January 2020

Winter/Spring 2020 Calendar

January 25th (Sat): Burns Supper at Celtic Hall, Colonie. Capital District Celtic Cultural Association at the Celtic Hall in Colonie for a Burns Supper on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2019, in celebration it commemorates the life of Burns and the heritage of Scotland with song, traditional food, drink, dance and music including The Brigadoons who will also be performing during the evening. The supper and its associated fellowship will surely fill the cold winter night with warmth and gaiety.

Apr 4: (Sat) NYC Tartan Day Parade SASA will not be participating this year, but a fun event if you want to travel to NYC http://nyctartanweek.org/

Apr 6: (Mon) Tartan Day Hike and Lunch Lake George area. Gentle Hike (weather dependent) and lunch in Lake George area, details to follow.

Apr ?: (Mon) West Point Tattoo No word yet on this being held. Last year was a last minute cancellation due to weather.

July 4th: Mini golf at Pirates Cove at 2 PM in Lake Placid, followed at 4:30 by the parade, picnic supper follows, and fireworks over the lake. Al will have details. a-al-hood-1@att.net.

President's Message

A good time was had by all who attended the St. Andrew's Luncheon at Harvey's. We met the new members, Jim and Charlene DeDell, who joined at the Altamont games. Also joining was Linda Clark, who saw us on Facebook, and dropped in. All are eager to help on upcoming events. We didn't have a quorum, so the only business was the officers for the upcoming year. Steve agreed to stay on for a 3rd term as Secretary, Naomi will be going into her 2nd term as trustee, and Cliff agreed to replace Marina as trustee.

Mission Statement:
The Perpetuation of Scottish Heritage, Traditions, Culture, Education and Genealogy

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**SASA Scholarships**

Cameron, one of our scholarship winners who plays with the Capital District Youth Pipe Band came to our Saint Andrew's Day Lunch at Harvey’s in November. He thanked us for the scholarship and talked about appearing in Scotland this summer where the band took home the 2019 World Champions & Best Drum Corps titles in Grade Novice B. His enthusiasm and dedication to the pipes was inspiring. Please keep this in mind when paying dues and earmark a little extra for our scholarships.

A little late due to my delay (or maybe very early) SASA member Anthony Burdick, formerly living in Wilmington and now resident of Michigan last year sent us information on the Clan Claus. Santa Kona, besides being a professional Santa Claus, he firmly believed in the family ideals inherent in the spirit of the Scottish Clan's way of life. Accordingly, Santa Kona made the time --- and within several weeks, a Tartan Design Contest, an official Clan Crest Badge, and the concept for a website were thrown together. Finally, on June 1st, 2008, The Clan Claus Society was officially formed and authorized by Santa Claus.

**Tartan Day** is a North American celebration of Scottish heritage on April 6, the date on which the Declaration of Arbroath was signed in 1320. SASA has celebrated this by a hike (weather permitting in the Lake George area on the 6th and for several years participating in the NYC Tartan Day parade. This year we will be hiking followed by a luncheon.

**Editor's Notes**

I want to thank Jini and Al Hood for the many years and countless hours that they have put in together collecting, editing and distributing the SASA Newsletter. As I get a little better in this I can only hope to approach their level. Please keep up to date on our webpage and facebook pages along with our emails on upcoming events. - Cliff