The first half of the year has been packed full of activities and as many of you know who have attended our events we have a lot to be proud of.

In April we held our Tartan Day dinner at the Intercontinental Hotel in Century City, a new location for us to accommodate the number of members and guests who enthusiastically attended. Several members who signed up as sponsors for the event had an opportunity to meet privately with our special guests, Fiona Hyslop, Scottish Parliament Cabinet Secretary for Culture, and Dr. Michael Cantlay, Chairman of VisitScotland. Both Dr. Cantlay and Ms. Hyslop addressed the assembled during the evening and gave us a synopsis of how Scotland is forging ahead. This was the first time a senior Scottish minister had visited the west coast during Scotland Week and Ms Hyslop expressed her deep appreciation for all our St. Andrew’s Society is doing to promote Scottish culture in southern California.

Earlier on Saturday prior to the dinner I, in the company of Board member Dr. David Warburton and senior members of the Society, accompanied Ms Hyslop and her party on a tour of Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) during which Dr. Warburton explained the long established connection between CHLA and Scotland. In a prepared statement at the conclusion of the tour an announcement was made of the collaborative grant programme established by the St. Andrew’s Society, CHLA and the Scottish Government to help fund medical researchers from CHLA and the Scottish medical community.

Our grants programme this year has already benefited individuals, The National Trust of Scotland, The National Libraries & Galleries of Scotland, The Mary Queen of Scots Statue Fund, as well as CHLA.

In May we formally welcomed fifteen new members to the Society at our New Member’s Reception, held at the home of past president Jack Dawson and his wife Barbara.

Our annual Garden Party was held 12th July at the Sportsmens Lodge, Studio City, where 84 members and guests gathered to help raise funds for The National Libraries & Galleries of Scotland by bidding on silent auction items and purchasing opportunity drawing tickets.

Now we have a breathing space until the Seaside Highland Games 9th – 11th October, where I hope many of you will visit the St Andrew’s hospitality tent. 

William Archibald Scott Brown, known as Archie, (13 May 1927, Paisley, Renfrewshire – 19 May 1958, Heusy, Belgium) was a British Formula One and sports car racing driver from Scotland.

He participated in one Formula One World Championship Grand Prix on 14 July 1956 scoring no championship points. He also attempted to qualify for the Italian Grand Prix in the same year, but was excluded due to his lack of the required International Licence, his disability precluding the granting of such a licence at the time.
**Garden Party 12th July 2015**  
**Fundraiser for The National Libraries & Galleries of Scotland**

Following her visit to Los Angeles in April Scottish Parliament Cabinet Secretary Fiona Hyslop sent a letter acknowledging the support given by the St. Andrew’s Society of Los Angeles. The NLS is part of Ms. Hyslop’s ministerial brief. To see text of letter please click here.

---

**The Thistle** is the official publication of the Saint Andrew’s Society of Los Angeles. It is published four times a year. Deadline for each issue is the first day of March, June, September & December. Submit articles, photographs, and address changes to the editor at: rees1@mac.com. or The Editor, Saint Andrew’s Society, Los Angeles 3836 Goodland Avenue Studio City, CA 91604 www.saintandrewsla.org

The publisher accepts no responsibility for the opinions expressed, accuracy of information, or similarity of names submitted by authors.

**CONTRIBUTORS**

Ian J. Skone-Rees, FSA Scot  
Dana Shepard

**PUBLISHER**  
**EDITOR AND GRAPHIC DESIGN**

Ian J. Skone-Rees

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Lynn Longos  
Dana Shepard  
Ian J. Skone-Rees

---

*Steve Tom happy he at last has a winning ticket*

*Rachel Adams, Noah Lagon, Dana Shepard*

*Six New Members were introduced and presented with membership certificates*

*Ian Skone-Rees presents Kimberlee Bradford with her New Member Certificate*

*Apurov Patel, Steve Tom, Carolyn Sykes, Ian Skone-Rees, Patrick Benn*

*Victoria and Alexander Mansukani*
The Scottish-American Connection

The Scots were a valuable addition to a developing world. Their past experience of working in the harsh conditions of rural Scotland, combined with their hard-working uncompromising upbringing, made them an ideal people to help build America in its formative years.

The Scottish emigrants of the 18th Century were an educated group due to the Scottish Reformation, which had stressed the need for education, so every Scot could read the Bible.

Education has always played an important part in Scottish society, and these Scots played a crucial role in the early development of the New World. Most headmasters of the schools in the new colonies south of New York were Scottish or of Scottish ancestry. These establishments were fundamental in the education of America’s future leaders; both Thomas Jefferson’s and John Rutledge’s tutors were Scottish immigrants.

In this continuing series of articles we will introduce Scots or persons of Scottish descent who have left their indelible mark on the American landscape – Ed.

Helen Adam 1909 – 1993

Born in Scotland in 1909, Helen Adam’s talent for poetry manifested itself at a young age.

The daughter of a Presbyterian minister, Adam’s first published work, The Elfin Pedlar and Tales Told by Pixie Pool, appeared on shelves when she was just 14 years old. Her reputation was built on her use of classical form of poetry, and her works were subsequently adapted for an orchestra by the renowned Irish composer Sir Charles Villiers Sanford.

In 1939, Adam traveled to the United States with her mother, Isabella, and her sister Pat. What was supposed to be a family vacation turned into a permanent move due to the onset of World War II. The family lived in New York for nine years before moving west to California. Adam landed right in the middle of the “San Francisco Renaissance,” where there was an incredible amount of cultural and artistic activity in the city that gave her the inspiration to reenter the world of writing poetry.

Among her contemporaries and friends were Alan Ginsberg and Robert Duncan, both of whom made substantial contributions to what became known as the Beat movement. Regarded as the “bardic matriarch” of the San Francisco Beat poets, Adam’s later work served as a deep contrast to the more pleasant, idyllic work of her childhood, as she increasingly explored the darker and more sanguine side of human nature. However, the two chapters of her life were linked by the motifs of Celtic mysticism and lore she has explored in her youth. Consciously or subconsciously, Scotland would always find its way into Adam’s poetry as she bridged the gap between her experiences in her homeland and the life she led in San Francisco.

Twa worlds o’ life and death,
Sae near, sae far apart.
In between the twa worlds
The crying of the heart.

Adam and her sister returned to New York in 1965, where they immersed themselves in the worlds of opera, film, and collage. Adam split her time between poetry readings and filming in Germany, until her sister’s death in 1986 sent her into depression. Adam quietly disappeared from the poetry scene, and died in 1993. It is posthumously that her work has been re-recognized as influential and an important contribution to the landscape of American poetry. In Donald Allen’s decisive collection The New American Poetry 1945 – 1960, Adam was one of four female poets to be included.

See page six for Helen Adam’s poem “Song for a Sea Tower”. 
Scottish Links to Los Angeles Hospital Expanded

On April 10, Fiona Hyslop, Member of the Scottish Parliament and Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs, visited Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) to celebrate the long standing relationship between the hospital and Scotland.

Her visit also inaugurated a new program of scientific exchange and collaboration with the Saban Research Institute of CHLA, funded by the St. Andrew’s Society of Los Angeles. Secretary Hyslop was accompanied by Donnie Jack, the British Embassy’s Scottish Affairs Counselor for the Americas, a delegation from the British Consulate General in Los Angeles, as well as Ian Skone-Rees, president of the St. Andrew’s Society of Los Angeles. David Warburton, M.D., Stuart Bird Wilson, Steve Adams, R.N., and Mrs. Bonnie McClure welcomed the group to CHLA.

Many members of the greeting party wore traditional Scottish kilts and walked to the musical accompaniment of Cindi McIntosh-Behr, the official piper of the St. Andrew’s Society of Los Angeles. The visitors examined the history wall, visited the intensive care nursery and toured the Saban Research Institute. Secretary Hyslop was impressed by the strong Scottish–CHLA connections over the years, including the support of the Fern and Mary (Duque) McAlister Family and Dr. Alexander Judkins and Dr. David Warburton, who are fellows of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

"Secretary Hyslop’s visit was a great success said Dr. Warburton. "Her support, as well as the new collaborative science program funded by the St. Andrew’s Society, furthers our academic, research, and clinical collaborations with Scotland."

"Those of you who troll the pages of Facebook already know your Society has a well established FB page where many items of interest to the Scottish community are regularly posted in addition to photos and news of Society events."

However it is less well known we also have an active Twitter account. Twitter describes itself as "a window to your world". It certainly is an effective way to be informed about news and events on issues and subjects that are of interest to you. News about our Society is posted by the Society Social Media team and we "follow" other organizations and individuals that are relevant to our Society’s mission of promoting Scottish history, traditions, and culture. If you haven’t already, check it out.

Now we have added another dimension to our social media outreach — Instagram. Download the Instagram app and follow standrewsla to stay abreast of the latest happenings in the Society as they happen. Log on now and see photos from the Garden Party 12th July, 2015.

For more society information and news log on to: www.saintandrewsla.org

Volunteers Needed
Seaside Highland Games
9th – 11th October

Help staff the Society tent at the Seaside Highland Games. Contact: Marc Gibson marc.g@verizon.net for information.

Standing outside Children’s Hospital Los Angeles are (L-R): John Lowry; Stuart Bird Wilson; Dr. David Warburton, OBE; Ian Skone-Rees, president, St. Andrew’s Society; Cabinet Secretary and Member of Scottish Parliament, Fiona Hyslop; Steve Adams, R.N.; David Moffett; Bonnie McClure; Cindi McIntosh, St. Andrew’s Society piper.
Tartan Day Dinner
To see more photos of this spectacular event visit our website.
www.saintandrewsla.org/gallery/

President Ian Skone-Rees presents Membership Certificate to Susan Craig Winsberg, one of fifteen new members welcomed to the Society

Byron McIntire, Loree McIntire, Kimberlee Bradford

Fiona Hyslop & Mike McChesney

Talented dancer Megan Watson performed to great applause

L-R: Pipe Major Mike Reynolds, Cindi McIntosh, Mike Jett, Alastair Rease

Ventura Councilmember Neal Andrews and guest Debra Schreiber

Rebekah Adams receiving her Membership Certificate

New member Reception
To see more photos of the New Member Reception visit our website.
www.saintandrewsla.org/gallery/

New members Patrick Benn and Tom Daniels

President Ian Skone-Rees presents Membership Certificate

Leslie Warburton with new member Maggie Landau

New members Gary Carr and Doug A. Brown
Song for a Sea Tower

By Helen Adam

There lived four sisters in a tower by the sea,
Between the blue waters and the lily lea.

One sister was a wolf, one a gentle sheep,
One a swan, and one a fish, from the fabled deep.

Four sisters loved a man, beautiful was he.
He swam in blue waters beside the lily lea.

The sheep gave him fleecy wool to warm his lonely bed.
The swan gave him feathers to crown his curly head.

The fish gave him gaudy rings from wrecks of vanity.
The wolf ran all alone around the lily lea.

The wolf ran all alone where lilies proudly rise.
She gave the man nothing but a glance from her eyes.

A glance from her savage eyes beside the summer sea.
He left the wave and followed her along the lily lea.

Three enchanted sisters in a tower by the tide.
Where their hearts awakened, there they must abide.

Three spell-bound sisters, a sheep, a fish, a swan.
Floods beat against their tower. Time goes on and on.

"If we wait with patience, no matter what the pain,
From the green waters the God will come again."

Three ancient sisters, faithfully they wait.
For the young and loving man that the wolf ate.
Rànaire a' Chalbainn, airson Cultar, An Reins Eòrpa agus Còisean an taobh a-muigh
Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs
Fiona Hyslop BPA/MSP
T/F 0300 244 4000
E: scottish.ministers@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
Mr lan Skone-Rees
St Andrew's Society
Email: Rees1@icloud.com

Our ref/Ar fàidhle: 2015/0016380
14 June 2015

Dear lan,

Thank you for your email and kind invitation of the 8th May to attend the Saint Andrew's Society of Los Angeles annual garden party which is due to take place on the 12th July.

I am impressed by the breadth of the Saint Andrew's Society's philanthropic activities in promoting an understanding of Scotland's rich culture, traditions and history in Southern California. I understand that one of the main purposes of the Society is to provide financial support to charitable and cultural organisations through its donations and grants programme. I am aware that the Society has provided substantial financial contributions in recent years to a number of key cultural organisations, such as the Celtic Art Centre in Hollywood and in Scotland the restoration of Robert Burns House and Mary Queen of Scots Statue in Linlithgow.

I am delighted to hear that the Society's 2014 Programme of events was a great success, attracting new and diverse audiences and that this coincided with our own hugely successful 2014 Cultural Programme which took place across Scotland last year.

As mentioned in your email, the National Library and Galleries have established a close partnership with the American Patrons who have been supportive in recognising the crucial role that the National Library and Galleries play in raising Scotland's cultural identity and profile. I am absolutely delighted to hear that the St. Andrew's Society has decided to provide further financial contribution to two of our greatest Scottish cultural institutions, the National Library and Galleries of Scotland.

St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG
Taigh Naomh Anndraí, Rathad Regent, Dùn Èideann EH1 3DG
www.gov.scot
As you know, the National Collections play a key role in preserving and promoting Scotland's cultural heritage at home and abroad: the Collections recognise the tangible benefits of creating new partnerships with key cultural institutions nationally and internationally. The National Library, the leading centre and research library for the study of Scotland and the Scots; is at the forefront of innovation. It is committed to increasing digital access to enable audiences worldwide access to its world-class collection of books and manuscripts. The National Galleries of Scotland is another one of our great success stories of culture in Scotland. As one of the leading art galleries in the UK and Europe, the National Galleries look after one of the world’s finest collections of Western art, which includes the National Collection of Scottish art. Both of these organisations are, in my view, very worthy of the support you are offering this year.

Regrettably, due to prior arranged engagements, I am unable to accept your kind invitation to attend the Society’s garden party at this time. Please accept my very best wishes for a very successful event.

Kind regards

Fiona Hyslop

FIONA HYSLOR

St Andrew’s House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG
Talh Naomh Anndrais, Rathad Regent, Dùn Èideann EH1 3DG
www.gov.scot
| 1 | A ‘Munro’ is the name for a Scottish mountain above which height? | 1,000 ft | 2,000 ft | 3,000 ft | 4,000 ft |
| 2 | What are curling stones traditionally made of??                  | Granite  | Limestone | Iron     | Marble   |
| 3 | At the end of the Victorian era, Dundee was famous for its three Js - Jam, Jute &? | Jokes   | Joinery  | Jigsaws  | Journalism |
| 4 | Where do the smoked haddock known as ‘smokies’ come from?       | Aberdeen | Oban     | Arbroath | Peterhead |
| 5 | What is the longest river in Scotland?                         | Tay      | Clyde    | Don      | Dee      |
| 6 | Roughly how many golf courses does Scotland have?              | 250      | 350      | 450      | 550      |
| 7 | On which Scottish island did George Orwell write his novel 1984? | Iona    | Islay    | Jura     | Skye     |
| 8 | In the Scots language what does it mean to ‘haver’?             | Talk profoundly | To boast | Brood in silence | Talk nonsense |
| 9 | Which famous Scottish figure was depicted in Braveheart by Angus Macfadyen? | William Wallace | Rob Roy | Thomas Muir | Robert the Bruce |
| 10 | First Scottish national football team was made up entirely of players from which club? | Inverness Caledonian Thistle | Queen’s Park Rangers | Heart of Midlothian | Motherwell |
Flowers of The Forest

Kenneth Lyle Moffett 1967 – 2015

Ken Moffett passed away 12th June, 2015.

Ken was an active and enthusiastic member of the St. Andrew’s Society and attended Highland Games and our Burns Suppers regularly with his wife Carol as well as other Society events. Ken was also active in other community organizations, including working on the La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses. He was a Master Mason and additionally supported his Scottish heritage as a member of the Clan Moffett. Ken had many passions but above all he was a loving and caring husband, father, son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend. He will be missed by all who knew him.

John (Jack) Christie 1927 – 2014

Past President of the St. Andrew’s Society Jack Christie passed away at the age of 87 years in Santa Cruz, California 8th November, 2014.

In addition to his membership in the St. Andrew’s Society he was founder of the Big Irish Fair in 1976 and served as president of the Los Angeles Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Jack shared his passion for nature taking his children into the Sierra Nevada Mountains, teaching them to backpack and hike. He was a Boy Scout leader for many years.

As an epicurean he had a heart for hosting and feasting with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Lucille, five children, ten grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servants. Acknowledge, we humbly pray, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen
Scottish QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 2000 ft.
2. Granite
3. Journalism
4. Arbroath
5. Tay
6. 550
7. Jura
8. Talk nonsense
9. Robert The Bruce
10 Queens Park Rangers