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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Summer is here! Time to bring out the light-weight kilts and wear them to the Dundee Games on July 16th.

Be sure to read the information about the July 23rd picnic, at which we will present scholarships to 3 outstanding young people. The Scholarship committee pours over every application and often has a tough time deciding on the winners. This year, they have picked 3 amazing young people, all with Scots heritage. Thank you, for your efforts, committee members.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Chief Emeritus Don Flatt earlier this week. Don was Chief from 2000-2003. Because we learned of this after the fact, the Society was only able to send a sympathy card. If you learn of a member or member's family passing on, please let one of the Trustees know right away. We try to have a presence at funerals, especially of former Chiefs. Send a card to June Flatt, 220 Steuben St. Montour Falls, NY 14865, to offer your support.

Linda and I just returned from Perth, Ontario, where she did some useful family research. This coming weekend is the Perth Kilted Marathon with over 4000 kilted runners participating. Check YouTube for videos of past marathons. Quite a sight! Hope to see you all at the Dundee Games and the Picnic!

Chief,

Gil Ferris

THE GAMES HAVE BEGUN

Our first festival outing was at Belmont, a maiden voyage for our new canopy. Fortunately, it was a beautiful day, no occasion for the testing of the waterproofing we needed so dearly in Dundee last fall! (And, speaking of Dundee, this year's event is quickly approaching--please join us on Saturday, July 16 for that esteemed event. Hopefully we will have no need for the waterproofing there either!) Your trustees Rick Mason, Bill Sitzman and Nedra McElroy personned the booth, with the assistance of Rob Morgan, who helped Rick setting up. Now, if we only could get Bill into a kilt...



On another note, as the Dundee games were moved back to July to see if the weather would be less 'Scottish,' it appears that our other local games, the Ithaca Celtic Festival, has been moved from June to October for 2016.

KILTS WITH HAZEL STEWART

Our Spring Program was well-attended, and it was observed that some of our members were speaking seriously to our friend Hazel about picking a tartan and being measured for a kilt. We shall anticipate seeing some new splendiferous tartans being sported by our folks...

As always, the food was delish and the company charming. We owe our thanks to

Hazel, who has tartans and tape measure, and will travel.



Hazel, Jan and Deb discuss pleats



Ray and Mary awaiting the latest joke from the Chief



Got Haggis?

THE 2016 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Again this year, our Society will hand out \$1500 in scholarships to recently graduated High School Seniors. It is always a difficult task to decide among the applicants and this year was no exception.

The Scholarship committee has made the following choices:

Robert Burns- This goes to Kaitlyn Burg, the lovely young lady who plays pipes in the Caledonian Highlanders Band. We've all seen her perform but we were much impressed with her academic record and her ability to write a delightful essay. We are pleased to give this scholarship to "one of our own", a graduate of Haverling Central School.

George Cunningham- Sophia Genier, a graduate of Horseheads High School, presented us with an amazing essay, charting her Scottish heritage back to her 8th great Grandmother!! She also showed us a good knowledge of the Highland Clearances as being a major cause of immigration. She was active in the Horseheads drama program, is a frequent volunteer in community activities and was elected to the National Honor Society. We're sure George would be extra proud since Sophia is a neighbor of the Cunninghams.

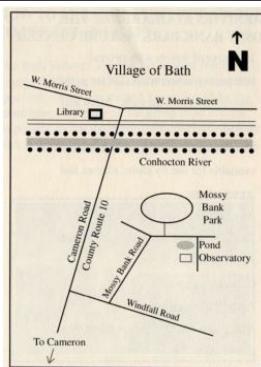
Bruce Stewart- We had no trouble choosing Kyle Allen Zingler, from Painted Post for this award. A member of the National Honor Society, he has amazing grades, a knock out list of school and community activities and has travelled widely. His essay showed that he has a real understanding of Scotland, its culture and the contribution of Scottish immigrants to the US. Bruce Stewart, having been an admissions counsellor for a college, would have snapped up Kyle in a second. He is truly an accomplished young man.

Plan to attend the picnic on July 23 and meet these outstanding young people.

THE 2016 PICNIC AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY

We will meet once again at Mossy Bank Park in Bath, July 23, noon to 3 PM. This year, the location at the park will be the Pond Pavilion, directions below.

We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages. Bring a dish to pass, table service, and lawn chairs, please. (The pavilion is a bit smaller than our usual one.) Contact Linda Ferris so that we know how many to prepare for: 776-7101 or ltferries@yahoo.com.



From Rte 86, exit 38, turn right at the first light, onto W. Morris St; go past Tops.
Stay right at the fork; go past the library.
Right on Cameron St.
Over Cohocton River
Continue about 1.6 mi.
Watch for small Mossy Bank Park signs.
Fork to the left onto Windfall Rd.
Go about .4 mi.
Left onto Mossy Bank Park Rd.
Right onto Davenport Hill Road.
Next right: Pond Pavilion is in view.

TERMS TO WRAP YOUR TONGUE AROUND Scots English

Drouthy

Thirsty, although more along the lines of wanting a strong drink. In the Burns poem Tam o' Shanter, the drouthy neibors (neighbours) may well be alcoholic.

Sassenach

Derogatory Highlands word for an English person; literally means Saxon.

Teuchter

What a Lowland Scot might term a Highlander in an argument.

Dreich

If at least three of the following types of weather are happening simultaneously, it's dreich: overcast, wet, cold, misty, gloomy. Was last year voted Scots' favourite word.

Blether

What my aunt does on the phone to her sisters. Gossip, talk at length without pause.

Wheesht!

What you might say to someone who is blethering too much; Shush!

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<i>George Cunningham</i>	<i>December 1973 to December 1985</i>
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<i>Donald Flatt</i>	<i>December 2000 to December 2003</i>
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DATES TO REMEMBER

July 16 [Dundee Scottish Festival](#)

July 23 Picnic, Mossy Bank Park, Bath

October 8 [Ithaca Celtic Games](#)

Nov. 5 John Paul Jones Presentation, Corning Methodist Church

Nov. 19 St. Andrews Dinner @ Tag's

Jan. 28, 2017 Burns Dinner, Horseheads Hilton Garden Inn

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