

St. Andrews Society of NW Michigan
The Northern Thistle
January 2018



Friday, January 26 - Robert Burns Night @ The Cottage, 5:30;
members \$20; non-members \$25; ages 5-12 \$7.50; under 5 free. Checks
must be received by Monday, Jan 22. SASNM, PO Box 2303, TC 49685.

Sunday, April 8 – Spring get together, 6-8 pm

The SAS Logo Contest winner will be announced on Burns Night, and
all submissions will appear in the next edition of this newsletter. The
Directors appreciated *all* the quality entries.

Have You Been a Featured Member in a newsletter? Now's the time!
Complete the attached questionnaire and forward to Glad Remaly, who
will write the feature. Digital photos are a plus. Our members like know-
ing about each other. You never know what you may have in common!
Send to: gladwin10@yahoo.com or bring with you on Burns Night.

Travels with the Sarnas: Over 50? Let us tell you about an awesome
trip we've taken twice and *highly* recommend: A getaway on Mackinac
Island. Each fall, MParks hosts senior groups from throughout the state
for 3 nights at the Grand Hotel, countless extras included: the bus, ferry,
carriage, baggage handling, island and hotel tours, champagne reception,
Bingo, lectures, movies, bocce, afternoon teas, a nightly dance band, and 7
gourmet meals in the Grand's beautiful dining room.

Don't let the cost scare you off: About \$800 per person, less if 3 people
share a room (2 queens). There is no tipping anywhere in the hotel.

These were among the best trips I've ever taken! We'd never been to the
Grand before, but this was beyond a good deal! No out-of-pocket expense
from Mon morning through Thurs when you get home unless you imbibe.

Meals include coffee, hot/iced tea, milk, juice and lemonade. (Think what
each beverage costs when you eat out, never mind the tip & tax on top.)

You can go with any group whose dates suit you; just meet them at the dock.
(Provided the locals haven't filled the trip. Key: reserve early!)

MParks announces the dates this month. They've been doing this 50 years. Had we known, we'd have gone *much* sooner. I have more details & photos. Meanwhile, check your local senior groups to see if or when they're going.

Scots in America from 1600 forward:

Largest influx 1921-1931 following the Great Depression: 157,420 immigrated

Settlement pattern 1779 - crossing the Ohio River into MI, IN and IL:

1850 - 100,000

1910 - 233,473

1920 - 254,567

1930 - 354,323 (peak)

The 1940 Census showed the largest following of Scots were, in order:

New York Michigan New Jersey Pennsylvania
Massachusetts California

Compiled by Ethel McNaughton, Bloomfield Hills, circa 1980s or Betty Fleming of Warren (Scottish Country Dance Teachers)

Scenes from the St. Andrews Dinner:



The four hostesses taking time out to eat.



A Double Sword Dance



Couple of Classy Gents



And more beautiful Highland Dancing

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St Andrews Society of NW Michigan Membership Form

The SASNM is a non-profit organization founded in 1997. Annual dues are \$20 per household. Please send checks to SASNM, PO Box 2303, TC 49685.

Name(s) _____ Clan _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell _____

Address (if new member)

Email address (if new)

We look forward to your participation. Renewing? A big thank you as well. Hope to see you at the next gathering, and will alert you of upcoming events through our newsletter and Emails.