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President's Message and End of the Year Report to the
CMSUSA General Membership
2 December 2016

What with cancellations, conflicts, and medical procedures, I was not able to make all the Clan MacLeod Society USA visits that I intended during calendar year 2016. I did participate in an CMS meeting in Perth, Scotland, in attempt to fulfill, in some part, a duty that accompanies the presidency of CMSUSA. Rosalie and I visited one event in Southeast Region, one event in Upper Midwest Region, one event in North Central Region, and two events in Missouri Valley Region. We were delighted with the way in which our RVP's, commissioners, and tent hosts represented Clan MacLeod Society USA. I anticipate that we will do better next year.

We also participated, along with many of you, in the Clan MacLeod North American Gathering hosted by our Canadian brethren in British Columbia. We look forward to the NAG which we will host in four years, and we hope to make it an equal, mutual, and reciprocal effort with respect to our Canadian brethren. I have been in touch with my Canadian counterpart, Judy Tipple to that end. I find that she and outgoing Canadian president, Jim MacLeod, share that philosophy with me, as does John W. McLeod, who will be CMSUSA president when that event takes place.

I attempt to be as available as an aging human-being can be. I attempt to respond to all MacLeod-related correspondence.

Clan MacLeod Society, U.S.A., Inc.

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA December 2, 2016

Below is the membership tabulation for this year. You can compare the numbers from previous years as well.

My only expense this past year was for postage - sending out publications to new or reinstated members and stamps for renewal notices.

Secretary Account (11/01/2015 thru 10/31/2016)

Beginning		\$ 4,980
Deposits		18,907
Transfer to Treasurer		(16,600)
Postal Services and Stamps	\$879	
Office Supplies	0	
Printing Supplies	0	
Miscellaneous	0	(879)
		\$ 6,408

Region	Current Members					New Members (for year ending)					Dropped Members (for year ending)				
	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16
New England (1)	58	72	67	62	58	3	10	1	6	5	12	5	7	12	10
Northeast (2)	43	43	39	40	41	2	10	3	3	6	10	1	8	7	9
Mid-Atlantic (3)	84	86	88	97	103	3	12	15	21	24	19	11	15	15	15
Carolinas (4)	103	98	105	103	118	6	11	16	17	14	20	20	15	23	18
Southeast (5)	92	100	120	96	105	10	27	43	15	16	19	23	25	43	19
Gulf Central (6)	50	53	48	44	48	4	10	7	9	13	8	10	12	12	10
Great Lakes (7)	114	107	103	91	97	12	13	15	9	17	26	30	16	17	13
Upper Midwest (8)	18	21	26	26	25	1	2	7	8	3	5	1	2	5	5
Missouri Valley (9)	45	40	43	50	48	6	2	6	9	7	9	8	3	2	5
South Central (10)	98	110	101	83	69	21	31	24	8	8	24	29	38	32	23
Southwest (11)	75	61	52	52	53	9	4	4	3	9	18	19	14	9	7
Pacific (12)	80	75	73	69	73	8	6	9	10	14	17	14	14	17	15
Northwest (13)	44	44	40	39	47	4	7	6	8	7	8	10	11	9	8
Canada & Overseas	8	7	7	8	7	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	2
TOTAL	912	917	912	860	892	89	145	157	127	143	196	183	181	203	159

*5 of the new members in Northwest are new RVP Scott Lewis' children!

Attached is my report for the Council Meeting. Also attached are updated lists of information. There were 60 NEW members added since June. There were 62 members who were dropped for non-renewal from July through October. I will send out regional lists separately. Dropped and New members separate attachment.

Anne

Donations since mid-July

07/11/2016	Cynthia MacLeod Howe, Nashua, NH	New England	50.00
09/30/2016	Albert E. Cloyd, Beverly, MA	New England	10.00
07/11/2016	Ron Webberson, Wilton, CA	Pacific	25.00
08/22/2016	Judith Wilkus Haiar, San Diego, CA	Pacific	25.00
10/31/2016	Norma Cretal, Thousand Oaks, CA	Pacific	25.00
07/19/2016	Douglas MacLeod, Grand Rapids, MI	Great Lakes	10.00
07/19/2016	John & Rita MacLeod, Wheaton, IL	Great Lakes	10.00
08/22/2016	Shayna Sharpe, Cleveland, OH	Great Lakes	25.00
07/21/2016	Billy Cy and Martha Cook, Portland, OR	Northwest	50.00
08/22/2016	Dr. James T. Fulton, Viola, ID	Northwest	5.00
08/22/2016	Evalyn McClure Kline, Yellville, AR	South Central	10.00
08/22/2016	Mollye M. Blackburn, Humble, TX	South Central	25.00
08/22/2016	Dr. Farrell W. Lewis, Mesa, AZ	Southwest	10.00
08/28/2016	Joanne Hilton, Sandia Park, NM	Southwest	10.00
08/22/2016	Ken McLeod, Alto, GA	Southeast	10.00
09/30/2016	Jarrett Michael Willet, Wymore, NE	Missouri Valley	25.00
11/21/2016	Weeden Nichols, Las Cruces, NM \$50 for	Each Region	650.00

Change of Address Query – 07/05/16 thru 10/31/16										
Region	Last Name	First Name	Home Address	City	State/Province	Zip	Home Phone	Address Change	Paid Thru	emailAddress
New England	MCCLURE	VERONICA A	91 W EMERSON ST	MELROSE	MA	02176	(781) 686-2144	10/2/2016		veronicamcclure042@gmail.com
Northeast	MCLEOD	IAN B	51 BROCKLEY RD	ROCHESTER	NY	14609	(607) 425-4411	9/26/2016		manicLeod@gmail.com
Carolinas	MCLEOD	GUY LEE	737 BRADLEY RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27516		7/19/2016	5/31/2017	
Carolinas	MCLEOD	ERIN	737 BRADLEY RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27516		7/19/2016	5/31/2017	tippi.mcleod@gmail.com
Carolinas	MCLEOD	JOHN CLAUDE	737 BRADLEY RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27516		7/19/2016	5/31/2017	
Carolinas	MCLEOD	JOHN ANDREW	737 BRADLEY RD	CHAPEL HILL	NC	27516		7/19/2016	5/31/2017	johnmcleod1972@gmail.com
Carolinas	MCCASKILL	SCOT A	4406 UNIONVILLE RD	MONROE	NC	28110		8/22/2016	1/31/2016	scot.mccaskill@gmail.com
Carolinas	MCLEOD III	CLIFF	320 BERMUDA TOWNE ROW	MT PLEASANT	SC	29464	(843) 531-2188	9/2/2016	9/30/2016	cliff.h.mcleod@gmail.com
Southeast	MCLEOD	KATE	621 WILLIVEE DR	DECATUR	GA	30033	(334) 312-7353	10/15/2016	10/31/2017	mcleod.kate@gmail.com
Southeast	MCLEOD	DANIEL M	826 BARRETT LN	AUGUSTA	GA	30909	(706) 564-4855	9/26/2016	9/30/2017	guyRussia@aol.com
Great Lakes	MCLEOD	PATRICK E	3312 GREEN RD	ANN ARBOR	MI	48105	(734) 913-0794	10/9/2016	6/30/2019	ericamcleod@gmail.com
Great Lakes	MACLEOD SR	WILLIAM	8667 KINLOCH ST	DEARBORN HTS	MI	48127	(313) 283-6435	8/12/2016	8/31/2016	wimac1@gmail.com
Missouri Valley	CARNAZZO	TERESA JNT NICHOLS	10014 S 177TH ST	OMAHA	NE	68136	(402) 423-9386	10/15/2016	12/31/2017	
Missouri Valley	CARNAZZO	SUZANNE	10014 S 177TH ST	OMAHA	NE	68136	(402) 423-9386	10/15/2016	12/31/2016	
Southwest	HERROD	TIMM	16235 E SUMMIT FOX AVE	PARKER	CO	80134	(303) 795-3406	7/25/2016	7/31/2017	timmh@pipersnook.com
Southwest	MACLEOD	BONNIE JEAN	130 N PEARL ST APT 305	DENVER	CO	80203	(303) 799-6472	7/21/2016		
Southwest	BEATON	PERRY D	751 N HUMBOLDT ST	DENVER	CO	80218	(720) 369-0807	7/22/2016		perrybeaton@msn.com
Southwest	MCLEOD	CHARLOTTE	1512 LA CHARLES DR NE	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	87112	(505) 332-9382	8/12/2016	8/31/2017	mcleodchar@yahoo.com
Northwest	COOK	BILLY CY & MARTHA J	3333 SW HAMILTON ST	PORTLAND	OR	97239	(971) 407-3381	7/21/2016	7/31/2017	cynmarth@comcast.net
Northwest	NICHOLS	ALICE CATHERINE	6552 24TH AVE NW	SEATTLE	WA	98117		10/15/2016	12/31/2017	chanlizdaddy@yahoo.com
Northwest	KRALL	DAVID	6552 24TH AVE NW	SEATTLE	WA	98117		10/15/2016	12/31/2016	
Northwest	KRALL	RACHEL	6552 24TH AVE NW	SEATTLE	WA	98117		10/15/2016	12/31/2016	

VP of Region Coordination- Robert McLeod

As evidenced by the situations in the South West, New England, and North East, it should be clear to all RVP's that you never know what next Tuesday much less next year may bring. We all need to realize that high on our list of priorities is to identify, and groom our own replacement.

To put it in logical terms, our organization, in fact any organization, has a certain rate of attrition of membership. The two things we can do is slow the rate of those leaving and find replacements plus more. We all know the number one source of new members besides family members is members recruited at the games. To that end, the Member's Section of the website contains resources such as the games guide and handouts that can be reproduced at home on a printer or the local Kinkos. These resources are added to and kept up to date for the RVP's and Commissioner's use. Since the experience level of the RVP's range from "just getting started" to "seasoned veteran" the "Games Guide" found there gives a blueprint for setting up and running a successful event.

Keep in mind that without members, there is no society. While people can sign up through the website, it is the RVP's and their regional staffs that attend these various games that bring in the new members that we so urgently need.

There have been questions about the yearly stipend given to each region based upon membership upon submitting an annual report. Those of us that have been doing this for some time realize that these funds in no way cover the actual expenses of what we do. We burn our gas, we eat on the road, we stay in motels, and we do this at personal expense for the love of what we do. The stipend hopefully will pay for games registration and if any left over, needed tent supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob McLeod



Clan MacLeod Society, U.S.A., Inc.

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

DECEMBER 2, 2016

REPORT OF THE TREASURER



Accompanying this report is a balance sheet that shows we have \$32,025 in unrestricted funds and \$76,245 in our life members reserve. Also attached are a comparison of the 2016 budget vs actual expenses for twelve months ended October 31 and a proposed budget for 2017.

2016

We had a good year financially, as we brought in over \$3,000 more than we spent. The major variances from our budget are explained below.

- (1) We received \$2,600 less in dues than budgeted.
- (2) President Weeden declined to accept his \$1,750 allocation.
- (3) Two years payments of \$1,000 each were received from the Dunvegan Foundation for newsletter ads. Only \$1,000 was budgeted.
- (4) Several 2016 RVP allocations have not been paid out yet and Jack Lewis has chosen once again not to take his allocation.

It's only through the generosity of Weeden and Jack and several others that our Society has managed to stay financially healthy.

2017 BUDGET

The 2017 budget is based upon our current membership of 892. I have again budgeted for two printed newsletters with color covers. The proposed budget projects a loss of almost \$4,000.

MISCELLANEOUS

The 2015 income tax return has been filed as well as a report to the State of New York, where we're incorporated.

Please sign the attendance sheet I prepared and if you expect your expenses relating to this meeting to exceed \$250 indicate if you'd like a letter for income taxes purposes. Please also provide an estimate of the average hours you spend per week on Society business.

Respectfully,

Richard A. MacLeod, Treasurer

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY, USA, INC.

BALANCE SHEET AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2016

ASSETS

Unrestricted Funds:

Schwab	24,551
PayPal	1,009
Secretary's Account	6,465

Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>32,025</u>
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Life Members Reserve:

Schwab (Compass Bank) 1.30% CD Due 8/31/17	19,000
Schwab (GE Capital) 1.40% CD Due 9/19/17	28,000
Schwab (American Express) 1.55% CD Due 10/23/17	16,000
Schwab	<u>13,245</u>
Total Life Members Reserve	76,245

TOTAL ASSETS

<u><u>108,270</u></u>

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY, U.S.A., INC.
BUDGET VS ACTUAL AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2016

	APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL 10/31/2016	POSITIVE (NEGATIVE) VARIANCE
RECEIPTS:			
DUES	21,800	19,192	(2,608)
INTEREST	950	988	38
DONATIONS	0	483	483
MISC.	2,750	4,365	1,615
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>25,500</u>	<u>25,028</u>	<u>(472)</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
ACMS DUES (863 x £1.00 @ \$1.52)	1,312	1,211	101
ACMS MAGAZINE (863 X \$8.35)	7,206	7,043	163
NEWSLETTER	5,000	5,293	(293)
SECRETARY ACCOUNT			
Printing/Supplies	800	0	800
Postage	1,000	879	121
Office/Computer Supplies	100	0	100
Misc	100	0	100
ADMINISTRATION			
Meeting	750	736	14
Misc	500	100	400
PROMOTIONAL/OTHER			
Presidential Allocation	1,750	0	1,750
Regional VP Allocations (13 Regions x \$200) + (863 x \$3)	5,189	3,747	1,442
Publicity Allocation	475	495	(20)
Migration Project	1,000	1,000	0
AGM Memorial Lecture	750	750	0
Service Awards	100	100	0
Internet Manager	0	0	0
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>26,032</u>	<u>21,354</u>	<u>4,678</u>
EXCESS RECEIPTS/(DISBURSEMENTS)	<u>(532)</u>	<u>3,674</u>	<u>4,206</u>

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY, U.S.A., INC.
2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

RECEIPTS:

DUES	18,725
INTEREST	950
MISC.	2,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	22,175

DISBURSEMENTS:

ACMS DUES (892 x £1.00 @ \$1.25)	1,115
ACMS MAGAZINE (892 X \$8.35)	7,448
NEWSLETTER	5,000
SECRETARY ACCOUNT	
Printing/Supplies	800
Postage	1,000
Office/Computer Supplies	100
Misc	100
ADMINISTRATION	
Meeting	750
Misc	500
PROMOTIONAL/OTHER	
Presidential Allocation	1,750
Regional VP Allocations (13 Regions x \$200) + (892 x \$3)	5,276
Publicity Allocation	475
Migration Project	1,000
AGM Memorial Lecture	750
Service Awards	100
Internet Manager	0

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	26,164
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EXCESS RECEIPTS/(DISBURSEMENTS)	(3,989)
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Note:

Dues are \$25 * members, w/o life members, plus expected life membership payments.



Clan MacLeod Society, U.S.A., Inc.
Alexandria, VA
December 2016



To: Clan Council, and CMSUSA

Subject: CMSUSA Website report

From: Ian Good, Internet Editor

Date: November 21, 2016

2018 Overview

Information contained in this report represents the time period of June 1, 2016 –to- November 20, 2016. Also contained is a brief overview of some of the numbers from January 2016 to November 20, 2016 for a review of Year to Date Activity.

Since the last report at N.A.G-Merritt, Canada, a complete rebuild of the CMSUSA website has occurred, which was launched November 5, 2016. My initial goal was to convert the website to the newer version by December 2016, and I was able to complete it ahead of schedule. The new site contains some of the same content, but was retooled, and freshened up, with a cleaner look and feel for our end users. The newer version does not support a password protected option, so I had to be creative to create 'member only' pages by hiding the URLs from the general public and share those URLs with RVPs / Council to be shared in the Newsletter and with members electronically. A website user's guide was created to be shared with all RVPs / Council and members. This will continue to allow privacy, with no need to remember ID's and Passwords.

The site shows consistent growth from new and returning users, while increasing the time the users spend on each of the pages they visit, which is positive. Since the CMSUSA website was first re-built /re-launched in April 2012, to its current updated version, our website has received 21,315 visitors (equates to avg of 387 visitors each month for the last 4 years 7 months). The last 5 months have seen an avg of 771 users per month, reflecting a significant increase since the last report.

Future focus will be to:

- Work with our new Clan Chaplain to create a new page for him. .
- Work with all RVPs to update their individual pages for 2017 events
- Continue to maintain the content with feedback and requested items

If there are desired changes, or any other feedback, please send them to me and I will be happy to review and incorporate them.

2019 Costs

The next renewal of the site will be 2018. There were no other costs associated with the site maintenance or updates since the last report in Merritt, Canada at the N.A.G.

2020 Definitions

Below are some definitions of terms utilized within this report:

- Sessions - A session is the period of time a user is actively engaged on our website
- Users – that have had at least one session within data range new or returning users
- Pages Views – Total number of pages viewed of a single page are counted
- Page sessions – Average number of pages viewed during a session. Repeated Views of a single page are counted
- Average Session Time – average length of a session

2021 Website Statistics

We began a new set of Website analytics May 2015. Below are details for each set of monitored items, representing the highest percentages, or top segments for each category.

Audience Overview

- From April 29, 2012 (site initially launched), to November 20, 2016 CMSUSA website has received 21,315 visitors
 - Averaging 387 visitors a month for the past 4 years 7 months (increase from 349 since last report)
 - Last 5 months – Avg 771 users per month (represents significant increase in traffic)
- Google Analytics from June 2016 to November 20, 2016
 - Users 3,859
 - 2,973 new users – 77%
 - 886 returning visitors – 23%
 - 9,873 Page Views
 - 2.56 pages per session (slight increase from 2.02)
 - Average Session time is 2:10 (increase from 1:41)
- Since January 2016
 - 6,955 Sessions (avg 632 month – increase from 520)
 - 5,464 new users (avg 496 month – increase from 424)
 - 2.39 Pages / session (increase from 2.18)
 - 16,61 Pages viewed
 - 78% New Users / 21% Returning users (in line with current trends)

Audience Location

□ Of the visitor sessions (new /returning) below are the Geography of our visitors by Country and by cities within the USA. There were 106+ countries represented. The largest represented countries continue to be a majority of where we have ACMS societies.

- Top 10 Countries
 1. United States = 2,214 - - 1,549 New
 2. Russia = 915- - 784 New
 3. United Kingdom = 211 - - 195 New
 4. Kyrgyzstan = 111- - 87 New
 5. Canada = 59- - 50 New
 6. Australia = 39- - 35 New
 7. Austria = 29 - - 29 New
 8. Brazil = 27 - - 27 New
 9. Iraq = 19 - - 19 New
 10. Italy = 19 - - 19 New
- Top 10 US States – 2,214
 1. Texas (207) - - 126 New
 2. New York (185) - - 108 New
 3. North Carolina (151) - - 93 New
 4. California (149) - - 111 New
 5. Florida (123) - - 92 New
 6. Missouri (112) - - 38 New
 7. Washington (92) - - 62 New
 8. Massachusetts (81) - - 70 New
 9. Georgia (75) - - 63 New
 10. Michigan (75) - -62 New

Pages

□ Below is the data pertaining to the pages viewed the user navigations ○ 9,837 Page Views ○ 7,139 Unique Page Views ○ 1:24 average time on a page

- 58.33% Bounce Rate
- Top 8 pages viewed
 1. Home page = 4,265
 2. Genealogy = 607
 3. Join / Renew = 407
 4. Events = 342
 5. Photos = 286
 6. Links = 186
 7. Septs = 165
 8. Tartans = 151

- Navigation Summary (this represents what page a user started with and what their next visited page was from the previous page). Below are the first 10: (many clicked the same link they were on)

PREVIOUS PAGE	NEXT PAGE PATH
GENEALOGY	Genealogy
JOIN	Join
MEMBERS	Events
PHOTOS	Photos
EVENTS	Members
HOME	Join
JOIN	Join
LINKS	Home
HOME	Septs

Device Category

- The three types of devices are broken down by the type of device the users is found to be using during their session. There are three categories: Desktop, Tablet, Mobile. With the increase in tablet usage, this category will continue to outpace Mobile users and may in time replace Desktop as the number 1.

- Desktop = 3,016 / 2,309 new ○ Mobile = 495 / 398 New
- Tablet = 348 / 266 New
- Top 5 Mobile Device (non-desktop) used. Apple devices continue to lead this category:

1. Apple iPad
2. Apple iPhone
3. Not Set
4. Motorola XT 1254 Droid
5. Microsoft Windows RT Tablet

Browser and Operating System (OS) Summary

- The two top browsers are the two most popular pre-loaded Browsers onto any users PC or device. The remaining correspond to the top devices OS used outside of a desktop users browser:

1. Chrome = 1,861 - - 1,491 New
2. Safari = 582 - - 445 New
3. FireFox = 521 - - 372 New
4. Internet Explorer = 352 - - 247 New
5. YA Browser = 189 - - 177 New
6. Edge (found on Microsoft Devices) = 184 - - 105 New
7. Opera = 71 - - 65 New
8. Amazon Silk = 25 - - 18 New
9. Mozilla = 21 - - 21 New
10. Google = 20 - - 20 New

Clan MacLeod Migration Director Report

The Clan MacLeod Migration focus during the year 2016 has remained on increasing and correcting information currently stored in our genealogy database. We are now approaching a total of 50,000 names and many of these have at least one source documented. We are still using the program Family Tree Maker to track our data and using the Tribal Pages website to make this information available to our members.

There was a potential problem this year when Ancestry.com decided that they no longer wanted to support the Family Tree Maker program. This caused a backlash amongst thousands who use Family Tree Maker to track family history information. Although this challenge was mostly resolved with no major remaining issues, we did take the opportunity to buy another program known as Legacy to ensure that we had a viable backup for the Clan data. The Legacy program has been reviewed as a first class genealogy tool and the best one available. The Clan MacLeod information is now being backed-up not only to our previous locations (using Family Tree Maker) but now also to the Legacy program on a monthly basis. As we learn more about Legacy, it may prove to be the best program for our use but will require a lot of work to make that transfer.

The Clan MacLeod Genealogy database continues to grow, in depth and content, based on such things as: information provided by Clan members, published family histories, county histories, newspaper articles, obituaries, and other genealogy websites. It is important to remember that we simply do not have the time or ability to do actual genealogical research. However, where possible, as we add information, we are attempting to document the source(s) of the information. Although we are not offering significant genealogical research for our members, we are attempting to help them pursue specific information if possible.

Our Clan members continue to be able to access our database on the internet at: www.clanmacleodusa.tribalpages.com. This database is protected by a password that is provided to our members in our newsletters. For those who request access to the information, but are not Clan members, this has provided us the opportunity to explain how they can join the Clan. Another positive attribute of placing the information on the Tribal Pages website is that people with an interest in the surname MacLeod or one of the Septs are stumbling upon the website and asking for more information. This gives us an opportunity to discuss the Clan with them and invite them to join us. The ability to join the Clan for only \$25.00 a year is an excellent opportunity for people to learn more about their own family history. Hopefully this also provides us time to convince them that they should join the Clan. We have now received 1830 unique website visitors.

We are extremely grateful to the Dunvegan Foundation for their financial support enabling the USA Migration Database to continue to grow in both size and accuracy. Their support has allowed us to gain access to several programs that have enabled us to not only add many names to our database but to also document sources, such as newspaper articles; genealogy records such as birth, date, marriage dates, migration records; etc.

Our near-term goal for the next year is to: 1) continue to gather Clan MacLeod and Sept information and source documents, 2) attempt to document military members who served in a war, and 3) focus on more communication with Clan members and Highland Game visitors to gain and document more of their family history.

Respectively submitted by,
Annie M. McLeod, Migration Director, Clan MacLeod Society USA



Clan MacLeod Society, U.S.A., Inc.

The Society Founded in 1954



November 27, 2016

To: Members of Council and AGM Participants
From: Franklin Wyatt III, Chairman Awards Committee
Subject: Awards Committee Report

Under the 2016 By-Laws the Awards Committee shall consist of three (3) members of Council.

The following persons constitute the Awards Committee: Jack Lewis, Robert Lewis and Franklin Wyatt III.

This year there were a total of 53 individuals recognized for effort put forth for the Society. 33 shall receive Certificates of Service. 20 shall receive a letter of recognition since they are repeat recipients. The Certificates of Service shall be mailed out after the AGM. The 2016 winner of the Clans Person of the Year Award was Ann McLeod / Migration Director / Genealogist / RVP Southeast. All Certificates of Service have been sent.

The Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod Trophy for the Open Piobaireachd, given at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games was presented to Nick Hudson -- 2016.

The Awards Committee plans to work towards establishing a Webpage to indicate the annual winners of the MacCrimmon Quaich in each Region. Jack Lewis who co-ordinates the MacCrimmon Award has stated the information from the Regions is not always expeditious. In putting this Webpage together it is hope that the Regional Vice-Presidents will put forth a better effort getting winners names and pictures to him.

This is the Awards Committee Report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Franklin Wyatt III
Chairman Awards Committee

PUBLICIST REPORT - 2016

Judith MacLeod...judyanaperville@aol.com

We place ads in the following 4 PUBLICATIONS:

THE HIGHLANDER-magazine

SCOTTISH LIFE-magazine

SCOTTISH BANNER-newspaper

COCSA-Internet

Both the Scottish Life Magazine and the Scottish Banner newspaper are now offering Links on their website to all their advertisers. This is new and a great way to get interested people connected to our Clan MacLeod USA website. Neill Kennedy Ray is editor for both The Highlander and Scottish Life magazines: I was pleased to see my full page article and photos in the Nov/Dec Highlander. I also communicated with Scottish Banner editor, Sean about my NAG article. He said that Australia, Peter had already written one, but he would take info that was USA oriented. However, I was a little disappointed that nothing of “mine” was published in the Oct. Scottish Banner.

Judy MacLeod
Publicist

With the new web site structure, meeting notes as well as handouts are hidden from the general public on extension URLs. Below is how to access these sections and what is in them.

How to access information on the members only area in the Clan MacLeod USA web site.

Information that can be used at a Clan event, responsibilities of council members, and decisions made at meetings will be posted on the Clan website however not through the general site, but through special site URLs.

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- c. Meeting reports – Council and AGM Reports**

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Alexandria, Virginia](#)

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From the Clan MacLeod Society, USA, Inc., By-Laws:

XII. 2. Conflict of Interest Policy. The Society's conflict of interest policy is to ensure that its Council members, officers, and key employees act in the Society's best interest and always comply with applicable legal requirements, including but not limited to the requirements set forth in the law of New York and in these By-laws.

A. A conflict of interest is defined for purposes of these By-laws in the same manner as such conflict is defined under the law of New York, and generally includes, but is not limited to, any circumstance in which Society Council members, officers, or key employees fail to act in the Society's best interest, engage in self-dealing, or conduct Society affairs and discharge their duties in a manner that benefits themselves, their close associates, immediate family members, or other related parties, personally or as an entity, or otherwise fail to comply with applicable legal requirements, including but not limited to the requirements set forth in the law of New York and in these By-laws. The term conflict of interest as used in these By-laws includes any such actual, apparent, perceived, or potential conflict of interest, and includes related party transactions as defined under the law of New York.

B. Society Council members, officers, and key employees shall disclose any conflict of interest to the Council by notifying the Council, through a notice to the President with a copy provided to the Society legal Counsel, of any such actual, apparent, perceived, or potential conflict of interest.

C. Further, all Council members, officers, and key employees of the Society with any such conflict of interest shall not be present at or participate in any Council or committee deliberation or vote on the matter giving rise to such conflict, provided that nothing in these By-laws shall prohibit the Council or a committee from requesting that the person with the conflict of interest present information as background or answer questions at a committee or Council meeting prior to the commencement of deliberations or voting relating thereto.

D. This policy and these By-laws prohibit any attempt by any person with a conflict of interest to influence improperly the deliberation or voting on the matter giving rise to such conflict

E. The existence and resolution of any such conflicts of interest shall be documented in the Society's records, including in the minutes of any meeting at which the conflict was discussed or voted upon.

F. The Society conflict of interest policy requires that prior to the initial election of any Council member, and annually thereafter, such Council member shall complete, sign and submit to the National Secretary of the Society a written statement identifying, to the best of the Council member's knowledge, any entity of which such Council member is an officer, director, trustee, member, owner (either as a sole proprietor or a partner), or employee and with which the Society has a relationship, and any transaction in which the Society is a participant and in which the Council member might have a conflicting interest. Each Council member shall resubmit such written statement each year, on an annual basis, on a date as established by the National Secretary. The National Secretary shall provide a copy of all completed statements to the President of the Society.

Annual Conflict of Interest Statement

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Clan MacLeod Society, USA, Inc., each Council member shall complete, sign, and submit to the National Secretary of the Society a written statement identifying, to the best of the Council member's knowledge, any entity of which such Council member is an officer, director, trustee, member, owner (either as a sole proprietor or a partner), or employee, and with which the Society has a relationship, and any transaction in which the Society is a participant, and in which the Council member might have a conflicting interest.

I, _____ (insert name), hereby attest and certify that the entities of which I am an officer, director, trustee, member, owner (full or partial), partner, associate, stockholder, employee, or otherwise affiliated with in any type of relationship from which I may personally benefit, and/or any of my close associates, immediate family members, or other related parties, personally or as an entity, is such and/or may benefit from,
and

with which the Clan MacLeod Society, USA, Inc., (hereinafter, "the Society") does business, may do business with, has any kind of business or transactional relationship with, or in any way has an interest affected by any actions the Society may take or may choose to not take, are listed below my signature and certification that follows.

I attest and certify further that I understand that Society Council members, officers, and key employees shall disclose any conflict of interest to the Council by notifying the Council, through a notice to the President with a copy provided to the Society legal counsel, of any such actual, apparent, perceived, or potential conflict of interest.

I also attest and certify that I understand that all Council members, officers, and key employees of the Society with any such conflict of interest shall not be present at or participate in any Council or committee deliberation or vote on the matter giving rise to such conflict, provided that nothing in these By-laws shall prohibit the Council or a committee from requesting that the person with the conflict of interest present information as background or answer questions at a committee or Council meeting prior to the commencement of deliberations or voting relating to such matter(s) in which I may have an actual, apparent, perceived, or potential conflict of interest.

I have been provided a copy of, and have read and understand, the conflict of interest policy of the Clan MacLeod Society, USA, Inc.

Certification:

Affirmed, Attested to, and Subscribed by me this _____ day of the month of _____, the year _____.

Signature

Printed Name

Position held or sought in the Society

List of Entities as Described Above

(Note, relationships with entities that consist solely and only of stock ownership which is held in mutual funds or other accounts not managed or directly controlled by the above-signed Society member, or the member's close associates, immediate family members, or other related parties, personally or as an entity, do not need to be disclosed below)

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Signature

Printed Name and Date

(Please attach additional pages if necessary; please sign and date each page)

Youth Coordinator – Sasha Macleod

It has been a busy last few months since our last meeting in Merritt. I have been working with some others from various countries on how we can gain membership among the younger generations. I have spoken in depth with Bruce McLeod from New Zealand and we have been sharing ideas, information and paperwork back and forth while trying to come up with some new idea. I recently reached out to Rowan Gladish who is the new Canadian Youth Coordinator and I hope that we can also work together on new ideas. Hopefully at our next meeting I can share more new ideas and plans on how to interact with our younger generations.

Last year I was focusing on attempting to get the Clan MacLeod USA onto and into social media so that we are more readily accessible to the younger generations. Now that we have several Facebook pages running, including one for our upcoming AGM, and their numbers have been slowly growing over the summer/highland games season, I am working on getting us more exposure. One way I am working on this is by getting Social Media stickers available for our Regional Vice Presidents and Commissioners to place at the tables at games so that people know we are online. These are simple stickers that come in various sizes that have the insignia of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and any other social media site we would like. Due to the copyright laws these stickers can come at a steep price. I have been looking for a company that can supply us with these for a lowest possible price and I had hoped to have this information ready for this meeting, but sadly I have not yet heard back from two of the companies I had been working with. Once I have all the bids in for pricing of the stickers, I will send out an update and see who, if anyone, are interested in these stickers.

The Missouri Valley Region's twitter account is still active but it has not yet gained us much exposure. I am still watching a few other clans that are on twitter and trying to determine if this is going to be useful for us. At this point I do not think that the regions need a twitter account and if we do venture into a twitter account then it would most likely serve us better on a national level.

At the last meeting we discussed putting a youth section in the newsletter. In that vein I submitted a short story and craft idea to Dorna. This submission was about our beloved Fairy Flag and a matching craft. I am hopeful that this will help us reach the children and grandchildren of our current membership and get them interested in our history and who we are as The Clan MacLeod USA.

As always if you have any suggestions or would like information about how to start a social media account please contact me. I stand ready to serve and committed to success.

Hold Fast
Sasha

Newsletter Editor – Dorna Caskie

Dear All,

This is a poor substitute for a report on a poor performance, but I think it's always best to tell the truth.

ABOUT THE CMS USA MEETING

- I hope someone receives this email in time to convey my message to the Council.
- I also hope this is a successful mid-year meeting, and a fun parade.
- I would further like to request that (if I still have a vote on Council) that it be proxied to Franklin Wyatt, with no restrictions. If Franklin is not present, please proxy me to Anne L. MacLeod with no restrictions.

ABOUT ME

I think many of you know that I am more or less camping out in a house in Maine with no heat and very little water or electrical service. When I arrived here in June, my plan was to have the place habitable (although on a shoe string budget) by now. Delays and mis-starts with a couple of local contractors have turned this into a classic wait/hurry up scenario. I am doing the carpentry work myself, and the days have been long and chaotic – the work at the NAG was actually a vacation! The final kick in the teeth was when I was told last Wednesday that my heat would be installed on Saturday 3rd December, after several delays and constantly changing carpentry requirements by the gas company. That sort of killed the Alexandria trip for me this year.

ABOUT THE CMS USA NEWSLETTER

I believe that because I will be sitting idly at the Ford dealers on Monday, while the transmission on my car is serviced, that I will be able to focus and work on the newsletter. It is very late, but I have a lot of good material. If this delay causes anyone to believe that I should be replaced, I am OK with that – it would be a “business decision” and I would not feel personally hurt by it. But I do enjoy working on the Newsletter, and I still expect to finish this issue. I just have to prioritise stabilising this building right now.

ABOUT NEW ENGLAND

- I am still hosting the New England regalia in a storage locker in Haverhill, MA; Bob has a key.
- If the subject of an AGM in New England in 2020 comes up, I may have a great location for it up here in Maine! But it's probably important to get a few other people working on it early, and I am not sure whom else to poke.

- Unrelated to any of this, I have received a couple of emails from MacLeods in New England, and replied to them.

ABOUT ACMS

- There was a significant delay in the publication of the Clan MacLeod Magazine due to a death in the family of the person who prepares it for printing. In more human terms, Anne Halford-MacLeod passed away in October.
- Firm Parliament dates are 21-28 July 2018, with the NRG service project the week before.
- The ACMS February 2017 meeting and the CMS Scotland annual dinner will take place in Edinburgh, on the University of Edinburgh campus.

Still shining and birning, although a bit dimly,
Dorna

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UPPER MIDWEST REGIONAL REPORT – DECEMBER 2016

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ATTENDANCE AT 2016 GAMES AND FESTIVALS

Milwaukee Highland Games, June 4, 2016 in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Eugene and Jackie McLeod hosted the Clan MacLeod tent with help from Upper Midwest members.

Montello Scottish Festival and Opening of the Scottish Diaspora Tapestry Exhibit, July 16, 2016 in Montello, Wisconsin

Eugene and Jackie McLeod and relatives hosted the tent and visited the Tapestry Exhibit.

Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games, July 9, 2016 in Eagan, Minnesota

Commissioner Pam Captain hosted the tent.

Wisconsin Highland Games, September 4 - 6, 2016 in Waukesha, Wisconsin

Eugene and Jackie McLeod hosted the tent, with help from Weeden and Rosalie Nichols and Upper Midwest members.

MACCRIMMON QUAICH

We held a competition for the MacCrimmon Quaich at the Wisconsin Highland Games. Griffin Hall, 15 years of age, won it.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

No additional awards were given or received.

NEW ITEMS

A few weeks prior to our games, we send short emails with news and reminders to our members. It has seemed to boost attendance.

Clan MacLeod Society USA – Southeast Region Report 2016 Report

We represented Clan MacLeod at the following **highland games**:

- Central Florida, Winter Springs, Florida in January 2016
- Northeast Florida, Clay County Fairground, Green Cove Springs, Florida in February 2016
- Panama City, Florida in March 2016
- Ormond Beach, Florida in March 2016
- Dothan, Alabama in March 2016
- Savannah, Georgia in May 2016
- Blairsville, Georgia in June 2016
- Stone Mountain, Georgia in October 2016

Other activities in which Clan MacLeod was represented:

- Saint Andrews Society members, Tallahassee, Florida
- Burns Supper – Tallahassee, Florida in January 2016
- North American Gathering, Merritt, BC, Canada, July 2016
- Defuniak Springs Whisky Tasting – in November 2016

The Southeast Region has been actively pursuing **commissioners** with the goal of gaining at least two more during the coming year.

- Matt McCloud and his family have been supporting us at the Central Florida (Winter Springs) games.
- John and Linda McLeod have agreed to serve with us at the Northeast Florida, Clay County Fairground Game in Green Cove Springs, Florida in 2017.

Awards:

- The MacCrimmon Quaich was awarded to Patrick Johnson at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in October 2016. The award has been updated to reflect the winners and years won. New metal bands were engraved
- We are exploring the possibility of awarding a trophy for a dancer at the Stone Mountain Games.
- Received the Clans Person of the Year Award as the RVP-Southeast and Migration Director. Was presented at the North American Gathering, Merritt, BC, Canada. For this I am most grateful.

Our Clan MacLeod Society USA Southeast Region website has sadly died a natural death. The cost and time required to maintain this website significantly outweighed the return on our investment. Interest seemed to have been from outside the nation more than within the society, thus, we decided to allow it to expire and focus on Facebook. Our Clan MacLeod Society USA – Southeast Region Facebook page continues to garner new “likes.” It is up to 153 as of this report. Postings and pictures taken during the games are posted on our page and appear to draw a great deal of interest. We strive to clearly post the upcoming events at which Clan MacLeod will have a presence and even announce those we will not be able to attend.

Pacific Region Winter Report – Tammie Vawter

For 2016"

Games attended:

Queen Mary

Costa Mesa

Sacramento (Jon and Carol Swindle)

Las Vegas

San Diego

Monterey

Pleasanton

Fresno

Dixon (Jon and Carol Swindle)

Reno (Charles and Lydia MacLeod) They have notified me that they will not be doing Games in the future (Chuck has had some health issues). I have no current plans to try to pick this Game back up.

Ventura

Dance awards sponsored: Most Promising Young Dancer for San Diego, Costa Mesa and Ventura.

Additionally, helped to sponsor a benefit for promising pipers...I have a 501C3 form for it to provide to Richard.

Continue to maintain Facebook; have renewed a website, but may reevaluate next year as it does not seem to get bang for the buck-this being said I will admit I am remiss in keeping it up much...I seem to get better return via Facebook.



Clan MacLeod Society, U.S.A., Inc.

The Society Founded in 1954



November 21, 2016

To: Council Members and AGM Participants
From: Franklin Wyatt III, Regional Vice-President Carolina's Region
Subject: Carolina's Region Activity Report

The Carolina's Region added one (1) new event to the region for the 2016 Games year -- Myrtle Beach, SC. Members Bob and Sandy McLeod have sponsored the Clan MacLeod Society at this event. Their sponsorship is appreciated since the event adds cost and time to the activities in the Carolina's Region. Understand that all these events request a sponsorship cost. Some are quite expensive.

The Carolina's Region was officially represented at seven (7) area events for the 2016 Games season. They were:

1st Annual Myrtle Beach Games – March 19th 2016
Capefear Highland Games – April 2nd 2016
Loch Norman Highland Games – April 15th, 16th & 17st 2016.
Bethabara Highland Games – May 14th 2016.
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games – July 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th 2016.
Charleston Scottish Games – September 17th 2016.
Scotland County Highland Games – October 1st 2016.

For a complete listing of all events in the Carolina's Region please visit the Clan MacLeod Society, USA website. Representation at the above events has been facilitated with the help of Bob and Sandy McLeod. Unfortunately there are other events that go unattended due to the lack of volunteer manpower, time and money.

The Carolina's Region awards the MacCrimmon Quaich at the Loch Norman Highland Games. The 2016 winner was Michael McLeod.

The 2016 winner of the Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod Trophy for the Open Piobaireachd was Nick Hudson and the 2016 winner of the Raymond J. McCabe Trophy was Christopher Heizer. These trophies were awarded at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

The Commissioner for North Carolina is Lonnie F. McCaskill III.
The Commissioner for South Carolina is Karen McLeod.

Respectfully Submitted,
Franklin Wyatt III, RVP Carolina's Region

GREAT LAKES REGION ANNUAL REPORT 2016

JUDY MACLEOD.....judyanaperville@aol.com

Michigan Commissioner: Patrick & Erica McLeod, Ann Arbor

1. Alma, May 28 & 29.....Trophy Winners: Dame Flora -Koyla Sier
McLeod O'Neill trophy- Reese Wood

2. Detroit, August 6

Ohio Commissioner: vacant

3. Lorain County, June 27th.....McCrimmon Award -Brendan Gormley

Indiana Commissioner: (Robert Lewis Jr., Connersville?)

4. Indianapolis, October 8th

Illinois Commissioner: Michael McClure, Chester

5. Springfield, July 23....will not be able to cover.

6. Chicago, June 19 & 20.....Founders trophy -Austin Diepenhorst

For a change we have had good weather so far this season for the games! For those who love heat it's been ideal!

We are not getting the past amount of member sign in's at the highland games, we are getting a lot of interest from other clans and folks walking by...

The Indianapolis Games was a big surprise this year! We had 9 sign ups and 1 renewal. People were eager to join and we had so much fun talking to new members! We are hoping to get a new commissioner for Indiana. Robbie Lewis has been incommunicado and all efforts to get a hold of him or his family have failed. It is our hope to build some comradery by attending their Burns dinner in Jan.

Our members have been very generous with extra money for the region. Those who have given received hand-written thank you note!

J. MacLeod,
1276 Whittingham Cir. Naperville, IL. 60540

Northwest Regional Report – November 2016

Scott Lewis

Please excuse this report, my computer stopped working and I don't currently have access to my emails, commissioner reports or anything else that matters. I was hoping to have it back working before having to complete the report, but..... As of now, I'm trying to do all of this on my phone.

We have attended several game within the Region, but at the moment I cannot report which games we were at. It's all save on my dead computer. Likewise, I know that we have a couple of new members in Idaho and Washington and we also had several members attend the NAG, but again, it's all of the other computer.

I am working on making sure that the commissioners have everything they need and bringing everything up to the standards in the SOPs. I'm also still working on recruitment of state commissioners, so far nothing to report.

Some less welcome news has been brought to my attention and may be of interest to other on the Council. This is from Debi Williamson, Washington State Commissioner.

Lois Estelle Fairfield Williamson, age 93, passed away on 9/15.

Many MacLeod members might remember her from the many events she attended in the southern California area. She especially enjoyed the joint Christmas parties hosted by Clans MacLeod and MacDonald. She really liked the dessert trifle served by Clan Campbell. There was always good natured ribbing at dessert time.

She attended the MacLeod Parliament at Dunvegan in 1998. She enjoyed meeting MacLeods from other countries. We think she pretended enthusiasm for the Silver Chanter competition. We know she was charmed by Norman of Suardal.

Lois lived a long full life and she is missed by her son, four grandsons and four great-grandchildren. May she rest in peace among the flowers of the forest.

Name, address, phone number, e-mail address of RVP:

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List of 2016 games attended and their dates

May 21, 22	Smoky Mountain Highland Games, Knoxville, TN
June 4, 5	Glasgow Highland Games, Glasgow, KY
October	North Alabama Scottish Festival, Scottsboro, AL (cancelled)
October 22	Murray Highland Festival, Murray, KY

MacCrimmon Quaich Winner: Keith Murphy, Smoky Mountain Highland Games

Other:

Piping in MacLeod regalia:

Feb 2	Funeral
March 11	Funeral
March 25	Elementary School Presentation
April 29	Retirement Ceremony
May 6	Community College Graduation Ceremonies
May 13	Military Funeral
June 18	Funeral
August 18	Vietnam Wall Military Ceremony
October 8	Community Center Fall Festival Opening Ceremony
October 13	Community College International Festival

South Central Region Report

Personnel:

RVP - James "Tex" McCloud (texasmacleods@gmail.com)
Webmaster - Jennie McLeod Kennedy
Texas Commissioner- Vacant
North Texas Coordinator- Vacant
West Texas Coordinator- Vacant
Central Texas Coordinators (Salado Conveners for 2017) -Kelly and Trish McLeod, new volunteers
Oklahoma Commissioner- Vacant
Louisiana Commissioner- Vacant
Arkansas Commissioner- Vacant

Operations Summary:

Region Webpage (<http://www.scmacleod.com/>)

- Maintained by Jennie Kennedy, daughter of the famous Gloria McLeod
- Renewed lease of scmacleod.com domain and GoDaddy hosting,
- GoDaddy 's \$160 cost is much higher than WordPress option
- Planning to convert over to WordPress free next renewal

Region Facebook (clan macleod society south central region)

- 35 Posts made this year, 148 "likes"

Texas webpage and blog (<https://texasmacleods.com/>)

- Renewed lease of texasmacleods.com, and premium WordPress hosting --TCO is \$99 annually, planning to convert region page to the Automattic WordPress next year; Wordpress is free if accept ads
- 75 Blog Posts made
- Positive trend upwards
- 2014 - 865 views, 490 visitors, 8 "likes", 3 comments
- 2015 - 1437 views, 937 visitors, 0 "likes", 2 comments
- 2016 - 1737 views, 936 visitors, 21 "likes", 4 comments

Highland Games (5 of 10 possible) attended 2016:

Mar- Midland TX (West Texas)- Looking for local convener for next year. Discussed with organizer possibility of paying for a "Clan in absentia" tent, where games personnel for a fee would print out clan info and membership forms.
6 Guestbook sign-ins

Apr- San Antonio TX (South Texas)- Local games to RVP, schedule conflict w/3 other games
11 Guestbook sign-ins

May- Texas Scottish/Arlington TX (North Texas) - Largest games in Region
13 Guestbook sign-ins

Oct- Kerr Co TX (Central Texas) - Newest Games in Region, 2d Year
3 Guestbook sign-ins

Nov- Salado, TX (Central Texas) - Oldest Games in TX
27 Guestbook sign-ins

Games without CMS USA presence due to resource constraints:

Mar- North Texas Irish Festival (North Texas): General Public event,
poor results prior yrs

Apr- Minden, LA (Northwest Louisiana) – Searching for a LA State
Commissioner to convene. Is 5 hours drive from nearest active
members.

Apr- Batesville, AR (Northeast Arkansas) - MacCrimmon Quaich
Games. Searching for an AR State Commissioner to convene.
Reportedly a group of folks in Lewis belted plaids attend, but cannot
find responses on member email list for interested folks to carry the
event. Mcleodsbritishcars.com proprietor Ronnie not interested

Apr- Iron Thistle/Yukon OK – Searching for an OK State
Commissioner to convene

Sep- Tulsa, OK - Searching for an OK State Commissioner to convene

To: Clan Council, & CMS USA

11/29/2016

Regional report from the Missouri Valley – Tom Macleod

Regional Festivals & Games

Since our last meeting in Merritt, Canada, we have had our entire round of yearly events for the region. Some with success of attendance, others with a lower attendance. Overall the attendance for the region was good. The only downside we had this year was that the St. Louis ,Mo. Games and the McPherson, Ks. Games are held on the same weekend. Which of course, causes lower attendance at each.

Regional Membership

The membership since the last report, is approximately the same. But we are hoping with the new year and this year Nebraska is having a new game in Omaha, so we are expecting possibly some new members out of that area.

Upcoming events for 2017

The 2017 events have been updated on the Clan MacLeod USA website.

Regional updates

Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri & Kansas

Since being a new RVP in the region this year. I have appointed Sasha Macleod as my deputy RVP.

Iowa

Peter Dunbar is our Iowa commissioner, is planning to attend the Iowa games to represent Clan MacLeod.

Missouri

The Missouri tartan day festival, has been moved to a different location. So more information to follow on that festival when it is available. Ian Good & Mike McClure continue to do a good at the St. Louis games, each and every year, which I am grateful for. My daughter Sasha and I do a few other games in Missouri, so I am also grateful for Sasha. Her help in the region is fantastic, I could not do it without her.

Kansas

Tom McAuley is my Kansas commissioner and continues to do a good job in Wichita, Ks. I truly appreciate his time and effort's in the region. Sasha & I do our best to represent Clan MacLeod in the other Games in Ks.

Nebraska

Teresa Carnazzo is the Nebraska commissioner for our region. She is also someone who I can count on to be a good representative for our region. And it is exciting to announce that Omaha is having a Scottish Highland games this year in 2017.

RVP of the Missouri Valley Region

30 Nov 2016

To: Clan MacLeod Society U.S.A. Council

From: Stephen D. MacLeod, mid-Atlantic RVP
8820 Fort Hunt Rd
Alexandria, VA 22308

Subject: 2016 Mid-Atlantic Activity Report

1. List of State Commissioners and their email addresses: None
2. List of games attended and date:
 - Southern Maryland Celtic Festival – 30 April 2016
 - Virginia Scottish Games and Festival – 3 & 4 September 2016
 - Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games – 22 & 23 October 2016
 - City of Alexandria Virginia Annual Scottish Christmas Walk – 3 December 2016
3. Venue and winner of regions competition for the MacCrimmon Quaich
 - Ligonier Highland Games – 24 September 2016 – Piper: Laureano Thomas-Sanchez
4. Additional social functions with a Clan MacLeod presence
 - St. Andrews Society of Wash., DC Annual Robert Burns Dinner – 5 March 2016
5. Additional awards given or received in the Region: None



Stephen D. MacLeod
Mid-Atlantic RVP

WINTER COUNCIL MEETING SOP

Although not required by the bylaws, an annual Winter Council Meeting has been held for a number of years. The Winter Council Meeting has been held for quite some time in Alexandria, VA in conjunction with the Alexandria City Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Parade, which is always held on the first Saturday of December. Because a council meeting has been held during this event for many years, it is considered a regular meeting per the 2016 bylaws and does not require a separate special notice to council members.

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct business of the Society that is deemed necessary. The meeting is normally held on the Friday preceding the Parade. The Dunvegan Foundation also normally holds a meeting the same day. Most attendees of either meeting participate in the Parade joined by local society members.

This meeting requires a meeting room which is arranged by contract with a local hotel. The contract also includes a set rate for individual rooms and a hospitality suite.

For continuity the same person who makes hotel arrangements for the Winter Council Meeting will also ensure parade application is made with the Scottish Christmas Walk organizers on behalf of the Clan MacLeod Society to participate and provides parade details during the Friday meeting. Arrangements for both the hotel and parade participation are normally made by the applicable Regional Vice President.

The social interaction of our members is extremely important to a successful meeting. It allows us to get to know one another in an informal setting that allows us to work together better. Thus, a hospitality suite should be provided for society members under the following guidelines:

- 1) The President shall be the default occupant (user) of the hospitality suite. If the President chooses not to stay in the hospitality suite, the President may offer its use to any MacLeod Society member. Should the President find no acceptance to the offer, then the President, Vice President or Treasurer shall occupy the hospitality suite.
- 2) The user of the hospitality suite need not be present during the open periods listed below. However, the user remains responsible for the hospitality suite to include:
 - a. Proper food and beverage storage (including alcohol), refill of ice, refuse collection, basic housekeeping, etc.
 - b. If the user is not present during the open periods of hospitality, then the user will make a mutual agreement with another society member(s) to be present during the open to membership periods.
- 3) The hospitality suite shall be open to the membership during the following periods:
 - a. Thursday before and after dinner until 10:00 PM.
 - b. Friday before and after dinner until 10:00 PM.
 - c. Saturday after the parade and after dinner until 10:00 PM.

RVP North East – Bonnie MacLeod Denka
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Hello Weeden ,

I wanted to let you know that although I tried , I am unable to make the meeting in Alexandria . This is very disappointing for me as I was looking forward to meeting you all . I was able to get in touch with some of the Games' chairmen in my district who in turn have been kind enough to send contact info on the various MacLeod's in their areas that were known to have helped in the past . I will reach out to these folks , along with the list of paid members that Anne provided . I composed a Christmas Greeting to introduce myself , which are all ready to be mailed out . I have filled out the Expenditure Sheet with the items I have obtained so far , and filled in the Games List with the fees that are charged . I don't know how many , if any at all , that Jean was able to attend last season but I did a little research and as of last year , these were the fees charged . I was not sure how to proceed with the rest of the Annual report , as I do not have any information on the allocated funds for my district , which I'm sure would have been provided at the meeting , were I able to go .

I did set up a Facebook Page for my district , it is a work in progress . I will touch base with the person in charge of the main CMSUSA page to provide them with my picture and contact info so they can switch me out with Jean's info . I am in the process of planning a Burns Supper at a local restaurant in our area to meet with local like minded people with Scottish roots . I will send out any pics and narrative to those in charge of the newsletter . Other than that , my sisters and daughters and I have been busy crafting little things to have at the tents to raise a bit of extra revenue . My mom came from a very large family , she was third in a family of nine kids . Her eldest sister had 13 kids , including two sets of twins . I have reached out to all my cousins and their children , if compelled to join , I think I could double my numbers with just my family alone , haha . Well , like I said , I am very disappointed that I couldn't make the meeting , but I do look forward to working with you in the future . Have a good time in Alexandria , and a very merry Christmas . Hold Fast and Shine the Light ,

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29 November 2016

TO: Clan Council, Clan MacLeod Society USA

FROM: Weeden Nichols, President, Clan MacLeod Society USA

SUBJECT: Memo for Record – Resignation of Jeane MacLeod as Northeast Regional VP

I talked to Jeane MacLeod today. She is in an adult care home. My mailed message from several weeks ago was not forwarded to her from her old address. She understands that we must have someone functioning in the RVP role. She has given me permission to write a Memo for Record recording her resignation as of this date. I assured her that we will not forget her loyal service to Clan MacLeod Society USA, that we will be in touch, and that we will make special note in Council on 2 December 2016 regarding her faithful service as Northeast Region RVP.

Jeane's new address is:

246 Pine Grove Drive
Troy, NY 12180

Note: Over the phone, Jeane said "Pine Place," but the nearest I could correlate that to an actual address was 246 Pine Grove Drive.

Proposal Concerning Youth and College Age Young Adults

WHEREAS, The Objectives of the Clan Macleod Society, USA (CMSUSA) states that the purpose of the CMSUSA is to “To honor, preserve, promote, and perpetuate the traditions and heritage of the Scottish-American people, with particular emphasis on those of CLAN MACLEOD and their contributions to the United States of America.”

WHEREAS, CMSUSA is to “To foster and promote education by providing assistance to deserving students and supporting educational institutions in programs of Scottish literature, history, dance and music.”

WHEREAS, CMSUSA is “To acquire and administer funds and property from dues and contributions which, after payment of necessary operating expenses, shall be devoted to the accomplishment of the other Objectives stated in [the above objectives] above;” therefore, be it

Resolved, that CMSUSA provide youth and college age young adults (up to age 21) who either meet the requirements of membership in CMSUSA according to Article III.2 of the bylaws who or wear a MacLeod Tartan during competitions or shows while competing or performing Scottish or Gaelic dance, music, poetry, prose, or competing in Highland Games,

Resolved, that CMSUSA provide free membership to youth and college age young adults (up to age 21) who either meet the requirements of membership in CMSUSA according to Article III.3 regarding youth members and Article III.2.A & B of the bylaws who compete or perform Scottish or Gaelic dance, music, poetry, prose, or Highland Games,

Resolved, that CMSUSA provide free membership to youth and college age young adults (up to age 21) who wear a MacLeod Tartan while competing or performing Scottish or Gaelic dance, music, poetry, prose, or competing in Highland Games, according to the Article III.2.C concerning membership for friends of Clan MacLeod,

Resolved, when CMSUSA is represented at a fair or highland games that information about the free membership described above be available for distribution,

Resolved, that the youth or young adult who is to receive the free membership must show that she or he meets the requires and is responsible for submitting a request for the free membership to continue for so long as they continue to meet the requirements,

Resolved, that the financial amount to support the free memberships not exceed 20% of the amount of excess receipts for the previous year according to the Treasurer’s report.*

*For example, if the excess receipts for 2016 are \$3600, then \$720 would be available to defray the cost of the memberships in 2017. Or if the excess receipts for 2016 are \$500, then \$100 would be available to defray the cost of the memberships.