

THE SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

My Dear Friends:

It was an evening to remember on 24 February, when we had the Irish Dancers under Helen Gannon. Such a talented group of young people! Their visit is always a joy, and it was as good as ever this time. This was followed by an interesting film on "Bermuda", given by Agnes Stirrat. It is a beautiful spot, especially in summertime, and as we were viewing it in the dead of winter, it looked doubly inviting.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 24 March, in Salem Methodist Hall on Lindbergh at Highway 40, and we have a series of events for your entertainment. Jeanne Peter will give her travelogue on a one-week whirlwind tour of the British Isles which she made a few years ago. She will be followed by a short piano interlude leading to Scottish ballroom dancing which will be led by our expert, Mary McKillop. Be sure to attend; we're in for a very full and interesting evening, ending with refreshments.

One of our members, Mrs. Nadine Pegler, passed away recently. Members of your board attended a memorial service at Trinity Presbyterian Church in University City on Saturday, 1 March.

We're looking forward to the April meeting on Monday, 28 April, in Salem Methodist Hall. It will be election night, and we will select the new board who will take over the piloting of the Society, starting in the fall (September) of 1986. We have also arranged for a group of Morris Dancers to entertain us. Compton's Encyclopedia has this to say about Morris Dancers:

"Morris Dance, or Morrice Dance-exhibition dance, widely performed in England after the 15th century: typically danced in traditional costume by six men, a fool, a man with a cardboard hobby-horse around his hips, and a boy dressed as Maid Marion: abolished by the Puritans, revived in 1899."

On 28 April, John Shewmaker and his group of Capering Roisters will entertain us with their Morris Dancing. He will be telling us, too, of the planned competition with 23 teams and 250 competitors in Shaw's Gardens in May 1986. Following the roistering, we will have refreshments.

CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, 3/24	Travelogue/Dancing	Salem Methodist	7:30 pm
Monday, 4/28	Election/Morris Dance	Salem Methodist	7:30 pm

In March, Betty and I will be in Florida, visiting our daughter and family, and we will miss our first St. Andrew meeting in a long time. So, I have asked Agnes Stirrat, our First Vice President, to conduct the March general meeting. I ask you all to come out and support Agnes, Jeanne, and Mary. We will be back at the April meeting.



Alex Sunter, President