

The Scottish St. Andrew's Society of Abu Dhabi



June 2014 Newsletter

Dear Members & Friends of Scotland:

Abraham Lincoln once said 'Whatever you are, be a good one' and I believe that this is so true, we have a Society that is strong and serves a very worthwhile purpose. We should be proud of what we are achieving for our charities and the community. Our contributions for 2013 are now published in the charities section and once again we have made a difference. Thanks to everyone for your support. For 2014 we have elected to support two very worthwhile charities - Alzheimer Scotland and The Special Care Centre Abu Dhabi.



As the temperature starts to crank up, we will be holding our World Famous Quiz evening and focus upon further events once the Holy month of Ramadan has ended. We recently discussed with the Irish Society, the possibility of a Celtic themed event in the near future, which has great potential and I hope to provide you with more details on this very soon. I look forward to meeting with you all and your social or work colleagues at future events during the remainder of the year. We are also pleased to announce that our membership card is now a source of great savings! We have negotiated with several outlets throughout the city where you can benefit from discounts as a member. Please contact the Secretary for your card.

I wish you all a safe summer break and my best wishes to you and your family. Our next Sundowners event will be held during September at Porters Bar and I hope to see you there, get a free drink and a snack, so please support these open evenings and bring along friends or new colleagues,.

Yours aye, **Iain Hill, Chieftain**

Forthcoming Events

Quiz Night – During the hotter months we will be holding our quiz evening – date to be announced.

Scottish Country Dancing

Every Sunday 7.15 – 9pm, also a new daytime class every Thursday 2-3.30pm. The (British) Club, Tourist Club Area. Beginners welcome and no need to bring a partner. Members 20 AED, Non-Members 25 AED.

For further details: Francine Quastel fquastel@yahoo.com
Tel: 055 9484 658.

Monthly Golf Stableford - Our final event of the series was held at AD National Golf Club on Sat 19th April, with Dave Jeffrey a worthy winner and Society Champion. Well done to all who competed and thank you to The Crowne Plaza and Intercontinental Abu Dhabi for their support during the series. The 2014/15 Series will commence in October and further details can be obtained from Steve Holt at 050 582 3235 or email: steve43_holt@hotmail.com

Sundowners – Held on the 2nd Monday of every month at Porters Bar, Grand Millennium Hotel. We are now into the summer break and so we look forward to seeing many of you Monday 8th September when we will resume and you are always welcome to bring along friends and colleagues who are interested in finding out more and would like to join the Society.

The St Andrews Ball: Thurs 7th Nov 2014, 7pm

We are Celebrating 45 years as a charitable society in Abu Dhabi and the Chieftain extends a personal invite to all members, friends and colleagues to attend. Venue TBC so watch this space for more details soon.

Charities: We are a non-profit making, volunteer led organisation, raising funds through raffles, auction items and sponsorship to support our chosen charities in Abu Dhabi and Scotland for 2014, Alzheimer Scotland – Action on Dementia www.alzscot.org and The Special Care Centre Abu Dhabi. The Special Care Centre is a non-profit making organization, helping children with mental and physical disabilities. The school is governed by a Board and tuition fees and income are recycled back into the school. The students are charged minimal school fees that do not cover the operating costs of the school, therefore a large portion of the budget and a new improved facility for the children is being achieved through fund raising and support from people like ourselves. We have already supported the local charity to assist with their recent 25 Year Celebration and Talent Show event, which was a huge success and very well supported by the community.

Membership: Based upon the membership card discount scheme, I would encourage you to renew your membership as soon as possible, if you have not already done so! We welcome all nationalities to join our Society, so please encourage any new friends who have come to the region to join us. Contact Sadia Syed on 050 262 9957, by e-mail at sadssyed@hotmail.com, or a committee member. New member application forms are available on line at www.adscots.com

Sponsorship: Grant Property, based in Scotland, have kindly provided a sponsorship donation, and I would encourage you to have a look at their property investment opportunities at www.grantproperty.com. As always we are keen to attract sponsors for an individual event or a donation throughout the year. It is an opportunity to showcase their company and invite their clients to one of our events. For assistance contact Tracey Hughes on 056 196 2994, email traceyhughes_uk@yahoo.co.uk or Alan Payne on 056 687 9060, email: apayne@nationalambulance.ae

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