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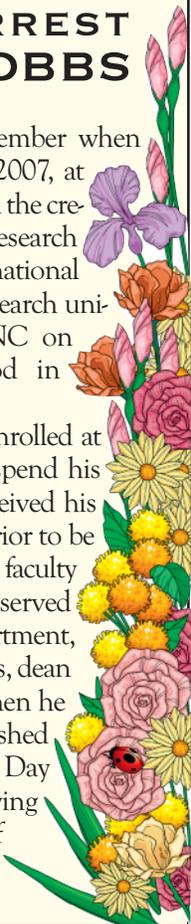
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FLOWERS IN THE FORREST DR. MARCUS E HOBBS

The St. Andrews' Society lost a valued member when Marcus E. Hobbs, Ph.D, 98 died August 12, 2007, at The Forest At Duke in Durham. Instrumental in the creation of the Research Triangle Park, The Research Triangle Institute now known as RTI International (RTI), and the growth of Duke as a national research university, Hobbs was born in Chadbourne, NC on August 11, 1909. He spent his childhood in Wilmington.

After graduating from high school, Hobbs enrolled at Duke and was one of the rare individuals to spend his entire academic career at the university. He received his undergraduate, masters and doctoral degrees, prior to be appointed to the chemistry department as a faculty member in 1936. Beginning in 1951, Hobbs served consecutively as chairman of the chemistry department, dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, dean of the university, vice provost, and provost. When he was awarded the University Medal for Distinguished Meritorious service at a University Founder's Day ceremony in 1989, Hobbs was cited for having "strongly" influenced the crucial middle years of this institution's development as a university."



NEW MEMBERS

JOHN M. ALEXANDER, JR. – RALEIGH, NC
JOHN F. BURNS – SOUTHERN PINES, NC
DONALD J. CAMERON – CHARLOTTE, NC
FREDERICK S. DEATON – WINSTON-SALEM, NC
CHANDLER GILLESPIE, JR. – RALEIGH, NC
RICHARD D. HALL, JR. – GREENSBORO, NC
W. KIRBY KILPATRICK – PINEHURST, NC
JIMMY F. LAUGHRIDGE - LINVILLE FALLS, NC
S. MCDOWELL LEITNER – ROCK HILL, SC
ALAN B. MACINTYRE – CHAPEL HILL, NC
CHARLES D. MASSEY – GASTONIA, NC
WILLIAM H. PATE – CHAPEL HILL, NC
GARY H. PENDLETON – RALEIGH, NC
J. STEPHEN QUINAN – CHARLOTTE, NC
GEORGE B.F. RAMSAY – RALEIGH, NC
KERR CRAIGE RAMSAY – RALEIGH, NC
MAURICE B. ROBERTSON – FAYETTEVILLE, NC
JOHN C. SHEPHERD – GREENVILLE, SC

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP:
WILLIAM G. JARRETT, JR. – RALEIGH, NC



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NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Jim Laughridge and Montreat Pipes & Blue Ridge Brass

ST ANDREWS SOCIETY – BLOWING ROCK – GRANDFATHER GAMES ALWAYS A GREAT COMBINATION!

Jane McPhaul wrote:

“A beautiful gathering, friends, pipes, great food under the tent, and the dinner at Blowing Rock Lakeside was enjoyed by all. For those who wished, the clan meetings, singing Gaelic in the meadow, cheering the runners~particularly encouraging another generation. After 40 years of attending the Grandfather Games, I can now look forward to my first Great Grandchild, Elizabeth Player Fleury being on hand in the future.”

John Ramsay & Jane McPhaul



Betsy Ramsey and Sally Badger

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



It seems like long trips are the best time for me to catch up on your correspondence, and this is no exception. I am high over the blue Atlantic returning from a church mission trip to Poland. We stayed for a week at a seminary where we were briefed on Poland's troubled history of domination by the neighboring powers of Germany and Russia. The bonding element which contributed the critical components for Poland's survival was the church and

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CELTIC CONNECTION



R.G. Absher & Celtic Connection from Western North Carolina.

RG Absher and Celtic Connection are from Western North Carolina and have preformed for many years at Merle Fest the music which influenced the North Carolina's Celtic and Scottish traditions, which have led the area to become the center of Appalachian and today's bluegrass music. Members of the band routinely tour Ireland, England and Scotland, learning the roots of there music. Their show is entertaining, fast paced, and will make for an evening of fun when they perform for the St. Andrews Society on Dec. 1 in Pinehurst.

SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP GRANT RECIPIENT 2007 - 2008

SARAH REBECCA AMEND

Sarah is the daughter of John F. Amend, Jr. (Fred) and Elisabeth H. Amend.

Sarah's paternal grandmother (Robertson clan) was born in Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Her parents immigrated to Canton, North Carolina before World War I and became US citizens. They later returned to Fraserburgh for some years and returned to Canton when her grandmother was six years of age.

Sarah is currently attending North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. She is studying for her B.S. in Biological Sciences and a Minor in Genetics. She has applied to and been accepted to the University of Dundee in Dundee, Scotland.

"Studying abroad at the University of Dundee will allow me to broaden my horizons in a way similar to that of attending college at North Carolina State University has done," Amend stated. "As a notable scientific school it will meet my academic needs. In addition to studying evolutionary biology, I will study ethics and the history of the early British Empire in North America. The

location of Dundee provides opportunities to investigate my hobbies and activities."

"Scotland is notable as the country where the first successful cloning of a mammal was achieved with Dolly the sheep. In studying science at Dundee I will learn about and come to appreciate the Scottish attitudes, concerns, and opinions concerning topics of controversy in America such as cloning and stem cell research as well as the more generally accepted practices such as DNA testing. Not only will I better understand different opinions, but I will be better equipped to form my own."

"A final important aspect of studying in Dundee will be actually living in another country, not merely touring it as a visitor, but seeking a place in that community. By learning about and reflecting on these elements, I hope to better understand both my own home community of NCSU as well as the community of Dundee."



RAMSAY REMARKS CONT.

the strong faith of the people.

I could see clear comparisons to Scotland's history. Instead of German and Russian domination, it was English. Like Poland, the leadership was a never ending mix of Kings and Queens empowered by political and religious alliances. Conflict was often fueled by religious differences in Scotland as it was in Poland. After many years of religious conflict between the Catholics & Anglicans, the New Presbyterian Church, established by John Knox, tossed out leadership by Monarchs and Bishops and created something quite new, innovative, and no doubt controversial; a representative leadership structure made up of the people. Scots of strong faith went on from there to reinvent the modern world.

THANKS TO THE BOARD

Elected leaders have a responsibility to those that elect them. The Board of Directors and officers of the St. Andrews Society understand this.

During my term as President, I have been fortunate to serve with first rate individuals who are always willing to help. We receive scholarship applications from college students who have been recommended by the Board. The candidates this year are some of the strongest ever. Of the new members approved this year, the majority have been recommended by Board members.

I would especially like to thank past President Joe Ramsay for being a great mentor and allowing me to use his vehicle and parking pass for easy access to the Grandfather games.

Thanks to President elect Hal Hyde for his willingness to carry the banner for the next two years.

Thanks also to Cameron Seeby for being our Secretary and helping keep our sometimes arduous deliberations straight.

Thanks to Heyward Armstrong for his willingness to organize our golf outings and recently agreeing to help with the Grandfather arrangements.

Thanks to Pat Henderson for keeping an eye on our cash flow and work-

ing with Terry Smith to keep our books in order.

I am grateful for past Presidents Tom Badger, Bob Collier and Ted Taws for their encouraging advice and council.

I am also grateful to Alan Donaldson and Warner Hall for their work on the Scholarship and Grants Committee.

ST ANDREWS DINNER

Finally, I would like to encourage each of you to make a special effort to attend the St. Andrews dinner on December 1st at Mid Pines. We have a super program planned and the St. Andrews Pipes & Drums will also be present. Once again, we will have a drawing for a bottle of fine Single Malt for all those who bring a guest. In addition, every member who sponsors a table for eight will receive a bottle of Premium Single Malt. I look forward to seeing you then.

Ora et Lebor
John E. Ramsay, Jr.

HopScotch

Clan MacKenzie Society



As President of the Clan MacKenzie Society in the Americas, (USA) I attended the Loch Norman Highland Games, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Maine Highland Games and we had our Annual General Meeting September 8th at the Long's Peak Scottish and Irish Festival in Estes Park, Colorado. The highlight was the gathering of MacKenzie's in Colorado for our meeting. Our war cry is "Tulach Ard" (to the high hill) and at 7500 feet above sea level we pretty much answered the call.

However, it was several days acclimating to the altitude before Debbie and I could breathe easy. We had over 50 MacKenzie's participate in the one mile parade through downtown Estes Park along with about 400 others that included bands, re-enactors, 67 Clans and Joustors on horseback, of course. We continue the Clan MacKenzie tradition of tossing candy to the kids. This certainly endears us to the kids as well as assuring the local dentists of plenty of work until next years festival!

Don McKenzie



Tommy Kincade, Alan MacIntyre, Jim Samsel, and Jim McCallum



Ann & Bill Snyder



John Ramsay, Mary Margaret & Larry McNeill



Heyward & Linda Armstrong, Lu Little



Ches Crow IV, Faye & Ches Crow III



Doug Kelly, John Ramsay, Angus Kelly



Terry Smith is The St Andrews Society Executive Secretary. What a pleasure it has been to work with Terry during my term as President.



Bob & Barbara Collier, Georgeanna Chambers & Robb Colliler

St. Andrews Presbyterian College Update
 From Bill Caudill:
"To paraphrase Mark Twain, the rumors of our demise have been greatly exaggerated."



Ken & Doris McArthur, Ginny Powers and Maurice Robertson