre | | | (2) Sex | mm |
| (3) Occupation | Ship Cook | | | | |
| (4) Marital Status | (5) Date of Birth | (6) Age | | | |
| Married | 24 / 4 / 1920 | 41 years | | | |
| (7) Name, Surname and Occupation of Spouse(s) | Margaret Rae Mrs. J. Ayre | | | | |
| (8) When and Where Died | 1968 January Fifteenth about 4.30 am. P.M. Lower River Clyde off Princess Pier, Greenock 9 Dunmore Road, Greenock, Glasgow W.5. | | | | |
| (9) Usual Residence (if different from Place of Death) | | | | | |
| (10) Name(s), Surname and Occupation of Father | (11) Name(s), Surname(s) and Maiden Surname of Mother | | | | |
| John Hogg Ayre Ship Cook | Elizabeth Ayre Mrs. J. | | | | |
| (12) Cause of Death | I (a) Drowning (b) | | | | |

Death entry of Joseph Ayre

(National Records of Scotland, Statutory Register of Deaths, 1968, 564/118)

Lee Meow Kua was a Malaysian physiotherapist living in Glasgow. She died at the Western Infirmary on the morning of 15 January from crush injuries she sustained in the storm.

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| (1) Name(s) and Surname | Lee Meow Kua | | | (2) Sex | F |
| (3) Occupation | Physiotherapist | | | | |
| (4) Marital Status | (5) Date of Birth | (6) Age | | | |
| Married | 20 / 10 / 1941 | 26 years | | | |
| (7) Name, Surname and Occupation of Spouse(s) | Lee Kia Kua Student of Engineering | | | | |
| (8) When and Where Died | 1968 January Fifteenth about 5h. 15m. P.M. Western Infirmary, Glasgow | | | | |
| (9) Usual Residence (if different from Place of Death) | 32 Clouston Street, Glasgow | | | | |
| (10) Name(s), Surname and Occupation of Father | (11) Name(s), Surname(s) and Maiden Surname of Mother | | | | |
| Lee King Wong Landowner | Koi Yung Wong Mrs. Lee | | | | |
| (12) Cause of Death | I (a) Crush injuries (b) | | | | |

Death entry of Lee Kua

(National Records of Scotland, Statutory Register of Deaths, 1968, 645/3 75)

In Edinburgh, William Anderson, a printer's packer, and his wife Elsie died in their home at 7 Northcote Street, Edinburgh, when masonry fell through their bedroom. In the following months, the 'Glasgow Herald' reported that fourteen families who had lived in the four-storey tenement with the Anderson family were too afraid to return to the building because of its unsafe condition after the storm.

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| (1) Name(s) and Surname | William Anderson | | | (2) Sex | M. |
| (3) Occupation | Printer's Packer | | | | |
| (4) Marital Status | (5) Date of Birth | (6) Age | | | |
| Married | 7 / 7 / 1909 | 58 years | | | |
| (7) Name, Surname and Occupation of Spouse(s) | Elsie Muir | | | | |
| (8) When and Where Died | 1968 January Fifteenth 5h. 30m. A.M. 7 Northcote Street, Edinburgh | | | | |
| (9) Usual Residence (if different from Place of Death) | | | | | |
| (10) Name(s), Surname and Occupation of Father | (11) Name(s), Surname(s) and Maiden Surname of Mother | | | | |
| William Anderson Mason (retired) | Charlotte Brown Anderson Mrs. Milne (Deceased) | | | | |
| (12) Cause of Death | I (a) Asphyxia and Cardiac Inhibition (b) Pressure on neck (c) Falling masonry | | | | |

Death entry of William Anderson

(National Records of Scotland, Statutory Register of Deaths, 1968, 685/1 84)

Other areas outside Glasgow and Edinburgh were also affected by the hurricane. In Fife, which suffered damage to 4,500 local authority properties and 2,000 private homes, the Reverend Alexander Cameron and his wife were seriously injured when a chimney head crashed through the roof of their house. In Dundee Mr and Mrs Alexander Clark woke when their living room ceiling fell in after two chimney heads crashed through their house.

Ex-Prime Minister Edward Heath commented on the tragedy saying 'it is hard to visualise what happens when three tonnes of solid masonry falls through a roof, it goes through the roof, the next floor and the next, creating a bomb crater in the basement, leaving only death behind it.'

The Queen sent a message to the Secretary of State for Scotland sending 'our deepest sympathy to those who have been bereaved, and to those who have suffered in the devastation.'

Those left alive and uninjured faced the task of rebuilding their homes. The storms highlighted the poor conditions of many properties across Scotland, particularly in Glasgow, where 52 buildings had collapsed in the hurricane and almost 29,000 roofs were damaged. Many thousands of properties were considered to be unfit for habitation or became irreversibly sub-standard in their condition. For over a year after the storm, a lack of workmen available to mend the damaged properties left families to live with tarpaulins over the holes in their roofs. The total cost of damage to property across Scotland was £30 million.

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From Protecting Our History to the Fashion World

By Kenny Smith - 21st January 2019



The Women of the Crown collection is coming to Edinburgh Castle.

Historic Environment Scotland is Scotland's leading public body charged, to care, protect and promote the country's proud past.

But now it's entered into a partnership with a difference, which will see it enter the fashion world.

HES has collaborated with fashion designer Jeff Garner of label Prophetik on the 2019, Mary Queen of Scots inspired collection and retail range.

Edinburgh Castle's Great Hall is to host its first ever fashion show, *Women of the Crown*, on 7 February 2019. Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and American fashion designer, Jeff Garner, from fashion label Prophetik, will pay tribute to the original Royal fashion icon—Mary Queen of Scots.

Women of the Crown will be a catwalk show, showcasing this exclusive collection for the first time before it travels to London Fashion Week. In conjunction with Prophetik, HES will also launch a new range of products inspired by Mary Queen of Scots.

Throughout the event, in the neighboring Queen Anne Room there will be an array of unique Scottish suppliers and brands that have featured within the show and new retail range. Kirkcaldy Linens, Lochcarron of Scotland and Knockando Woolen Mill are among the brands included.

Renowned violinist, Analiza Ching will also perform at the show. With her unique musical talent Analiza has enchanted audi-

ences around the world and performed alongside high profile personalities such as Sir Cliff Richard and Dame Shirley Bassey.

Natasha Troitino, head of retail for HES, said: 'We are delighted to have this unique opportunity to work with an haute couture international designer to produce a capsule range of products inspired by Mary Queen of Scots.'

'The creation of Jeff Garner's 2019 collection, based on our historic sites and the story of Mary Queen of Scots, has provided a platform to showcase the rich abundance of creative industries Scotland has to offer, something which HES is passionate about. Along with the release of the film, *Mary Queen of Scots*, Scotland continues to be celebrated internationally and secure its place within modern culture.'

Jeff Garner's relationship with Historic Environment Scotland started with a chance meeting at *Dressed to Kilt* in Houston, TX, where he was inspired to weave the rich history of Scotland into his new collection. HES provided Garner with historical information and resources, alongside the inspiration of their stunning properties, many of which Mary Queen of Scots visited.

Jeff said: 'Women of the Crown defines a past when young Kings had regents and strong Queens ruled countries and inspired arts. Mary Queen of Scots brought the beauty of fabrics to lighten the castles of Scotland.'

This article was first published in Scottish Field magazine 21 January 2019.

SAVE THE DATE!

Ladies Afternoon Tea



at the
Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco
Sunday 5th May , 2019

Approx 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

We are thrilled to announce that the Annual Ladies Tea will be hosted on Sunday 5th May at the prestigious Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco.

Spots will be limited.

If you are interested and would like to reserve your spot now,
please contact irenewaldman@yahoo.com

Registration Closes on April 19, 2019



More details
to follow.

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Exploring Scotland's Architectural Legacy

May 18–26, 2019



Scotland's architecture heritage is rich and varied—from medieval castles to palatial homes to Georgian townhouses to cutting-edge modern structures. Sir John Soane had a great appreciation for the Scottish architect Robert Adam and his understanding of Neoclassical architecture and interior design. Join us as we visit an Adam-designed townhouse, as well as works by other key architects who have left their mark in Scotland, and beyond. We will examine buildings designed by architects, including William Henry Playfair, who transformed Edinburgh in the 1800s, and Charles Rennie Mackintosh, known for his Art Nouveau-inspired buildings in Glasgow. This exclusive journey features private visits to Hawthornden Castle, the Georgian House, Broomhall House, and more.

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and registration forms.**

Meeting & Events Schedule

| Date | Event / Topic | Location / Notes |
|------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| 2019 | | |
| Mon. Feb. 18 | Member Meeting (Edith Caponigro & Pam Stewart, National President & VP of DBE) | 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 |
| Sun. May 5 | Ladies Afternoon Tea | Fairmont Hotel, SF |
| 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) | |
| Aug. 31-Sept. 1 | Caledonian Club's 154th Highland Games & Gathering | Pleasanton, CA |
| Mon. Sept. 16 | Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD) | 1088 Green St., SF |
| Mon. Oct. 21 | Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD) | 1088 Green St., SF |
| Sun. Nov. 10 | Remembrance Day Service | Grace Cathedral, SF |
| Mon. Nov. 18 | Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD) | 1088 Green St., SF |
| Sat. Dec. 7 | 156th Annual St. Andrew's Banquet & Ball | Marines' Club, SF |
| Mon. Dec. 16 | No Meeting due to December 31st. Hogmanay Celebration | |
| Tues. Dec. 31 | Hogmanay Celebration | 1088 Green St., SF |
| 2020 | | |
| Mon. Jan. 20 | Member Meeting (speaker/topic TBD) | 1088 Green St., SF |
| Fri. Feb. 7 | Annual Robert Burns Supper | The City Club, SF |

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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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