



# The Lead Voice



**Clan MacLeod Societies  
Canada National Council  
Newsletter # 70, 2019**



# President's Report

by Judy Tipple

Greetings fellow MacLeods and friends. It is my hope that all are in good health and enjoying this season of Highland Games and Festivals. You will find a very comprehensive list of such events on the CASSOC web site [www.cassoc.ca](http://www.cassoc.ca) along with other interesting information.



As I look back on the end of 2018 when I last sent out *The Leod Voice* I am at a loss to know where the time has gone. Like most active volunteers the list of things to be done seems to far exceed the time available in which to do them.

## **Outstanding Clansperson Pin**

We would like to include a pin with the Outstanding Clansperson Award and so I am asking for your thoughts regarding its design. One thought is that it could contain the CMSC crest as seen on the front cover of this newsletter. The Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada (CMSC) honours an Outstanding Clansperson(s) with a certificate usually once every two years at Parliament and North American Gatherings (NAG.) You will have read that Cathie White of CMS Central Ontario was the 2018 recipient and she was very much deserving of the honour. You will find the list of past recipients of the Award on the CMSC web site [www.clanmacleod-canada.com](http://www.clanmacleod-canada.com).

## **CMSC Tartan**

It is a great splash of colour that so well reflects out Scottish heritage. Items and yardage are still available from Carol MacCrimmon Pugliese as you will see elsewhere in this issue.

## **Touring Scotland**

The Shetland Islands were voted the Lonely Planet's Best in Europe 2019 destination. It is one area of Scotland which I have yet to visit and I will put it on my Bucket List with hopes of a trip, perhaps involving a cruise, in a few years time. There is a tour of some of the sights of the Shetlands produced by VisitScotland you might find interesting. There must be areas of the homeland which many of you have on your Bucket List; I encourage you to share your dreams and also recount your memorable travel experiences with us all. It is always enjoyable to travel vicariously through the eyes of others, especially for those whose health restricts their ability to get around.

## **ACMS News**

Associated Clan MacLeod Societies (ACMS) is our international parent body and has a new web site under construction. Content of the old site is being examined and new content developed by Emma Halford-Forbes, David MacLeod and others. The Facebook page is updated on a regular basis. The next meeting of ACMS Council will be held in Rouge, Belgium on October 19, 2019, in conjunction with CMS Germany's Annual General Meeting and Highland Games.

## **Young MacLeods**

A world gathering of Young MacLeods is hoped to be held in September 2020 in Australia. I would love to hear from any of our young folks who would like to attend that gathering. CMSC may well be able to give you assistance for your travel.

## **Celtic Colours**

Concerts and cultural events in over 300 communities on Cape Breton Island, NS, from October 11 to 19, amid the fall colours of this beautiful province, is not to be missed at least once in a lifetime. Add it to your Bucket List if it is not already on it. View the lineup of guests on <https://celticcolours.com> and listen to the stirring music. Δ

Hold Fast and Shine Brightly,  
Judy Tipple

## **Clan and Scottish Societies of Canada**

Founded in 1976, CASSOC is an organization for organizations. The primary purpose is to provide coordination and communication between member groups, and to encourage the celebration of Scottish cultural heritage and the promotion of this Scottish culture in Canada in all its aspects. The current President is Karen Macleod McCrimmon of CMS Central Ontario. Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada is a member of CASSOC. *An Drochaid – The Bridge* is the newsletter of CASSOC and will be published in March, June, September and December. Membership in CASSOC is open to any and all organizations which promote or encourage some aspect of Scottish tradition or culture, represent a link between the Scottish people and their descendants and relations in Canada, or seek to develop an understanding of the role Scotland and its culture has played in the development of Canada and its history.

### **Website:**

The website [www.cassoc.ca](http://www.cassoc.ca) contains a list of Scottish and Celtic Events in Canada, Canadian Regional tartans, and a list of member groups with a link to their websites and other digital media, as well as their membership contact information. Δ

# CMS Central Ontario News

CMS Central Ontario held its Fall Ceilidh on December, 1 2018 and chose a Christmas theme, including the traditional Christmas Tree (miniature size), presents for the young folk, and a Silent Auction, for those still with Christmas shopping high on their list of to-dos. The evening's



highlight was the presentation of the Clansperson of the Year award to our own member, Catherine White, by Carol MacCrimmon Pugliese, VP of the Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada. Cathie has over the many years of her membership participated in a multiple of roles, and currently represents the Society at many Highland Games during the

summer months. What would we all do if we did not have the assistance of deicated volunteer members like Cathie.

On January 27, 2019, Toronto hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Kilt Skate, sponsored by Visit Scotland and the Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada. President of CMS Central Ontario, Karen Macleod McCrimmon, as Chair of CASSOC opened the ceremonies on an extremely cold and blustery afternoon. Despite the cold, a few dozen brave souls turned out in their kilts and bare legs to take a turn on the rink to the sounds of the bagpipes. Next year, more hospitable weather would be a blessing.

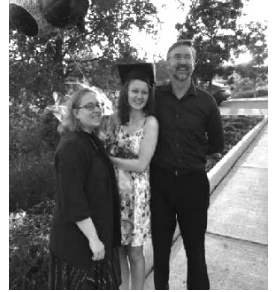


Our Spring Ceilidh held at the Melrose Community Church in central Toronto on May 5 was an enjoyable evening with a wide variety of tasty food and an entertaining program. A special thanks to Rowan and her friends who enjoyed their experience of a clan ceilidh and were a great help preparing and taking down the venue. An evening of the Edinburgh Tattoo when the MacLeod Clan was honoured was shown through photos taken by Margaret Goode and her daughter. Rory Sinclair gave a demonstration of the history of the Great Pipes of Scotland and the differing sounds of several versions of the pipes which he had

brought. The dancing at the conclusion of the Ceilidh was a highlight as always for young and old alike.

We all congratulate Rowan Gladish who graduated with honors from Craig Kielberger Secondary School in Milton, Ontario last June. She is currently attending the University of Guelph, enrolled in the psychology program.

Rowan is the Youth Co-ordinator for the Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada and daughter of Christina and Dar Gladish.



## CMSC MacLeod Tartan



Carol MacCrimmon introduced the Canadian Tartan items that have just become available to all members at our Spring 2018 ceilidh. The fabric, 54" wide costs \$65 per metre, ties are \$25, soft Tams are \$50, Serape Cape is \$150 and Ladies Sash, \$50. All are now available from Carol. For further information, please contact Carol at ([c\\_maccrimmon@hotmail.com](mailto:c_maccrimmon@hotmail.com)). Δ

## Cathie White Sews Assorted Items

Many of you are familiar with Cathie's skills in producing an imaginative variety of items out of tartan. You are invited to contact her directly to discuss suggestions you may have. She has hand-knotted sashes, approximately 11" x 90" and tote bags that are 14" x 16" with straps long enough to be slung over a shoulder. The most recent purchase of 4 1/2 yards is potential for serapes, as well as more sashes, bottle bags, pot holders, what have you. The fabric is synthetic, so hypoallergenic, crease resistant, easy care. "I'm so frugal, when I cut the original 3 yds, I got 5 sashes, two tote bags, and 4 hat bands, with no scraps left over! (must be my Scottish ancestry!) I saw Carol's serape, and thought the piece that is cut out, between the two sides of the front could be made into one or two bottle bags."

Email [Cathie White2215@bell.net](mailto:CathieWhite2215@bell.net)

# CMS Glengarry News

Our website has been up-dated and is now being mastered by Nancy MacLeod. She is asking for pictures or articles to add to the website. Please check it out at [www.macleodsofglengarry.ca](http://www.macleodsofglengarry.ca)

The annual Golf Tournament was a success with 40 golfers and 65 people enjoyed an excellent steak dinner.

Manning the tent at Highland Games is always an enjoyable experience as is taking part in the Parade of Clans. Don't miss out on the opportunity to have a chat with the many interested visitors who come by our tent. Help at the booth is always welcome, even for an hour or so.

There are several celebrations since our last report which we will share with you. Our congratulations go out to all.

The town of Alexandria began its formal celebration of 200 years in February 2019. The first settlement called Priest's Mills, to later become Alexandria, was founded in 1819 by the Reverend Alexander Macdonell who would later be the first Catholic Bishop of Upper Canada.

Dunvegan native Kelli Trottier has received another honour on her induction into the North American Fiddlers Hall of Fame in Oceola, NY. Carley McDonell, daughter of Sandra and Kenny of Lancaster graduated with a Bachelor of Education Degree from Bishop's University. Carley is the niece of members Leslie and Ian MacLeod.

The MacLeod School of Fiddling celebrated 25 successful years of making music. They have launched their third CD entitled "Passion For Fiddling."

Jordan Graham graduated with a Masters degree in Environmental Science from Guelph University in May 2018 and Emily Graham graduated from Laurentian University, St Lawrence College campus, with a Bachelor of Nursing Science on June 1, 2018. Proud parents are Nancy and Mike Graham.

Tavish MacLeod, son of Lorie and Norman MacLeod and grandson of Iain and Gail MacLeod, graduated from St Lawrence College with a degree in Environmental Science.

Iain and Gail also celebrated the wedding of their granddaughter Megan MacLeod to Jerrit Jackson. Megan is the daughter of Judy (Bender) Howes and Roderick MacLeod. Δ



*Recognise anyone in this old photo of a quilting bee in Glengarry?*



*Glengarry singers,  
fiddlers and dancers  
at the last Ceilidh*



# CMS Greater Vancouver



*BC Highland Games at  
Lafarge Lake Park  
in Coquitlam*



*Allan, Dr Don  
and Mark have a  
relaxing time  
while June and  
Judy carry the  
MacLeod banner  
in the Parade*





# Bucket List Dream fulfilled

by Yvonne MacLeod (CMS  
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l a n d D a n c e I n s t r u c t o r  
February of this year I boarded  
Air Canada bound for Los  
Angeles with my highland  
dancing student Fiona Hutchin-  
son, 14 years old and her  
mother Leslie. The purpose  
of this trip was for Fiona to  
compete in the intermediate  
category and for Yvonne to  
stay on the *Queen Mary the  
First* ship which was launched



in 1936. The Americans bought this ship in 1967 as it about had it's  
"time". It is now a floating hotel near the dock of Long Beach in Los  
Angeles. Various festivals take place on and near the ship every weekend.  
Sir Winston Churchill sailed secretly three full crossings from Britain to New  
York during World War Two to have secret meetings with President Roosevelt.  
My mother, Margaret MacLeod (deceased war bride -2014) and my  
two year-old self sailed secretly in 1944 from Britain to New York on  
this ship. From there we took a train to Edmonton to meet my Dad's  
family. My Dad was Donald Audley MacLeod, RCAF. Deceased 1993.  
My poor mother was travelling with this over energetic and bratty two  
year old (me). I heard some stories about myself many years later.  
The *Queen Mary* is kept in it's original condition - beau-  
tiful and I saw the toy room which I probably played in.  
The four nights on this ship was "mixed emotions" for me. At  
age 75 my mother wasn't with me and part of my life is in a mu-  
seum! I am sure that some of you can relate to this experience.  
Fiona did very well in her competition. One gold and two  
bronze out of 18 dancers from Toronto, BC, Alberta and US.  
Don 't forget to watch the movie "The Darkest Hour". Three time Academy  
Award Winner about Sir Winston Churchill. You can buy the DVD at Walmart.  
F a b u l o u s c i t y a n d f a b u l o u s t r i p !  
Hold Fast, Yvonne Δ

# Big News for Y-DNA

by Tim McLeod, co-administrator

MacLeod Project and MacLeod-Septes Project at Family Tree DNA

In my last article I wrote about the different types of DNA and how they are used in testing. In this instalment, I'm going to write about Y-DNA because that is our main focus in the MacLeod Project at Family Tree DNA. The Y-DNA like the surname follows the paternal genetic line, so that is most useful to us in a surname project like the one set up for the Clan MacLeod.

I previously mentioned that there are two types of mutations we can measure in the Y-DNA. Those are the Y-STRs and the Y-SNPs. While the STRs help define an individual on the family tree, the SNPs define the branches of that tree. With the advent of Next Generation Sequencing tests such as the Big Y, we began to discover new SNPs thus defining new branches or sub-branches. The next iteration of tests called the Big Y-500 carried on with the new SNPs but also added 500 more STR markers. Some of you may have been originally tested for only 12 STRs and no SNPs. The Big Y-500 was a dramatic improvement in the definition we were able to obtain.

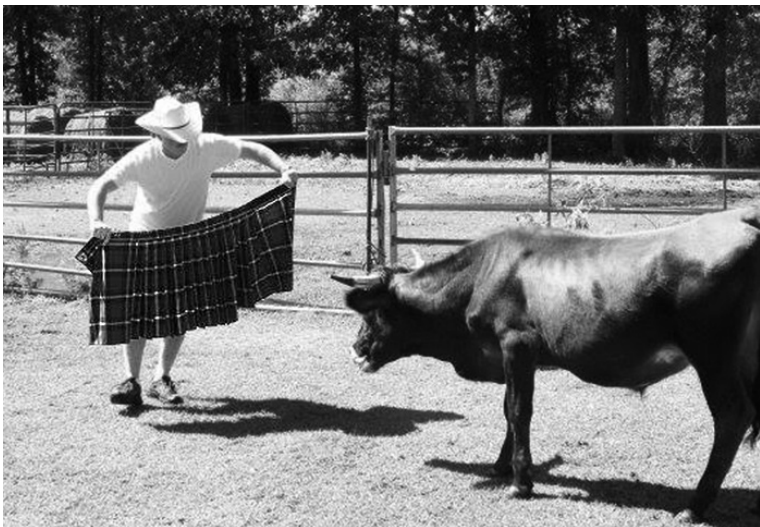
At the end of 2018 Family Tree DNA introduced a new test, replacing the Big Y-500 called the Big Y-700. As you might guess, this indicates that they now can provide over 700 STR markers, but there is more to it than that. Using new chemistry, they are now able to target more of the Y chromosome with better reliability than they could with the previous test. Early results are yielding about 50% more SNPs than the last version of the test. That means that we can now define the branches right down to the twigs!

At the same time, they've revamped the way in which they report those results so that people no longer have to hire third party companies to decipher the data for them. There are clear charts and diagrams right on your web page, and online help for anything you don't understand. In other words, it's now possible for a layman to understand their results without outside help if they take the time to do so. Of course, there are always volunteer project administrators available to help you along.

We've now defined six end branches (twigs) in the MacLeod section of the R-L165 Project. As more test results come in we'll be able to start defining MacLeod end branches in the other branches of the tree as well. My dream is to have all MacLeod bearing branches clearly defined, but that would require almost every living MacLeod male to take the tests.

Now that we have the ability to get down into the twigs we can start to tie the genetics to traditional genealogy. SNP mutations appear to occur about every two to three generations, so we'll be able to define branches within known families (i.e. which sibling had the mutation and passed it along to their children.)

Just a few years back, a test like this would have cost over ten thousand dollars. Now it is often available on sale for less than \$500. We have worthwhile testing available at a reasonable price. Now we just need to get as many MacLeods as possible to take the test. If you are willing to take the Y-DNA tests please join the MacLeod Project at <http://www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?group=MacLeod&code=T39294>. If you are already a member of the MacLeod Project and would like to undergo further testing please contact me at [tim@mcleod-cabin.net](mailto:tim@mcleod-cabin.net). There may be some people who are reluctant to undergo DNA testing because of adverse press recently regarding law enforcement use of public DNA databases to solve old crimes. FTDNA has made changes to their privacy settings which now allow you to filter out genetic matches to law enforcement samples. You now are required to specifically opt-in to such matching. If you still have reservations regarding posting your own DNA results, but would like to support the MacLeod DNA Project you may make a donation to the General Fund at <http://www.familytreedna.com/group-general-fund-contribution.aspx?g=MacLeod>. General Fund donations are used to order testing for those who are unable to do so themselves. Δ



# Celtic Wisdom

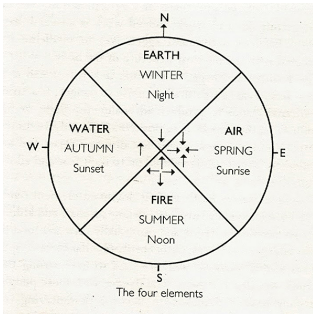
*Celtic Wisdom* by Andy Baggott provides a dynamic, fresh and extremely accessible introduction to an increasingly popular subject. It looks at many different areas of Celtic spirituality and explains how the reader can use and integrate that wisdom to gain in wisdom themselves. Combining established Celtic legends and writings with practical experience, the author shares his knowledge in a practical and transformative way. Chapters cover history, the wisdom of trees and animals, the wisdom of stones, numbers, ritual and ceremony, Celtic wise men and women, and Celtic wisdom for the new millenium.

## The Four Elements

When the Celts looked at the world about them, they noticed that many things had four aspects. There were four winds, four seasons, four cardinal directions and so on. They also noticed that there was a circular or cyclic nature to the world and that, by looking at these four aspects, one could see where on its cycle anything was. They assigned these four aspects names: Earth, Air, Fire and Water. These four 'elements' became the foundation of the Celtic medicine wheel.

## Summer - South - Fire

The south is the place of summer in the cycle of a year, the time of heat and high activity when the sun is at its most powerful. When the sun is strong, everything in nature is expressive. Even humans feel more energized when the sun shines. The power of the South is the power of Fire. The energy of fire is outward, expressive. It is the place of free expression and destiny. Fire is energy and connected to the self. Fire is also connected to the right-hand side of the brain, the intuitive side. Intuition comes from making an outward connection to your higher self. To work intuitively, you have to make the connection, you have to put out your energy to connect with your higher self. This is the power of Fire.  $\Delta$



# World Pipe Band Championship

August 16-17, 2019 Glasgow Green, Glasgow

<https://www.the.worlds.co.uk/about>

The World Pipe Band Championships have staged since 1947, although the Grade 1 Pipe Band Competition winners at the annual Cowal Highland Gathering were recognised as World Champions as far back as 1906. Initially the World Pipe Band Championship moved around to various locations, but since 1986 it has been hosted permanently in Glasgow, Scotland.

Usually there are more than 220 bands from 15 or more countries, competing in nine Grade levels. Among the Canadian bands competing this year will be the Greater Victoria Police Pipe Band!

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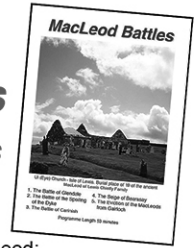
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# MacLeod Battles DVD

## Programme Length 53 Minutes

### Filmed in the historic Clan MacLeod Lands

### Newly released in 2019



Three different Narrators tell of **FIVE** episodes from the History of Clan MacLeod:

1. The Battle of Glendale - said to be the biggest battle on Skye it took place in **1490** between two powerful Highland Clans - the Clanranald MacDonalds and the MacLeods.
2. The Battle of the Spoiling of the Dyke in **1578** when the MacDonalds burnt the Trumpan Church.
3. The Battle of Carinish, **1601**. The MacLeods raided the MacDonald Territory of North Uist.
4. The Siege of Bearasay, **1610 to 1613**. The final days of the MacLeods of Lewis at the hands of the Mackenzies of Kintail.
5. Eviction of the MacLeods of Gairloch. From **1606 to 1610**. Three raids by the MacLeods of Gairloch on the Mackenzies of Gairloch, PLUS the Sea Fight in Clachan Bay, Isle of Raasay.

Narrators - Ruth MacLeod, Peter Macleod & Kevin Tolmie. Historical research - Andrew P MacLeod and Peter Macleod. Filmed at locations on the Isles of Skye, North Uist, Harris, Great Bernera, Lewis and Raasay, also on the Scottish Mainland at Gairloch and Glenelg.

MacLeod Battles takes us from the Lordship of the Isles to the rule of King James 1st and 6th who ruled England and Ireland as well as Scotland. King James was in no mood to put up with rebellious Highland Chiefs and their Clans and set about bringing law and order to the West of Scotland and the Hebrides. Rebellious Chiefs were given their chance to reform. If they refused they were deposed and replaced by someone who would.

The Narrators give the background of each story, describe the military engagements and outcomes. These did not always favour the MacLeods. The research is thorough and in some cases, overturns stories that have been handed down. *See over/page 2, for how to order.*

## Tales and Legends of Skye DVD

### First released 2016 - Length 77 Minutes

### Filmed on the beautiful Isle of Skye



Narrators - Janet MacLeod Trotter, Kevin Tolmie, John Davidson-Kelly, Graeme Trotter, Rachael Jackson and Marlin Darrah. A map shows the location of each story. An excellent introduction to MacLeod and other Skye stories. *See over/page 2, for how to order.*

#### All Tales and Legends are in North Skye

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| 4. The Fairy Flag                         | 13. John Paul Jones                     |
| 5. Dunvegan Cup                           | 14. The Corn Maiden                     |
| 6. The Fairy Bridge                       | 15. Finlay of the White Plaid           |
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## MacLeod Tartan Goods For Sale

Man's Harris tartan Kilt (green) measure 3 15" across so about 30" or so waist. Complete outfit also tartan trousers.

Lady's Harris Kilt (green) measured 15" and it was folded in three so 45" straight out including the overlap. Complete with red satin long sleeve blouse and Harris green vest.

Contact Pat MacLeod by mail Box 275, Canoe, BC V0E 1K0 or email macleod.pat3@gmail.com Δ

# CMS BC Vancouver Island

by Malcolm MacLeod

The 2019 Highland Games in Victoria were another very successful event, with more clans participating and a record attendance on Saturday. The Clan Sutherland were there represented by Don Hutchings from Washington State. Don is a brother of Joanie Macleod, the wife of John B Macleod the past president of the Clan MacLeod Society USA.

We actually started off with a Tartan parade on May 11. We had the honor of being accompanied in the parade by Rick Macleod from Port Alberni and Colleen McLeod from Victoria. Rick's daughter Heather was also there piping with one of the bands. We retired to The Bard and Banker Pub for fellowship and refreshments after the ceremony on the Legislature lawn.

The next event was the Tilted Kilt Pub Crawl on May 15 where we visited four Pubs accompanied by pipers and dancers and are transported between pubs in double decker buses.

The games are actually kicked off on the Friday May 17 with a reception at the Bay Street Armory and a torch light parade following the start of the games on Saturday at which our son Callum did the honors of carrying the torch. Both Callum and his sister Kirstie volunteered during the games. It was our 40th anniversary on May 19 and we were pleasantly surprised with a cake on the Friday night and champagne at the games the first thing Saturday morning.



Karen and I have been active with the Victoria Highland Games Association (VHGA) and have enticed some of our fellow MacLeod's as well since VHGS have taken over the care and maintenance of Craigflower Manor. It is a historical structure built by the Hudson's Bay Company as the home of the Kenneth Mackenzie and family. They arrived in Victoria in 1883 to desolation and moved into their home 39 months later after having built dwellings for their people: a school, a smithy, a bakery, brick works, etc. as well as providing the British Naval Base in Esquimalt with provisions and being a centre of entertainment for the officers who were



attracted to their five daughters.

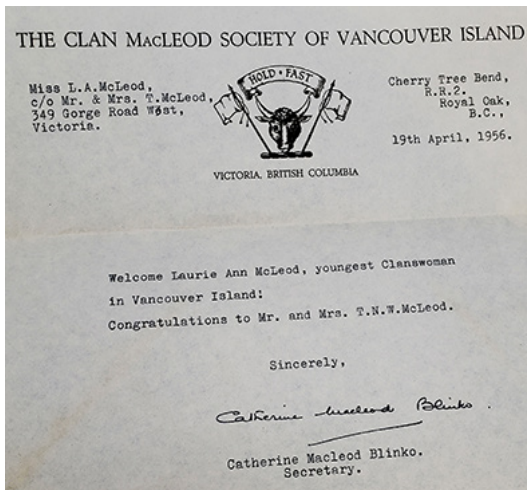
The aim of The VHGA is to build a Cultural Centre on the site which will seat 400 people and we are well on our way to accomplishing this goal. We have already had a few gatherings integrated with work parties at the site and are looking forward to using the site in the future for many more CMS Van Is gatherings since there is a greater population base in Victoria and it is easier than asking people to drive the Malahat to attend gatherings at our home in Duncan.



On June 23 after a lot of hard work we raised two flag poles at the Manor in anticipation of our third annual Canada Day celebrations at which we hope to have several clans folk in attendance.



Laurie, who helped us out at the tent for the three days of the Games will be attending the Canada Day event. At the games she brought along a certificate stating that she was the youngest member of the Clan on Vancouver Island. The welcoming letter to Laurie was from secretary Catherine Macleod Blinko who was the sister of Kenneth Mor of Harlosh. Laurie's parents took her as a baby to the inaugural meeting of the Clan MacLeod Society held at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel attended by Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod, on Saturday November 19, 1955. Laurie rejoined our society a couple of years ago and has been a welcome help at the games and other events since then. Δ



Callum, Karen, Malcolm and Don Hutchings, a friend from the Sutherland clan



## The Temple of Anaitis

View from the Waternish road, just north of the Fairy Bridge turn off, near the cairn of the boy killed by magical cats. Photo taken about 2pm on an early spring day. The river runs around it on both sides and spills into Loch Bay, Waternish, Skye.

The great Skye historian and folklorist Otta Swire (1961) wrote about this mysterious site.

“This name of Annait or Annat is found all over Scotland. It has been interpreted as meaning the ‘Water-place’ from Celtic ‘An’ = water, because many are near water. Others suggest ‘Ann’ = a circle (Celtic) and claim that most Annats are near standing stones. The most-favoured derivation seems to be from Ann, the Irish mother of the Gods, and those who hold this view claim that the Annats are always near a revered spot, where either a mother-church or the cell of a patron saint once stood. Probably Annat does, in fact, come from an older, pre-Celtic tongue, and belongs to an older people whose ancient worship it may well commemorate. The curious shape of the Waternish Temple of Anaitis and its survival make it seem likely that it was something of importance in its day, built with more than usual care and skill. Perhaps the Temple tradition is correct – but whose, if so, and to what gods? One cannot help wondering if cats played any part in its ritual, and if so, if any faint memory remains, for the nickname of the people of this wing was ‘Na Cairts’ = The Cats, and not far off, by one of the tributary burns on the right of the roadway, there stands a small cairn, crowned by a long, sharp stone somewhat resembling a huge claw. This is the ‘Cats Cairn’.” Δ

# Flowers of the Forrest

## William Grant McLeod

Bill passed away peacefully on March 29, 2019 at Courtyard Gardens, Richmond, BC, in his 96<sup>th</sup> year. Born in Winnipeg, he graduated from Gordon Bell High School in 1941.

During WWII, Bill served in the Air Force as a wireless operator on ships that patrolled and supplied remote BC coastal communities. It was during this service that he met Edith Keller of Vancouver. They married in 1946 and enjoyed 71 years of marriage until Edith's passing in 2018.

After the War, Bill began his very successful Public Service Marketing career with Canadian National Railway and Canada Post based in Winnipeg, Edmonton, Mississauga, Ottawa and finally moved to Richmond, BC in 1976.

After retiring from the Public Service in 1978, Bill worked as General Manager of the Richmond Visitors and Convention Bureau from 1980-88. In the 1990s he was President of the Clan MacLeod Society of Vancouver, was active on the Regent's Gate Strata Council and with Mylora Senior Men's Golf. Moving to Courtyard Gardens in 2013, Bill was known as the Conductor of their Christmas Train display and a Talent Show Star for his stand-up comedy routine.

His wit and warmth were legendary – he maintained strong family and friend connections throughout his long and fulfilling life.

Bill is lovingly remembered by his daughter Vickie McLeod, son Bruce and daughter-in-law Betty McLeod, grandchildren Kelly McLeod and Cameron McLeod, sister Eleanor Harrison, brother-in-law Laurie and sister-in-law Linda Keller, nieces and nephews and many friends.

His Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at Brighthouse United Church, Richmond, BC V6Y 1N4.

### **A Tribute to William (Bill) McLeod**

by Ian C MacLeod, CMS GVan

Just seven months ago we gathered for the passing of Edith age 97. Now the Clan MacLeod has lost another of the "great ones", Bill, at the "mature" age of 96.



Bill was a valued member of many communities: family, work, armed services, tourism, Clan MacLeod and probably many others.

I knew Bill through the Clan MacLeod Society and met him in 1987 when I moved to Richmond and got involved with the local Clan MacLeod Society. Bill had already been a stalwart of that society for many years. In 1992 Bill and the late Neil R. McLeod, co-chaired the North American Gathering held in Vancouver at which over 350 clansfolk attended. Many said that it was the best such gathering that they had ever attended, due primarily to the vision, leadership and hard work of Bill. One of the attendees was Don Mack McLeod, a larger than life Texan, who with great affection would ask after “little Bill.” They were truly “the long and the short of it,” each of them being long time and loyal clansman! For about 25 years, Bill was the driving force behind the Vancouver Society’s annual Robbie Burns dinner (1991-2018), giving the Address to the Haggis with great flair.

For years, he and Edith hosted Clan MacLeod meetings and gatherings in the social room at their condo complex on Jones Road. In 1994, the Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada honoured Bill with the Outstanding Clansperson Award.

Bill truly “Held Fast” and “Shone Brightly.” He certainly made his mark, and he will be sorely missed. Members of CMS Greater Vancouver extend their condolences to Bill’s family and friends. Δ

## **Gordon McLeod**

Gordon McLeod passed away peacefully at the Maritime Odd Fellows Home in his 87th year on April 19, 2019. Gordon retired from a 35-year career as an Air Traffic Controller in the Canadian Air Forces and returned to his ancestral home in Rockfield, NS in 1977.

Gordon married young, to Kathleen Weston, and raised five children. His career took them across Canada and to Europe where he took every opportunity to expose his children to experiences beyond what he had known as a child, from skiing in the Alps to camping in the hills of Scotland. His love of travel never ceased and he was fortunate to continue to travel in his senior years.

He is predeceased by his parents Edith Mae MacLeod and Elwood Rae



MacLeod. He is survived by his second wife, Adrienne Parker; his brother Allan MacLeod (Meryle) of Mission, BC and his five children: Robert (Mirthala), Laurie (Ian Thomson), Bonnie (Pierre Lapointe), Judy Connor, Kathie (Dave Gunn), and grandchildren Amy and Jonathan Williams, Philippe and Catherine Lapointe, Crystal, Meghan and Craig MacLeod, Candice and Matthew Connor, and Katelyn, Jethro, and Molly Gunn; and great grandchildren Daivia, Deagan, Olivia, and Raiya. He was a much-loved father and grandfather and great-grandfather.

Gordon was always an active community member wherever he called home. After his military career, Gordon returned to Pictou County. He bought the old YMCA building in Pictou in 1980. This began his second career as entrepreneur and landlord. He was known to many for his kind, spirited heart and strong sense of justice. He would bend the ears of his MLAs on issues he felt needed to be addressed. Such issues included, pressing the government to erect a WW2 Crash Site Monument on Dalhousie Mountain honoring the pilots who died. Gordon, as a child, witnessed the crash, and as an air force veteran felt compelled to honor these forgotten soldiers.

Gordon was proud of his Scottish roots. He was a member of the Hector Heritage Quay and took great pride sharing his part in the launching of the *Hector*. He enjoyed participating in the re-enactment of the arrival of the *Hector*, proudly wearing his kilt as he helped launch the ship. He was the President of the Nova Scotia MacLeod Clan Society and returned to Scotland attending Parliament and revisiting his ancestral roots. In 1996 the MacLeod Society of Canada honoured him with the Outstanding Clansperson Award. He was one of 24 to have received this honour.

He eventually created his own museum and welcomed relatives and visitors to his home in Rockfield (Auchencarin). As a member of the St. Andrew's Society he celebrated many Scottish traditions.

A long-time member of the DeCoste Center in Pictou, Gordon could not get enough of the musical talents of the performers. He became good friends with Valdy Horshdal and it was his honour to host him and other maritime musicians. Gordon made Stan Fest and Celtic Colors yearly must-do events.

He was a member of the Scotsburn United Church where he joined the choir and found peace in sharing time with those in his community. Gordon's friends celebrated his life on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at the Scotsburn United Church. Burial was at the Durham Cemetery. Δ

## **Thoughts of Dad**

by Bonnie LaPointe

It's with great sadness that I share with you the passing of our father, Gordon McLeod. He went "upstairs" on Good Friday. He always wanted to be at the best parties and biggest celebrations so it's not a surprise that he chose this weekend of joyous celebration to join his loved ones in Heaven.

He will be missed by all that knew him but it is a relief for him to leave his body and brain that was suffering with Alzheimer's disease. Both our parents have had this disease and it is hard to lose your parents small moments at a time until they don't really know who you are and where they are. We believe both Mum (passed away this January 15) and Dad, knew they were surrounded by people that loved them and that were their special people.

Thank you for your condolences and support. Δ

## **Tribute to Gordon**

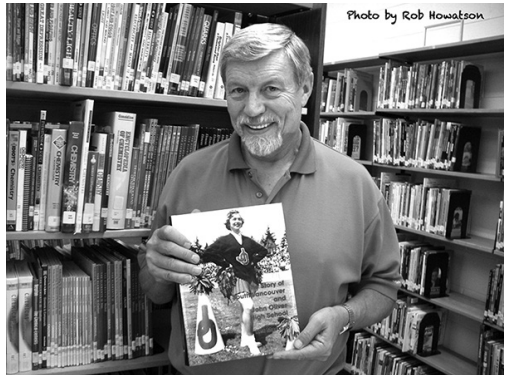
Ian C MacLeod of Richmond, BC well remembers visiting Gordon's place in Scotsburn two or three times. On one trip, in 1993, he was in the Maritimes on business and took a few extra days to do some visiting. His Aunt Enid (1909-2001) (Mrs. Innis) MacLeod was then living in Halifax and together they took a few days visiting around Nova Scotia. On the way up to Sydney, Cape Breton, unannounced, they popped in at Gordon's place in Scotsburn (Pictou). Nobody was home. But that didn't faze Enid. None of the doors were locked, so they had a look through the museum in the shed then went into the house and made themselves a cup of tea! Exactly what Gordon would have done had he been home. In 1996 Gordon was honoured with CMSC Outstanding Clansperson Award for his work in Pictou with the Hector Project and other activities recognizing Clan MacLeod and Scottish history of the area.

Judy Tipple recalls the great impression Gordon made at Parliament when he gave a demonstration of Gaelic step dancing with great agility.

CMS G Van sends its condolences to Gordon's family and friends. Δ

## Kenneth MacLeod

Ken MacLeod passed from this world to his heavenly. Ken leaves his beloved wife Cheryl, daughter Patricia, son Neil, sisters Chris (Glenn) and Edie and brother George (Cheryl) as well as many nieces and nephews, relatives in Scotland and friends worldwide. He also leaves in-laws Bill (Mary) and stepchildren Kirk, Greg



(Patricia), Leda, Louise and their children. His parents Kenneth and Edith, sister Marion, and nephew Tom predeceased him.

Ken grew up in South Vancouver attending MacKenzie and John Oliver and developed a life long commitment to the community. He graduated from UBC with a BA in Education and later obtained his Masters Degree from UVic.

Ken touched many lives through his inspiration and various involvements in his communities and in his career as a teacher, coach and travel guide with Special Travel International veterans/military tours to Canadian battlefields and commemoration sites of WW 1 and 2. He lead 29 pilgrimages escorting veterans and their families to NW Europe and Italy. He interviewed over 500 persons, including old-time fishermen, South Vancouver pioneers and many veterans.

With the assistance of high school alumni Ken produced the large tome *The Story of South Vancouver and John Oliver High School*. He initiated numerous high school reunions and kept former students in touch via an alumni e-newsletter.

Following retirement, Ken produced 19 musical shows; including an annual Remembrance Day Revue to honour veterans. In recognition of his work with veterans, Ken received a Veterans Affairs Canada Commendation. He was also awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal and made an Honorary Life Member of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada and the South Saskatchewan Regiment.

Our condolences go out to Ken's family and friends. Δ



## Tribute to Ken

by Gery Valtiner, Special Travel International, [www.sticanada.com](http://www.sticanada.com)  
I have just come back from our Italian Campaign tour with the Westminster Regiment.

Ken was supposed to be the historian on this tour, he was involved from the outset at the planning stages of the tour. A great words were spoken all the way from Cassino to Ortona and Villanova from all the great friends he made throughout the 25 years he worked on the Italian Campaigns with us.

The military tours were a huge part of Ken's life and his connection to you, the military and the people on the tours and in Europe were so important to him.

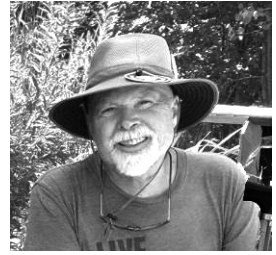
Ken's spirit and legacy will be with me and our company as long as we are around – as he has been an important part of our work and he started a program that brought so much to veterans and their families. I personally traveled with him many times and got to know him and his enthusiasm for his cause. Δ



*Unveiling of the Tribute to Ken in Villanova, Italy*

## Andrew MacLeod

Andrew MacLeod passed away on July 28, 2018 surrounded by his family, after a bravely fought battle with brain cancer. Andrew's family were deeply involved in the MacLeod North American Gathering 2000 in Guelph and were an invaluable assistance in the success of this clan family celebration. His dedication and determination were evident in his running of 100 marathons.



Andrew was committed to his family, loved by friends, and always brought a smile to the faces of those around him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Marian, his children and grandchildren at this time. Δ

## Failte Rubha Bhatairnis

Written by a soldier leaving his Scotland home for World War 2, translated from Gaelic.

Welcome to Rubha Bhatairnis  
your pastures are beautiful to me  
My farewell to Hallin  
I'm not allowed to touch it's shore.

It is Germany with her devices  
that sent myself to the seas  
And if I could get home safely  
It's Mary that wouldn't be mournful.

I know your bens  
and each glen that surrounds you  
And it is at the fairy hollow  
The sweetheart that troubles me lives.

Once you could find young men (saplings)  
In Trumpan in the Ceann Uachdrach  
Who went to protect our land for us  
Today the soil surrounds them. Δ

## Editors Page

I have been disappointed in the lack of response to my plea for help with the production of *The Leod Voice*. Does silence mean it is unimportant? Please speak up. The actual publishing of the newsletter is not the difficult part of the task; rather the gathering of content such as reports, articles and tidbits of information which might be of interest to the readers takes imagination and time. When you are browsing the Internet and find something of interest please send me the link. Such suggestions from readers would be most helpful and encouraging. Photos are easily emailed to me, please use large format when given the choice of file size.



I apologize for the lateness of this issue, life took several turns which caused my delay in getting down to work on collecting information and dreaming up news. Great thanks go to those who responded promptly to my urgent cries.

Several Societies produce newsletters and send them on to me and I greatly appreciate their efforts. I will unabashedly lift articles for the general readership to enjoy, so be forewarned.

I greatly appreciate Diana McLeod's maintenance of the membership list and I encourage all Societies to ensure that she receives your most up-to-date list by September 1 this year. That will guarantee that each member will receive the next *Clan MacLeod Magazine* on time and the next *Leod Voice* whenever it gets produced.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer filled with a healthy dose of Scottish heritage and culture.

Hold Fast and Shine Brightly, Judy Tipple

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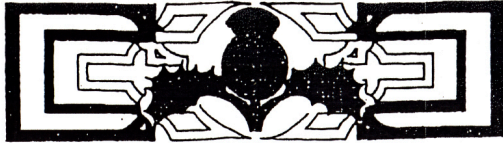
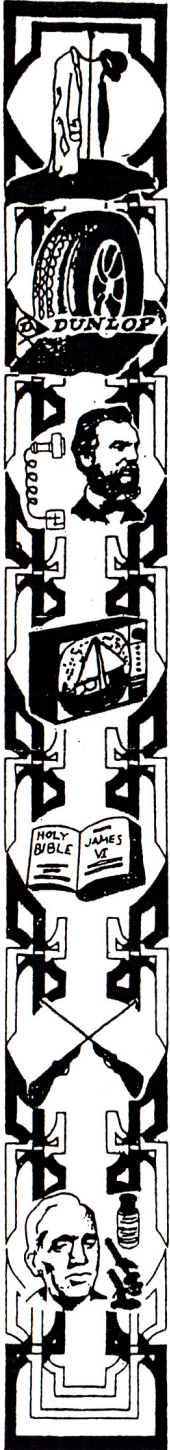
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## wha's like us?

### DAMN FEW AND 'THEY'RE A' DEIDI!

The average Englishman in the home he calls his castle, slips into his national costume — a shabby raincoat, — patented by Chemist Charles Macintosh from Glasgow, Scotland.

En route to his office he strides along the English lane, surfaced by John Macadam of Ayr, Scotland.

He drives an English car fitted with tyres invented by John Boyd Dunlop, Veterinary Surgeon of Dregghom, Scotland.

At the office he receives the mail bearing adhesive stamps invented by John Chalmers, Bookseller and Printer of Dundee, Scotland.

During the day he uses the telephone invented by Alexander Graham Bell, born in Edinburgh, Scotland. At home in the evening his daughter pedals her bicycle invented by Kirkpatrick Macmillan, Blacksmith of Thornhill, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

He watches the news on T.V. an invention of John Logie Baird of Helensburgh, Scotland and hears an item about the U.S. Navy founded by John Paul Jones of Kirkbean, Scotland.

Nowhere can an Englishman turn to escape the ingenuity of the Scots.

He has by now been reminded too much of Scotland and in desperation he picks up the Bible, only to find that the first man mentioned in the good book is a Scot — King James VI — who authorised its translation.

He could take to drink but the Scots make the best in the world.

He could take a rifle and end it all but the breech-loading rifle was invented by Captain Patrick Ferguson of Dittfours, Scotland.

If he escaped death, he could find himself on an operating table injected with Penicillin, discovered by Sir Alexander Fleming of Darvel, Scotland and given Chloroform, an anaesthetic discovered by Sir James Young Simpson, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist of Bathgate, Scotland.

Out of the anaesthetic he would find no comfort in learning that he was as safe as the Bank of England founded by William Paterson of Dumfries, Scotland.

Perhaps his only remaining hope would be to get a transfusion of guid Scottish blood which would entitle him to ask —

"wha's like us?"

