

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



Robert Burns Night! Friday, January 27 @ The Cottage

SASNM 20th Anniversary Dinner! Spring 2017 – date soon

St. Andrews Day Dinner – Friday, December 1, 2017

The St. Andrews Day Dinner – a review by Alan McColl:

More than 45 brave souls turned out for the St. Andrews Day celebration at The Cottage in Traverse City on December 2. Trying something new, this was the first time a Friday evening was tried, and judging by the turnout, it was successful. Future events may repeat this and others will be on Sundays. The Board recognizes a need to show flexibility for members.

A good and plentiful three-course dinner was provided by Eric and staff. Margaret and Don brought Ackroyd's haggis, 'imported from Detroit'. Music was provided by Jane Arney on both concertina and harp. I threw out a couple of Scottish jokes. The highlights were provided by Celtic Fire Highland Dancers trained by Lee Gywn. Four dances performed by seven young dancers were well executed and well received by the audience. The evening was very successful. (Photos on pages 3 and 4.)

Ed. Note: Following the food, music and dancing, President Jim Mills gave a polite-but-firm reminder of how important it is to RSVP, and to RSVP *on time*. Despite multiple notices about the event, including a reservations contact *and* deadline, several people walked in who hadn't RSVPd. He said the lack of courtesy & cooperation makes additional work and stress for the planners and staff at these dinners.

No-shows are also a problem. If you can't make a dinner after RSVPing, he asks that you notify us so the club isn't charged for your meal. As these issues are not rare, he urged more cooperation in the future.

Thus Burns Night reservations can be made by *advance payment only*. Three E-blasts have already gone out. Be watching for possible additional details. Fun fun fun!

From the Oct-Nov 2014 Newsletter: “In Spring 2017, the SAS will host its 20th birthday party, which will be a *special* event. Want to attend? Start saving that loose change! Putting aside 25c a week starting now will mean enough for a ticket by then. We promise a *classy* venue, bagpipes, Scottish dance, good food and a great time . . . just like our 10th anniversary. This is called *ample notice*. ☺”
A like notice was in the May 2015 and April 2016 newsletters. Well, it's coming up! Date & venue will be announced soon.

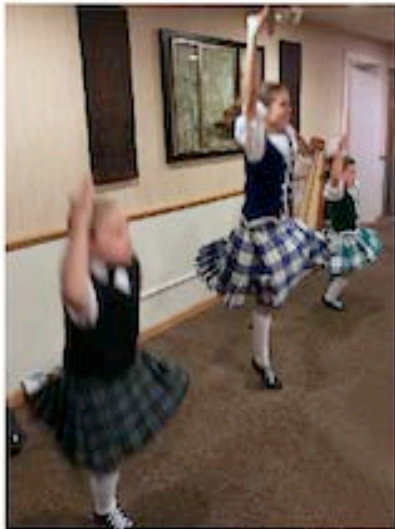
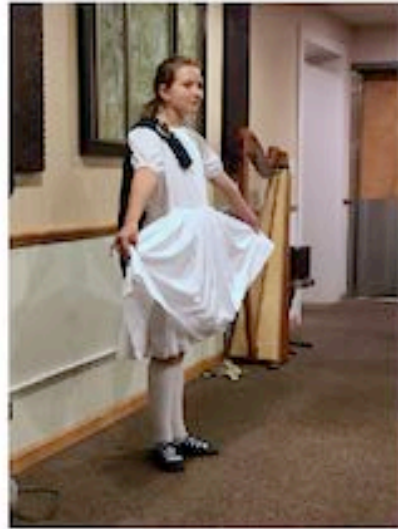
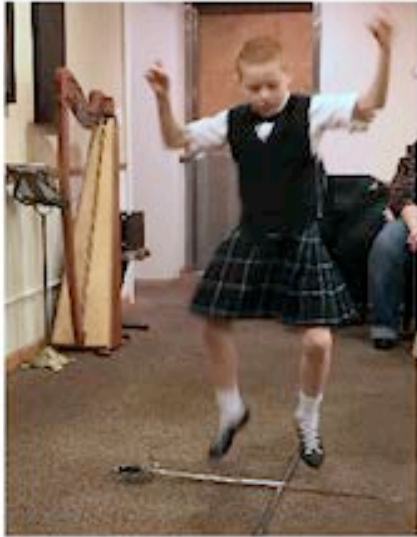
Did you hear? They recently discovered that Robert Burns was born on June 25th, not Jan 25th

“The human race is divided into two classes – those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit and inquire, ‘ why wasn't it done the other way?’” – Oliver Wendell Holmes

“I understand the inventor of the bagpipes was inspired when he saw a man carrying an indignant, asthmatic pig under his arm. Unfortunately, the man-made object never equaled the purity of sound achieved by the pig. “ ☺ *Alfred Hitchcock*

2016 ST ANDREWS DAY DINNER





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