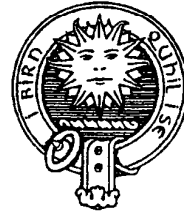
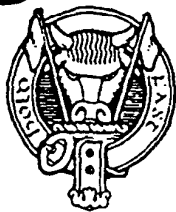


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MacLeods at the 2012 North American Gathering in Alexandria



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REGIONAL PHOTO ALBUM



Members of the Wright Family attended Grandfather Mountain Highland Games -- 2012. Many are members of Clan MacLeod.



Bob McLeod, GLR RVP, presents award for most promising dancer, 12 and under, Kayla Sutherland



Great Lakers Bill G. MacLeod, John N. MacLeod, Bob McLeod and Richard MacLeod at charity golf outing, "The Kilted Classic"



Michael McClure II and his wife Amber McClure, an extremely handsome guy (Bill C. McLeod), Elizabeth, Michael Watson, Jennifer, Susan and Christine McClure at Springfield Highland Games



2012 Evans Ridgeway of Lyon College



From the Carolinas: Mary Elizabeth and Anna



Charleston 2012 Parade



More Carolinas:
Susan Laughters Jamie Standridge



Charleston 2012



Dame Flora Winner 2012 -- Gregory Abbott



2012 MacCrimmon Winner Katy Rashid



Waukesha games Labor Day weekend



2012 Ray McCabe Winner Sarah Minnear



Scott Lewis, Montana Commissioner, and daughter Tristen



RVP/NW Sue Slade with MacCrimmon Quich winner, Pacific North



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The Society Founded in 1954



WELCOME TO THE CLAN MACLEOD USA

We hope our newsletter provides useful information to prospective members and the latest news and photos for current members. The Clan MacLeod USA Newsletter is published twice a year, in concert with the semi-annual Clan MacLeod Magazine and additional international, regional, and local publications.

The Clan MacLeod Society, USA was founded in 1954 to establish a foundation for charitable, historical and educational pursuits for Clan members living in the United States. Since then it has grown to have members in all fifty states, which the Society has divided into thirteen administrative regions, each led by a Regional Vice President (see page 10).

The Society conducts its charitable functions through its Dunvegan Foundation. This body supports a broad range of scholarships, historical research, programs in the Scottish arts and language, and historic preservation of sites of significance to the Clan MacLeod. Both the Clan MacLeod Society as a whole and the Dunvegan Foundation are listed as 501(c)(3) organizations by the IRS. Our newsletter is published semi-annually, and mailed to all members in good standing of CMS USA. We welcome contributions and comments, which should be directed to the newsletter editor, Dorna Caskie, at the address below.

For more information on the Society's activities and a description of events, magazines, newsletters and membership benefits, please contact the Regional Vice President (RVP) for your area, or join us at the Clan MacLeod tent, which can be found at most highland games in the USA. Further information about the Clan MacLeod USA as well as our membership application can be found on our website, <http://www.clanmacleodusa.org>. We will be delighted to hear from you.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It was very gratifying to see so many attend the North American Gathering in Alexandria, Virginia. The event was a success even with the extreme heat, severe storms, and loss of electricity. If anything, it will be remembered for bringing our Society together during those few trying days. We were grateful to all who attended, especially our

overseas guests from Australia, England, and Scotland. Many thanks to the Canadian Society for their participation, and a special thanks to Chief John of the MacLeods of Raasay for his attendance, and as our guest speaker!

Every year we give an award for Clansperson of the Year. This year it went to Anne L. MacLeod our Membership Secretary. It is impossible to estimate the countless hours that she puts in to manage the intake of our annual membership dues, keep our membership lists updated for newsletter and *Clan MacLeod Magazine* mailings, prepare reports for our Regional Vice Presidents and society officers, and respond to a broad range of requests for support from organizations and individuals worldwide.

We are also indebted to the many volunteer members who are involved and committed to the many activities of the Society. To honor such individuals I presented two additional service awards: one to Dorna Caskie, for her contribution to the ACMS as well as her work as the US Newsletter editor, and the second to Dick and Sandy Rowley

for their generous efforts and hospitality at past annual meetings held in Alexandria, VA. Congratulations to all!

It's been a long hot summer and I'm sure we're all looking forward to the Fall. Thanks to all the RVPs and others who hosted the many Highland Games this year! We hope they were well attended and that our members were able to visit the MacLeod tent and support our Society! Please remember to renew your membership, either by mail or now by using the Clan MacLeod website.

Be sure to look at the new internet site created by Ian Good. We again thank Ian for getting it up and running! We would like to find a volunteer to help maintain the site. If you have an interest, please contact myself or Ian.

Also, let's not forget our upcoming meeting in early December in Alexandria, VA. Please consider joining MacLeods and other clans there in conjunction with the Annual Scottish Christmas Walk. This is hosted by the Campagna Center, and is part of an enjoyable weekend of holiday activities with a Scottish theme for adults and families. (Information is available at <http://www.scottishchristmaswalk.com>). In addition, it's not too early to be planning for next year's AGM being held in San Antonio, Texas in April of 2013.

Hold Fast,
John N. MacLeod
President, Clan MacLeod USA

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Editor's note: Don't forget to pack the kids



When I first visited Scotland in 1975, I was scarcely able to disengage myself from work long enough to go to the Philadelphia airport. I arrived in Glasgow with a passport, traveler's checks, and a suitcase stuffed full of damp clothes yanked from the dryer at home. This lack of planning could

have led to a difficult trip, but I was saved by the infinitely warm hospitality of the Scottish B&B proprietors I encountered, and the deft management of the Scottish Tourist Board. I mailed my damp clothes home and let Scotland tell me what to do. It was a serene and wonderful vacation.

So in 1995 I decided that my son and daughter, 12 and 10 years old respectively, should not have to wait until they were adults to find out that they were citizens of this world, and that they should get out there and see it. So we planned a late summer trip to Scotland that had us returning on Labor Day, and departed with an ambitious itinerary and backpacks filled with dry clothes.

Any parents who have had the opportunity to travel with their children don't need me to remind them that it's a lot like herding ducks. You very quickly realize that whatever agenda you may have devised by yourself is going to be adjusted on a daily basis – consciously or unconsciously – by the kids. But the things they add to the mix will be the heart of your journey.

The smartest thing I did was to give them each a disposable camera and a journal, and make sure they had time to work with these tools without my interference. My daughter's daily

assessment of squeaky beds, strange foods, gigantic snails on the streets of Dunvegan, and even the Culloden battlefield are family treasures to keep forever. (And who needs photographs of the Scottish landscape when you can have live shots of snails?)

Early on, serenity was replaced by high drama. Someone told them what the ingredients were in haggis, and they wouldn't eat anything in Scotland for over 24 hours. (I finally broke down and we went to Burger King.) We discovered "Waterworld", the public pool in Leith, packed with water features and overflowing with squealing kids from all walks of life. And then there was the train station in Perth, where the two of them were arguing and behaving so badly I was too embarrassed to intervene. I just moved about 30 feet down the train platform and pretended not to know who they were. Finally, I lost my passport – it wasn't my fault! – but it was an interesting experience trying to get back into the United States.

Looking back, my favorite memory is the feeling of being together, hunkering down in our "family room" in the B&B at night, drinking tea, and feeling very connected to each other. We were safe and comfortable but still unsettled by this strange and friendly place. So if you have the opportunity, take a young MacLeod to Scotland. Be assured it will be more than a memorable experience for both of you, and a lot more adventurous than going by yourself. Just be prepared to learn to love snails – and stay clear of Perth.

"Still shining and birning",
Dorna Caskie,
Newsletter Editor, Clan MacLeod USA

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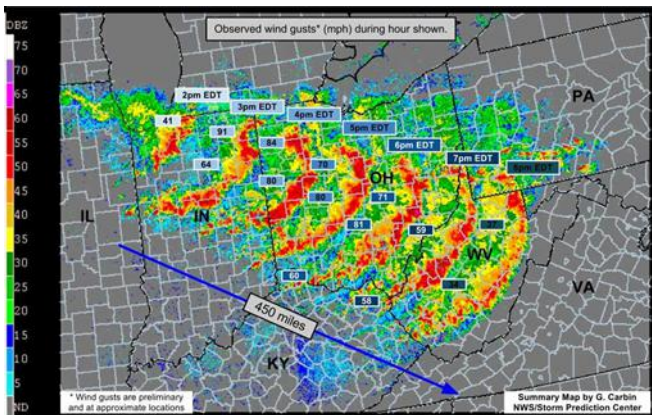
FEATURED ARTICLES

Where were you when the lights went out on June 29th?

According to the National Weather Service, a "derecho" is defined as a widespread and long-lived wind storm that accompanies rapidly moving showers or thunderstorms. The most severe derechos are given the adjective "super."

A "super derecho" of violent thunderstorms left a more than 700-mile trail of destruction across the Midwest and mid-Atlantic on Friday June 29, cutting power to millions and killing at least 26 people. This storm was especially severe because of the triple digit temperatures in the greater Washington, DC area.

Below is the time lapse imagery of the storm.



From Jack Lewis, RVP Gulf Central Region:

Outside the entrance to the hotel, Gordon Lewis and I had just improvised our traditional "front porch" setting and poured a couple of drams and lit our cigars, when we suddenly found ourselves being pelted by debris and errant trashcans flying by. I recall trying to corral one such trashcan, with my kilt flapping around my shoulders (never experienced that sensation before), and all sorts of grit in my eyes, and the lights were going out. Then, just as suddenly, it was over. Light rain. Darkness. Scotch with hints of peat and landscaping mulch. With typical Canadian understatement, Gord says, "Well, that was a gust."

Overall, we enjoyed the NAG. I think Stephen did an outstanding job with what was certainly a logistical nightmare.

From Rich MacLeod, CMS USA Treasurer

Cindy and I were in the bar with the three Beatons when the storm came through. When we saw the windows flexing - something we didn't think they were supposed to do - we prudently took our drinks to the hallway. Quite shortly the electricity went out and the emergency lights came on. As other MacLeods came by they went to their rooms and returned with food and spirits and a ceilidh (of sorts) was born.

From Dorna Caskie, Newsletter Editor

It still seems odd that we didn't receive any warning about the on-coming storm, despite the fact that it was being covered on radio and TV. After an enjoyable riverboat ride (with no radio or TV), a group of nine of us decided to walk back to the hotel rather than burden the hotel shuttle. There was a lot of "heat lighting" above, but no down strikes or thunder to warn us of what was about to happen.

We were within about four blocks of the hotel when we suddenly heard and saw the wall of wind bearing down on us, only about 100 yards away. There was absolutely no shelter - we were on North Fairfax, between Madison and Montgomery, a small business district buttoned up for the evening. Romma, JDK, and I flattened ourselves against a building and tried to protect our eyes; Sarah Piepgrass, three Canadian cousins, a young woman from Washington, and Ruth MacLeod from Australia felt their way down the street and found a portico large enough for a car - and deep enough for us to get out of the wind. Sarah herded us all in, and then we just watched the front blow by, followed by very heavy rain. The lights went out early on, and the wail of emergency vehicle sirens was constant.

After maybe an hour, Ruth broke rank and set off for the hotel, with the rest of us puddle jumping behind her. Little did we know that the next few days would give us some tough lessons in patience and urban survival.

From Joan MacLeod, "First Lady" of CMS USA Past President John B. "Mac" MacLeod

My story is not that big a deal, I was just lucky to have the van so I could drive Grandma, Jesse Mary, Margaret, Mac and Chief John back to the hotel [following the riverboat event], thinking I was going to take the Chief on a night tour of the monuments. While Mac and Chief John went to change out of their kilts, I said I would go back and pick up folks that were walking back or waiting for the bus.

As I was driving back and forth between the hotel and the boat landing, the storm came through. And little did I know that the hotel bus was delayed getting over to pick up folks at the designated location. I think it was the 3rd trip over when the worst of the storm was whipping through market square - it was like the Outer Hebrides! I pulled up, and by the Grace of God, the hotel shuttle pulled up behind me. Between the two vehicles we were able to collect everyone that was waiting for the bus and get them out of the terrible wind and rain. Fortunately, when I went back again I didn't find anyone remaining from our party that had taken shelter and was stranded.

To say the least, we did not go on the Washington monument night tour! Rather, Sunday afternoon we had a wonderful time seeing the Washington monuments and many other sites while carrying our water bottles.

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Clansperson of the Year: Anne L. MacLeod

Notes from many Clansfolk compiled by Dorna Caskie



I polled a few people and asked them if they would write the “definitive” tribute to Anne L. MacLeod, our longtime Membership Secretary. The response I got constituted one of the nicest compliments I have ever heard in recognition of anyone’s contributions to the Clan. We didn’t get one big definitive tribute, but everyone universally had the

same things to say – how well deserved the award was and how much they have appreciated working with her. Her friends all have long lists of things she has done for them – dozens of favors returned, tasks completed, a meal together, a joke, a small adventure shared. Anne is a solid and constant presence, and someone on whom you can always rely. Judy McClure Wisheart, Clansperson of the past year, summed it up nicely:

Anne has always responded to any request I've made to her. She has been a fun roommate at the various clan

gatherings we've attended together.

She has even driven over the mountains just to attend the Estes Park Games, which are huge and 3 days long. She has even camped out on her way over the mountains! She has consistently helped out at the clan tent at these games. And not many people realize this, but she has participated in the women's athletic games at various festivals.

In his President’s Message, John Norman also gave us a list of major assignments that Anne completes on a regular basis, which helps our Society move forward. Membership is the engine that keeps an organization running, and Anne keeps us on track. I am also personally in her debt as a MOST excellent proofreader, for this newsletter and other Clan materials.

So it’s a big thank you from the Clan that goes out to Anne, for her many good deeds – small and large – over a long period of time. And congratulations, too!

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CMS USA 2013 AGM to be held alongside San Antonio (TX) Highland Games

Submitted by Doug Beaton, RVP South Central Region

Obviously, the key event of the South Central Region coming up is the 2013 CMS Annual General Meeting. Larry Sears, Gloria McLeod, Willie Wetzell and Amy Miller Beaton have been an enormous help in getting this off the ground and while the basic set up has been completed, the fine tuning begins now!

The dates are Friday and Saturday, April 5-6, 2013, with registration and the welcoming dinner on Thursday evening April 4th, and the kirkin’ and a send-off brunch on Sunday, April 7th.

Fees:

	Early registration	After 01-Feb-13	Banquet only
Adult (> 15)	\$200	\$220	\$90
Youth (7 – 14)	\$110	\$130	\$50
Children (< 6)	Free	Free	Free

Additional contributions in support of the AGM may be included and are always welcomed. Please pay by check, made out to “CMS 2013 AGM”.

Mail the form and checks to CMS 2013 AGM, % Doug Beaton, 13431 Woodchester Dr., Sugar Land, TX 77498. Contact info is dbeaton49@yahoo.com, or phone numbers 832-532-7224 / 281-917-0666

Registration Fees include: Thursday Arrival Dinner, Friday Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Alamo, Friday Kilted Mariachi Dinner, Saturday ticket to the San Antonio Highland Games and transportation to - from, Saturday Formal Banquet with Andrew Morrison, Viscount Dunrossil as keynote speaker and Ed Miller as entertainment, group photo, all seminars, workshops and Hospitality Suite.

For those who do not wish to attend the Games on Saturday, discounted tickets for the San Antonio Historic Homes and Mission Trail tours and the River Walk barge trip will be available. Or you may simply tour the Alamo or relax in the Menger Bar, where Teddy Roosevelt recruited his Texas contingent of the famous “Rough Riders” for the Spanish American War.

Accommodations:

The historic (and haunted) Menger Hotel was the successful bidder for the AGM accommodations. The group rate is \$99 per night, and will be honored 3 days before and after the AGM, based upon availability. Deadline for the committed room block is March 4th, 2013. Reservations after that date will be based upon availability. Please contact Ms. Liz Torres at the Menger, 210-223-4361, or Ms. Marsha Scheingold at mscheingold@mengerhotel.com for reservations. The address is The Menger Hotel, 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205 Refer to the block held by the “Clan MacLeod Society AGM”.

We will appreciate your help in spreading the word about this event, which promises to be both evocative (wreath laying ceremony at the Alamo) and fun (kilted mariachi dinner Friday evening). Also, we have hired an old hippy / neo-druid who understands that his sole purpose in life between now and April is to make the appropriate sacrifices to ensure that the weather cooperates.

‘Twill be a Hoot, Mon!!!!!!

Slainte, Hold Fast, and spread the word!

Doug, Gloria, Larry, Willie, Amy

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Registration Form

2013 Annual General Meeting

From Arbroath to the Alamo, Holding Fast to our Freedoms
San Antonio, TX - April 4 - April 6, 2013



Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State / Prov.: _____ Zip / Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ E-mail: _____

Others attending:

Name _____ Hometown: _____ Title _____

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Category	Early Bird Fee by 02/01/2013	Fee after 02/01/2013		
Adult (15 & over)	\$200	\$220	X_____	\$_____
Youth (7 – 14)	\$110	\$130	X_____	\$_____
Children (6 & under)	Free	Free	X_____	\$_____
Contribution	Would you be interested in sponsoring the event with a tax deductible donation?			\$_____
Crest Preference	Harris (Bull)_____		Lewis (Sun)_____	
Make Checks Payable to: CMS 2013 AGM TOTAL: \$_____				

Banquet ONLY	Fee	# to attend	Total
Adult (15 & over)	\$90		
Youth (7 - 14)	\$50		
Children under 6	Free		
Will you require a babysitter for the banquet at a separate fee?			Yes _____ No _____

See the following websites for more details: www.clanmacleodusa.org

Menger Hotel has been selected for the accommodations. **March 4, 2013** is cutoff date for group block rate. [After this date – rooms and price based on availability.] The group rate is **\$99.00 plus tax**. Contact Liz Torres or Marsha Scheingold directly for reservations (inform them that you are with the Clan MacLeod Society.) **Menger Hotel | 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205 | (210) 223-4361 | mscheingold@mengerhotel.com**

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Personal Reflections by Scott MacLeod from the CMS USA 2011 AGM

As a rather unusual submission to the Newsletter, the Pacific Region would like to share the following piece by Scott MacLeod. Scott served as a speaker for the 2011 AGM held in California. He piped for us as well, and explored some of the MacCrimmon piping history. These are excerpts only from his presentation, reproduced with his kind permission. I chose these segments because his personal reflections were definitely a hit with all those who attended. Scott has recently posted a full text of the speech as a blogpost <http://scottmacleod.com/piping.htm>. Scott further connected with us at the Pleasanton Scottish Games this September, and shared his piping with those of us at the tent and surrounding areas. – Tammie Vawter, RVP Pacific Region

How did I start to play the bag pipes?

I was playing the piano from 6- 12 and was struggling a little with my mother about practicing, - and she said if I stopped playing the piano, I had to choose another instrument, so I chose the bagpipe, thinking she might not be able to find a teacher for this. So at my father's suggestion, I think, I wrote to Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod on the Isle of Skye around 1972, to ask how she would suggest beginning to play.

And surprisingly for a little 12 year old Yankee from Connecticut, she wrote back and said,

"Why don't you contact Seamus MacNeill [who began the College of Piping in 1944] ..." whom I think Dame Flora knew. I think we may still have this letter from Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod.

In Scotland, as a young piper

About 2 years later, I went to Edinburgh, Scotland to study at Fettes College, and was a good enough piper to play in the school pipe band. Because I was to be in the Pipe Band, I was also assigned to the NCO Cadre, which was nominally for budding officers ... Kids at Fettes paraded around the campus on Wednesday afternoons, and I, coming out of liberal American [educational traditions], and who had no experience in this kind of kind of normal British 'ROTC / military training' for kids in high school, was assigned to the Officers' Corps – the NCO Cadre. Marching like this was a little bit strange for a kid without experience, but it was good training for being a MacLeod, piping in the Fettes College pipe band. I think it was during the mid-70s that I first became a member of the Clan MacLeod Society for a few years. I recall receiving the magazine.

That spring of 1977, I went up to the Isle of Skye and Dunvegan Castle, and saw our ancestral seat at Dunvegan for the first time in my life. My parents had been there for their honeymoon in 1957. But I didn't see Dame Flora who had written back to me just a few years earlier.

While at Fettes, we were required to go to church, and because I didn't have a suit, but did have a kilt, and this was Scotland, I could wear this instead. I suppose this is an example of being a thrifty Scot.

A UNESCO grant to study bag piping

I returned to Scotland in the spring of 1982 on a ZIS stipendium (a monetary grant for college students to student something of their choosing from UNESCO – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) to study "Bag piping in Scotland" for which I received something like the equivalent of \$800 to get to and from Munich, West Germany, where I was studying at the University of Munich.

This bag piping paper, written by me as a 21 year old MacLeod, is still in Schloss Salem, which is an old castle and one of the few private Gymnasiums, or high schools, in Germany, and which is the library for all such ZIS, student papers ...

On this trip to Scotland from Munich, I both took a workshop and also went to the Isle of Skye again. When I arrived on the bus at Dunvegan, I saw John MacLeod of MacLeod in the arrival area, but being a little too shy to go up and meet him, I perhaps missed an opportunity.

I lived in Scotland in 2003-2004 studying at the University of Edinburgh in the School of Celtic and Scottish Studies on the very picturesque George Square at the University of Edinburgh.

My focus of study in Edinburgh was St. Kilda, the island archipelago off the west coast of Scotland, for which the MacLeods were the factors, or tax-collectors. I was interested in studying St. Kilda as a kind of virtual place on the world wide web, which people could visit at the National Trust for Scotland's web site. I wanted to think through whether people were actually visiting a virtual site via the internet as place.

Reminiscences of St. Kilda

So when I went to visit actual St. Kilda, which is the largest island archipelago at the greatest distance from Britain, which you can only get to by hiring a boat, I also went to Dunvegan Castle again, for the 3rd time.

There's no ferry or anything to St. Kilda, it's so remote. St. Kildans, many MacLeods included, were birders. They made their living by rappelling from the steep cliffs of St. Kilda, and capturing Gannets, Puffins and Fulmars, by hand I think – at least back 2000 or so years.

And St. Kilda was evacuated by the British government in 1930, when its population had dwindled to around 30 people. At its most populous, St. Kildans numbered around 180 in the late 1700s. What the MacLeods, as factors, came over a rough sea annually to collect was a share of these oily birds. (You can read this paper here - <http://www.scottmacleod.com/papers.htm> from 2004.)

So, in going to Skye this time, I had the good fortune of meeting John MacLeod of MacLeod, and of sitting and talking with him in the living room at Dunvegan, of talking about Dame Flora, and of hearing of all the records of St. Kilda in Dunvegan, something for future possible study.

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We received the good news in September that Nominating Committee Chair **Don Mack**'s surgery to install a pacemaker has been successful, and he is recovering at home. If you want to wish him well, he can be reached at his address on page 3.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Muriel Ethel (MacLeod) Carles 1925 - 2011



Muriel Ethel Carles, 86, of West Brighton, a longtime Staten Islander, passed away in July 2011. Mrs. Carles was a member of the New York chapter of the Clan MacLeod Society.

Born Muriel MacLeod in Isle of Lewis, Scotland, she was drafted into the British army at the age of 17. She served for three years throughout England during World War II, dealing with confidential documents from commissioned officers.

In 1946, she moved to Montreal, Canada, where she met her future husband, Armando Carles, who was then the Consul general of Panama. After their marriage, the couple moved to the United States. Mrs. Carles enjoyed traveling, particularly to Rome, Barcelona, England and the Scottish highlands. She was an avid antiques collector and a fan of the New York Yankees.

Along with Armando, her husband of 61 years, surviving are her son, Armando; her daughters, Priscilla Glantz and Josephine and Deborah Carles, and five grandchildren.

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Laura Margaret McLeod November 20, 1920 - October 12, 2011

Laura Margaret was born in Hamilton Township, Ontario, Canada. She attended the University of Toronto, graduating with a degree in sociology. She later became a Chartered Accountant in Canada.

She moved to New York where she was one of the first women CPAs in the country. She was associated with the hotel accounting firm then known as Harris, Kerr, Forster, and first met the family when she became the resident auditor of the Croydon Hotel. She later worked for over 20 years at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. After retiring from the Museum, she again worked for the family as a resident auditor at the Hotel Delmonico.

Ms. McLeod was a gifted musician and a founder of the Clan MacLeod Society. She is survived by two sisters and a nephew. She is mourned by the Korein family. With thanks to her caregiver Clevet Veronica Sam.

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CMS USA Migration Director

By Annie McLeod

Your Clan MacLeod USA leadership not only fully understands your desire to know more about your family, they want to make it easier for you to do your research. In an effort to move forward in the world of technology, the Clan is in the process of posting our USA genealogy data on a website known as TribalPages. This website has been built with data that has been contributed to the Clan MacLeod USA and will continue to be updated as new information becomes available from the Clan members or other contributors.

There are undoubtedly missing or duplicate names right now and incorrect birth and death dates, but we are working hard to correct as many of those as possible. To add information to the website, you need to send it to your new Migration Director, Ann McLeod, at her email address aemcleod@embarqmail.com. Where and when possible, the information sent to her will be sourced and the sources documented, so if you have sources to provide, it will more quickly and greatly improve the site. The site was designed for you, the Clan members and only you will have access to the data. There will be a password and it will be changed in every newsletter. So, if you are not a member of the Clan—now would be a great time to join us.

Our new site will provide you such things as ancestor charts, family group sheets, relationship tools, and various reports. We are anxious for you to give it a try and let us know your thoughts. But, before you can do that you need to know two things: the website address:

<http://www.clanmacleodusa.tribalpages.com> and the password: CULLODEN. If you have any problems reaching the data or just want to share some thoughts, let us know by e-mail and we will do our best to make it better for you.

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CMS USA Vice President

By Weeden Nicols, CMS USA VP

As national Vice President for CMS USA, I understand my mandate to be to supplement the President's excellent perception of problems, potential problems, and trends, with whatever insight and analysis I can provide. I consider it my duty to propose any ideas I have to him first, before publicly airing my ideas and opinions. The point is that I must not "blindside" the President. I hold myself available to the President for special projects and writing jobs.

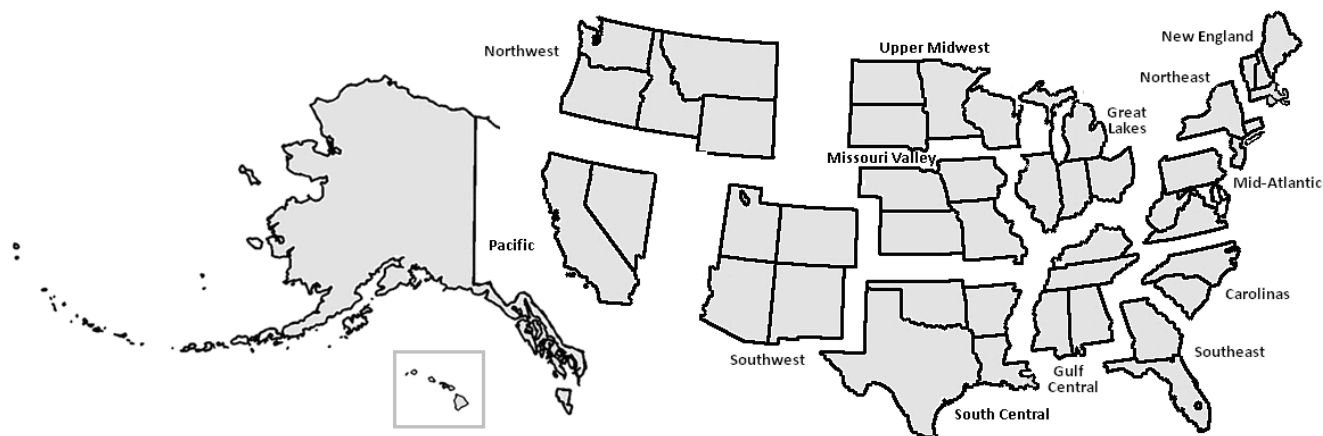
I consider myself, organizationally, to be pretty much on a par with the RVP Coordinator, and consider that CMS USA will operate better if I have a similar relationship with the RVP Coordinator to that which I have with the President. This means I may communicate ideas and perceptions of problems to the RVP Coordinator, but I may not go behind his back to the RVPs with ideas I have not discussed with the Coordinator. I am involved with the RVP Coordinator in the ongoing evaluation of regional boundaries.

I should (and do) try to attend games and festivals where CMS USA is represented. My plans for this year were to attend games/festivals in West Texas, Elizabeth (CO), Albuquerque (NM), and McPherson (KS). As it turned out, we were not represented this year at Albuquerque, and I never could obtain an answer as to the MacLeod schedule at games/festivals in West Texas. I hope to do better next year. I consider it my duty to stay current enough on CMS USA status in most areas. I can also fill in for the President, should he be unable to perform some presidential function.

Finally, I hold myself responsible to be ready to succeed the president, if a younger, brighter, more energetic candidate cannot be found and persuaded. I wish good health and long life to our President and to the Clan MacLeod Society USA.

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REGIONAL NEWS



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Greetings from the New England Region.

The 2012 games period is coming to an end. I was fortunate to attend the games in Maine, Rhode Island, New Hampshire (loon Mountain on Friday and Saturday) and I will be attending the games in Scotland Ct. on Columbus Day weekend.

Laurie and I enjoyed meeting all of you clansmen over the last year. We appreciated all the help that we received during our time of opening our tent to all the visitors. We would like to thank those members that stood by the tent so that we might be able to enjoy some of the events that were going on during the day. I don't have to mention any names, you know who you are. So with that being said, I would like to inform all of my fellow clansman that as of the end of the year I will be stepping down from the position of RVP for New England. I am doing this for personal reasons.

Thank you for opportunity to serve as your RVP for the past three years.

Hold Fast,

R J Hoagland

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A statement from our newly nominated RVP/NoE: I have always been a proud MacLeod. I have kept my maiden name for the family history. My grandfather came from Scotland through PEI and my dad was very essential in my holding onto the family name. I do hope to be able to due justice to the clan. I am holding fast and will be trying to shine the light in the Northeast area, because we are proud of the Clan and our heritage.

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Hello All,

The 2012 NAG held in Alexandria, Virginia June 28 – 1 July was a remarkable event. Despite a weather curve ball thrown at us and resulting region wide power outage for more than 36 hours, the NAG “held fast” and continued. In fact, only one event was canceled that being the Highland

Dance Workshop on Saturday. I thank each and every one of you who attended and the resilience demonstrated by Clan MacLeod. Yes it was HOT...how hot? On Friday June 29th the recorded temperature was 104F (35C).

NAG Highlights included a Thursday evening picnic and welcoming which was well attended. We also enjoyed Highland Dance and Bagpipe performance. On Friday all the Society and ACMS meetings took place and again well attended. Friday evening we boarded the Cherry Blossom paddle wheel boat and were entertained by Sea Shanty songs and Las Vegas style casino gaming while cruising the Potomac River (Is it possible not to have Black Jack and Craps on a River Boat? No!) 20 minutes after the boat returned to the dock, the area was hit by a violent storm which knocked out the power in the area including the NAG host hotel, Crown Plaza for the next 36 hours.

Nonetheless, our Saturday workshops were held and well attended and we were able to relocate the highlight evening banquet two blocks away outside at the Holiday Inn. On Sunday (also Canada Day), we were fortunate to continue the traditional Kirkin of the Tartan Service led by Air Force Chaplain Andrew McIntosh from Killeen, Texas. It was an inspiring service which including prayers for all our Clansmen recently departed and those ill, but also for restoration of the power. And don't you know, within 5 minutes of conclusion of the service, the power returned....Amen! Although the weather was hot, particularly for those in kilts, I received many, many "thank you's" for hosting the 2012 NAG.

I would be highly remiss not to return the many "thank you's" to those that attended, but a special acknowledgement to all the workshop speakers, entertainers, Chaplain McIntosh, Guest Speaker John McLeod from Tasmania, and especially the Mid-Atlantic Clan MacLeod members who pitched in extra effort throughout.

Thank you all,

Stephen MacLeod, Mid-Atlantic RVP

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Moving onward! The Clan MacLeod USA Mid-year Meeting - as in the past - will also be held in Alexandria, VA on Friday Nov. 30, 2012. The same Holiday Inn used for the past several years (and our recent NAG Banquet) has been contracted for the Clan MacLeod group rate of \$129/night + tax; rooms are available November 28th, 29th, 30th, and December 1st and 2nd.

Saturday Dec 1st is also the 42nd annual Alexandria "Old Town" Scottish Christmas Parade, which is always fun... regardless of the weather. Information about this year's events can be found at <http://www.campaignacenter.org/en/33/default.aspx>.

Please call the Holiday Inn at (703) 548-6300 and be sure to ask for the "Clan MacLeod" favorable rate.

Best regards and "Hold Fast"!

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April 2012, Loch Norman Highland Games, the beginning of the Games season for the Carolina's Region. I arrived Friday, early afternoon and unloaded at the clan tent. The weather was great. Then it was off to the motel, find my friends and get ready for the sponsors reception. That evening after the reception I joined with many other clan representatives for the "Calling of the Clans." I loudly proclaimed "The MacLeod's are Here!" Saturday was to be another beautiful day. It was out to the field and set-up the tent. Soon others began to arrive. They were Lonnie and Cheryl McCaskill, Ron Fowlie, Gordon Lewis and Eloise, Rick, Kandie, Mac and Bo Norred, George and Debbie Grinton, Tim MacLeod and Valerie Batten and Lee MacLeod. Later Anna Dickson, Gordon McLeod, Geoff Buck, Robert MacLeod, Drew Fowlie and Ron McLeod came by. We all had a great day. In the afternoon the MacCrimmon Quaich for the Carolina's Region was awarded. This year's winner was Katy Rashid. Congratulations to Katy. For all the beauty of Saturday, Sunday was the opposite. I awoke to a cool overcast day with some drizzle. The Kirk'n which is usually takes place outside had to be conducted under the tent. The weather also contributed to a small turn out of people for the Parade of Tartans. By 2 PM most of the clan tents were empty. I spent the remainder of the afternoon talking with friends.

At the end of June I attended the North American Gathering in Alexandria, Virginia. This event was affected by the weather. The Friday night of the event a severe thunderstorm rolled through and knocked out the power at the hotel. The hotel got power back about 12 noon on Sunday. Even with this difficulty the event went well.

Next was Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. This year the weather was unpredictable. I arrived Thursday, driving through several rain showers and some thick mountain fog. I unloaded at the clan tent and then went to find Lonnie McCaskill. Later that evening we were back on MacRae Meadow for the opening ceremonies and the calling of the clans. The evening was rain free and I proclaimed "The MacLeods are here!" Later that night I was awakened by the sound of rain. Friday was a damp day. Lonnie and I decided not to be on the field at the clan tent. That evening we attended the sponsor's reception. During this event it rained hard 3 times. This left us wondering as to what Saturday would bring. I awoke Saturday to a beautiful day. I was up early and off to MacRae Meadow to set-up the clan tent. Shortly afterwards Lonnie arrived. Because of the heavy rain Friday night MacRae Meadow still had areas of standing water. The field crew was busy spreading gravel to reduce the potential for mud. The first event of note was a group of about 15 MacLeod members came to visit the tent. These were the Wright family members. They were in the mountains of North Carolina for a family reunion and came to the Games. I hope all had an excellent time. As the day progressed and the field dried out, the MacLeod tent seemed to remain wet with water running down a drainage ditch. After some period of time the field crew came by to investigate further. After probing, it was determined that an

underground water line was broken. It was not until about 4 in the afternoon that they were able to rectify the problem due to having to shut off water to all the vendors on the field. To make light of the problem I stated that the MacLeod's had water on their property, with a stream which would be stocked with fish and we would sell fishing licenses. On a more serious side some of the other MacLeods to visit the tent were Tim and Valerie MacLeod, Rick, Kandie, Mac and Bo Norred, Jim, Bev, Scott, Don, Bruce, Paul, John and Jim Wright, Drew Fowlie, Susanne and Bill McCaskill, Tim and Marianne O'Loane, Meredith Harley Inserra and her sister Heather and Cody and Kayla McCaskill. It was an excellent day for meeting past and present friends. To wind up the day I presented the Ray McCabe Trophy to Sarah Minnear and the Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod Trophy to Greg Abbott. Sunday started with nice weather. The Kirk'n of the Tartan and the Parade of Tartans both went well. Unfortunately about 2 PM a thunderstorm came up and deluged the field. This ended the games. I stayed on the mountain till late that evening with friends. The view of Grandfather Mountain after the storm with the sun shining on it through the clouds was breath taking.

Charleston Games, always a guessing game as to the weather. I traveled to Charleston Friday, arriving early enough to go to Karen and Cecil's house and then with Purdy and Cecil McLeod to the field and unload. Later that evening Karen and Cecil and Purdy and Odell McLeod and I attended the sponsor's reception. Saturday brought excellent weather for the games, something different from the other events attended. There were a number of members at the tent this day; Cecil and Karen McLeod, Purdy and Odell McLeod, Bill and Josie MacCabe, Elizabeth McLeod, Gary and Sylvia Lewis, Rick, Kandie, Mac and Bo Norred and Geff and Connie Beaton. All in all a good day was had by all.

Hold fast,

Franklin Wyatt III

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We took the summer off but that did not mean that we didn't recruit for Clan MacLeod. We recruited new members for the society as they came into Ann's genealogy room in the thriving metropolitan area of downtown Madison. When there is a visitor with the last name MacLeod or derivative or a Sept of Macleod, she asks them about joining. The web sites are generating queries too. A Lt. Col. stationed at MacDill Air Force Base sent a query about which tartan to wear and asked how he could join Clan MacLeod Society. I sent him a PDF copy of the application and directed him to the USA website as an alternative option. He is going to be a foreign exchange officer next summer and will be stationed in Scotland. How exciting that is for him and his family.

We have two events coming up for the Southeast region. Both are in October. We will be at Stone Mountain, Georgia the weekend of 20-21 October and then, at a new venue for us, the Big Bend festival at Marianna, Florida. The Big Bend Festival is a two day event but we can be there on Saturday only. We already have plans for attending the winter meeting in Alexandria, Virginia over the last two days of November and December 1st. December 1st is the day of the Scottish Christmas walk in Old Town Alexandria. If you want information about any events, check out my website, <http://www.macleodsoutheast.com> or the Clan MacLeod USA Society web site at <http://www.clanmacleodusa.org>. The sites contain information for my specific region and the USA site has information on the society as a whole. If you are going to be traveling and wish to see what might be happening in different Clan MacLeod regions or at your destination, go to that region's area of the web site and check it out.

We have time off after the October games but there is still much to prepare for. Our year starts with the Central Florida Games in Winter Spring, Florida and then on the Jacksonville (Green Cove Springs), Florida for the Northeast Florida games. We have some time in the spring to determine which games we will attend. In March and April we usually have game in South Florida. We are tentatively penciling in the Sarasota Games this year.

We are looking forward to seeing Clan MacLeod members at the games in our region.

Hold fast, MacLeod!

J. W. McLeod

RVP SE, Clan MacLeod Society USA

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For this 2012 report, I must start by reaching back to October 2011 with the North Alabama Scottish festival in Scottsboro, Alabama. It was a pretty venue next to a scenic lake, featuring a PA announcer with a good sense of humor, and a small but eager crowd of participants. We had the pleasure to meet Carol McClure Tischer, who joined the Clan MacLeod Society.

Despite persistent rumors of the impending demise of the Kentucky Scottish Weekend, uncommonly fine weather (for May) boosted the attendance this year. I met a lot of interesting characters and heard a lot of fascinating stories—particularly one about Colin MacLeod. A drummer at Culloden, he was taken prisoner, escaped, was recaptured & sent to US. He ended up serving in French & Indian war with (then) Colonel Washington, and later in the Revolutionary War with General Washington. Neat stuff.

Upon arriving at the Smoky Mountain Highland Games, I was greeted by Patrick McCabe, who not only loaned me a beautiful replica of Rory Mor's Drinking Horn to display at the tent, but presented me with a fine drinking horn of my very own. Is there a nicer guy in Knoxville? I don't think so. This event continues to grow, and I was very encouraged to see many young people in attendance taking pictures and asking questions. Miles Drawhorn donated a large set of Clan MacLeod Crest pins he designed, which drew some interest at the tent. Linda Wade stopped by to re-up and also marched with me in the tartan parade. Welcome new members Susan Laughters and Jamie Ellis Standridge. Jennifer Davis and Ronnie & Luke McClure Price were also among the many visitors to the MacLeod tent.

I was very pleased to see the return of pipe competition to Kentucky's Glasgow Highland Games this year. Evans Ridgeway, of Lyon College, won the MacCrimmon Quaich with "Lament for the Viscount Dundee." Ms Ridgeway, I have since learned, is quite the accomplished piper. She has amassed a collection of MacLeod-sponsored awards from several different regions. It wouldn't be Glasgow without Anna Dickson & Mary Elizabeth Ferrell. We also enjoyed a visit with Ruthanne Dunn & Charles Whitson, and I want to thank Ronnie Norvell for helping meet & greet and run the tent.

From the irony department: After touting the new upstart Bardstown Highland Games to everyone I met this year, I was unable to attend the actual event due to illness. We'll get 'em next year.

And we're back full circle—next weekend we will return to Alabama. Until next time,

Hold Fast & Shine Bright!

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As we wind down 2012 and the leaves are falling, we look back at another successful year. We renewed many acquaintances and welcomed quite a few new members. We only lost one of our "Ez-up" tents this year due to high winds and that was at the "Windy City" (Chicago) games no less!

Those of us that attended the North American Gathering along with our Canadian friends in Alexandria, VA. in June certainly lived up to our reputation of "Holding Fast" as the temperature soared past 100 degrees, lights, hot water, and A/C became a thing of the past as hurricane force winds brought wide spread destruction to the east coast. However we "made do" and had a successful event leaving with many stories to share for years to come.

As 2012 draws to a close, we are looking forward to the Indianapolis games in October as well as the annual mid-year meetings and Scottish Christmas Walk in Alexandria, VA. in December. I would encourage all of you to consider attending this event. It's a great opportunity to see the sights of Washington and participate in the nation's largest Scottish parade along with many fellow clan members.

Of course as most of you realize, as a clan we do far more than welcome members and guests to our tent at highland games and festivals throughout the region. We can all be proud of the support we give to Scottish dancers and pipers. It really makes us stand out among others in the Scottish community in the number of trophies we award at Alma, MI.; Chicago, IL.; and Lorain, Ohio.

As individual members we support worthwhile Scottish charities. On a chilly, windy, rainy Friday, (in other words typical Scottish weather) members John N. MacLeod, Richard MacLeod, Bill G. MacLeod and myself, played in a charity golf outing, "The Kilted Classic", to support the Scottish Home. This nursing home is well over 100 years old and is located in the Chicago area.

If you haven't already done so, check out the new USA site, <http://www.clanmacleodusa.org>. It has recently been updated and contains a great deal of information. In the Great Lakes Region, we now have our own Facebook page, "Clan MacLeod USA – Great Lakes Region". This is a page where not only will I post notices of upcoming events and photos, but this is a place for you to also contribute so please feel free to participate.

Sandy and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you in the months ahead.

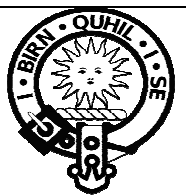
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Though summer games in the Upper Mid West Region are few but they are well attended! Two highland games events are annually held in Wisconsin and MacLeods were out in full strength at them. New commissioners for Wisconsin, Eugene and Jackie McLeod, set up and hosted the clan tent at both events. Following is their report:

Weather is unpredictable in Wisconsin in early June, but it was a warm and windy day at the Milwaukee Highland Games in Wauwatosa. Everything had to be taped, roped, or weighted down at the clan tent. Stephanie Chin and Paul McLeod helped out in greeting MacLeods and other visitors. During a break, Eugene and Jackie got to try batting a ball in cricket.

The weather was similar at the Wisconsin Highland Games in Waukesha over Labor Day weekend – sunny and nice but a bit windy. The opening ceremony on Friday night included a Calling of the Clans with a flaming torch carried aloft by each clan representative. Eugene brandished the torch for Clan MacLeod and shouted put loud and clear the MacLeod's greeting. Pamela Captain (Regional Vice-President), Paul McLeod, and Stephanie Chin and her boys greeted MacLeods and others, including over 500 children wanting a Clan MacLeod crest hand stamp. Society members Bill C. MacLeod and grandchildren and Mike Sizemore came up from the Chicago area on Saturday and spent an enjoyable day with us. Jackie represented Clan MacLeod in the haggis hurling contest and took fourth place for women. Member Fiona MacLeod Castillo and her son and daughter helped pack up at the end.

Many new MacLeod faces stopped by the tent to visit at both events and we hope they become Clan MacLeod Society members in the near future.

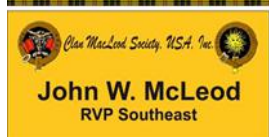
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Thinking of September 30th:

As I sit here on September 30th, thinking of the article to write, my mind draws to a couple historic events that occurred on this particular day. The first and most important is that it is my wedding anniversary. This year— my wife (Sara) and I celebrate 17 years of marriage. This is one of the happiest days I will ever know.

The other historical event that my mind is drawn to for this special day is one in Scotland's history. On this day, a big storm struck Scotland in 1263 during the Battle of Largs and turned the tables on Norwegian forces in a battle against the Scots. Despite the Scots victory at Renfrew in 1164, and several campaigns by Scottish kings to conquer the territory, the Norse had retained control of the Isles and Argyll. There they maintained their control under the over lordship of the kings of Norway. The Battle of Largs is not one many folks talk about, and in some peoples mind, not all that significant in the scheme of all the battles in Scotland - - as there were quite a few. This battle was one of the key events prior to Scotland regaining some of its control from The Norwegian Kings.

This battle was pitched between Scottish King Alexander II (along with his son Alexander III); and the King of Norway Hakon Hakonarson. Some historians say that King Alexander II tried to purchase the Western Isles and Kintyre from the Norwegian King several time and each time he refused. So like any good strong willed Scot, King Alexander and his son launched an attack on them, in hopes to reclaim the territory they felt was rightfully theirs. Hakon launched a fleet from Norway (some 200 ships) to the Hebrides. By the end of September, his fleet occupied the Firth of Clyde, where he anchored many of his fleet around the Ayrshire coast. On September 30th when a gale hit Scotland, many of Hakon's ships were destroyed and sank.

The fighting ensued on the beaches and mounds, where each side recaptured their respective grounds. The Scots forced the Norwegian force back to their ships, where more fighting occurred and the Norwegians were forced to submit to the Scots. The Norwegian force now demoralized and defeated, turned tail and fled, and Hakon planned on returning the next summer to re-engage the Scots.

Unfortunately during the winter in Orkney, King Hakon died and was succeeded by King Magnus VI. Three years after the battle, King Magnus wanted to bring about peace so he ended the dispute between the two kingdoms and ceded Scotland's western Isles and Kintyre back to Scotland and King Alexander III and on July 2, 1266 the two kings signed the Treaty of Perth. In the Treaty Scotland would compensate Norway with a sum of 4,000 marks, together

with an annual fee of 100 marks payable in perpetuity along with Norway keeping Orkney and Shetland.

Like all good frugal Scots – we were a bit slow in letting go of our money and paying up. The last installment of the 4,000 mark payment did not reach Norway until 1282. It is not known exactly when the annual payments were suspended, but the Norwegians are known to have had difficulties collecting the money owed during the 14th and 15th centuries. The debts were eventually written off as part of the marriage agreement between King James III and Margaret of Denmark (and Norway) in 1468, which ceded Orkney and Shetland back to the Scottish crown.

Hold Fast,

Ian Good

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Greetings, MacLeods!

I hope this finds all as healthy and as happy as possible. I would like to take a brief moment to let all know what we have planned for the remainder of 2012 going into 2013. And I promise to keep it short.

Upcoming events schedule, 2012-2013

OCT	6	NE LA Celtic Festival, W. Monroe, LA
	3 rd week	AGM meeting, Menger Hotel in San Antonio, TX
NOV	3-4	Austin Celtic Festival, Austin, TX
	9-11	Salado, TX Gathering of the Clans (CMS Veteran's Day Flowers of the Forest)
JAN	8-9 nd week	AGM meeting, site TBD
	various	Burns Night Dinners, Victoria and Houston
MAR	1-3	NTIF, Dallas, TX
	9-10	Scot Fest, Midland, TX
	16	St. Patrick's Day, various locations
	3 rd week	AGM meeting, Menger Hotel in San Antonio
APR	30	NW LA Hielands Festival, Minden, LA
	5-6	CMS AGM, San Antonio, TX "From Arbroath to the Alamo"
	6-7	San Antonio HG, San Antonio, TX
	12-14	Lyon College Scottish Festival, Batesville, AR (MacCrimmon Quaich presentation)

Upcoming events schedule, 2012-2013

APR	25-27	Houston HG, Houston, TX (Dunvegan Trophy - Mini Band Competition presentation)
MAY	3-5	TSF, Arlington, TX
AUG	18-19	Permian Basin HG, Odessa, TX
SEP	28-29	Oklahoma Scottish Festival, Tulsa, OK

See also the article on next year's CMS USA AGM, being hosted by the South Central Region, on page 6.

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The Southwest Region had a wonderful, albeit short, games season this year.

We started the year at the Elizabeth Celtic Festival, and were fortunate enough to have National VP Weeden Nichols fly in. He and his family were a welcome addition to our tent over the weekend. We followed with the Colorado Scottish Festival in Highlands Ranch, CO, and gave out piping awards to very deserving individuals. We finished the season at the Longs Peak Scottish Festival in Estes Park, CO. This was hugely successful, and we had snow and sunshine to greet us in that scenic venue. This year it was the third consecutive win of the MacCrimmon Quaich for Ryan Balchuck from Pueblo, CO.

I am very grateful to have had the amazing support of Rex and Judy Wisehart, Bonnie MacLeod, and the state commissioners in the region that are the face of this organization in the Southwest, and make me a very proud MacLeod.

Hold Fast,
Perry Beaton

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Northwest Region

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People. Families. This is what it takes to make our Clan great! This year they came out in great numbers to the Highland events. Maybe it was a slight loosening of the economy or maybe it was the great weather we had at MOST

of the games. The interest was there; this is a good sign for our 2013 season.

Washington State hosted a number of games over the summer. Both the Bellingham & Mt. Vernon games were supported by Penny McLeod-DeGraff and Julie Thompson with help from Jim MacLeod. Julie not only unfurled a new ancient MacLeod flag but also hosted the Whidbey Island Games. Both a first for Julie!

Remember the great weather? The Tacoma games, this was the only game that received rain. Not just rain but a monsoon which shutdown the entertainment so the equipment wouldn't be ruined. Luckily, it didn't happen until the afternoon as the games started with some firsts. There were almost double the amounts of food vendors and clan tents. Whisky tasting had its inaugural event with Talisker featured. Since the movie Brave was set to open, representatives from Disney were in attendance. They not only installed scenic character standees but handed out memorabilia to lucky customers. Imagine a festival with a grand amount of children playing in long wavy red wigs!

Prosser & Spokane Highland Games were supported by Washington Commissioner Debi (& Bruce) Williamson. Prosser is a smaller game but the setting at the Hogue Winery and shuttles for attendees to other wineries makes it a pleasant one. The Spokane Games, being larger, were better attended and even Idaho members stopped by. They did get their share of young men inquiring about the Highlander series with questions concerning the MacLeod clan and swords, but they were happy being referred to the blacksmithing demonstration.

Oregon has a new Commissioner, Billy Cy (& Martha) Cook. The Mt. Hood Portland Games was their initial endeavor. What a great job, they signed the first member of the summer. Welcome, Elizabeth Simpson. One of the more notable MacLeods to the tent was author Richard Macleod. He brought his new book, Revelation. It is the study of the carvings of the standing stones, ancient knowledge and philosophy; with the second book concentrating on the Isle of Skye. The 3-book series is available from Amazon. Ireta and Jan Janiec have stepped into the position of Oregon Coordinator with their vast knowledge of events and still attend games at their leisure.

Montana Commissioner Scott Lewis worked hard at two games this summer. The Yellowstone game now has a new name: Billingshire Renaissance Faire & Highland Games. The event only supports the highland games on one day. The clan tents and vendors have reduced in numbers, leaving little for the public to spend their time and money on. The scene was different at the Bitterroot Highland Games. A three day event was attended by so many people that Scott ran out of his usual "giveaways" and most of his paperwork. He did learn his lesson about tartans, however. While wearing his Hunting tartan he was essentially invisible and kept getting run into but upon switching to his "Loud MacLeod" kilt; the problem was solved. His daughter, Tristan, purchased a woven shawl from Willows & Wool. Later in the day, the owner saw Tristan & Scott together in their Lewis plaids and photographed them for the business' new catalog, <http://www.willowsandwool.com>.

The Disney Brave opening in June gave all Celtic

people a reason to celebrate. The evening of the opening, in Olympia WA, there was a kilted event at the local mall. One showing at the mall theatre was completely purchased by the local Celtic community and a parade was lead thru the mall by the Olympia Highlanders Bagpipe Band with a clan parade.

Seattle WA featured the Gaelic singing group, Oran nan Car with Penny McLeod DeGraff, at the Folklife Festival. The Pacific Northwest supports a large Gaelic community and many Celtic musicians. The band also celebrated their year with an end of summer Ceilidh with members of Slighe nan Gaidheal, local Gaelic society, and musician Seumas Gagne on harp.

Great summer. Keep these fall & winter events in mind.

Upcoming events schedule, 2012-2013

OCT	20	All Clans Fall Banquet Renton Technical College Renton, WA. Hosted by Clan Donald. Info @ www.clanmacleodusa.org
	20-21	St. Andrews Celtic Fling, St. Andrew's Church 111NE 80th St, Seattle, WA. www.saintandrewsseattle.org
	27- Nov 2	Celtic Faire, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Tacoma, WA. www.saintandrewstacoma.org
NOV	03	Heather Tartan Ball & Silent Auction – Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association. Northgate Community Center 10510 5th Ave NE, Seattle WA www.sshga.org
DEC	01	Christmas Parade, Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association, Enumclaw WA. www.sshga.org
	01	St. Andrew's Day Celebration Thistle & Ghillies Scottish Country Dancing Club, Boise, ID www.thistleandghillies.org
JAN	various	Robert Burn's Night Dinners-check local listings.
FEB	tba	Gung Haggis Fat Choy Seattle, WA www.gunghaggisfatchoy-seattle.org

Please send me your updated email addresses for the full 2013 calendar.

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See our Region's featured article, "Personal Reflections" on page 8.

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The Dunvegan Foundation

Of the Clan MacLeod Society USA, Inc.

A fully tax deductible way of saying, "I am a proud MacLeod".
Make a gift in memory of a family member for whom being a MacLeod was always special.
A wonderful way to say thanks for the great heritage of Scotland.

Our mission

"To preserve, protect and promote the unique heritage of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, as reflected through the history and migration of Clan MacLeod, by pooling our resources as a tax-exempt organization, to enable the support of activities which further these goals."

Some of our ongoing projects

- Support for the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library
- The Clan MacLeod Society Migration Project, including the Clan MacLeod Society Migration Project Book Collection housed at the Taos Public Library in Taos, NM.
- Many scholarships for piping, dancing, and the Scottish arts, all funded by the Dunvegan Foundation and administered by the institutions for which they were established.

Special grants and international work

- Houston Highland Games Association
- Mastery of Scottish Arts Program
- Slighe nan Gaidheal
- American Piping Foundation
- Duirinish Parish Church Music Fund (Isle of Skye)
- Iona Community - Dame Flora Scholarship
- Historic Assynt Organization - Ardvreck Castle Preservation Project

Please check our web pages for further details on the range and quality of projects in which the Dunvegan Foundation is engaged.

http://www.clanmacleodusa.org/Dunvegan_Foundation.htm

The Dunvegan Foundation welcomes contributions in any amount, and planned giving arrangements are also welcome. Donations can be designated for specific projects, the endowment fund, or unrestricted. Please send your contribution to:

The Dunvegan Foundation
Box 17303
Raleigh, North Carolina 27619-7303

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY USA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Purpose of the Society

The Clan MacLeod Society USA embodies a desire to preserve and perpetuate the traditions and heritage of Americans of Scottish ancestry (principally MacLeods and Septs of MacLeod). To further this heritage, the Society promotes cultural (e.g. piping and dancing) and educational (e.g. Gaelic scholarship, awards for excellence in competition, seminars, participations in gatherings and events (e.g. Highland Games, Festivals), two publications (a National and an International Newsletter), plus sustained library collections, meetings (the Annual General Meeting [AGM], Parliament) and internet web sites. In addition to these benefits for members, we offer wonderful camaraderie and an opportunity to form true family friendships throughout the world...particularly in your area. We are a non-profit organization having achieved the 501(c)(3) status.

Eligibility for membership

- All persons having the name of MacLeod (however spelled), and all persons directly connected by marriage or descent.
- All persons having the name of a Sept of the Clan MacLeod (however spelled), and all persons directly connected by marriage or descent.
- Friends of the Clan MacLeod

Application for membership

APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Applicant Name:		Date of birth (mm/dd/yy):		Sept, if applicable:	
Spouse name :		Date of birth (mm/dd/yy):		Sept, if applicable:	
Occupation(s)		Phone:			
Street address:		Email:			
Town or city:		State and ZIP:			
CHILDREN (FOR YOUTH MEMBERSHIP)					
First child:		Date of birth (mm/dd/yy):		Sept, if applicable:	
Second child:		Date of birth (mm/dd/yy):		Sept, if applicable:	
Third child:		Date of birth (mm/dd/yy):		Sept, if applicable:	
Fourth child:		Date of birth (mm/dd/yy):		Sept, if applicable:	
<i>Please add additional children's names, etc., on a separate piece of paper.</i>					
YEARLY DUES FOR APPLICANT AND FAMILY					
Applicant, per year:	\$ 25 x	=		Lifetime under 30:	\$1,000.00 x
Spouse, per year:	\$ 25 x	=		Lifetime 30-49:	\$ 750.00 x
Youth, per year (under 18):	\$ 10 x	=		Lifetime Over 50:	\$ 500.00 x
Total amount enclosed:			Please check:	Renewal:	New:
Applicant signature:			Date of application:		

Checks in US funds are preferred; your check is your receipt. Make checks payable to CLAN MacLEOD SOCIETY, USA, Inc., and mail to: CLAN MacLEOD SOCIETY, USA Inc., P. O. Box 70928, West Valley City, UT 84170-0928.

Credit cards can be used online for membership payments

You now have the ability to join or renew your membership in Clan MacLeod USA on line with a credit card or PayPal. The goal is to make the process as convenient and secure as possible. Your information will be secured by using encryption software, fraud protection services and additional security supplied by the PayPal web site. With the online membership process you will save a few steps, compared to the mail in renewal method.

The on-line credit card membership can be accessed by going to the Clan MacLeod USA web site and linking to the "Membership" page. You can pay by: Visa, Master Card, American Express, Discover or PayPal. The one year membership or donations to the Clan can be made on line. This is just one way of joining or keeping your membership current. You can, as before, apply by mail with a check, or through your local Clan MacLeod representative at your local highland games.

PHOTOS FROM THE 2012 NORTH AMERICAN GATHERING



Jon McLeod from Michigan with grandchildren at banquet



Sisters, Heather Turner and Janelle Hyatt-Palmer of NY



CSM USA President John Norman MacLeod and Chief John of the MacLeods of Raasay



Your newsletter editor, hard at work, digging for something. You pick a caption...



Romma, ACMS President John Davidson Kelly, Sarah Piegrass



Nicols family on parade, led by Weeden



Priscilla and Donald McLeod of NC



Hospitality suite *en silhouette*



Aftermath of severe winds



Chief John addresses the Banquet at night

...AND A FEW MORE FROM THE REGIONS



Thanksgiving Point in Lehi, UT June 2012 with Commissioner McFadden, Jeff MacLeod (the previous Utah Commissioner for about 20 years), and his son Cailean



Payson, UT Games in July 2012 with Commissioner Kris McFadden's family: Erik, himself, Kimball, Conner, Cherina.



Michigan member, Charlie McLeod, built this wooden MacLeod piper

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UPCOMING EVENTS - CLAN MACLEOD USA IS INVITED!

2012 ANNUAL MID-YEAR MEETING AND ALEXANDRIA CHRISTMAS WALK



The CMS USA Mid Year meeting will take place on the first weekend in December, surrounded by the events of the Campagna Center's famous Scottish-themed holiday activities.
<http://www.scottishchristmaswalk.com>.

CLAN MACLEOD WORLD GATHERING NEW ZEALAND 2013



Clan MacLeod New Zealand has recently announced that it is exploring hosting a World Gathering in 2013. No information is yet available, but an announcement will eventually appear on the ACMS website <http://www.clanmacleod.org>

IMPORTANT! We have opened the CMS USA 2013 AGM to those interested persons who wish to see what our AGM is all about. If you have friends in the 4 state area who are interested, or members of different Clan societies who may just want to share in a good time, feel free to invite them to register. The more the merrier!

2013 CMS USA AGM IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS "From Arbroath to the Alamo"



Thursday April 4 thru Sunday April 7, alongside SA Highland Games. Alamo ceremony, kilted mariachi dinner, workshops, banquet, hospitality, friends. More information on page 6.

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CLAN MACLEOD WORLD GATHERING PARLIAMENT 2014



The dates for our 17th Clan MacLeod Parliament have been **CHANGED**. Parliament week will take place in Dunvegan from Saturday 19th July 2014 to Saturday 26th July 2014.

The North Room Group service project will still take place during the week before Parliament, and will be based on Skye.

There will be no pre-Parliament trip in 2014. See the ACMS website for more information <http://www.clanmacleod.org>

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