

St. Andrews Society of NW Michigan
“Northern Thistle”
April 2017



SASNM 20th Anniversary Dinner - Sunday, April 30th at The Music House Museum. (See below.)

SAS booth at the Grand Traverse Pipes & Drums *Concert on the Lawn* – 7pm Thursday, August 3 at The Pavilions.

Picnic & Family Highland Games – Sunday, August 27

Annual Membership Meeting – Sunday October 1

Annual Saint Andrews Day Dinner – Friday, December 1

Come one, come all to our 20th anniversary dinner! A *special* event in a *unique* venue. Antique instruments will be demonstrated, we'll get a short tour, and the gift shop will be open. Admission, normally \$12, is *free* with your \$30 dinner ticket.

Included are a hot buffet dinner, haggis, home-made shortbread, door prizes, Scottish Country Dancing, and of course live Scottish music. Please mail checks to SASNM, P.O. Box 2303, TC 49685. Deadline is April 26th, and *firm* because there are caterers involved.

National Tartan Day: Harry was remembering his parents & other relatives who made this great day possible. Glad Remaly used tartan flannel sheets and tablecloth, and she & Ed wore plaid shirts. The Sarnas donned their tartan for Scottish Country Dance class.

The \$64K Question: Will the SAS march in the re-instated Heritage Parade the evening of July 4th?

Guest Column by Glad Remaly, Cheboygan:

This is for all the wonderful ladies who attend St. Andrews Society dinners: Have you noticed how handsome our men look dressed in their Scottish attire when we gather? Usually, for other events not a part of the St. Andrew Society, it's the gals that do the 'fancying up'. Of course when you see our men wearing their kilts, or even tartan ties, you can't help appreciating the festive note they present. The extra effort makes them look even more handsome!

So how do ladies come up with something Scottish to wear? Well, females don't wear kilts, with the exception of Highland dancers and band members. But we can wear a kilted skirt, which is somewhat different than a man's kilt. We can also wear a plaid skirt, which doesn't have to be in a particular tartan. How about a plain skirt, blouse and plaid jacket? For formal occasions, a long white or light colored dress and a *tartan sash*.

When it comes to the sash, different authorities say how it should be worn. The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society has said all along that ladies would wear the sash pinned at the left shoulder. The code approved by the Lord Lyon states that ladies in general should wear the sash pinned at the right shoulder. There are 3 exceptions, and these should pin the sash at the left shoulder: 1) ladies who are chiefs or chieftains in their own right; 2) wives of chiefs and chieftains; and 3) wives of colonels of Highland regiments. There are also rules as to how to wear the sash, and you can find them in the book, "So You're Going to Wear The Kilt" by J. Charles Thompson, Revised 3rd Edition.

What else can we do that would be easy? Long scarves have become very popular. Find one in plaid and wear it around your neck or as a belt. A plaid vest or just a nice outfit with a Scottish brooch, necklace or earrings. How about some tartan ribbon glued onto a headband? Even a plaid shawl looks lovely draped over the shoulders.

At many gatherings, Margaret Sarna brings plaid skirts for purchase. She checks out all the second hand shops wherever they travel, and sells them for what she paid. And if any of our ladies have additional ideas, they certainly would be appreciated.





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St. Andrews Society of Northern Michigan Membership Form

The SASNM is a non-profit organization founded in 1997.
Annual membership is \$20 per household.
Make checks out to SASNM and mail to
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Name(s) _____

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We look forward to your participation. {And if you are renewing, a big thank you as well.} We look forward to seeing you at the next gathering and will alert you of upcoming events through our newsletter and emails!

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20th ANNIVERSARY DINNER!



Sunday, April 30th, 5:30pm at the Music House Museum
Acme, Michigan

Buffet dinner with Haggis



The Amaryllis Organ

Tour of Museum

Harp & bagpipe music

Door Prizes

Demonstrations of antique instruments



Scottish Country Dancing

Home-made shortbread



Scottish Book Sale

\$ 30.00 all inclusive

PAYMENT REQUIRED BY WED, APRIL 26
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