

St. Andrews Society of NW Michigan
“Northern Thistle”
April 2016



Thursday, July 21 – Grand Traverse Pipes & Drums concert at the Pavilions w/SASNM promotional booth; 7pm

Sunday, August 28 – Annual Picnic & Family Highland Games, Silver Lake Recreation Area, Garfield Township; 1-4 pm

Sunday, October 9 – Annual Dinner Meeting – site TBD

Scottish Books: Our fund-raising sales of books about Scotland or written by Scots have been quite successful. Donating them back for the fall book sale would be *even better*. ☺

Grand Traverse Pipes and Drums Schedule:

May 28-29 – Alma Highland Festival

June 11 – American Cancer Society Relay For Life, TC

Sat, June 18 – Wings over Northern Michigan Air Show, Gaylord

Fri, July 4 – Leland 4th of July Parade and Concert

Sat, July 9 – National Cherry Festival Parade

Sun, July 10 – Kirkin’ Of The Tartans, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Beulah

Thurs, July 21 – Annual Concert on the Lawn, GT Pavilions

July 30 – Concert at Spike’s Keg O’Nails, Grayling

From the Lyman Williams Joke Collection: Q. Why do pipers walk when they play? A. To get away from the sound. (;)
All kidding aside, we LOVE the pipes!

Spring Potluck: We couldn't have asked for a better turnout *despite* the weather. In addition to local people, our faithful members from Cheboygan, Roscommon and Cadillac made it, and back home safely. ☺

Special guest Tina Norris Fields spoke on researching our Scottish roots and even distributed handouts with helpful websites. Some of the facts & history were extremely interesting . . . like how the Campbells came by their name. She made for a truly enlightening evening. (Some of the photos are attached.)

Clyde played the pipes as we sang Happy Birthday to Jane, completely surprising her. She played her concertina and told us a bit about Harry Lauder. (Harps are too delicate to be taken out in *that* weather, but they'll tolerate the conditions in the pavilion at our summer picnic.)

About 40 people attended, members & non-members alike, and the food table was a sight to see. No one went home hungry! ☺

We hope to keep the momentum going and have another great turnout at our 20th annual picnic and family Highland Games on August 28th.

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Needed! Shortbread bakers for the pipe band concert on Thursday evening, July 21st at The Commons. The SAS always has a booth where small packs of shortbread are given out to promote the club. Sometimes members ask, "What can I do to help?" Well, here's your chance! If you're baking in the near future, keep in mind that shortbread freezes well. ☺ More details later.

In Other News: Next spring will be our 20th anniversary, and a special dinner is planned. The venue will be nicer than our usual haunts, with a Bay or other view, and will be a tad costlier, perhaps \$30-35 per person. If celebrating this auspicious occasion is important and you put aside \$1 a week, you'll have more than enough by then. Further details forthcoming. And don't let your membership lapse. There may be 'perks' for supporting our non-profit organization.

US magazine, November 2015, shows a photo of Prince William & Kate in their college years. At a fall event for the Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival, Kate told students that she had "*fond memories*" of Scottish Country Dancing with Will in college. 😊

Did you know . . . that dues in the Detroit St. Andrews Society are \$65 a year? SAS dues at \$20 are cheap by comparison.

"The human race is divided into two classes – those who go ahead and so something, and those sit and inquire, "Why wasn't it done the other way?" – Oliver Wendell Holmes







The turned-away crowd wanted to see what was going on.



“Marilyn” a few years later.

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