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2011 Mitchell Scholars Announced

Your Board of Directors has selected our “Bruce D. Mitchell Memorial Scholarship” recipients for 2011. “We are extremely pleased with this year’s recipients”, noted Society President Doris Henderson. “Both are certainly well deserving, and I am confident that each will increase the body of knowledge or skill level in the heritage and culture we all hold dear,” said Henderson.

Our first recipient, Xenia Schiller will be working on her Master’s Degree in Literature in Creative Writing at the University of Glasgow from September 2011 through September 2012. Says Schiller: “(I will also be) researching Scotland’s rich culture and the country’s tradition of fairy tales, folklore and

legends, as represented in medieval nonfiction and contemporary fiction.” Her goal is to use this re-



Xenia Schiller

search to “...reframe these stories in a modern fictional setting (using humor to) “...reinvigorate these classic tales.”

Xenia is a new member in our Society and is from Pelham, AL.

Her undergraduate studies were completed at UAB in Philosophy.



Certainly Joe Ashcraft is familiar to all of us. As Pipe Major of the Tallahassee Pipe Band and “Official Piper” for the St. Andrew Society he is usually present at all events and parades. In fact, Joe has recommended several pipers to whom we have provided scholarships in the past.



Joe has requested, and your Board agrees, that the “teacher” would enjoy and benefit from being the “student” at Sandy Jones Piping School this summer.

2011 Board Nominations Presented

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the By-laws of the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee, the following names were reported at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees’ April 12 meeting; and are by this announcement, reported to all members of the Society two (2)

weeks before the Annual Meeting:

- President: Doris Henderson
- V.P.: Laurie Long
- Sec.: Linda Frazier
- Treas.: Evan Hume
- Chaplain: Gary Mathews
- Educator: Jean Holzapfel
- Events: Ruth Pryor

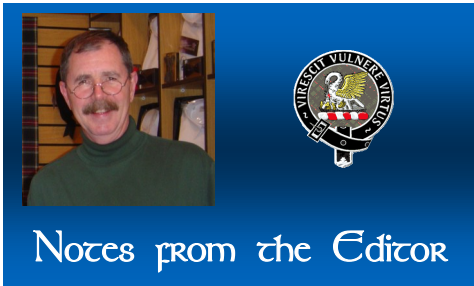
- Historian: Nick Baldwin
- Membership: Babs Stewart
- Webmaster: Darwin Gilmore
- Past– Pres.: Dan McDonald
- Trustee: Jay Breeze
- Trustee: Jim Hart
- Trustee: Deborah Hart
- Trustee: John Elliot
- Trustee: Don Wilson

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Mark Your Calendar

- May 1, Sun. - 4:00 - Annual Meeting & Picnic - Election of officers - Piney-Z Lodge
- May 5, Tues. - 6:30 - Monthly Board Meeting - Fellowship Presb. Church
- Sept. - Covered Dish Dinner
- Oct. - New members Reception
- Nov. - St. Andrew’s Day Dinner
- Jan. - Burns Supper



Notes from the Editor

You might be interested in taking a look at a wonderful newsletter produced by long-time member Beth Gay, whom, as you may know, is now **Beth Gay-Freeman** and lives in South Carolina. For many years, Beth was at *Ellen Payne Odom Library* in Moultrie, GA. Odom has one of the finest genealogical libraries on the east coast. While she was at Odom, Beth contributed greatly to the growth and enjoyment of our society.



Beth's newsletter entitled *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* (BNFT) is published monthly and appears on www.electricscotland.com site. Starting now, *BNFT* appears on our website as well. It is worth your time!

I continue to receive comments that many of you would prefer to receive your *St. Andrew's Cross* as a hard copy, in color. Please let me back-track a wee bit.. When I assumed the role of Editor, *The Cross* was being published five time a year, (the By-Laws indicate it must be done "quarterly"), in black and white, with a budget commensurate with the task.

I asked the Board, at that time, if anyone minded if I published several more times each year, and in color. I explained that there would be no extra cost, save my time - and free is pretty cheap. With the Board's knowledge and approval, I have been publishing, not only the quarterly mail-out four-page black & white printed versions as supported by our present budget and our By-Laws for two years, but also 3-5 eight-page color versions in other months that are sent out, at no cost, electronically to those members for whom we have email addresses.

For the foreseeable future, we must continue to "snail mail" four hard copy-issues in B&W. All other months they will be sent electronically, in color. All issues also appear on our website under the "newsletter" link.

Yours Aye!

Eric

Flowers of the Forest



William "Kay" Cummings, Sr.

March 19, 2011

Although Kay was from the Macon, GA area, he organized, founded or reinvigorated many Highland Games in the S.E. including our first Tallahassee Games in Monticello. He also founded Scottish Amateur Athletic Association which organized and trained members to compete.

Name Tags - Membership Badges - Tartan Banners

We are proud of the Tallahassee St. Andrew Society and our membership in it. If you haven't already done so, express that pride by ordering your SAS Name Tag and Membership Badge today.

Name Tags may be ordered from Nick Baldwin at 877.0249.

Name tags with magnetic

backs can be purchased for \$10.25. Tags with pin backs are \$8.25.



Tartan Banners may be purchased by calling *Dunedin Scottish* at 800.237.5836 and asking for Daryl MacDonald. Be sure to mention you are a member of the Tallahassee St. Andrew Soci-

ety. You can also call Eric King at 894.8955 for more information or he can order it for you saving sales tax.

Membership badges (seen below.) may be purchased from Babs Stewart at 385.3037 for \$5.00 each.





The Scottish Founding of America

It now seems all but forgotten, but Scots, Scottish philosophy, the Scottish enlightenment, and Scottish law played no small role in the founding of our country. In the next few months this column will be dedicated to re-acquainting ourselves with that influence.

Although Scots arrived on the continent as early as the 17th Century and spread out far and wide, we will jump ahead and see the influence on the first American government.

The first American governors of Scottish ancestry:
Jonathon Turnbull - Connecticut
John MacKinley - Delaware
Archibald Bulloch - Georgia
Wm. Livingston - New Jersey
Geo. Clinton - New York
Richard Caswell - North Carolina
Thomas McKean - Pennsylvania
John Rutledge - South Carolina
Patrick Henry - Virginia

First American presidential cabinet members of Scottish ancestry:
Thomas Jefferson - Sec. of State
Alexander Hamilton - Sec. of Treas.
Henry Knox - Sec. of War
Edmund Randolph - Atty. Gen.

Next month, we will compare the Oath of Arbroath and the Declaration of Independence.

Annual Meeting and Picnic to be Held

The Annual Meeting of the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee will be held at the Piney-Z Lodge on Sunday, May 1 at 4:00 p.m. Once again, our picnic will be catered by the Seine Yard. We do however need a few members to bring a dessert.

Of course, on the agenda is the election of officers and trustees for the 2011-12 fiscal year. Please note the nominations submitted to the Board on page 1. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Additionally, officer and committee reports will provide you with the "state of your Society".

This will be *the* opportunity to learn more about your Society. Please fill in the "Picnic Reservation" form to the right and get it and your check in **before April 29!**

Don't forget to sign up for a dessert by checking the line at the bottom of the Reservation Form. Probably of fairly high importance...because members forget every year... is that this is a **Bring Your Own Adult Beverage** event. We will provide soft drinks, mixers, ice and cups but your personally favorite beverage must be brought by you.

We will begin serving food at about 5:30 p.m. See you there!



Picnic Reservation



Annual Picnic & Business Meeting Reservation Form - May 1 - 4:00 - Piney Z Lodge

Tear off, fill out, and send along with your check to: St. Andrew Society - P.O. Box 12034 - Tallahassee, FL 32317 - Attn: Ruth Pryor

NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 29 SO ALLOW PLENTY OF SNAIL MAIL TIME.

Name: _____
Number Attending: _____ Amt. Enclosed: \$ _____ (\$16 per person)
Telephone #: _____ Email address: _____
_____ Check if you will bring a dessert



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Members Learn How to Preserve Heirlooms

Society members learned a bit about preservation of family heirlooms from Preservation Librarian, **Blythe Lee** of FSU's Strozier Library at a recent Covered Dish Supper.



Pres. Doris Henderson introducing Blythe Lee, Preservation Librarian of FSU's Strozier Library

Lee suggested that while most people inherently realize light, heat, and humidity take it's toll, most people still store documents and photos in their

attics. "Moving your treasures from (the) attic with (high temps and high humidity) to a room that is 75 degrees and 60% relative humidity can increase the lifespan 3 1/2 times," advised Lee. Also sunlight and fluorescent light emit high amounts of UV radiation. "Use UV filtering glass to reduce damaging effects," she added. When using plastic, "encapsulate". DO NOT "laminare". Also use Polyester, Polypropylene, or Polyethylene. DO NOT use PVC based plastics. Look for the labels. For more information contact Blythe at blee3@FSU.edu

We were also pleased to welcome **Dr. Julia Zimmerman**, Dean of FSU Libraries, Assoc. Dean for Special Collections **Sammie Morris**, and **Bill Modrow**, Special Collections Librarian. Dean Zimmerman was on hand to advise members of an upcoming "Members Only" reception at Strozier to tour the "Shaw Collection".

Dean Zimmerman was also presented with donations from two of our members. Member **Dick Rixey** donated a 6-Volume Series on Scottish music entitled *Scots Minstrelsie* dedicated to Queen Victoria in 1892.



L-R: Blythe Lee, Dean Julia Zimmerman, Margaret Turnbull, Doris Henderson, & Dick Rixey

Long-time member **Marjorie Turnbull**, too, donated several rare books on Scotland to the Special Collections Dept. at Strozier.

