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THE GLENGARRY

By Fred Rutledge

Many of us attending the various Games and other Scottish events usually wear one of two types of hat. It allows us to display a clan badge, regimental affiliation badge, feathers or other possibilities. This article is about one of those hats: the Glengarry.

A Glengarry (also known as a Glengarry bonnet or cap) is a type of cap which Colonel Alasdair Ranaldson MacDonell of Glengarry invented (circa 1812) and wore a boat-shaped cap without a peak made of thick-milled woolen material with a torrie or pom-pom on top and ribbons hanging down behind, capable of being folded flat. It became part of the uniform of a number of Scottish regiments around the world with differences in whether or not the cap had a diced band all around, just above the brim and in special colors.

Photo on left is of diced Glengarry with the Regimental badge of the Gordon Highlanders. Soldier and drummers tend to wear this type of Glen. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and its affiliates (i.e. the Calgary Highlanders of Canada) wear the red and white dicing. Police pipe bands sometimes wear black and white diced bands.



For a period in the 19th Century it was worn by all British soldiers (Welsh, English and Irish too). The Glen was all black and a regimental badge was attached.

The photo on the left is of a plain black Glen worn by the Black Watch and by pipers in most regimental pipe bands. Usually with a hackle or feathers and a cap badge on the cockade.

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A Message from Our President

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Membership Meetings:

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month, at 7:30 PM. Light refreshments served after the meeting.

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St. Andrew's Society
of San Francisco

Dear Members and Society Friends:

There is much to report to you this month. That being the case a smaller educational article has been submitted in favor of a more in depth President's Letter.

Since our last meeting the Society has lost two members. Jack Baxter passed away last month at age 91. He was born in Iowa and raised in Redwood City. He was stationed at Fort Ord when with less than a month before discharge, WWII was declared, and he was in for the duration. He served as a Battery Commander and Battalion Intelligence Officer in the South Pacific during the war. He was involved in the liberation of a civilian internment camp in Manila before the Japanese were able to liquidate the prisoners. He attained the rank of Major and was decorated with the Silver Star and the Bronze Star with V for his service. After the war he went to work for the Pacific Portland Cement in Redwood City. This later became Ideal Cement and he worked his way up to Plant Manager. He retired in 1974 and settled in Morgan Hill where he and his wife, Frances, could be near family. Jack was a golfer, an avid gardener with over 200 roses to tend and an accomplished Scottish Country dancer who kept dancing well into his 80's. He was a member of Clan MacMillan as well as our Society. He was quite active in his retirement only slowing down when things began to wear out at age 91. He attended all the Dan Reid Memorial Recitals except for this year's due to ill health. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances. He is survived by his children, Jack Baxter, Jr., of Lakeport, CA and Society member Bradley Baxter of Morgan Hill, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and scores of friends.

His family and friends will be gathering at his home in Morgan Hill on July 4th. This was his annual BBQ and Garden Party for everyone and he hoped to be able to hang on long enough for this one. He shall be there in spirit ready to enjoy a party nonetheless. Please know the family has invited us to join them on the 4th for a celebration of his life and Scottish Ceilidh.

I had a super visit with Jack and Bradley in April. A great fellow who will be missed.

Our Society Patron, the 15th Duke of Hamilton and 12th Duke of Brandon, died on Saturday, 5 June, age 71, from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was the Premier Peer of Scotland and hereditary Keeper of



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Holyroodhouse Palace, the Queen's official residence in Scotland. He held the marquises of Douglas and Clydesdale, the earldoms of Angus, Lanark, Arran and Cambridge, the lordships of Abernethy, Jedburgh Forest, Aven, Innerdale, Machansyre and Polmont, and the barony of Dutton; he was also pretender to the French Dukedom of Châtelherault. Angus spent 11 years in the RAF, flying reconnaissance patrols for British forces in Malaya. He never lost his love of flying and, after leaving the RAF in 1967, became a test pilot; a pilot for QANTAS Airlines, and in later life he graduated to aerobatic displays, stunting in a Bulldog bi-plane until seven years ago. Angus was a Knight Grand Cross and Grand Prior of the Order of St. John (Knights of Malta); "Keeper of the Honours of Scotland"; a mechanical engineering genius, and keeper of his family's heritage and gravitas.

He also became a racing driver, a pursuit he had picked up in Singapore, and competed at Brands Hatch and Silverstone and other European courses in cars such as the Maserati 250F and the Lola-Climax.

Angus was a good friend of the St. Andrews Society for some fifteen years. He visited the Society back in 1996. The Duke became our patron at this time.

As Lord Abernethy he was hereditary Bearer of the Crown of Scotland, which had originally been made for James V of Scotland in 1540. In 1999, at the inauguration of the Scottish Parliament, he cut a striking figure while performing the role before the Queen. As a nobleman who hated pomp, however, he was somewhat anxious while waiting for the ceremony to get under way.

The Duke is survived by his wife and by two sons and two daughters from his first marriage. The heir to the Hamilton titles is the eldest son, Alexander Douglas Hamilton, Marquess of Douglas and Clydesdale, who was born in 1978.

"And now for something completely different" as the saying goes. A 'Tattoo' is more than a design on the skin... it is a tightly woven, full production spectacle of music and movement, featuring military bands, massed pipes and drums, choirs, dancers, and special skills and athletic demonstrations.

The Tattoo has evolved from a simple military ceremony to a dynamic performance concept with successful events in cities around the world from Edinburgh, Scotland to Sydney, Australia. In Canada, Halifax's Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo has been a major fixture on the East Coast summer festival scene for over thirty years.

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St. Andrew's Society of SF & Related Calendar of Events for 2010

JUNE

MON, 21 JUN, Society Monthly Meeting – Program: TBD.

JULY

SAT/SUN, 10/11 JUL, 36th Annual Dunsmuir Scottish Games, Oakland??

No Society Monthly Meeting

AUGUST

SAT/SUN, 7 /8 AUG, Monterey Scottish Games & Celtic Festival,

Toro Park

www.montereygames.com

SAT, 14 AUG, Joint (clubs) Ceilidh, Encinal Yacht Club Alameda

No Society

Monthly Meeting

SEPTEMBER

THU, 2 SEP PBFSCO Pub Night, Pleasanton

SAT/SUN, 3 /5 SEP, 145th Scottish Highland Gathering

& Games, Pleasanton Caledonian Club of

San Francisco,

www.caledonian.org

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A Message from Our President: continued

MON, 20 SEP - Society
Monthly Meeting –
Members Dinner
(Nominating Com-
mittee appointed for
2010 slate of officers)

OCTOBER

SAT, 2 OCT, Loch Lo-
mand Celtic Society
Games, Ben Lomand
Society Monthly
Meeting – 18 OCT.
Program: TBD
Nominating Com-
mittee reports find-
ings
Theme:
Samhain (Scottish
New Year & Hallow-
een)

NOVEMBER

SUN, 7 NOV, Remem-
brance Day Service at
Grace Cathedral MON,
15 NOV - Society
Monthly Meeting – Pro-
gram: TBD
Candidates nomi-
nated from the floor.
SAT, 20 NOV, St. An-
drews Society of Oak-
land, Ball
SAT, 28 NOV St. An-
drews Banquet and Ball,
Marine's Memorial
Hotel
MON, 30 November, St.
Andrew's Day

DECEMBER

MON, 13 DEC - Society
Monthly Meeting –
(note date change).
TBD. Election of

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Now, with the launch of the Pacific Tattoo, the West Coast will have its own signature international tattoo. The inaugural performances shall take place in July 2011 at the Save-On Foods Memorial Centre in downtown Victoria, British Columbia. The two-hour musical extravaganza will feature participants from Vancouver Island and beyond. Tickets will go on sale in December 2010. A dear old friend of mine, Pipe-Major Roger McGuire of the Canadian-Scottish Regiment, is one of the organizers of this event. He says this new event will be right up there with the others in quality and fine entertainment. Check out the tattoo's website: www.pacifictattoo.ca For those not able to travel overseas these days having a major Military Tattoo so close to home is great news.

A reminder: no membership meetings in July or August. We shall gather again in September for a members dinner. When we return the Nominating Committee will begin work on putting a list of society officers together for 2011. Please be in a service-mode should you be asked to hold an office.

During our break the Fourth Annual Joint Ceilidh will be held on Saturday, 14 August. Flyers provide details on the event and nearby accommodations. The Caledonian Club of San Francisco, St. Andrews Society of Oakland, the Pleasanton-Blairgowrie-Fergus Sister Cities Organization and the St. Andrews Society of San Francisco host this "Joint" Ceilidh. The event is once again at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda.

The Caledonian Club of San Francisco will hold its 145th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games over Labor Day weekend. Our society staffs a tent at the games. The Air Force Association of Canada will hold its annual Battle of Britain service at the Presidio of San Francisco Chapel on Sunday, 20 September at 12:15 PM.

Wayne Padgett has been working hard to bring the Scotch Bottoms event on the sailing ship Balclutha back into being. The National Park Service provided a few dates and the Society officers were solicited for a suitable selection. Monday, 11 October is the date. Please mark your calendars. We will have a quick meeting on board the ship before the program starts. This will be in lieu of or October meeting. More information on the Scotch Bottoms to follow! Check the San Francisco Maritime National Park for directions and parking information: www.maritime.org.

When I became president in January 2008 I made mention of my desire to get the St. Andrews Society more involved with local Scottish history. John Muir, John McLaren, William Keith, Robert Louis Stephen-

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son and the Balclutha were the main targets for education and support activities. We are making progress with the Muir House folks in Martinez thanks to Roger Weed's hard work. John Allison has made connections with the Robert Louis Stevenson Museum and with two schools named after the author. James Beatty is working on John McLaren links. I propose that we, the Society, become a patron of the Balclutha. This will be a tangible link with Scotland too. I have asked the trustees to consider an annual donation to the vessels upkeep and educational programs to the tune of \$1,000. More on these efforts at the next meeting!

See you on 21 June!

Yours aye,

Fred Rutledge, President



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A cap described in a 1937 amendment to the British Army's Dress Regulations as "similar in shape to the Glengarry" became the Universal Pattern Field Cap of the British and Commonwealth Armies in World War II. The Glengarry is now worn by all Scottish infantry regiments and their bands as an alternative to the tam o' shanter, particularly in parade dress (when always worn by bandsmen - unless a feather bonnet is worn).



The last photo is of a tartan Glengarry. Civilians can wear a Glen in their favorite tartan these days. In the case of this photo it is the National Tartan of Ireland.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE

- On the 11th of September (a Saturday) we are hosting about 20 member's of the Robert Louis Stevenson Society, from Edinburgh Scotland , to lunch at Green St. Because of available space, we can only accommodate currently serving officers & past presidents , this will be at a cost of \$30 per person . Cost will cover: Valet, Food, Wine, and Entertainment. If you intend to be there, please respond to John Allison ASAP at 707 226 9019
- Save the Date : For the Society's 147th annual ball, Saturday the 27th of November at the Marines Memorial Club . We hope to see all your smiling faces there. For information: call John Allison at 707 226 9019

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life Members who have elected to become Patron Life Members for 2010.

PATRON LIFE MEMBERS

PAID TO DATE:

Wade Hughan
John Lord
Gerry Sample
Don Sanford
Brian Tulloch
Jim Campbell



Duke of Hamilton passes away.

Folks, Member Ian Sherwood received word that The Duke of Hamilton has died. A formal letter to the family is in order.

Regards, Fred

P.S. Please see: <http://www.cuillinn.com/notesJun10.html>

WOMAN AGED 91 MAY STORM SCOTS-US MALE STRONGHOLD

By LUCY KINDER

FOR more than 250 years it has been the exclusive domain of men celebrating their Scottish links. But now a Scottish society that is one of New York's last male bastions is set to think the unthinkable and consider admitting a woman. If accepted, Margaret McMillan will be breaking the society's 250-year-old tradition.



In a controversial move which could shake the Saint Andrew's Society of New York to its foundations, its president, Robert Kerr III, has nominated a woman for membership.

In a memo sent to the society's 500-plus members, Mr Kerr called the move a "possible watershed event" and stated: "I personally believe that the time has come to admit women to our membership."

He has pledged his support for the membership application of Margaret McMillan, a 91-year-old benefactor and prominent society supporter. Under the society's constitution, the application will be presented to the board of managers for consideration at a meeting on 10 June.

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The Saint Andrew's Society of New York was formed in 1756 and is guided by the principle of fostering relations between Scotland and the United States as well as providing assistance to natives of Scotland residing in New York.



The requirements for membership are governed by the society's constitution, which states: "None but Scotsmen or lineal descendants of natives of Scotland, of good moral character, shall be eligible for membership as regular members of the society".

Although this wording could allow for female membership, until now the society has never admitted a female to its ranks.

Former Edinburgh lord provost and society member Eric Milligan welcomed the move, saying: "The original

membership of the society would have contained colonial gentlemen, but the world of the 1750s is not the same as the world of 2010.

"There will be some curmudgeonly old traditionalists who will think this will mean enormous changes to the organisation, but everybody will soon be wondering what the fuss was about."

Mr Kerr admitted this was a sensitive issue, saying: "The society has had a number of female candidates over the years although there are no female members at this time. The situation remains under discussion."

However, some members are displeased with the proposed change. Author Duncan Bruce refused to comment on his views about admitting women into the Saint Andrew's Society, but said: "It hasn't happened yet."

INVENTOR OF CASH MACHINE DIES AT 84 IN SCOTLAND

By SYLVIA HUI Associated Press Writer

Posted: 05/19/2010 12:38:17 PM PDT

Updated: 05/19/2010 02:05:26 PM PDT

LONDON—John Shepherd-Barron, the Scotsman credited with inventing the world's first automatic cash machine, has died after a short illness. He was 84.

Shepherd-Barron died peacefully in northern Scotland's Raigmore Hospital on Saturday, funeral director Alasdair Rhind said Wednesday.

Shepherd-Barron once said that he came up with the idea of the cash dispensers after being locked out of his bank. He also said that his invention was inspired by chocolate vending machines.

"It struck me there must be a way I could get my own money, anywhere in the world or the U.K.," he said in an interview with the BBC in 2007. "I hit upon the idea of a chocolate bar dispenser, but replacing chocolate with cash."

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John Shepherd-Barron: My wife's personal hero!

—Wm. Jagers

Chaplain's Corner Chat

By Elly Sturm

It is always our hope that those near and dear to us will do well. Alas, life will have its ups and downs for everyone, and it is with this in mind that I ask you to remember in particular two of our own who are near and dear. Last month Major Jack Baxter died; we will miss him and his cheerful and gracious demeanor, and our condolences go out to his family. We especially extend our kindest regards to his wonderful daughter and member of our Society, Bradley Baxter, who gave Jack her loving care in his illness. We miss you too, Bradley, and look forward to seeing you again.

We also miss Kristian Mullens, who is still experiencing a great deal of pain caused most probably, think his doctors, by some form of rheumatoid arthritis. Please keep him in mind, as this physical suffering impacts our young friend's life immensely.

I know that there are many others who need our prayers, kind thoughts and well wishes.

Wishing you all peace and strength,

Yours aye,

Elisabeth Sturm, Society Chaplain

PROGRAM FOR JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

By James Beatty, 2nd Vice President

JOHN MCLAREN PARK

A wonderful special feature on John McLaren was recently provided in our SASSF newsletter. I would like to add to our appreciation of this man's legacy with some knowledge concerning the 2nd largest park within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco City and County Recreation and Parks Department. There is much about this 318 ac. park that is not known from its location to its many unique neighborhood-serving facilities that are tucked between its many breath-taking views from atop wind-swept hillsides of natural grasses, sculptured cypress, and seemingly untouched wilderness, east of the 'Sunset.' This panacea of nature so slightly disturbed speaks well of a man molded and 'molding' of environments that were strong in their noble symbols of inspiration and strengths of survivability. The character of this man's legendary efforts to bring beauty and space for contemplation into the very environments within which most men were congregated and limited in their recreational pursuits, had been recognized, and were to be honored a



few years after his long, contributing life was over.

In 1946 318 acres of park site were established by the Board of Supervisors. By 1959 a master plan was prepared. From 1961 to 1983 a golf course was completed, playgrounds, tennis courts, amphitheatre, trails, pathways, development of wildlife reservoir & viewing tower, and family picnic sites were constructed. Since that

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time much has developed and deteriorated within this natural preserve that cries for our curiosities and support.

The speaker at our June meeting speaking as a representative of the Parks Department will enlighten us to the current status of the facilities, the efforts of various 'Friends of John McLaren Park' groups to maintain and improve the varied amenities that are still beneficial to frequent neighborhood users, as well as city-wide dwellers and visitors who would be attracted to this visually, awe-inspiring site.

I have for some time considered an activity for our membership that would be inexpensive, casual, family-oriented, multi-generational, multi-active (music, games, country-dancing, pot-lucking, table games, etc.) socially -extending, and occurring during the summer months. It might be worth our considerations to explore such a venue on this particular 'name-sake' site. We could also investigate our abilities to be a partner with the City of S.F. and develop 'standing' with the parks department by our supportive efforts. The view of That Man, Our Own Past President from those lofty heights is inspiring. I would hope that we could be inspired enough to consider an activity and/or positive contribution towards the benefit of us all (society/community,) in his memory.

2nd V.P.'s WATCH LIST

Silent Auction and Gift Donations are 'in the works' for the holidays at the Firehouse. In an effort to raise monies to defray the challenging costs of our two major social commitments of the year, 'The Christmas Banquet and Ball' (27 Dec. 2010), and 'The Robert Burns Supper' (22 Jan. 2011.) In the 'Spirit of Giving' we would like to initiate an effort to donate items of some historical, cultural, or other intrinsic value, that would make an attractive gift that a member could purchase for a friend or for themselves. Scottish artifacts, books, paintings, beverages, cookies, musical instruments, songsthe list is limitless. In other words, you can support your society's efforts to provide two uniquely Scottish events that have been our Traditional Trademarks, which are becoming painfully expensive to plan and provide within the financial means of most members. This effort would encourage each of you to contribute your donations at the Firehouse during the monthly meetings of September thru November. The November meeting would be the official occasion to participate in the auction and/or 'donation for gifts' exchange. This will also be a festive program of Scottish Holiday Cooking' provided by Vivian Hausserman. The accompanying food for those attending will also embody the Christmas Season. So.....its not too early to begin dusting off some bit of treasure that would be

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The first automatic teller machine, now known as ATMs, was installed at a branch of Barclays Plc in a north London suburb on June 27, 1967.

Plastic bank cards had not been invented yet, so Shepherd-Barron's machine used special checks that were chemically coded. Customers placed the checks in a drawer, and after entering a personal identification number, a second drawer would spring open with a 10 pound note.

Shepherd-Barron originally planned to make personal identification numbers six digits long, but cut the number to four after his wife Caroline complained that six was too many.

"Over the kitchen table, she said she could only remember four figures, so because of her, four figures became the world standard," he told the BBC.

There are now more than 1.7 million ATMs across the globe, according to the ATM Industry Association.

Shepherd-Barron was awarded an Officers of the Order of the British Empire, or OBE, for his services to

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banking in 2004—40 years after his invention.

He was survived by his wife, three sons and six grandchildren, Rhind said in a death notice in The Scotsman newspaper.

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Associated Press writer Ben McConville contributed to this report from Edinburgh.

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quite attractive in 'another light' for a worthy cause. Please contact me, James Beatty at (510) 459-9395.

WHAT'S HAPPENING' IN AUGUST?

DO NOT MISS THIS ONE! : The Joint Ceilidh at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda. This is one our most popular and enjoyable Events in the Summer months that brings together each of our Scottish Bay Area Societies for a wonderfully relaxed and entertaining afternoon and evening midst the canopy of listing yawls, the taste of traditional fare & drink, the din o' lively banter enveloping the sometimes graceful poundings of county dancers, advancing and retreating to the Celtic repertoire of the Hohn Taylor Band. This is your opportunity to engage in simple, satisfying fellowship for a 'wee' -affordable price! A Must!! 14 August 2010 More details will be forthcoming.

MORE FLAP

We need you under Our SASSF Tent Flap at the 'Scottish Highland Gathering & Games' in Pleasanton during the Labor Day Weekend of Sept. 3-5, 2010. On Friday (late afternoon) the tent is set up in the Clan & Association encampment. I need volunteers to help greet prospective members as they mill by on Saturday and/or Sunday, while offering a friendly 'home base' to our members and their friends that wish to share in our fellowship, exhibits, and information concerning our major calendar events. By the way, you are not 'really stuck' for some unbearably long stints in the tent. Being a helpful host allows all parties an opportunity to leave our exhibits and membership solicitation duties to see other events throughout the fairgrounds. We bring our instruments and sing, beat our drums, pluck our guitars, and puff on our border pipes. We really have a grand time. Please come and join us. We really do need your help. You will be pleasantly surprised how much fun you can have. REMEMBER....this is our biggest opportunity to attract new members and interest parties in attending our Banquet & Ball, and Burns Supper!! Very Important Work!!! For more information and knowledge of your possible participation, please contact Elisabeth Sturm or James Beatty at resonance.ej@gmail.com.

SALUTE TO OUR LADIES

If you have been attending meetings on a regular basis this past year you will have noticed a decidedly more pleasant ambience. Some of us have attributed this phenomenon to the infusion of women into our hallowed ranks. It is wonderful to note that the skepticism of certain of our most 'traditional- inclined members' has been somewhat dissuaded as evidenced by their sheer acts of heroism of presenting women

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candidates for membership. For these reasons and many more, I wish to salute our own organization for its wisdom and ensuing benefits realized, following a departure from the historical constraints of its own privileged traditions. Our first meeting following our summer break will be the September Membership Dinner with a Salute To Our Ladies. We expect a full attendance and consequently will need a lot of your support. I need people to help prepare and serve the food, donors of quality beverage, cleanup stewards, and assistance with registration and collection of funds. We can provide an exciting evening for only \$25.00 per member and their guests if we can solicit a generous number of members to share a little time & energy. If you can share in some measure the work of this evening's successful implementation, please let us know at resonance.ej@gmail.com or (510) 459-9395. Thanks, Elisabeth & James. * We also need to know ASAP 'who is coming to dinner.' We need 'actual' numbers for 'real' planning.





A SCHOOL IN A CLASS BY ITSELF

Elly Sturm, Society Chaplain

About three weeks ago, Second Vice James Beatty and I had the privilege of visiting a school here in SASSF's home city named for one of Scotland's beloved bards. This K-5 establishment, Robert Louis Stevenson School, on 34th Avenue, has a diverse--albeit with a large Asian representation--enrollment of 439 children, whose student to teacher ratio averages eighteen to one, a desirable balance, in my opinion as a teacher. The excellent academic standards are reflected in the high levels of grading by statewide assessment for primary schools.



The Principal, Dr. Valkyrie K. Choy, a native of Hawaii, spent a generous portion of her time (I think it was her lunch

hour) sharing some things about the school's programs, goals and achievements,

introducing us to a few members of the dedicated staff--including the longtime Librarian, the Arts facilitator and the technology teacher--and showing us the school-community-effort gardens, the colorfully-displayed library (where students also organize fundraising events for the school), and, in the main office entry, the large and prominently displayed National Blue Ribbon School award for 2009. James and I were delighted to have one of the third-grade classes sing the school song for us; I was particularly impressed by their familiarity with their school's namesake and the courteous behavior of the children toward Dr. Choy, the teachers, to us, and among themselves.

A highlight for us was learning of the school's commitment to the Arts, one illustration of which is the main hallway, resplendent with an abundance of works of student art on the walls; an adult volunteer, in the company of a special education student whose drawings were well represented (and well done), was quite enthusiastic in her praise of the school's art program. Another welcome example was shared by the teacher whose connections with local music and drama organizations have been instrumental in exposing the children to a variety of art forms, including opera; the students recently produced and performed an original opera, the DVD of which we received a copy.

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We hope you'll enjoy the accompanying photos which are worth more than many words; they will tell you what a vital function San Francisco's Robert Louis Stevenson School is fulfilling in its dedication to nurturing young minds, bodies, and spirits who will mature into



contributing members of society. The suggestion has been made that we present this school with a large photo of Robert Louis Stevenson, as the SASSF has done for the RLS School in St. Helena. How wonderful it would be as well, for us to lend a helping hand financially to these young students whose foundational education, now, at this local school of Scottish nomenclature, is so crucial--even more so than later in their university and graduate pursuits--in their development as healthy individuals and future leaders of our country. Would it not be worthy of serious consideration and a truly meritorious offering on our part to establish an annual association with the Robert Louis Stevenson School in its excellent contribution to society?

Next to the immense Blue Ribbon at the RLS school in San Francisco hangs a good-sized portrait of Stevenson, and to its right is displayed one of his quotations, enlarged and framed, which, obvious to James and myself, embodies the school's philosophy:

*"We are a success when we fill a niche and accomplish a task,
When we leave the world better than when we found it, whether by
an improved idea, a perfect poem or a rescued soul.
We are successful if we never lack appreciation of earth's beauty or
fail to express it,
If we look for the best in others and give the best we have."*

--Robert Louis Stevenson





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Guest speaker: 'Friends of John McLaren Park' .