

### **Scotland Universities impacted by Covid**

Scotland's universities have experienced dramatic financial reductions because of Covid-19. Revenues derive largely from student tuition and fees, and with in person classes suspended, have dropped. And Scottish universities are heavily dependent on foreign students for cash income.

As university officials have approached the Scottish Parliament for subventions, the MP's have indicated that any aid will come with a cost: political direction of the curriculum. Many have suggested no support for traditional humanist degrees, with preference given to STEM subjects. The Ancient universities like Glasgow would be hard hit, but Strathclyde would fare well, since when several long-standing institutions allied to form Strathclyde, the lead was taken by the School of Naval Architecture.

### **Covid-19 Disruptions**

The precise disruption from Covid-19 to Scotland is not easy to detail. As in the US, dozens of small museums and venues have not opened at all. For instance, the more than century-long run of Christmas Pantomimes has been suspended, for only the 4th time in all those years.

There are restrictions on public transport, public toilets in many places have been blocked off. Schools have a higher priority on reopening over Pubs, and Bed and Breakfasts face very strict guidelines. The City of Aberdeen is being placed on an extremely strict lock-down.

Movie houses have been closed for so long, a number of Scottish municipalities have explored renting the space for jury trials, because they have adequate seating for very generous social distancing. Add to that that extremely heavy rains last November damaged considerable infrastructure.

### **Our National Poets: Philip Larkin**

Mentioning Larkin as a Scottish poet is analogous to claiming Robert Frost — Larkin, a quintessentially English poet [1922-.1985] ;loved to vacation in Scotland, and declared himself profoundly inspired and refreshed by Scotland's scenic glories.

Larkin was somewhat of an anomaly in an age when poets wrote almost uniformly from Left of Centre viewpoint. Larkin was very determinedly Right of Centre, which in the UK means he supported a strong government proclaiming the social value of order, discipline, self-control, and avoidance of stridency. His father was a cartoonish anti-Semite, but Larkin holds closer to Burns's "A Man's A Man For A' That."

### **Scots Names: MacDougall**

This name goes back to the mist of history. MacDougalls descend from Somerled, King Of The Isles. Somerled held the whole of the West Country under fealty to Haakon, King of Norway. His sons disputed territory both with him and with each other. Somerled's older son, Dougall, obtained grant of powers over Argyll and The Isles. Bute fell into Scottish hands, and the King of Norway sent a fleet to assist Dougall in taking it back. Dougall's son Duncan was granted rule — until Norway in 1246 returned Bute to Scotland. And then the family gets complicated!

### **Scots Tongue**

#### **From works of Sir Walter Scott.**

The word kittel or kittle is noun, verb, adjective.

The verb means to tickle. Noun means delicate or very uncertain. The adjective can mean ticklish, as of a person, or uncertain. Scott in the preface to the novel "Heart Of Midlothian" describes how his little gang of friends would rock-climb the massive stonework at the gate to Edinburgh, using the route called Seven Kittle Steps. —Consult Dictionary of Scottish Language <[dsl.ac.uk](http://dsl.ac.uk)>

## Shock to Society

Just as the Society was formalizing plans for the coming year, and after the previous issue of Green Mountain Lion was in the mail, our President Pauline Kirkpatrick died entirely unexpectedly. Here is the Obituary from Burlington Free Press. With very short notice, a few of us were able to attend her funeral — and a day later the Covid-19 restrictions fell.



**Shelburne** - Pauline N. (Weld) Kirkpatrick, age 75, passed away peacefully on March 8, 2020 at her home in Shelburne.

She was born in Berkshire on April 27, 1944, to the late Maurice & Harriett (Ryea) Weld.

Pauline was born on Potato Hill Road in Berkshire, VT. She played an important role in helping raise her seven siblings. Pauline was proud to be a lifelong Vermonter that came from a farming family. Her greatest accomplishments in life were her family, children and grandchildren.

She was respected as the family matriarch and was the rock that held the family together. Pauline enjoyed gardening, growing tomatoes, scrapbooking and being on the go most weekends with Tom. Having her family all together for holidays and special occasions and making them dinner was her greatest joy. She was a longtime member of the Saint Andrews Society of Vermont, and president from 2018-2020.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Thomas Kirkpatrick; her children, Kristin Gretkowski, Brian Kirkpatrick and his wife, Michelle, Kathleen Maille, and Bradley Kirkpatrick and his wife, Maribel; grandchildren, Sean and his wife Hannah, Machaela, Andrew and Trevor Maille; brother, Tim and his wife Evelyn; sister, Barbie; and sister-in-law, Mary Jane. Besides her parents, Pauline was predeceased by siblings, Mary, Gary, Greg, David and Thomas Weld.

Visitation was held Saturday, March 14 in Enosburg.

## St Andrew's Society of Vermont Scholarship Foundation Report

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Despite daunting obstacles to completing our scholarship award process rising from Covid-19 restrictions, President Darryl Calkins wrote to every Vermont High School, and received more than 25 expressions of interest. Of these about 22 entered full applications. Our small committee read all of these via our internet connections, commented through a shared grid, and we made four academic awards of \$1000. Two Cultural Grants of \$500 were approved to people interested in improving their knowledge of Scottish culture. All awards were to females.

This year the St. Andrew's Society must nominate persons to serve on the board of the Scholarship Foundation. The Foundation is a "captive" charity organized under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c(3)). Board members are appointed by SAS at the Annual General Membership meeting, following which Foundation Board members meet separately to elect officers.

Present Foundation Board consists of Darryl Calkins (President), Patricia Smith (VP), Bruce Shields (Sec/ Treas), and Carolyn Adams, Russell Slora, and Scott Blanchard. Two members must be replaced by nominations from St. Andrew's Society at the AGM. Members may also be nominated at the option of the Pipes & Drums of St. Andrew's Society, and by the Vermont Highland Dancers Association. We have no representative of those organizations serving at present.



\$1000 Academic Grants went to:

- Jazlyn Barnaby of Waltham, attending Bentley College
- Hanna Blankenship of Strafford, attending Champlain College
- Emma Farnsworth of White River Junction, attending UVM
- Emily Rooney of Vergennes, attending Clark University.

\$500 Cultural Grants, both for advanced instruction in Harp

- Shannon Adams of Warren
- Eleanor Freebern of Richmond - pictured left.

## **Annual General Membership Meeting.**

Several of you have asked what became of the St Andrew's Society annual meeting. The event was planned for late March at the Elks Club in Barre. The day prior to her death, President Pauline was concerned about early indications that public gatherings would be banned, and had arranged with the Elks Club to hold our meeting in their Pub space, with no more than four persons per table, and the tables appropriately spaced. On the Monday following Pauline's funeral, Vermont entered into a near lock-down. In the confusion and dismay following, the Society did not communicate any plans. This newsletter, with no hint of Pauline's demise, reached your mailboxes about the same day she died.

The rest of the year has been cancelled.

- Annual General Meeting was cancelled by the State Lockdown. The Board of Managers has met via Zoom to propose a replacement AGM meeting for Saturday, Sept. 12. As things stand, that will need to be in part via Zoom. We need to elect officers: Tom Kirkpatrick is serving as President. We need to elect a President — if that is Tom, we then need a Vice President. Kathy Maillie stepped in supposedly to be temporary Secretary 4 years ago, and would appreciate being replaced. The Managers did not name a nominating committee: we are to have a Zoom meeting again to settle some of these details.

- Kay Shields has agreed to again audit the books of the Society, but the day has not been set.

- The SAS Scholarship Foundation needs two board members nominated: Each year two names are proposed by the AGM, but in this year two incumbents have been absent. One former officer has volunteered to return to the board, so at least one new name is needed. And possibly on the same day as the SAS AGM, the Foundation needs to meet to reorganize and accept the new nominees.

- Kirking o' the Tartan was cancelled, because the date fell during the strict shut down. We were unable to get the word out.

- Quechee was either cancelled or never organized. We are no longer regularly informed.
- NH Games at Loon was cancelled.
- Tartan Ball November 7, 2020, canceled. The Canadian border seems likely to remain closed.

- Website. Past President David Campbell was our dedicated webmaster. He also owned the site. He passed from among us a year ago. Several of the Managers are experimenting with creating a new website - but the situation is that no good information has been posted on the SAS website for nearly two years. Contact Cedric if you are able to help

- Facebook. Two pages show. Friends who like St. Andrews Society was an experimental page owned by Bruce Shields. It should probably be dismantled. Brett McLay built a St. Andrew's Society page. Go onto FaceBook, like it and follow it. We'll try to keep it more nearly up to date.

- Burns Nicht. We hope to have clear guidance. At this point, it might happen, but with State and National leadership holding two updates per week, we are very uncertain.

We will try to appear more organized — this year has left us stound. [Scots for knocked silly]

## WHY WE WORK ON THE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

This was sent in by SAS Foundation president Darryl Calkins two weeks ago.

I was golfing at the Newport Country Club on Friday afternoon and at the tee box for the 18th hole my son and I each ordered a beer from the traveling amenities cart that serves golfers during their round of golf. A nice young woman who we engaged in conversation, mentioned that she was a student at Husson College in Bangor, Maine....which hit memory cells of our group awarding a recent scholarship to a nursing student going to Husson and also being a good golfer from the Newport area. Her name tag with last name of Goulet looked familiar, so I asked if she was a nursing student and she replied yes, and I asked if she played golf for the college and she said yes, and I asked if her mother was employed at the hospital in Newport, and yes again. I think she was somewhat taken aback that I knew that much about her "past," I'm surprised I remembered that much too!

After the last question I told her about a St. Andrews Scholarship she received and that's why I knew a little bit about her history, but I couldn't remember the year she got as I wasn't sure of her year in college. So I had to go back into the files.

An update on Katie Goulet after reviewing my spreadsheet of applicants, a 2017 awardee. She is still a student at Husson and going back this fall, with classes online, but also working and doing practicals at a local hospital in the Bangor area. She has obtained her LNA, works full time at the Newport, VT Hospital during the summer months and school vacations, and drives the "beer" cart during the summer months at the local golf course when not working at the hospital. This is my first encounter with a recipient of a St. Andrews Society Scholarship and I wasn't disappointed, and it was rewarding to see that she was still pursuing her degree and a very nice person as well.....we must have selected well!!

- Editor's further note: Katie Goulet tells the Caledonian Record Newspaper that she has played golf at Newport since she was five. She was a top-ranked golfer among Vermont High School golf programs, and last year placed 16th among all women's amateur golfers in a Statewide meet at Killington. Virtually every student who submitted papers to us has a fascinating back-story. But only rarely do we get a chance to follow up as in this case.

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## SCHEDULE OF 2020 EVENTS

- *July 19, Kirkin o'th Tartan, {Canceled}*
- *Aug 22 Quechee Games {Canceled}*
- *Sept 18-20, NH Highland Games {Canc*
- *Sept 12 AGM possibly as picnic*
- *Nov 7, Tartan Ball, {Canceled}*
- *Jan 23 2021 Burns' Nicht, {kittle}*

*Bring friends to these events. We have good food, good company, and a great introduction to Scottish heritage and culture.*

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