

SEPTEMBER ECHOES



ST ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF OAKLAND

C/O 3565 WHITEHALL CT, PLEASANTON, CA 94588

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SOCIETY NEWS

Please Note

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 10TH

The President, Vice –President and Treasurer will be traveling, so it was decided to have a summer recess for the month of September.

The next meeting of the St Andrew's Society of Oakland will be held on Thursday October 8th at the **Oasis** Restaurant, Main Street, Pleasanton. NOT at Roundtable Pizza and NOT at Redcoats Pub. The meetings always commence at 8 pm.

AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING

SICK/RELIEF COMMITTEE

Jaqueline is taking care of our members with on-going ailments and we wish all our members who are sick to get well soon.

Please remember to inform Jacqueline for help in times of hardship, or if you need to hear a cheery voice in times of illness.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

None.

BALLOTING FOR MEMBERSHIP

None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Alan stated that the committee had reviewed two applications. One from Craig Stanford and one from Ralph Black. Alan made a motion to give \$500 to each and Douglas seconded.

Since the meeting, Kenny has written covering letters and sent them off with the checks to Craig and Ralph. Congratulations and well done to our students.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Well the hotel is booked, the Pipe Band is booked, the dancers are booked, the DJ is booked, and the Accordionist is booked. If we get anymore bookings, I'll let you know! Remember and keep the 21st November free for our St Andrew's Banquet and Ball, which will be held at the Pleasanton Marriott (formerly Crowne Plaza). Yeah! We are back at our old stomping ground! ☺ A block of rooms have

been allocated for our event and the rate is \$79 per night with breakfast included, so please call the hotel at 925 847 6000 to reserve your room and mention the St Andrew's Society of Oakland.

MARKETING AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Pub Quiz will definitely be held on the 27th September. Tickets are selling quickly, so get your orders in if you haven't already done so.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no third reading of the name change as it was decided to table this until further notice.

It was decided to have tent space at the Alameda Highland Games to be held on the 5th and 6th September. More about that later.

Also, please remember that dues are always due on the 1st December of every year! If you haven't already paid your annual fee of \$25 per member for 2009, please send your checks to Ian Myles, Treasurer, 38346 Jacaranda Court, Newark, CA 94560.



Happy Birthday To You!

September Birthday Wishes go to:

Karina Tharp – 4
Douglas Unsworth - 7
Billy Edmiston – 12
Ernie Shanks - 17
Nikki Brown – 18
Brian Paul – 24

Apologies go to Nicola Golden as she wasn't listed last month. Nicola celebrated her birthday on the 11th August – Happy Birthday Nicola – hope it was a good one! Best wishes and Happy Birthday to all!



Pleasanton Games

Well, the Pleasanton Games have passed and although the games were terrific as usual, what a great weekend we had at the tent. There was a lot of interest in our drawing – “put your name in the box to win two tickets to the banquet” (\$150 value) which actually enticed a lot of people to come over and fill in the wee forms. In fact, we had a load of visitors who showed interest in the Society. A number of Membership Application forms have been filled in too, so hopefully, we'll have a few more members being installed soon.

I'd also like to thank all those who helped with the tent, but a BIG thank you goes to John Houston. He worked hard informing people about the Society, its history and what the modern day Society is all about. Mind you, having a wee dram or two helped! ☺ Hic!

Thanks go to all the members who made it to the tent – John Gray, Billy and Christine Edmiston and family, John and Winifred Tuck, Donald Davidson and family, Ian Myles, George and Mary Spence, Gary and Nikki Brown and family, Charlie and John Houston and family, Kathleen O'Leary and Ken, Alan Wigley, just to name but a few. Even Alan Purves managed a wee visit and he was busy all weekend running the games! All those who helped out deserve praise and thanks and those are – Ann Kelly and her fella Anthony (who was the life and soul, by the way), Steve and his better half (me!), Kenny Lawrence, Julie Bell and her fiance John DeKoven and John Houston.

We also had “special visitors” who came all the way from Denver.....yes, Janet and Ian Robertson made a wee trip as Lewis was playing in the pipe band and it was so lovely to see them again.

I don't have any photos as yet, but hopefully by next month, those who took pictures will have sent them in to me.

Why, Why, Why?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are almost dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they

already know there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars; but have to check when you say the paint is still wet?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

When we are in the supermarket and someone rams our ankle with a shopping cart then apologizes for doing so, why do we say, 'It's all right?' Well, it isn't all right, so why don't we say, 'That really hurt, why don't you watch where you're going?'

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?



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Calendar of upcoming events:

Sept 27 th	St Andrew's Society of Oakland – Pub Quiz – ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A SCOTSMAN? Redcoats Pub, Pleasanton
November 21 st	St Andrew's Society of Oakland – St Andrew's Banquet
December 6 th	Seniors Christmas Party at Oor Nancy's Hoose

Are You Smarter Than A Scotsman?

Come find out at



Hosted by The St. Andrews Society of Oakland
REDCOATS, Downtown Pleasanton

The Scottish Pub Quiz

Sunday, September 27th 2009, 5-9pm
(Happy Hour 3-6pm)

Come along for this fun Scottish tradition of pub grub,
brain teasers, quiz prizes and lots of laughter – it's a great night out and
even better if you know the answers!!

\$20 per person (includes dinner)*

As space is limited, please register your team and purchase your tickets by
Wednesday, September 23rd at Redcoats or by calling Nicola on 415-850-7861
or email ns_wigley@yahoo.com

Maximum 8 players per team – Individual players welcome.

This event is a fundraising event by *The St. Andrews Society of Oakland*,
a benevolent organization supporting and promoting
Scottish heritage in the East Bay.

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*\$20 entry per person includes dinner from Pub Quiz Menu and entry to the quiz.
All proceeds will benefit the St. Andrews Society of Oakland benevolent fund.