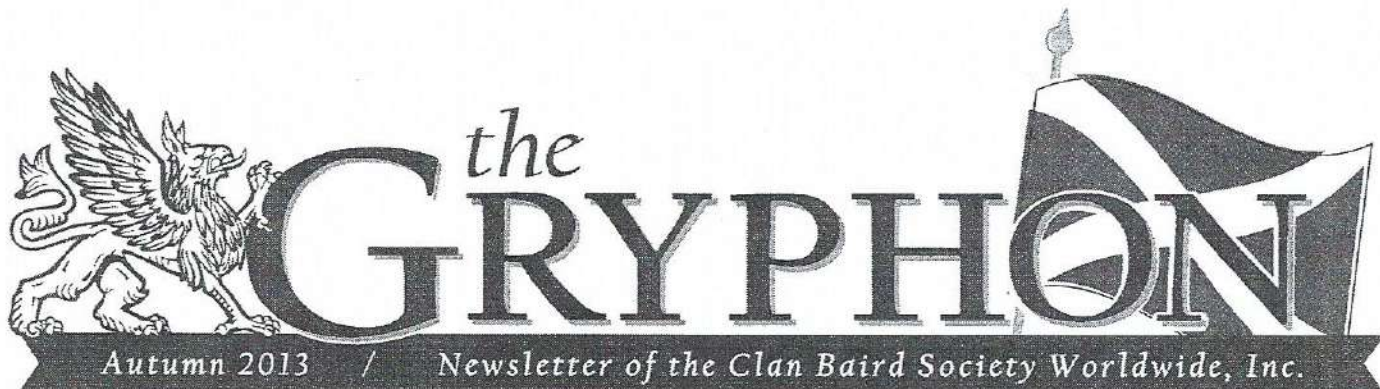


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Alongside the world-class Commonwealth Games which Glasgow will host in July and the 40th Ryder Cup to be staged at historic Gleneagles in September, there's a packed program of events and festivals which the Homecoming team are putting the finishing touches to, and the full line-up will be announced later this year.

land has to offer to locals and visitors from around the globe. Browse our dedicated Homecoming pages to find out more.

Whenever you come and wherever you visit, you'll be very welcome so join us and be part of Homecoming Scotland 2014!

If there ever was a good time to visit Scotland, it is now.

Scotland welcomes the world in the Year of Homecoming Scotland 2014! The year-long program of events will celebrate the very best of Scotland's food and drink, active and natural resources as well as the creativity, culture and ancestral heritage.

The first Homecoming year in 2009 was such an amazing success that we're doing it all over again in 2014. Just as before, everyone is invited to come and help us celebrate and reconnect with all that makes Scotland truly great.

We've had an exciting four years in the build up to Homecoming 2014, with year-long celebrations of Food & Drink, Active, Creative Scotland and Natural Scotland which have helped showcase every part of Scottish life.

In the meantime, why not visit our Homecoming Events page for more details about the signature events planned for this special year, www.visitscotland.org In addition to these, you can look forward to an exciting blend of festivals, activities, performances and celebrations that will showcase the very best that Scot-



From 23 July to 3 August 2014, the eyes of the world will be on Glasgow as it hosts the XX Commonwealth Games. A modern city of culture and sport, forward-thinking and creative, Glasgow is one of the UK's largest cities and has a lively heart and warm people.



With less than a year to go, Glasgow is gearing up to host one of the most important sporting events in the world. The Commonwealth Games have been a permanent fixture in sport since the first was held in Canada all the way back in 1930.

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Ceud Mìle Fàilte!
(100,000 Welcomes)

*We welcome to our
Clan the following:*

James Edward Barr
Syracuse, New York

James Glynn Baird
Irving, Texas

Kim Lewis
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Kelly Paul Bryant
Oneonta, Alabama

Stephanie Deakins
Atlanta, Georgia



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Edinburgh played host to the Games in both 1970 and 1986 in which Scotland won gold medals in the men's and women's 10,000 m respectively. Seventeen sports will be played over 11 days of competition at the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. Ten of these are core sports, sports that are always played and their medals competed for. Seven are selected by the host city from a choice of sixteen, making an interesting and varied program. Glasgow has selected it's seven additional sports, they are: Aquatics, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Cycling, Gymnastics, Hockey, Judo, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Rugby Sevens, Shooting, Squash, Table Tennis, Triathlon, Weightlifting and Wrestling.

The Ryder Cup at The Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire, Scotland, will take place from Friday September 26 to Sunday September 28, 2014.

The Ryder Cup is the most prestigious event in golf, and is a biennial golf competition between teams from Europe and the United States, with venues alternating between them.



**GLENEAGLES
SCOTLAND 2014**

The format for the Ryder Cup involves various match play competitions between players selected from two teams of twelve. Currently, the matches consist of eight foursomes matches, eight fourball matches and twelve singles

matches. The winner of each match scores a point for their team, with half a point each for any match that is tied after 18 holes.



164 Years of Passion and Pride

By Wrex R. Diem

That was the theme for the St. Andrews Society of Detroit's 164th sponsorship of the oldest continuous Highland Games in North America.

This was only the 10th anniversary I have sponsored a Baird Clan Tent at these games and what a lovely gathering it was.

The Bards were a pleasant surprise for showing at these games. Alma Games—yes, but here—well it was quickly discovered that the Bards (Kuhl's) now live just around the corner from these games.

As the Parade of Tartans was forming, once again Clan Baird went from zero to six JUST before the Parade kicked off. So, the Bairds along with 24 other Clans marched in the Parade.

Again, a great time at the games was had by all on a lovely, cool, sunny day at the Greenmead Park, Livonia, Michigan.



Message from the President

Hope To See You At The Annual General Meeting, January 18th Central Florida Scottish Highland Games

The season for Highland Games is slowing down around much of the country, but we have our eye on the "Central Florida Scottish Highland Games", to be held January 18th and 19th in Winter Springs, Florida - about six miles north of Orlando. They are the venue for Clan Baird Society's Annual General Meeting for 2014.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 2:00PM, and is planned to be held at the Clan Baird Society's tent, sponsored this year by our President Emeritus - Wrex Diem. A number of our current officers are planning to be there, and we will also be able to introduce our newly elected officers as well. Sure hope you can make it, as we would all like to meet as many of our members as possible - TRY TO BE THERE !! For all of you too far away to make the trip - please be with us in spirit !! (For more details on the games, go to their website - www.flascot.com)

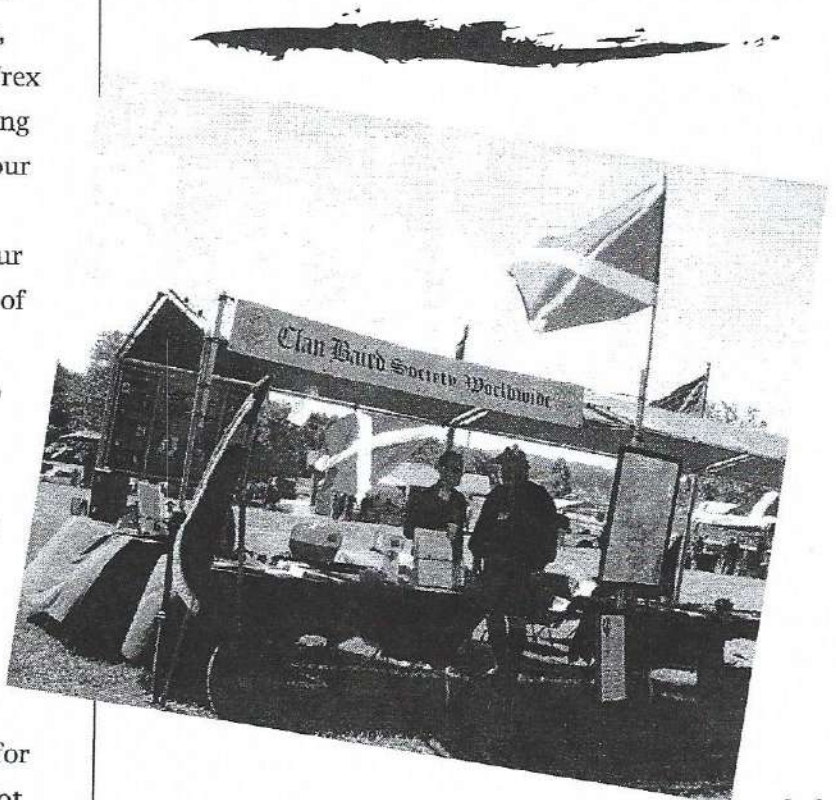
You will soon be receiving an envelope in the mail with all the details of the election of officers. We have members willing to serve in each of the offices, and there will be a background summary of each of them included in the packet. The intent is for you to get to know the folks working for you and the Society. Please be sure to sign the ballot

and return it in the envelope that will be enclosed. All ballots must be received by November 30, 2013 at the latest.

Over the past few weeks I've had the opportunity to talk and email with a significant number of our members. I was very pleased with the response to my letter looking for volunteers, and was heartened with the many of you that are interested in helping in some way. One of our major tasks for the coming year will be setting a schedule of the highland games where Clan Baird Society should be represented, and then developing a list of volunteers to host them. If you would like to host games in your area, please drop us an email, and we will get you set up.

My best wishes to each and every one of you and your families for a wonderful holiday season !!

All the best,
Jim Baird, President



Interesting Bairds to Present

from Past

Robert Beard, our Clan Baird Society Treasurer, recently published his LLM Thesis, *The U.S. Individual Income Tax is Incompatible with a Free Society*. It is now available at Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble and through the website, www.jeffersoniangroup.com.

Following is a book review by a Resident-Fellow from The James Madison Institute.

By: John-Michael Seibler
James Madison Institute

Individual income taxpayers inevitably wonder when tax-rates become confiscatory. As rates increase from ten to forty percent, at what point do U.S. citizens and residents become indentured servants? When you surrender a third or more of your earnings in direct taxes, that amount of daily labor is spent in servitude. How much can reasonably be seized as payment for public goods and services?

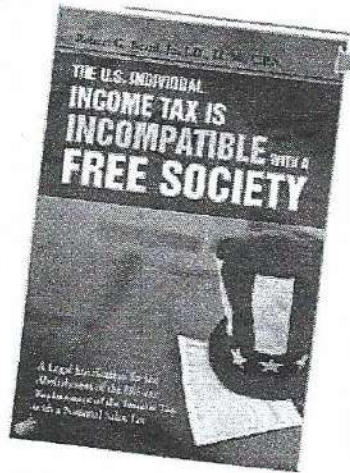
Mr. Robert G. Beard Jr., J.D., LL.M., C.P.A. has authored an essential read for every taxpayer. It asks those questions and more, while delivering in spades on its no-fuss title, *The U.S. Individual Income Tax is Incompatible with a Free Society*.

The book offers a legal justification for abolishing the IRS and enacting a national sales tax. Despite unprecedented political power-grabs by the IRS, it's a debate that generations of constitutional scholars would lay to rest. Yet Robert Beard boldly re-examines American legal history to shine a new light on key cases and constitutional mandates. Form 1040 also gets a long over-due constitutional analysis. He convincingly posits the form is a vehicle for these greater unconstitutional intrusions into

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personal finances and the continued erosion of constitutional rights.

Beard's arguments are ultimately honest, engaging, and assuage common concerns with the federal income tax. He explains the income tax is contrary to the founding generation's understanding that "taxation was the root of most evil." It violates their driving



determination "not to repeat the mistakes of the Europeans." In the proper context of original intent, the principles of the Scottish enlightenment, and classical liberalism, the book primarily addresses three main problems with the individual income tax:

1. Our definitions of direct and indirect taxes.
2. Our troubled interpretation of the Sixteenth Amendment.
3. Specific conflicts with the administration of the tax and our constitutional rights as U.S. citizens and residents.

While delightfully readable, Beard's book provides abundant research and a rich history behind these issues. He concludes that our individual income tax laws, "as administered today, would be considered repugnant to the Constitution, a direct violation of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments; and accordingly, ruled null and void."

So, what has happened since 1886, when a law authorizing the compulsory production of private financial papers was deemed unconstitutional and void? Adam Smith left us four warning signs of a bad tax in *The Wealth of Nations*. Beard traces America's violation of each one, and elucidates our growth away from seventy-five-years of survival on indirect taxes alone (e.g., duties, imposts and excises).

Robert Beard portrays the deep complicity among all three branches of government and the IRS in violating individual's rights through the income tax. He is right to declare it "a fraud on the public." For not only is the tax itself incompatible with a free society, but the administration and collection of the taxes is constitutionally questionable as well.

America's revolutionary history and jeopardized future demand an end to the individual income tax. Ultimately, Beard urges Congress to consider replacing it with a national sales tax.

If we want to learn from "the mistakes of the Europeans" as our founders intended us to, we need a firm defense against the government's slow and silent demise of liberty. That begins with a well-informed public. Robert Beard's book gives voice to that long-silent nation of taxpayers, who can feel the growing hunger of government.

This book is a must read for all of us who would not be devoured.



DUES FOR 2014

If the label on your "Gryphon" says 2013, then your dues for calendar year 2014 will be due by December 31, 2013. Now is the time to send your check for \$20, made payable to - Clan Baird Society Worldwide to:

Robert G. Beard, Jr. - Treasurer
16644 Valley Drive
Tampa, Florida 33618

We have a great year coming up!

CBSW Annual Meeting Saturday, January 18, 2014

by Robert L. Baird, 1st Vice President

Our next Annual General Meeting will be on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games in Winter Springs, Florida.

The "location" and "timing" of our meeting is exciting to me. To begin with, the location happens to be very near to Walt Disney World. For my wife Mary and myself, not only can we attend the highland games, but we can also include a trip to Disney's Epcot Center. And what makes this possible, is the timing. The weekend of January 18th happens to be a 3-day holiday weekend.

The current schedule for our Annual General Meeting will be at the Clan Baird Society's tent at 2:00pm. Our tent is being hosted by our past president, Wrex Diem.

With our members located geographically across the map, we on the BCSW board understand how difficult it is to arrange a meeting. The fact that some of our board members winter in Florida makes this location particularly attractive. Hopefully, this will also be attractive to our clan members. The internet

site for the games is: www.flascot.com. Adult tickets for Saturday's games are \$17 if purchased in advance and \$20 at the gate.

The host hotel for the games is the Hilton Orlando Altamonte Springs Hotel, 350 Northlake Blvd., Altamonte Springs, FL 32701. There is a special group rate, but I do not know if there is a deadline or capacity limit.

For reservations, please call Hilton's Nashena at 866-985-1159 x4703 to get the group rate. If you decide to make your reservation on-line, you will need the Group Code SHS14.

When planning on this location, I had some fun with my fellow board members. I encouraged them to bring along their grandchildren, nieces and nephews, or even their children. With the three day weekend mentioned above, this would be a great opportunity for our younger generation to visit Disneyland, in addition to them coming closer to their Scottish heritage.

Currently, Mary and I are planning on flying down very early on Friday morning. This will allow us to visit Epcot center, and with any luck, we will be at the Hilton in

time for the whiskey tasting and for a bite to eat. However, we need to fly home Sunday morning, as there is no caretaker for Lombardi, our cat, and we need to change his litter box.

As our former President Wrex Diem would say,

Bairdly Yours



Clan Baird Society Worldwide Financial Statement

Third Quarter 2013
July 01 - to - September 30, 2013

Income:	
Dues Received	820.00
Misc Income	
Donations	
Quartermaster Sales	

Total Quarterly Income:	820.00
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Expense:	
Advertising	
President + Membership	
Vice President	
Secretary	
Treasurer	
Exempt Status Filing Fee	850.00
Gryphon	601.91
Games	280.00
Awards, Trophies and Donations	500.00
Miscellaneous	

Total Quarterly Expense:	2,231.91
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Net Income or (Loss) for Quarter:	(1,411.91)
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Cash in Bank - Last Quarter:	10,902.07
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Cash in Bank/Available Funds:	9,490.16
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Submitted by:
Robert G. Beard, Treasurer for Clan Baird Society Worldwide

