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TWO CLAN FAMILIES UNITED

by Beth Mcleod and Don & Lesley McCrimmon

As proud parents, we are thrilled to announce the marriage of Karen Macleod (Colin and Beth's daughter) and Paul McCrimmon (Don and Lesley's son) on Saturday, August 18, 2007.

This has been a long time coming. They had met once before at a local ceilidh but truly got together at the 14th Clan MacLeod Parliament at Dunvegan on the Isle of Skye in 2002. It all started with early morning Scottish dancing lessons where Paul waited patiently each day for Karen to arrive. It seemed that morning is not her thing!

Quotes from speeches:

"Karen is a passionate person who would do anything for anybody. She is a thoughtful, loyal person who we truly value. She is an excellent teacher who will critique and also demonstrate to her class, the teenage method of bumping and grinding explaining what is acceptable at the high school dances."

"Paul is a calm person who is a good listener and generous with his time. He makes shy or reserved people



feel welcome.” “This is a good match as they compliment each other, care, support and love each other.” (Bridesmaid)

“A toast to the groom.

May he be handy with a hammer, paint brush and chainsaw.

May he be knowledgeable in the ins and outs of marking multiple choice high school exams.

May his car remain intact for the next 6 months.

May he always win at poker.

May he always treat his sister-in-law with the respect she deserves.

And may he remember that his bride needs constant maintenance, and just because he has been working all day on other people (as an osteopath), that is no excuse for forgetting his wife’s daily massage.”

(Matron of Honour and Karen’s sister)

“She maybe stepping down a bit to marry a McCrimmon after all the Macleods lived in the Castle, the McCrimmon’s lived in, shall we say, the suburbs.” (Father of the Groom)

“There is nobody more deserving of finding someone with which to share all that he has to give than Paul. There is also nobody less equipped to find that person than Paul. Thank God Karen found him instead.” (Best Man)



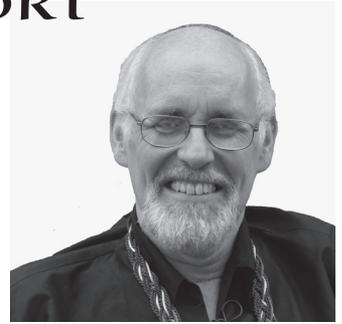
May you have -
Walls for the wind
And a roof for the rain,
And drinks beside the fire
Laughter to cheer you
And those you love near you,
And all that your heart may desire
- Celtic Blessing

With best wishes for a long and happy marriage. The Parents.

[Editor’s Note: And may your lives be enriched with much Clan MacLeod Society activity and leadership. Congratulations from all your Clan friends, current and future.]

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY IAN C. MACLEOD



After the flurry of activities and significant events covered in the last two issues of the Leod Voice, in some ways, it is a bit of a relief to have a period of “back to normal”. This summer has been an “off” year in terms of large gatherings (Parliaments and NAGs) and fortunately, to my knowledge, we have been spared the deaths of any more of our Clan leadership, unlike the circumstances over the previous nine months.

Needless to say, our local societies have carried on with their usual summer activities of Highland Games and clan picnics and other social events. So my comments in this issue of the Leod Voice will be more general – commenting on Chief Hugh’s transition into leadership, some special events, some ACMS activities, things Scottish, and so on.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Congratulations are in order to some of our active kinsfolk.

Karen & Paul’s Wedding:

Central Ontario President Karen Macleod (daughter of Beth, CMSC Treasurer, and our recently departed dear friend, Colin) and Paul McCrimmon (son of CMSC VP-Central Canada Don and

CMSC Coordinating Genealogist Lesley) were married in August. If they do have children down the line, any child will have a pedigree almost begging for a CMSC leadership role!

Barbara & Bob 50th Wedding

Anniversary: Bob & Barbara (MacLeod) Armstrong celebrated their 50th Anniversary on October 5. Barb has been a stalwart of the Clan MacLeod in Canada for decades. She and her father, Donald, co-chaired the first North American Gathering in Glengarry/Ottawa in 1976. She was CMSC President from 1994 to 2000 and she is again chairing the NAG 2008 in Ottawa. Those of you at Parliament last year, will recall her high quality presentation, promoting NAG 2008. I sent to them a Certificate of Congratulations on behalf of CMSC.

Manitoba Society has 20th An-

niversary: In October, the Manitoba Society celebrated it’s 20th Anniversary. Congratulations!

Dr. Alastair MacLeod, President of the Cape Breton Society honoured: In July, The Sydney and Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Cape Breton University, announced the induction of Alastair into the Cape Breton Business Hall of Fame.



As a Past President of both a small town chamber of commerce (Lumby, BC - 1979-81) and the BC Chamber of Commerce (1992-93) and a past Director of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, I well know how important this kind of recognition is, both to the recipient and to the broader community. Congratulations Alastair!

chief hugh

There is not much new to report on his activities. I will simply pass on the note that I received from ACMS President Malcolm, as follows:

“For my part I have been gradually getting to know the new Chief and particularly his priorities, which are understandably his career and the castle, then the Clan. What this

means in practice for the Clan in the foreseeable future is that Chief Hugh will attend one annual Clan MacLeod society dinner each year if invited, either England or Scotland [he just attended the CMS England dinner and ACMS meetings in Wareham, England in early October]; attend the Clan Parliament; and write two letters each year for the Clan Magazine, if asked.

Those who remember when the late Chief John became Chief will recall that he didn't really begin to be involved in Clan matters until his late forties. Chief Hugh is 34. Equally, those who saw the castle last summer will appreciate the need for a coherent restoration effort and a continuing growth in the business.

All his communications to and from clansfolk and the Clan societies will continue to be through me.”

We continue to wish Chief Hugh all the best and, of course, give him our full support, as he makes this difficult transition. Chief John was Chief for just over 30 years (Nov 4, 1976 - Feb 12, 2007) and his grandmother, Dame Flora for over 40 years (1935-1976) before him. Chief Hugh will need time to develop the knowledge and relationships which, on the surface, came so easily to Dame Flora and Chief John.

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETIES OF CANADA (CMSC) MATTERS

North American Gathering 2008

– Ottawa, July 2-6, 2008: I encourage you all to read Barbara's information on the NAG elsewhere in this issue of the Leod Voice and on the NAG website (www.macleodgathering2008.ca/), and to make plans to attend. It promises to be a great event. If you arrive a couple of days early, it will also be a great opportunity to take part in the Canada Day celebrations in our National Capital.

Brochure / Membership Development: All of the Clan MacLeod Societies around the world are struggling with membership development., let alone growth, particularly as many of our long time leaders are aging. ACMS Management Council, led by Executive VP Leonard McLeod of South Africa, is trying to build on the ideas discussed at the workshop at the NAG in Chicago in 2000.

In the meantime, CMSC Treasurer Beth was looking to assist in updating the Central Ontario Clan MacLeod brochure, and suggested that as I have done some of this kind of work in the past (in the political and business contexts), I might like to tackle this as well. I readily agreed.

In many ways, raising memberships in any organization is not

much different from selling cars. You don't sell the car – you match the needs of the potential buyer to the attributes of the car you wish to sell, then you ask for the sale. So we have to do two things.

First we have determine what it is that potential members would find interesting enough that they would be motivated to join, and then match those needs or interests to what we have to offer. Secondly, and most importantly, we have to “ask for the sale”.

Those interests could include family or Scottish history; genetics; a love of piping or Scottish music or dancing; comederie with like minded Scottish descendents; etc.

I am in the process of collecting existing brochures, and reviewing what I do have on why it is that clansfolk join (or decide not to join). Over the next while I will pull all of that together and prepare a draft of a new brochure that can be used as a template for all local societies.

I would appreciate receiving copies of any existing brochures and your suggestions.

Local Society Notes

Cape Breton: They have a new President, Dr. Alastair, who took over from the very fine leadership of Father Greg. Note the

congratulations to Alastair above for his induction into the Sydney Business Hall of Fame and article later in this issue.

Sydney has developed a very good web site. Especially for anyone with Cape Breton roots, it is well worth a visit, at <http://www.clanmacleodcb.com/>

Quebec: After years of maintaining the Quebec society largely on his own, Patrick has had to step aside. If anyone knows of MacLeods in Quebec wanting to be involved, please let either Don McCrimmon, CMSC-VP, Central Canada (dmmanagement@msn.com) or me (at icmacleod@telus.net

net) know. They can also stay connected through the internet, by contacting Norman, CMSC Internet Coordinator (madpig@telus.net). Thanks to Patrick for his years of leadership.

BC Interior: President Phil and Pat plan to move from Osoyoos to the Shuswap Lake area. CMSC Past President Neil has volunteered to take over the leadership of that local society, at least on a transitional basis. Both Neil and CMSC VP Dr. Don live in Merritt, BC, so they have a solid base there of Clan MacLeod knowledge and leadership. Thanks to Phil and Pat for their many years of leadership.

ASSOCIATED CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETIES (ACMS) MATTERS

A CMS Fund raising project: The ACMS has very modest fund raising abilities (mostly from small operating surpluses from dues and sales of MacLeod items), but always has a number of potential projects for which funding is hard to come by.

Past projects have included: the Five Genealogy Volumes, The Chiefs of Clan MacLeod by Alick Morrison, the Scottish Exodus book by Jim Hunter, repairs to the gravestone of Chief Norman, the Dame Flora Memorial Room in Dunvegan Village Hall, the recordings of Clan Stories as told by Norman of Suardal and the portrait

of the late Chief John.

There are similar projects which ACMS would like to develop within Scotland, as well as potential projects in the “MacLeod world”, such as heritage events at Parliaments, NAGs or other international CM Gatherings; a travel scholarship to enable our youth to attend Parliament; other support for our youth through the NRG; piping scholarships; support for dancing competitions; repairs to Clan memorials or heritage objects in CMS countries or a commemorative plaque for a Clan heritage object or event in a CMS country.

But all of this takes money.

Those of you at Parliament last year will remember the suggestion put forward by Ewan MacLeod, Chair of the Rory Mor Fund Development Committee, to add on a “levy” of about Can\$4.25 to the annual dues of each individual, with the objective of creating, by Parliament 2014 (8 years) an endowment fund of £50,000 (from the present £8,500), that would generate ongoing and assured revenues.

However, most national Societies resisted the “levy” approach, as it was seen as a further barrier to membership development and retention (after polling our local societies, I had said that Canada might, in certain defined circumstances, support a levy of the lesser amount of perhaps Can\$1.25 per year).

As the need for the funds clearly exists, Ewan had come forward with a new proposal, which ACMS Management Council is supporting. Ewan and the Committee will be preparing an explanatory brochure. The proposal is for something akin to a voluntary levy. Members around the world are being asked to voluntarily contribute to the fund. If everyone did so, only about Can\$4.25 a year per person would be needed.

That could be done through personal commitments of that (or any wished greater) amount, “passing the hat” at CM events, estate legacies, internal dues assessments,

or anything else that the individual National CM society chose.

Two key points – one, it is all voluntary and two, the funds are very much needed.

As such, I ask that each of you consider committing at least Can\$4.25 per year to this ACMS fund raising project.. Payments could be sent through your local society or directly to our CMSC Treasurer Beth, with a note that they are intended for the ACMS Endowment Fund.

[Note: At the moment, the charitable registration of the Canadian Clan MacLeod Foundation has lapsed (too much maintenance expense for the small monies on hand), so we cannot issue tax receipts. However, if there is a significant donation or legacy contingent upon a tax receipt, we can reactivate the registration (on payment of fairly significant, accrued, filing fees).]

National Societies - Ireland: As you know, ACMS is made up of the nine National Societies (Australia, Canada, England, France, Germany, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, and USA). Those of you who read the ACMS commissioned book by Dr. Jim Hunter, “Scottish Exodus”, will recall that MacLeods also took root in many other areas of the world (Holland, Poland and Hungary, for example).

ACMS Executive VP Leonard is canvassing the feasibility of a new National Society in Northern Ireland (some of you will have heard the suggestion that the Scots can be divided into three “home” groups - the Highland Scots, the Lowland Scots and the Ulster Scots –mostly Lowland Scots who settled in mainly Northern Ireland). If there are enough MacLeods in Northern Ireland, it would be a real pleasure to welcome these clansfolk to our organized MacLeod family.

Magazine Costs and Dues: Some have asked to where the ACMS dues are applied. At present, each society pays to ACMS dues of US\$1.92 and Magazine contribution of US\$8.35, for a total of US\$10.27 per local member, per year. The October 2006 Magazine, based on 2,690 world-wide members, cost about Can\$4.40 for that one issue. That translates to about Can\$8.80 per member per year for only the Magazine. As you can see, the total dues and magazine costs, depending on exchange rates, leaves only about Can\$1.50 per member to cover many of the activities of ACMS (see Fund Raising, above).

Clan Magazine: Past Issues On-line: Some have suggested that old issues of the Magazine should be available on-line. In fact, Patrick, President of our (now inactive)

Quebec Society, has most or all of the past issues in pdf format. Unfortunately, ACMS Management Council, based on UK legal advice, has determined that it would be risky, under copyright law, to put the Magazines on-line. The problem is with the copyright in many of the pictures. Consent to their use in the Magazine had been obtained, but that consent did not, arguably, extend to a wider availability of the Magazine in on-line format.

Memberships: Under ACMS EVP Leonard, efforts are under way to find ways to help local and National Societies to retain and grow their memberships (see also my comments on the brochure, above). Whatever recommendations come out of those efforts will be passed on to our Canadian local societies.

Genealogy: The ACMS manages an excellent web site for MacLeod genealogy, history and resources, at www.macleodgenealogy.org/home.html#I5. It is well worth a look. In addition, the government of Scotland just put up an excellent site to assist in locating old records, at www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/.

RANDOM THINGS SCOTTISH

Gaelic (and Scots) in Canada:

There is an excellent web site on the Scots, and other immigrant groups, in Canada, at www.multiculturalcanada.ca. This site is partnered by Simon Fraser University (lead institution), Sien Lok Society of Calgary, University of Calgary, Multicultural History Society of Ontario, Vancouver Public Library, University of Victoria Library and University of Toronto Library. It provides an excellent thumbnail history of the Scots in both Scotland and Canada. Following is a very brief excerpt from that site regarding the use of Gaelic in Canada:

In 1850 Gaelic was the third most commonly spoken European language in British North America (now Canada), spoken by as many as 200,000 British North Americans of both Scottish and Irish origin. At that time, Gaelic was probably spoken by one out of every ten inhabitants of British North America.

In 1890 Senator Thomas Innis introduced a bill into the Canadian Senate entitled “An Act to provide for the use of Gaelic in official proceedings.” He claimed that there were ten Scots senators and eight Irish ones who spoke Gaelic (out of the then total of about 85 Senators, or about 21%), and thirty-two members of the House

of Commons (out of 263, or about 12%) who spoke either Gaelic or Erse (the Irish variety).

I have written previously about the (losing) attempt in 1880 by my great-grandfather, John Morrison, as a member of the Nova Scotia Legislature, to enhance the education of Gaelic in the Nova Scotia public school system. He gave the speech in Gaelic, and it is a superb example of support for the Gaelic, even if the hyperbole was somewhat “over the top”.

Restoration of Raasay House:

The Big Lottery Fund has made available £1 million towards the cost of the restoration of Raasay House. With the £2,549,000 from the Highlands and Islands Enterprise and £500,000 from Historic Scotland, the funding package for the restoration is complete. Raasay House will pass into community ownership on 1st December 2007. Work will begin early in the New Year, to be completed by the spring of 2009.

Feathers in Your Caps:

(Excerpted from the column of ACMS-VP Leonard McLeod’s column in the South African newsletter). “It was once customary for Highland Chiefs to wear three eagle feathers in their bonnets. The laird and lesser chieftains wore only two

eagle feathers. Norman Magnus, 26th Chief, and Dame Flora, 28th Chief, are both recorded in photographs and portraits wearing three feathers. Chief John did not carry on the tradition, probably because he did not wear headgear.”

“Recently, I was surprised to see that Ruari Halford-MacLeod, President CMS Scotland, wore one extremely long feather at the funeral of Chief John (CMM, No.104, p.368). Following on from this, William C. MacLeod, President CMS, USA wore one eagle feather at the Memorial Service for Chief John. This wearing of a single eagle feather would seem to be a recent development in Clan MacLeod. Apparently, CMS Presidents can wear one eagle feather, indicating their prominence in clan hierarchy (equivalent to armigers).

“This tendency for a return to a well-known Highland tradition can only be recommended. It certainly adds to the brightness and attractiveness of our finery and regalia.”

My Note: Possession of many (if not all) eagle feathers and feathers of other birds of prey is illegal, unless one is a registered aboriginal, in the USA (possession can attract a fine of up to \$25,000), Canada and the European Union. One must be very careful to ensure that any decorative feather comes from a permitted species and/or

that appropriate permits have been obtained.

Watch out for illegal Sporrans in Scotland: Not only can wearing feathers get the unsuspecting into serious trouble, but so too can many sporrans. A recent note at www.rampantscotland.com/letter.htm warned that “Recent legislation by the Scottish Parliament means that those wearing fur or any part of a protected animal such as badger and otter can face prosecution if they do not have a license for it. It also applies to other vulnerable animals like deer, wildcats, hedgehogs, bats, lynx, moles, seals, whales, dolphins and porpoises. The rules will apply to the fur on sporrans, unless they were made before 1994. Applicants must prove that the animal was killed lawfully before they will be able to get a license. The new law is aimed at protecting endangered species and is designed to close a number of loopholes and bring Scotland into line with other EU members. So those wearing full highland dress with a sporran made of such material will have to be able to produce a license or face a fine of up to £5,000 and six months in jail.”

New British Prime Minister:

Gordon Brown has his Roots in Fife. Unlike Tony Blair (who, was born and educated in Scotland, but scarcely acknowledged his roots),

Gordon Brown, the new British Prime Minister is very much a Scot and these days is a Fifer as well. He was born in Glasgow, the son of a Church of Scotland minister but was educated in Kirkcaldy, Fife. He studied at Edinburgh University (losing the sight of his left eye there, playing rugby), completing a PhD. He has been a MP for a Fife constituency since 1983 and his home is there. (Excerpted from Rampart Scotland 's 'Scottish Snippets' <http://www.rampantscotland.com/letter.htm>)

Sister Cities: Canada and Scotland:

Some of you may know that Edinburgh has 11 sister cities around the world, but only one in Canada, namely Vancouver (Vancouver has 5), since 1977. That relationship has not been significantly developed, but has the potential to further strengthen the bonds between Scotland and some of its emigrants. To my knowledge there are only two other sister city ties between Scotland and Canada, namely Sterling with Summerside, P.E.I. and Perth, Scotland with Perth, Ont.

Scotch (or Gaelic) Whiskey:

During one of my visits to Raasay House, I noted the following poem by Raphael Holinshead, (from Holinshead's Chronichles, 1577) posted on a display:

Gaelic Whisky "Moderately taken,

Sloweth age;

Strengtheneth youth;

Helpeth digestion;

Cutteth phlegm;

It cureth the dropsey;

It poundeth the stone and
repelleth gravel;

It preserveth the head from
whirling;

The tongue from lispings;

The teeth from chattering;

The throat from rattling;

The heart from swelling;

The guts from rumbling;

The hands from shivering;

The sinews from sinking;

The veins from crumbling;

The bones from aching;

And is truly sovereign liquid if it
be orderly taken"

Raphael Holinshead (or Holinshead) who died around 1580, was an English chronicler. He, and others, had been hired by the printer, Reginald Wolfe, to compile a world history from "the Flood" to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I (Queen from 1558 to 1603). The project was never finished, but one portion was published as "The Chronicles of England, Scotland, and Ireland". This was apparently one of the major sources used by for most of his history plays, including the plot of Macbeth, and for portions of King Lear.

So, this is a rather illustrious source, albeit, or perhaps more importantly, written by a non-Scot, promoting the merits of Scotch (or Gaelic) whiskey, “moderately taken”.

World Piping Championships:

At this summer’s 2007 World Pipe Band Championships, in Glasgow, two Canadian pipe bands did very well indeed. The Simon Fraser University Pipe Band (4 time World Champions -1995, 1996, 1999 & 2001), from Burnaby (Greater Vancouver), BC, placed second and Scottish Lion-78th Fraser Highlanders, from Whitby, Ont (1987 World Champion), placed fourth. Congratulations to all of them!

Homecoming Scotland / Robbie Burns’ 250th Birthday 2009:

2009 is the 250th anniversary of the birthday of Robert Burns. Scotland is planning some big celebrations from July 24 to 26, 2009 (see www.homecomingscotland.com). The ACMS will not be officially involved, as it does not wish to take away from the next Parliament, in 2010. However, CMS Scotland will be ensuring that Clan MacLeod is well represented, and ACMS will be supporting those efforts. CMS Scotland is also organizing a Clan MacLeod North European Gathering to coincide with that Homecoming.

SOME INTERESTING MACLEODS IN HISTORY

I have previously noted some significant MacLeods in Canada, namely Alan Arnett McLeod (Victoria Cross recipient in WWI), Col James F MacLeod (2nd full time Commissioner of the NWMP (now RCMP) and the lawman whose fairness and integrity probably forestalled the Indian wars experienced just south of the border), and Dr. John J. R. MacLeod (a Scot, then teaching in Canada and co-discoverer of insulin and, with F. G. Banting, co-recipient of 1923 Nobel Prize). Here are a few non-Canadian MacLeods:

Mata Hari, otherwise known as Mrs. Rudolf MacLeod or “Lady MacLeod”: Mata Hari was born in 1876 as Margaretha Zelle in the Netherlands. At 18 she married the 20 years older Dutch naval officer, Rudolf MacLeod, in Amsterdam. They moved to Java, and later Sumatra, and had two children, although their son died young. Rudolf MacLeod, by many reports, was a drinking and womanizing brute. They divorced in 1903, with Margaretha retaining custody of their daughter. Rudolf refused to pay court ordered maintenance,

leaving her in poverty. Margaretha turned to dancing. From 1905 she won fame as an “exotic” Oriental-style dancer. After first dancing as “Lady MacLeod”, she took the stage name Mata Hari, the Indonesian and Malay word for ‘sun’ (literally “Eye of the Day”). Because of her fame (and perhaps “loose” character), and the fact that she was Dutch, she travelled somewhat freely across European borders during WWI, bringing her into contact (and probably “liaisons”) with many people of influence, including military officers on both sides. As a result of those close contacts, she attracted government attention, and she was charged with and convicted of treason. She was executed by firing squad in 1917, during the midst of WWI. She has come to represent the femme fatale of her era.

There has been some research to establish that she was not in fact a spy (or perhaps a known double-spy), but, in times of crisis, public authorities (including in the “free” world, today) often need quick scapegoats, perhaps driven by the media and public opinion. Some times, anyone will do. Mata Hari may well have been a convenient scapegoat to officials, the media and public opinion (some things will probably never change).

McCloud Tool or McCloud Hoe: Ranger Malcolm McLeod of the Sierra National Forest, CA, USA, in 1905, designed what was probably the first specialized fire fighting hand tool. The McCloud (name became altered over time) is a firefighting hand tool (most forest fires are fought on the ground by hand) with a large hoe-like blade on one side and tined or forked blade (heavy rake) on the other. It is commonly used in the mountains of the American west. A firefighter can rake fire lines with the teeth and cut branches and sod with the sharpened hoe edge. It is often used in parallel with a “Pulaski tool”, a combination axe and mattock blade. (Back in the late 1960s, when I spent two summers fighting forest fires, I was not familiar with the McCloud, but I certainly used the Pulaski a lot.)

McLeod Gauge: A McLeod gauge is a scientific instrument, invented in 1874 by H. G. McLeod of England, to measure very low pressures. Because modern electronic vacuum gauge readings are highly dependent on the chemical nature of the gas being measured and their calibrations are unstable, McLeod gauges continue to be used as a calibration standard for electronic gauges.

humour

If I can, I always try to bring a personal bit of levity to my report, which some may view as long and tedious. Some may not share my sense of humour, but here goes.

Ancient sporrans and modern cell phones: The sporrans has, for centuries, been used as a purse, as a piece of decorative clothing and perhaps even some manly protection. But times are changing, and it is now often used to carry car keys, digital cameras and cell phones. It is that last use that gives rise to this comment.

At the NAG in Chicago in 2004, I was in the choir area at the Kirkin' of the Tartan church service. As I was expecting a call from my wife, Ardie, and youngest daughter, Stephanie, who were flying in to Chicago that day, I didn't want to be without my cell phone, or to turn it off. So I set it on "vibrate" and put it in my sporrans. Not long after the Kirkin service started my phone started to vibrate, and it continued to do so throughout the service. It was an unusually "stimulating" church service!

Getting our children involved: We all try to interest our children in things MacLeod and Scottish. In fact, my oldest daughter, Heather, is the Magazine Co-Editor and my youngest daughter, Stephanie, is a



director of the Vancouver Society. In 1998, Ardie and I and all four of our children attended Parliament, and most of the kids got the "MacLeod / things Scottish bug", maybe too much so. I doubt that any father would encourage their daughters to get tattoos. However, all three of our daughters did - Heather with the Celtic knot on her shoulder and Stephanie with the Scottish thistle on her shoulder blade. (Melanie too got a tattoo, on her lower back, but of her husband's name and not Scottish. The day our son Cameron was going for a tattoo, the tattoo parlour was shut down due to a fire whew!!). I know that Emma, the other *Magazine* Co-Editor, and Ruari's daughter, also has a MacLeod of Lewis symbol tattooed on her shoulder blade - can't be too committed, I guess. Anyway, a photo of Heather's and Stephanie's tattoos is above.

PERSONAL

As I mentioned in the *Spring Leod Voice*, due to my MS, my ability to travel, at least by myself (at least as ordered by Ardie and our kids), is somewhat limited. As such, in the past 14 months or so I have only been visiting those more local events (Vancouver, Vancouver Island and BC Interior) to which I can drive. Even that has not been without some adventure. On June 23 I drove to Merritt (about a 3 hour drive) for the wedding reception of Neil R. and June. The next day, driving back over the Coquihalla Pass (elevation 4068 feet) I missed a June blizzard by about 12 hours. On July 28 I attended the summer picnic of the Vancouver Island Society in Duncan, at the home of President Malcolm's parents, Neil and Francis. On the way back on the ferry notice was received of a bomb threat. All later ferry sailings that evening were cancelled, so I barely made it, albeit a few hours late (and there was, thankfully, no bomb). I don't know whether I am attracting near disasters or and just plain lucky.

One parting note. When I was at Parliament last year, our baggage showed up three days late. As such, I canvassed buying another kilt at the Dunvegan Kilt Shop. They had on a tremendous deal – kilt (light weight), sporrán, belt, socks, hose, kilt pin and shirt for the “all-in” price of about £120

(about Can\$270, then). So I bought the package as a first kilt for our son Cam. He is still trying to learn the proper etiquette, but then, some of our lads never seem to get it.



Anyway, I had a picture taken of Cam, Heather and I in our MacLeod kilts, and our granddaughter, Chloe Bolton, in her first kilt as well.

Our son-in-law, Johnny Bolton, is ½ Filipino, but his great grandfather on his mother's side, is a Macleod (from Shaunavon, Saskatchewan) – making him 1/8 MacLeod. So Chloe is a MacLeod on both sides! Maybe in a few years we'll have her at a NAG as well!

As this is the last *Leod Voice* of 2007, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and the Best Wishes for 2008. Please plan to meet up in Ottawa at the NAG next July.

PACIFIC REPORT

BY KEN MACLEOD

CMS Greater Vancouver

The Vancouver Society will hold their general meeting on November 18. The number of members is down with age taking its toll and several others relocating this year. However, the tent at the BC Highland Games had several interested visitors showing interest in the clan.



At the BC Highland Games right: the MacLeod contingent carrying the banner in the Parade of the Clans

Below: Neil R., Bill G. Bob Tanner, Dr. Don, Ian C., Malcolm, and Neil McLeod in front of the tent





Hosts Francis and Neil with Ian C.(sitting) at CMS Vancouver Island picnic

CMS BC Interior

Word from Neil R. McLeod, Past President of CMSC, is that at the meeting held on October 28 the new executive consists of Neil as president, Ian of Vernon remaining as treasurer and June as secretary. The geographical distance between the communities and the adverse highway conditions presents a challenge to this society.

Phil and Pat MacLeod wished to step down from the executive after establishing the society and

working hard for many years to keeping it alive. Well done and we wish you well in your move to Salmon Arm.

CMS Vancouver Island

A picnic was held at the home of Neil and Frances McLeod on Saturday, July 28 in Duncan, BC. Ian C. MacLeod, CMSC President, and Judy Tipple, *Leod Voice* editor and Membership Registrar also attended the delightful event hosted by Karen and Malcolm McLeod.

PROFILE OF FINLAY AND DOROTHY MORRISON BY KEN MACLEOD, CMSC VP PACIFIC REGION

Finlay Morrison had a distinguished military career during World War II and as a Professor of Pharmacy at the University of British Columbia.

Born in Barvas, Saskatchewan December 15, 2007, Finlay's mother, Isabella Macleod, had come from Tong, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis in 1888 at the age of three to a homestead in Southwestern Manitoba. Finlay's grandfather also named Finlay Morrison, had settled near Saltcoat, Saskatchewan in 1889.

Prior to World War II, the young Morrison had apprenticed as a pharmacist in Regina, Abernathy, and Belcarres, Saskatchewan for four years. Finlay also did three years of undergraduate work in pharmacy at the University of Saskatchewan where he was involved in the Reserve Officers' Training Plan. In 1942, he volunteered for active service and was sent to Gordon Head at the present site of the University of Victoria for officer's training. After completing the program and receiving his commission as a first lieutenant, Morrison was sent overseas as a reinforcement officer. He served with the South Saskatchewan Regiment until April,

1944, when because of his university training, he was seconded to be an aide-de-camp to General Harry Crerar, Commanding Officer of the First Canadian Army.

Captain Finlay Morrison served as General Crerar's operational aide-de-camp until April, 1946 when Crerar retired. Morrison's responsibilities included reporting to General Crerar each morning to update the General on the progress of the Canadian forces in the Northwest Europe Theatre of Operations which included the Normandy Campaign. According to Finlay, he would accompany General Crerar on his various duties and since General Crerar liked to drive, Finlay would act as navigator and map reader.

Following his return from overseas on August 23, 1945 he married his sweetheart Dorothy Carbert of Melfort, Saskatchewan



who he had met at the University.

On his retirement from the Canadian Army in 1946, Finlay returned to the University of Saskatchewan in 1947, then to British Columbia to complete his degree in pharmacy. He was hired as an instructor in pharmacy at the UBC where he spent his next 35 years less three years for post-graduate work at the University of Maryland, University of Washington, and University of California where he received his doctorate in

pharmacy.

Morrison was made a full professor at the UBC in the 1950s and served as the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy for almost fifteen of those years.

Finlay and his wife Dorothy are long-time members of CMS Greater Vancouver and have recently sold their home to move into Arbutus Manor, a retirement centre in Vancouver near their former residence.

PRAIRIE REPORT

BY BOB McLEOD

Clan MacLeod Manitoba will celebrate its 20th anniversary on October 13th with our annual dinner, being held at the Victoria Inn close to the airport. Fifty to sixty Mac/McLeod folk are expected to attend.

The Manitoba Highland Games this year underwent a change of executive and format and the clans were not invited at all. Hopefully, they'll get things straightened out for next year as Clan Row was always popular with the public. The MacLeod picnic we had planned for June 9 was cancelled due to lack of interest. Maybe next year?

Folklorama August 5-11 went well under the leadership of Roy McLeod and his 28 volunteers. Well done, Roy.



Lt. Alan Arnett McLeod of Stonewall, MB, a Victoria Cross winner in World War 1, received a further honour having a conference room named after him. This conference room is located in the #1 Air Division Building, Winnipeg. There is also a street named after him in Stonewall and a McLeod Tea House in the original home of Alan and his family. Alan's story is well documented in *Clan Magazine* #87, 1988. By oversight, Clan MacLeod was not invited to this event but thanks to our member Eileen McLeod for bringing it to our attention and the newspaper clipping.

There is a small parade each year; in Winnipeg, to commemorate the Selkirk Settlers who arrived in the fall of 1812. Five years from now, it will be 200 years since their arrival. The annual parade is simply to make people aware that this 200th anniversary is coming soon. This year the bands and interested people formed up at the City Hall, marched south on Main Street then east on Bannatyne Ave to the roundabout of Waterfront Drive. The parade stopped there to view

the soon-to-be erected “Settlers” Monument, to honour those dispossessed by the Clearances. Then on to the Scots “Thistle” Monument where greetings were given by The Honourable Bill Blaikie, M.P, the president of St. Andrews and others. Light refreshments followed.

A few of our people are considering attending the North American MacLeod Gathering in Ottawa in July, 2008. If you have any questions about same, please contact Bob or Connie at 832-5013.

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY OF HALIFAX

BY BETTY MACLEAN, CMS HALIFAX PRESIDENT

The 2007 International Gathering of the Clans, this year held in Nova Scotia, offered a vast variety of events covering many communities.

We had a very busy year. On July 8 we joined in with other Clans at the Halifax Highland Games; along with local visitors to our tent, our guest book signatures indicate visitors from five States and six Provinces as well as from Scotland, England and New Zealand. For our part in events for the International Gathering, on July 15th we sponsored a service at the Old Log Church, Loch Broom, followed by a musical concert and supper at the Lyons Brook Church in Pictou



Rev. Allan MacLeod (Vancouver) preaching at the Old Log Church

County. On behalf of our branch, I wish to thank everyone who assisted by organizing and offering their services and talents to make our day a success. Thank you also to all who attended.



Clan MacLeod sponsored service at the Old Log Church , Loch Broom, NS was part of the International Gathering of the Clans 2007

On September 12th Don and Eleanor hosted an evening get-together at their home, to welcome two visitors from Australia. Rod and Pat MacLeod, of Clan MacLeod Society of Australia, had been on a North American tour, part of which included the Maritime

Provinces. It was a very enjoyable evening, comparing aspects of our clan activities with those of the “down under” branches. Rod and Pat departed amid wishes for “safe journey” as they were leaving early next morning on the first leg of their return trip.



Atlantic VP Don, Australian visitors Pat and Rod, CMS Halifax President Betty MacLean

In the past few months, two of our long time members have passed away: in August, Mrs. June (Walter) MacLeod, of Bridgewater, and, in September Mrs. Katherine MacDonald, of Halifax. On behalf of Clan MacLeod Society of Halifax, our condolences are sent to their families.

On October 27th our Fall meeting was held and the schedule for 2008 events discussed. We received favourable comments as result of

our Christmas get-together last year, so this will also be discussed and date and location for our 2007 Christmas get-together in Halifax will be set.

At this very holy time of year, on behalf of our Clan MacLeod Society of Halifax, I extend best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a prayer that the year 2008 will bring love, peace and joy to all the world.



Left: Simon Archer, LeeAnne MacLeod Archer CMS Cape Breton secretary-treasurer and Gordon McLeod at the gathering in Pictou, Below: a table of bounty enjoyed by clanfolk at the Picou gathering.





Nova Scotian gathering of Clan MacLeod members and friends



CAPE BRETON NEWS

BY LEEANNE MACLEOD ARCHER

Clan MacLeod Cape Breton met again on October 13 in Sydney. A social gathering, complete with tea and a light lunch followed. Efforts to hold the meeting in Richmond county did not pan out this fall, but efforts will be renewed in the summer so that all geographic areas of the island are included in meeting sites.

Plans will soon be underway for CMSCB's 3rd annual Robbie Burns dinner to be held in January.

As well, a committee was struck to start planning an ecumenical service to be held during the 2008 Celtic Colours International Festival in Cape Breton. The ecumenical service was hosted this

past summer by Clan MacLeod Nova Scotia in Pictou and drew visitors from all over the USA and Canada. It is hoped that the timing in the fall of 2008 will allow an even broader participation by Clan MacLeod members and their septs.

We're proud and pleased to report that CMSCB President Alastair MacLeod was recently inducted into the Cape Breton Business Hall. Alastair's entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to his community formed the basis for this prestigious award.



Above: CMS Cape Breton vice-president Margaret, president Alastair and secretary Leeanne Macleod Archer

Below: CMS CB President Alastair with his family displaying his award presented to him upon his induction into the Cape Breton Business Hall of Fame



GENEALOGY REPORT

BY LESLEY MCCRIMMON

Our family has just finished celebrating the wedding of our son Paul to Karen Macleod. Yes, a Macleod has married a McCrimmon. There is a family history here that is very interesting.

The following is an excerpt from my husband, Don's speech.

For over 600 years, the MacLeods and the McCrimmons have lived side by side on the Isle of Skye in Scotland. The only real difference was that the MacLeods lived in the castle and the McCrimmons lived in, shall we say, the suburbs.

The McCrimmons did however, on occasion, get to visit the castle. This was usually when the MacLeods were in need of some music. For over 400 years the McCrimmons provided the royal piper to the Chief of the MacLeods.

Over the years, there were a number of adventurous MacLeod women who, wanting to live a little on the wild side, would take a few steps down the social ladder and leap into the strong and waiting arms of a McCrimmon.

A little over 110 years ago, Jane Elizabeth MacLeod took such a leap and landed in the arms of John Duncan McCrimmon. They were my grandparents.

Now Karen has decided to take the leap. Paul, whatever you do,

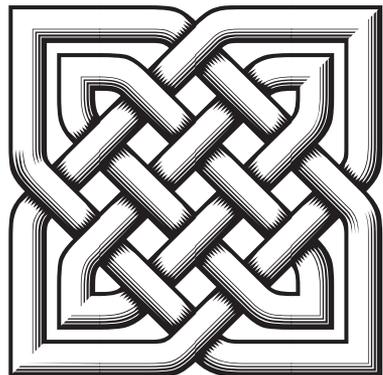


don't drop her!

From the McCrimmon perspective, I can only conclude that these are two very smart ladies.

On February 18, 1899 John Duncan married Jane Elizabeth. Paul and Karen were married on August 18, 2007. I find it interesting that they were both married on the 18th.

Have you submitted your family history yet or do you have any updates to your family tree? Please contact me by e-mail: lmccrimmon@hotmail.com or snail mail: Lesley McCrimmon, 16619 Innis Lake Road, Caledon, ON, L7C 3A4.



EDINBURGH

BY HARRY MCGRATH

There are several different ways of ascending Arthur's Seat, the extinct volcano that forms the backdrop to Edinburgh. Today I take the road less travelled which begins at the north east corner of Holyrood Park, a couple of miles out of the city centre.

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Picking my way through a vast whiting of bread-fed swans, I follow a path round St. Margaret's Loch and then scramble straight up the steep side of Whinny Hill. I pass the ruin of St. Anthony's Chapel from where the Knights Hospitallers of St. Anthony of Leith are said to have put lights in the tower to welcome ships arriving in the Firth of Forth.

This precipitous scramble takes me away from everyone else and

soon I am walking alone across the ridge of Winnie Hill with only the occasional peewit flying up from the ferns and angling away on the wind. On the main trail in the valley below a multi coloured caravan of walkers pick their way along while behind me a large black cloud is scudding across from Fife.

Anticipating a soaking, I descend the other side of Winnie Hill, cross the main trail and chose the straightest, and therefore steepest, path to the top of Arthur's Seat to get there ahead of the rain. The wind is keening, though, and the cloud accelerating and half way up I get caught. Not rain and a soaking, but hail and a thrashing.

The last leg is through a narrow gully in the rock until, buffeted and battered, I haul myself up onto the main path near the summit and into the company of the walkers I spotted below all sensibly attired in rain suits of many colours. I stand with them by the cairn shivering in my T-shirt and sweat pants.

This is the spot to which James Hogg's character George climbed in "Confessions of a Justified Sinner." On a beautiful morning he saw "the little wee ghost of a rainbow" in a cloud which soon took on the dark and malevolent look of his brother but "dilated to twenty times the natural size." When he turned to flee he tumbled into the flesh and blood of his brother and a violent altercation ensued.

As an antidote to Hogg's terrifying vision, there's always William McGonagall, Scotland's worst poet, who described Arthur's Seat in his poem Edinburgh:

*Then, as for Arthur's seat, I'm
sure it is a treat*

*Most worthy to be seen, with its
rugged rocks and pastures green,
And the sheep browsing on its
sides*

*To and fro, with slow-paced
strides,*

*And the little lambkins at play
During the livelong summer-day.*

Today there are no sheep but the hailstorm has burnished the air and there is a crystal clear view in all directions. Hard to believe now that Edinburgh was once christened "Auld Reekie", meaning smoky or smelly, because of the thick fog produced by coal and wood fires and the odours emanating from the open sewers that once afflicted the city. The "evening effluvia of Edinburgh" upset Samuel Johnson when he was here. "I smell you in the dark," he said to Boswell as they walked together up the High Street.

Some of what I can see from the summit of Arthur's seat would have been familiar to Boswell and Johnson. The High Street stretches away towards the castle. But there is evidence of contemporary developments as well. The Scottish Parliament building lies immediately below and the new National

Museum of Scotland is just visible to the west. Stretching south towards the Borders, new housing developments attest to the number of people who are trying to escape extortionate city centre house prices.

Looking east I can pick out the port of Leith now renewed with waterside cafes and pubs and apartment buildings stretching out from the shore, apparently built on mudflats. A cruise ship is berthed waiting to take passengers to the Mediterranean and beyond.

At one time Scots left from Leith under very different conditions and headed for Canada. One such journey is the subject of "We Sailed from the Port of Leith on the 4th of July," by Vancouver poet Aislinn Hunter. In it the emigrants are awakened with a cry when they pass John O'Groats and watch until "that night we lost sight of Scotland."

From the summit of Arthur's Seat, I think about the way in which the people not only lost sight of Scotland, but Scotland lost sight of its emigrants. Over the centuries a separation developed which was not only physical but psychological. Gone and too often forgotten. This "emigrant gap" is something the new authorities in Scotland would like to bridge.

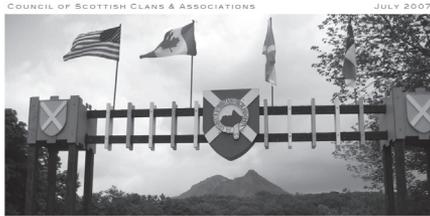
The last time I hiked to a point that I could look down on the city I started from was in Vancouver.

The trail I ascended was mapped and explicated by Scottish couple David and Mary Macaree whose pioneering work resulted in the original edition of 103 Hikes in South Western British Columbia.

Few people realize that Vancouver and Edinburgh have been twin

cities since 1977. It is a relationship that is yet to be explored in any meaningful way, but it is one with the potential to create links between two thriving cities and, in the process, reduce the distance between Scotland and some of its emigrants.

COUNCIL OF SCOTTISH CLANS & ASSOCIATIONS



I received an email from this organization recently and thought some of our members might like to receive the newsletter *The Claymore* which is issued twice a year. If you are interested the information is below. They assure us that they will not distribute email addresses to anyone for commercial purposes, but we may send you periodic press releases of interest to the Scottish-American community. If you know anyone who does not have access to the Internet, they will be happy to mail *The Claymore* to them twice a year.

The goal in this newsletter is to provide clan news from throughout the U.S., as well as from around the world. Additionally, since there is now a great deal of dialogue between the U.S. and Scotland, we want to keep you informed on what's happening here and in Scotland. And, of course, we will

be updating you on Tartan Day activities.

We are invited to send any news items about our clan or association annual gathering, or any other interesting news relating to our Scottish-American community. Send your article and/or comments and suggestions to claymore@cosca.net. This will be yet another way of publicising the NAG 2008 in Ottawa.

If you would like to receive news from COSCA, just let me know at president@cosca.net. Thanks! We appreciate all of your support.

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NORTH AMERICAN GATHERING 2008



The beauty of Canada's capital city of Ottawa beckons us, "Come see the sights, greet old friends, make new ones, learn more about the culture of your highland heritage as well as your Canadian heritage."

This wonderul 9th North American Gathering is not to be missed. You will find registration forms, accommodation and meal packet forms, along with much more information about the Gathering on the website www.macleodgathering2008.ca.

If you are not able to access the internet, ask your grandchild to do it for you, then bring them along with you to Ottawa. The Registration and Accommodation Forms are inserted with this issue. Fill them in and send them off soon.

Mark July 2-6, 2008 on your calendar and start your planning now.

seachd: THE INACCESSIBLE PINNACLE

COURTESY ANGUS MACISAAC.

Shown at the Vancouver International Film Festival and much enjoyed by the audience the film *Seachd: The Inaccessible Pinnacle*, was shot on Skye. This Scottish Gaelic movie (with English subtitles) is described on the VIFF website <<http://www.viff.org>> as follows...

"Scotland, 2006, 90 min, 35mm
In Gaelic with English subtitles
Directed By: Simon Miller

Rated: PG; no advisory

Làn fhirinn na sgeòil. The truth is in the story.

Seachd, pronounced "Shack," is Scotland's first Gaelic-language film. It means "seven," the age

Aonghas (Angus) is orphaned in a mountaineering accident. Grandfather tries to comfort the boy and his siblings with stories of the old ways, when Scotland was a land blessed and cursed with magical charms, potions and poisons, and the world was a far different place. (Or was it?)

This grave but entrancing fable pulls off the difficult balancing act required to make us as involved in the storyteller and his rapt listeners as in the fearsome and fantastic folk tales he spins. Angry and confused, Aonghas hangs on the old man's every word, but he also hates him for it. It's only much later in life that he will look back and ponder

the true meaning of these yarns. The stories within the story prove you don't need megabuck special effects to open eyes to wonder and beauty--especially if you have the good fortune to be shooting on the Isle of Skye, "The Winged Isle."

A reformed Wall Street banker, Simon Miller collaborated with a host of Gaelic writers, artists, musicians and amateur thespians to pull off this remarkable first feature

about the power of storytelling. As for the Inaccessible Pinnacle, Miller and his crew had to climb it four times during the shoot, with the camera and their equipment on their backs."

[Editor Note: I think it would be fascinating to just listen to the beauty of the Gaelic dialogue. It's to be hoped the film will come out in DVD soon.]

THE ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK

Several times a year, Alexandria Virginia's Scottish history comes front and center, reminding us all of the city's earliest Scottish roots. Started in 1969, the Campaigna Center's Alexandria "Scottish Christmas Walk" is an annual parade and celebration to honor the city's Scottish founders, rich heritage, and unique quality of life. The Walk has grown from a small, informal parade to an entire weekend filled with events, and is generally regarded as the local kick-off to the Christmas season. Festivities

include a whisky tasting, the sale of holiday greens, and a house tour. The parade itself consists of Scottish military regiments, costumed highlanders, school bands, citizen groups and associations.

A grand marshal leads local clans and floats filled with volunteers and children. The Lord Provost of Dundee (Alexandria's Scottish sister city) and the British Ambassador to the United States, along with local political leaders riding in vintage cars, also participate in the parade. Traditionally, the crowd joins in at the end of the procession, walking the route to City Hall for a short ceremony. The Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk typically takes place the first Saturday in December.



REFLECTIONS ON THE CHIEF

JOHN'S VISIT 1996

BY IAN C. MACLEOD

In 1996, following the NAG at West Point, NY, Chief John did a tour of North America, including a visit to Vancouver. The Mayor of the City of Vancouver officially proclaimed September 1 to 7 as Clan MacLeod Week. The BC Chamber of Commerce hosted a breakfast for him. He made a surprise visit to the home of 87 year old Ann MacLeod, a long time stalwart of the Vancouver Society. He ended the week as a star attraction at A Highland Welcome at the Scottish Cultural centre. The co-star was Chief Ian Campbell of the Salish First Nation. The two Chiefs, from very different cultures found very much in common and treated each other

with great respect. They jointly, put on a wonderful evening. Again, his empathy for all, and grace and good humour shone through.





at "BCing You in 92"

Clockwise: Chiefs John and Roderick cutting the cake at opening event, telling the story of the Fairy Flag to the young people, in the parade of dignitaries at Fort Macleod, and describing the territory of MacLeod lands



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Katherine Constance (MacLeod) MacDonald

It is with great joy that we celebrate the life of Katherine Constance (MacLeod) MacDonald, a long member of the Clan MacLeod Society of Halifax. Her keen intellect and wonderful personality will be missed by all who knew her.

Katherine passed away on September 17, 2007 at the age of 92.

Born in Taiwan, she was a daughter of Rev. Duncan and Constance (Eason) MacLeod. She came to Canada at the age of 11 and later attended high school and University in Toronto, graduating with a BA degree from Victoria College

in 1937. She entered nursing graduating as a RN from Toronto General Hospital in 1941. It was there that she met and married Dr. Robert Murray MacDonald, a visiting medical officer serving in the RCN during WWII.

Settling in wartime Halifax, she involved herself in many aspects of church and community life. Because of her unique background, she served for 25 years as honorary president of the Chinese Society of Nova Scotia and honorary advisor of the Dalhousie University Chinese Students Society. She was deeply involved in her church community, St. Matthew's United Church, Pine Hill Divinity College, the YWCA, Dalhousie-Kings Reading Club, International Students Association, Indo-Canadian Society and Halifax Canadian Federation of University Women.

Katherine was involved for many years with the Clan MacLeod Society of Halifax and with her husband visited with Chief Dame Flora at Dunvegan Castle in 1959.

Katherine lived a rich life of service and we extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends.



(Ruby) June MacLeod

June MacLeod, of Liverpool, NS, a member of CMS-Halifax, passed away Sunday, August 19, 2007, in the Queen's General Hospital. Born in Liverpool, she was a daughter of the late Maurice and Nellie (Turner) Feoner.

She attended school in Liverpool and worked there as a telephone operator for many years before joining the Royal Canadian Air Force, where she served in Quebec for approximately three years. She then lived in Toronto, St. John, NB, and Port Hawkesbury, NS, where June went back to work as a telephone operator.

After her first husband Michael passed away, she and her son Glen, moved back to Liverpool where she worked at Queens General Hospital until her retirement. June was active in Queen's County Historical Society and Queens County VON and enjoyed traveling, bridge, music and sewing.

We send our condolences to June's husband Walter, son Glen and family.



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THE EDITOR'S PAGE



It was with enthusiasm that I chose the wedding of Karen McLeod and Paul McCrimmon as the lead article for this issue. As an organization we are very fortunate to have capable young members willing and eager to include leadership in Clan MacLeod in their busy lives. Very best wishes for a long and happy life together, Karen and Paul.

Imagine my encouragement when several articles for this issue of the *Leod Voice* arrived before October 1, the requested date! Many thanks to those and all other dear contributors. Also deserving of my sincere thanks are contributors such as Ron MacLeod of CMSG Van who keeps me informed of activities at Simon Fraser University and sends along many interesting articles (with permission to reprint), such as Harry McGrath's hike up Arthur's Seat in Edinburgh. From such articles we learn of interesting places and activities enriching our newsletter.

Always intrigued by the Christmas Scottish Walk in Alexandria, Virginia when I read the *Clan MacLeod Newsletter* from the USA, this year I'm going to take part in the Walk. Hence, the article and photo from the internet (note the pipe band's tartan is MacLeod) to give you a bit of history about the event. You'll likely read all about my experience in the next issue of the *Leod Voice*.

The next big event for Canadian MacLeod Family will be the NAG 2008 in Ottawa. Including the Registration and Accommodation forms in this issue is an attempt to inspire many to make plans now to attend. Recall the great times we had at *BCing You in 92* and *Guelph 2000*, both wonderful gatherings put on by Canadian Societies. A *Capital Affair* is shaping up to rival all other NAGatherings.

Reminded that the Christmas season is nearly upon us, I wish you all peace and good health in 2008 and may you enjoy at least one Robbie Burns Dinner.

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