March 2020

Spring/Summer 2020 Calendar

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, Check webpage and email for details to follow.

Apr 26: (Sun 11-5) West Point Tattoo  https://www.facebook.com/pg/WestPointPipesandDrums/events/  Rain Date May 3.  More details in newsletter

Jun: Fort Ticonderoga - Annual Scottish Festival and Black Watch Memorial will not be held by the Fort this year.

Jul 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.

Aug (date to be determined) Mini golf at Lake George area, Check webpage and email for details to follow.

Aug 29: (Sat) Almanzo Wilder Homestead, Malone, NY  https://almanzowilderfarm.com/  Annual Cultural Festival- Scottish Fling

Member News

LaDukes Remember the 1980 Olympics  The Lake Placid News recently covered the 40th anniversary celebration of the Olympic Games. Among those interviewed were SASA members Marina and Jack LaDuke who were part of the USA press team. From the press headquarters in the High School they watched on closed circuit TV as the U.S.-Russia hockey game became known as the "Miracle on Ice".  (cont. on page 2)
Burns Night Jan 2020  by Jini Hood, photos by Julie Johnson Dowd

The Burns’ Supper at Celtic Hall in Colonie was its usual loud, music-filled, good food, enjoyable evening. SASA had a table that included Suzanne and Steve Mackey, Jean Krause and Bill Seib, Priscilla Denton and Gary, Jini and Al Hood. Jean as always had a bag of her "Krause's Homemade Candy" to share. The delicious chocolate bars have a custom-made wrapper of the Saltire (Scottish flag) and the name of our Society. We appreciate you, Jean!

Music before and during dinner was by the Brigadoons. Also entertaining were the Capital District Youth Pipe Band, some individual pipers, and the Brae Mar dancers.

Our table was especially singled out when the rain leaked through the ceiling right over the SASA table. Several strong Scots picked up the table and moved it to a dry spot. No other group had this bit of excitement. It was a most enjoyable evening. We hope next year more SASA members will attend.

West Point Tattoo

Come see an exhibition of military, Scottish, and Irish music, dancing, and pageantry. Military, police, firefighter, and civic pipe and drum bands from around the Northeast gather at Trophy Point to showcase their music.
Event ends at 5:00 PM with the Retreat Ceremony and a Massed Bands performance.
Bring your chairs and picnic blankets!
Concessions available on site. Rain date is May 3rd. Event open to the public, all persons over 17 years of age must have a valid government-issued photo ID to enter post. All vehicles subject to search.
Dues are due: If you haven't returned your membership and dues, please do and consider adding a little more designated for scholarships. Mailing address is: St. Andrew’s Society of the Adirondacks PO Box 1424 Lake Placid, New York 12946

Upcoming Scottish Festivals in NY and nearby

May 16, 2020 - Finger Lakes Celtic Festival, Shortville, NY
June 6, 2020 - Alleghany County Celtic Festival, Cuba, NY
June, 2020 - Scottish Festival & Black Watch Memorial, Ticonderoga, NY Not being held this year
July 11, 2020 - Hammond Scottish Festival, Hammond, New York
July 18, 2020 - Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival, Northampton, Massachusetts
July 31 - August 1, 2020 - Glengarry Highland Games, Maxville, Ontario
August 2, 2020 - Montreal Scottish Festival, Montreal, Quebec
August 8, 2020 - Central New York Scottish Games, Liverpool, New York
August, 2020 - Quechee Scottish Festival, Quechee, Vermont (date not posted online yet)
September 5-6, 2020 - Capital District Scottish Games, Altamont, New York
September, 2020 - Battle of Plattsburgh Weekend, Plattsburgh, New York (details not posted online yet)

Also check out the web site of the Battle of Plattsburgh Association

September 18-20, 2020 - New Hampshire Highland Games, Loon Mountain, New Hampshire
October 11, 2020 - Scotland Connecticut Highland Games, Scotland, Connecticut
October, 2020 - Vermont Highland Games, St. Johnsbury, VT (details not posted online yet)

Raising a glass is common practice in many pubs, bars and gatherings, whether it's for celebration, commiseration or simply because it's the end of a long week. There are so different ways to say "cheers" in many countries all over the world, however, in Scotland, it's Slàinte Mhath!

Irish or Scots Gaelic? The term Slàinte Mhath (Pronounced Slanj-a-va) is actually both Irish and Scots Gaelic. The way the phrase is pronounced is the same for both dialects, however the way it is spelt differs subtly. The Irish spell it Slàinte Mhaith. The phrase translates to "Good health" in both dialects, and if you want to respond to this using Scots Gaelic, you would say, "do dheagh shlainte" meaning "to your good health." (source: https://www.scotchwhiskyexperience.co.uk/about-whisky/slainte-mhath-toast)

Editor’s Notes: Members contributions are welcome to include Scottish related stories, recopies, photos and news stories. Please provide sources and links if not your own writing or photos. They should be sent to me at sfcparker@yahoo.com, please add SASA Newsletter into subject.