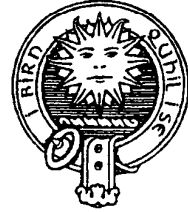


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PARLIAMENT PHOTO ALBUM

Photos by Judy MacLeod



Chief Hugh MacLeod of MacLeod with his wife, filmmaker Frederique Feder, and son Vincent.



The Clan arrives on Raasay and is welcomed by Chief John of the Macleods of Raasay.



Close-up of extensive repairs to Castle windows and walls.

Photos by Penny McLeod DeGraff



Small but mighty NRG: Cameron Martin (USA), Bron McLeod (Australia), Finn MacLeod (Canada)



Dancing at the Village Hall



Morning meetings open to everyone

Photos by Ludovic MacLeod



Tour of Trotternish and a visit to the Museum of Island Life



Raasay House restored to glory



The spectacular Castle Gardens, by Head Gardener David MacLean and staff

The visit of HRH Princess Anne, to Dunvegan Castle and Gardens

The formal opening of the Memorial Gazebo to Chief John MacLeod of MacLeod.

Professional photography, courtesy of Dunvegan Castle and Gardens (more at www.clanmacleod.org)



Waiting for HRH to arrive



The Memorial Gazebo

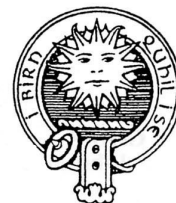


HRH is presented with flowers by Esme McLeod



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

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 11).

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



I hope this past summer has been a good one for all our members. The main highlight for this year was the Clan MacLeod Parliament that was held July 19-25th in Dunvegan. Over 200 participants attended, with 60 individuals from the USA. This was a very nice showing for our

Society, and a chance to reconnect with our overseas members.

All three Chiefs and their wives were there for the opening of Parliament. ACMS President John Davidson Kelly presided and Chief Hugh welcomed us to Dunvegan. The Chief explained the many positive changes occurring at the Castle, including new windows, a new roof, as well as on-going remodeling, painting, and decorating. Tours of the castle and grounds confirmed the improvements, such as new displays within, and beautiful garden attractions outside, thanks to head gardener David MacLean and his staff.

The week of activities included morning teas and coffee, hosted each day by a different Clan society. Workshops, evening ceilidhs at the Village Hall, and a great beer and bratwurst cookout hosted by the German Society were well attended. In between, we did manage to meet for Clan and ACMS business. There was also a day trip to the Isle of Raasay to visit the newly restored Raasay House.

Chief John of the MacLeods of Raasay met our group when we arrived on the ferry, and gave a brief talk about the building's most recent and past history. A formal tour of the grounds and house also included a delightful lunch.

On Thursday the 24th, HRH Anne, The Princess Royal, arrived at Dunvegan to officially open the new gazebo installed in the Walled Garden to honor the memory of the late Chief John MacLeod of MacLeod. It was a wonderful event, with over 150 MacLeods attending, as Chief Hugh guided the Royal party around the grounds and Castle.

On Friday, a new ACMS President was elected. John Davidson Kelly turned over his office to Dr. Don McLeod of Canada. The Vice President is now David MacLeod of

England, and the ACMS Honorary Treasurer will be Alasdair Duncan ("Al") McLeod of England. Dorna Caskie of the USA was re-elected ACMS Honorary Secretary.

Later Friday evening, we held our closing Parliament Ceilidh in the Village Hall. During the ceilidh, it was my very great pleasure to make some USA award presentations. The first was given to William (Bill) McLeod of Texas for his dedication to Clan MacLeod and his tireless work for many years as ACMS Business Manager. The second award, presented annually by the Clan MacLeod USA, was Clansperson of the Year, given to past CMS USA President John B. MacLeod. John has devoted many years of service to both Clan MacLeod and the Dunvegan Foundation. Congratulations to Bill and John!!

And, speaking of the Dunvegan Foundation, I would like to call on our members to consider making a donation to the Foundation before the end of the year. Donations are essential to the Foundation's operations and allow it to provide the many grants we provide to programs supporting our Scottish Heritage. Please make a difference today, no matter how small or large, as it helps support our goals for the Society.

Don't forget our next CMS USA mid-year AGM, which will take place in Alexandria, Virginia on December 5th. And also please begin to think about the next AGM that will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in June 2015.

Finally, as I write this message the referendum for Scottish Independence has just taken place. The early polls indicated the NO vote was slightly ahead, and that was the way the election ended (favoring NO for independence, with 55% of the vote). However, there are also a series of governing changes that were promised via the "Edinburgh Agreement," in the event of a NO vote. So one way or another, things have changed in Scotland, forever.

Hold Fast

John N. MacLeod

President, Clan MacLeod Society USA

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COLLECTING PEOPLE



Over the years, I've noticed that many people whom I admire have a methodical way of bringing friends and family into their lives. They tend to be very open minded folks, and they tend to collect really interesting companions. I have never been a very adept people collector myself, but it's hard not to want to gather up the masses of MacLeods you meet at our many events, and embrace this great human bundle in your arms.

L'association française du clan MacLeod – the Clan MacLeod Society of

France – is a little bit unusual within ACMS. This is because they largely ARE a close family, and they are a somewhat small organization. We recently haven't seen much of them at Parliament, but this year there was a good contingent, with participation in all of our business and recreational events. They were good humored, high energy, and very MacLeod.

The person who made the biggest impression on me was Ludo MacLeod (at left). He is a remarkable man who was injured in a parachute accident, and now uses a wheelchair. His presence at Parliament of course made us examine the ways in which we provide access to our events, not just for someone like Ludo but for our many senior and less mobile clansfolk. Having Ludo there – firmly intent on participating but kindly realistic about some of our shortcomings – facilitated access for others as well as himself. He is a truly unstoppable person, leading the French "archery team" on Raasay to its crushing victory over Scotland (although finishing second to Canada), and representing Clan MacLeod France in the Walled Garden when we were presented to HRH Princess Anne. Through his presence and actions, he made me feel very proud to be a MacLeod, something special if you are a collector of people – or perhaps even a "collectee."

"Still shining and birning,"

Dorna Caskie

Newsletter Editor, Clan MacLeod USA

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FEATURED ARTICLES

Where is Cnoc Chùsbaig?

By Penny McLeod DeGraff

In 1990 my husband Dale and I made our first trip to the Isle of Lewis, to attend the Clan MacLeod Pre-Parliament Historical Seminar in Stornoway and to visit my third cousins, Willie Macleod of Barvas and his sister, Chrissie Maclean of Cross, for the first time. Each trip to Parliament and Scotland thereafter included a trip to Lewis to visit them.

One of the outings during the Clan seminar was a trip to the Church at Ui, the site where several MacLeod of Lewis chiefs are buried. It was a memorable and touching visit with Chief Torquil Roderick and his wife Mary returning to the last resting place of his ancestors. So began my journey to learn more about the home and language of my Gaelic-speaking cousins and ancestors.

Fast-forward to 2007, after several years of studying Gaelic and learning to sing Gaelic songs: noted Lewis Gaelic singer Donnie Murdo MacLeod came to Vancouver, BC to adjudicate the Gaelic singing competition known as Mòd Vancouver. Much to my delight, he taught a class on the Gaelic songs of Lewis. One song in particular caught my attention because of the catchy tune and the poignant story behind it. *An tìll mi tuilleadh a Leòdhas?* (*Will I ever return to Lewis?*) was written by William MacKenzie (1857 – 1908), known as the Cnoc Chùsbaig Bard.



Màiri MacKenzie's gravestone next to the Church at Ui erected by her grandchildren to honor the memory of William, Màiri, and their family. Photo by Penny McLeod DeGraff

died three years later of tuberculosis in Canada.

Ever since Donnie Murdo shared the song, I've wondered where Cnoc Chùsbaig was located. I couldn't find it on any of the maps of Lewis I've checked over the past seven years, even those in Gaelic. When I asked Chrissie and Willie, neither of them knew where it was, other than it was in the Point district.

Will I ever return to Lewis? I've often wondered that

The last line of the chorus and each verse of the song fondly describe Cnoc Chùsbaig (pronounced Crock HOOS-bick), a hillock on the family croft of William MacKenzie. Widowed after 20 years of marriage, the Bard mourned the loss of his wife, Màiri, and the happy times they shared together at Cnoc Chùsbaig. After much urging by his family already living there, he reluctantly emigrated to Canada. He bid a sad farewell to his neighbors and lifelong friends in Cnoc Chùsbaig, knowing in all likelihood he'd never see them again. Before he left, he is reputed to have buried a tooth in Màiri's grave so that part of him could be with her forever. He

myself whenever I've sung the song. Little did I know when I was last there in 2002 that it was the last time I would see my beloved cousins, Willie and Chrissie. I didn't know if I could return to Lewis without them there.

However, Willie's widow, Christina, and Margaret Joan, another cousin in Barvas, welcomed me back for a visit this summer prior to Parliament. They asked me what I wanted to see and I told them Cnoc Chùsbaig! They weren't sure where it was, but knew that our cousin Iain "Tonkan" MacDonald who lives in Point near Cnoc Chùsbaig would know.

Indeed, Tonkan did know and graciously volunteered to show us where it was. Turns out we had unknowingly passed it on the way to his house. There are quite a few structures on top of the hill with houses and fences surrounding it, so it was easy to miss without any signs.



Iain "Tonkan" MacDonald and Penny McLeod DeGraff admire Tonkan's boat named after his granddaughter before they set out on their Cnoc Chùsbaig adventure.

Photo taken by Margaret Joan Macleod of Barvas

When we got there, Tonkan drove back and forth, unsuccessfully looking for the path to the top amongst all the houses and fences. We stopped at the base of the hill and sang *An Tìll Mi Tuilleadh a Leòdhas* together. What a thrill! Tonkan, a Mòd Traditional Gold Medalist, is well known throughout Lewis for playing accordion and traditional Gaelic singing.

Tonkan was insistent that I climb to the top, but I wasn't too keen on traipsing through someone's yard or crawling over a barbed wire fence to get there. He knew a descendant of the Bard, whose husband Seònaidh confirmed there was a path to the top, but he couldn't tell us exactly where to find it. Finally we found a woman at home who showed us a fence and said I could walk in the ditch along the fence all the way to the top without having to crawl over any fences. Fortunately, the ditch was dry that day.

My three cousins weren't up for the climb, so I went by myself to take in the beautiful view that had meant so much to William MacKenzie. I've climbed taller hills, but seeing the glorious view of Broad Bay to the West and the peaks of Assynt to the East, I could certainly understand his deep love for Cnoc Chùsbaig.



Eastern view from the summit of Cnoc Chùsbaig includes the peaks across the Minch in Assynt. Photo by Penny McLeod DeGraff

Parliament highlights

By Judy MacLeod

There are many layers of activities that make up the event called Parliament. One example is the Pageantry. Seeing the banners waving as the Chiefs are piped into the community center hall for the Welcoming Ceremony, or watching MacLeods parade off the ferry with the air filled with the sound of pipes as Chief John arrives on the Isle of Raasay, always gives me a thrill.

Of course we attend necessary meetings. Dr. Donald McLeod was elected the President of the Associated Clan MacLeod Societies (ACMS). While at the USA meeting, we voted to continue to print our Fall newsletter, since our finances had improved a little.

Awards were also given during the final social gathering. President John N. gave his President's Award to William McLeod for his dedication to our USA society as well as his many years of work for ACMS. John B. MacLeod was



Bill McLeod of Victoria, Texas receives this year's President's Award from CMS USA's John Norman MacLeod while incoming ACMS President Dr. Don McLeod looks on

honored as our USA society's "Clansperson of the Year," a well-deserved acknowledgement! (See article page 7.)

There were interesting workshops, a whiskey tasting, ceilidh dance lessons, and a climb of "MacLeod's Tables." The appearance of Dunvegan Castle was wonderfully improved, featuring new displays and more opened rooms. We MacLeods

I was very surprised to learn from Seònaidh that the Bard's wife Màiri was buried at the Ui cemetery, right next to the Church where the MacLeod of Lewis chiefs are buried! I was very pleased to see that restoration work has been done on the Church since my first visit in 1990. I was also pleased to see that the Bard's descendants have erected a large headstone commemorating the Bard, Màiri, and their children as a way to fulfill his wish to someday unite his family in their homeland.

As we left the cemetery, we turned on the radio to listen to a popular call-in request program on Radio nan Gaidheal. Talk about serendipity: without any prompting from us, they played *An Till Mi Tuilleadh a Leòdhas* and gave us the perfect conclusion to our day of finally finding Cnoc Chùsbaig!

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received a special tour that informed us about recent repairs and future plans. All of this, with Mother Nature offering her best with sunny skies and warmth. Some of us even got sunburned!



Dunvegan Castle Custodian John Nicolson (at far right) conducted our exclusive MacLeod tours highlighting Dunvegan Castle improvements and future plans

The unexpected can also happen at Parliament. This year it was the appearance of HRH Anne, the Princess Royal, who officially opened the new garden gazebo, a memorial to our late 29th chief, John MacLeod of MacLeod. This lovely wrought iron structure was paid for with funds donated by clansfolk, the Clan MacLeod Societies, ACMS, and the Clan MacLeod Heritage Trust. It was very special to be part of the Royal visit.

There is hospitality galore at Parliament. The Society of England welcomed us with wine and cheese, the German society offered up beer and bratwurst at the BBQ, and the USA Society decorated with a flourish of red, white and blue and hosted the first morning tea with delightful USA-made goodies.

But especially, Parliament is about the people. In 2014, we had 60 USA members attending. Several brought their families and made this event a multi-generational experience. We met many new American members, and enjoyed seeing the ones we've known for awhile. Many times we have developed strong friendships with members from the other international societies.

To sum it all up, Parliament is a rich and rewarding experience. Plan now, and in four years you can see for yourselves!

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Clan MacLeod USA Clansperson of the Year: John B. MacLeod

By CMS USA President John N. MacLeod and Dunvegan Society Treasurer James Blount MacLeod

Over the years, the Clan MacLeod Society of the USA has been fortunate to have capable, professional leadership to guide our organization in its effort to fulfill our mission. Few people who have held the office of President have served us better than John B. MacLeod.



Clansperson of the Year John B. MacLeod is congratulated by CMS USA Awards Chair Franklin Wyatt III

While “John B.” occasionally jokes that he “joined CMS USA way too early,” we have certainly benefitted from his energy and insight through the years. He has been a member of the USA Society since 1980, following in his father's footsteps. Most recently he served as President from 2007-2011. John has been a tireless worker and has taken on several leadership roles in the clan. He has even led dancing workshops. He always

makes those of us with two left feet feel hopeful!

John's "big picture vision" has guided us through many discussions about ACMS and other changes. He is a constant presence at Parliament, our AGMs, and the North American Gatherings, always joined by family members who have also made great contributions to Clan events.

For many years John B. MacLeod has also served as both a trustee and an officer of the Dunvegan Foundation, which is the charitable arm of the Clan MacLeod Society USA. He has been an important factor in keeping the Foundation focused on its mission to preserve, protect, and promote the unique heritage of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. During his six years as Chairman he helped the Foundation achieve impressive results:

- John oversaw the payment of 136 regular grants totaling \$111,300, setting a high standard that is the envy of many other clan organizations,
- He acted as the Foundation's point man in dealing with special ACMS projects such as the migration volume and endowment challenge grant,
- He has consistently set an example of professionalism in the administrative side of the Foundation's business, and
- He completely revised the Foundation's Sourcebook, a collection of documents and information used as a resource and guide by the trustees.

John has unwaveringly striven to ensure that the Foundation stayed well within the rigorous legal parameters which constrain its operation. His service to the Foundation continues today through his active participation as a Trustee.

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Wedding at Dunvegan Castle

Corinne Rose and Michael MacLeod show us how it's done!




On September 7, 2013, Corinne Rose married Michael MacLeod at Dunvegan Castle.

A bag piper played as Corinne entered the Castle and again as the couple went into the library where they privately signed the official wedding registry. Then, the doors to the library opened to reveal the newlyweds to their guests and witnesses waiting in

the dining room, where their reception was held.

The Castle is licensed to host smaller wedding parties, inside or out, in a variety of elegant and historical settings. More information on weddings is available at <http://www.dunvegancastle.com>.

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The Clan MacLeod will be the Honored Clan at the Scotland County Highland Games (Laurinburg, North Carolina) in October 2015, with current CMS USA President John Norman MacLeod being the Honored Guest. (More information will be available at <http://www.schngc.org>.)



Chief John of the Macleods of Raasay will be the Honored Guest and Clan MacLeod will be the Honored Clan at the Charleston [South Carolina] Scottish Games in September 2015. (More information will be available at <http://www.charlestonscots.org/the-games.html>.)



2015 AGM EVENT PROGRAM

Thursday, June 4, 2015:

Noon – 5:00PM:	Registration
Arrival until 7	Activities/Dinner on Your Own
7:00PM	Dunvegan Foundation Meeting
8:00PM	Welcome & Special Presentation: A MacLeod Family, Memories of 1956
9-10:30PM	Hospitality suite

Friday, June 5, 2015:

8:00AM	Registration
9:00AM – Noon	Untapped Tours, Milwaukee
12:00PM	Lunch on Your Own
2:00PM - 4PM	AGM Meeting (Radisson)
5:00PM - 6:00PM	A Taste of Milwaukee (Hart Park)
Group Photo	Beer/Pop/Cheese/Pretzels/ snacks (maybe dancers ?)
6:00PM	Dinner on Your Own
8:00-11:00PM	Hospitality Suite Open

Saturday, June 6, 2015: MILWAUKEE HIGHLAND GAMES – Hart Park

9:00AM – 9:45AM	Workshop
9:00AM Youth (12+)	Workshop with Medieval weapons instructors
10:00AM – 10:45AM	Workshop
11:00AM- 11:45AM	Mr. John Radcliffe, Author and Story Teller
12:00PM	Clan Parade – MacLeods Honored Clan
12:30PM	Lunch on your own - ENJOY THE GAMES!
6:00PM	Cash Bar...Silent Auction (Radisson)
6:45PM	Dinner with Entertainment
8:00PM	Short Program

Sunday, June 7, 2015:

9:30am	Kirkin' of the Tartan, John W. McLeod (Radisson)
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Extend your stay and enjoy many sites around Milwaukee and Wisconsin. Some possible choices: Milwaukee County Zoo (1 mile South of Radisson), Discovery World (downtown), Milwaukee Art Museum (in 2014 free on Thurs.), Harley Davidson Museum (Thurs. Evening "Happenings"), Mayfair Mall (across from Radisson), Pabst Mansion, Boerner Botanical Gardens, and Holy Hill Basilica, to name a very few!!



Registration Form



Clan MacLeod Society USA

2015 Annual General Meeting



Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 4 – 7, 2015

ABOUT YOU:

Name:			Title [Mr. Ms., etc]:		
Address:			Phone:		
City:		State/ Province:		Zip/Postal code:	
Country:		Email(s):			

(Email is needed for registration confirmation.)

Others attending with you (please use an additional piece of paper to add more names):

Name:		Title [Mr. Ms., etc]:	
Name:		Title [Mr. Ms., etc]:	

FEES:

Registration fees for the "Entire event" include: City Tour, speakers, workshops, Taste of Milwaukee, Highland Games entrance fee, banquet, and a copy of the group photo.

Entire event	Early Bird Fee (March 31)	Fee After April 1	Number Attending	Subtotal
Adult (13 and over)	\$160	\$185	X ____	\$
Youth (5-12)	\$ 85	\$110	X ____	\$
Children (4 and under)	Free	Free	X ____	\$
Saturday Evening ONLY	Fee		Number Attending	Subtotal
Adult (13 and over)	\$60		X ____	\$
Youth (5-12)	\$40		X ____	\$
Children (4 and under)	Free		X ____	
Contributions				
	Additional, tax deductible donation			\$

Make checks payable to: Clan MacLeod Society USA, Inc. Please send your registration form and check to:

Eugene McLeod, N2291 US Highway 151, Chilton, WI 53014

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Check the Clan MacLeod USA website for more information as it becomes available: www.clanmacleodusa.org

ACCOMODATION:

Please make your own reservations at the hotel we have selected: the Radisson Hotel, 2303 North Mayfair Road (corner of North Avenue), Milwaukee, WI 53226. It has a pool, exercise room, in-house restaurant, and free parking.

The Group Rate is \$ 92.00 plus tax. Contact Radisson directly for reservations (tell them that you are with the Milwaukee Highland Games). Tel (414) 257-3400, or go to www.clanmacleodusa.org for the direct hotel website.



April 30, 2015 is cutoff date for group block rate at the hotel!

OTHER INFORMATION

Friday Tour? ____ Yes ____ No	Banquet Dietary Restrictions? ____ Yes ____ No
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Email questions to: Eugene McLeod at: mcleod@bugnet.net or phone him at (920) 849-3473.

CLAN MACLEOD RECOMMENDS

GLENCANISP LODGE, IN ASSYNT

*Recommended by Dorna Caskie
(this is so on my bucket list...)*



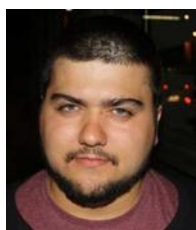
The pre-Parliament trip in 2010 took the Clan MacLeod to the Assynt area in Sutherland. Part of our visit was originally to include a tour of the recently refurbished Glencanisp Lodge. The Lodge is run for the benefit of the Assynt Foundation, a community-owned, social enterprise which also owns the surrounding 44,000 acres. (We met some of the Foundation's leaders during our pre-Parliament trip.) It is a splendid example of a Victorian hunting lodge, sleeps up to 30, and offers perfect group accommodation for families, friends, groups, and work colleagues.

The Lodge has a new website (<http://www.glencanisp-lodge.co.uk/>) where you can see a selection of events and retreats for which you can either book and pay, or just register if they are free. Activities range from hunting and stalking packages, to creative writing retreats, hill walking activities and open air theatre performances. The Lodge is open year-round, and while during the high season they rent only on an exclusive weekly basis, from 21 October to Easter (excluding Christmas and New Year) you can book a short break or nightly self-catering by-the-room for as little as £60. All-abilities accommodation is available.

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WE MACLEODS ARE WELL CONNECTED!

*Michael Rout at Jake's Place, in Edinburgh
Rory McLeod at Doune Castle, Stirlingshire*



Michael Rout (son of Parliament 2014 Coordinator Fiona Howie) has been working for the Belushi's Group since April 2013. He is now the manager of Jake's Place, a specialty whisky and bourbon bar located about a block from the Waverley Train Station at 9-13 Market Street. Next door is Belushi's

itself, a popular diner and bar with reasonable prices. The business has branches in several major European cities. So next time you arrive a little early for your train, you might drop around the corner and see if Michael is at the helm.

For his day job, Rory McLeod (current President of the Clan MacLeod Society of Scotland and future Coordinator of Parliament 2018) works as the "factor" or grounds manager for Doune Castle in Stirlingshire. The Castle, owned by Historic Scotland, is a picturesque 14th century structure that has been featured in many films, perhaps most famously in *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.



Of more current interest perhaps is the fact that part of the estate has been leased to the US television network Starz, and is being used as the set and backdrop for Castle Leoch in the new fantasy/drama series *Outlander*. (Rory says he hasn't read the *Outlander* books.)

Even without the Hollywood attention, Doune Castle is well worth a visit. (More information can be found at the Historic Scotland website <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/>, search for "Doune Castle.")

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"THE FAIRY FLAG" IN POST-PRODUCTION

<http://www.facebook.com/thefairyflag>
http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3614840/?ref=fn_al_tt_1



Now set to release in 2015, *The Fairy Flag* is being touted as the "biggest independent film to come out of Scotland in twenty years." This is a real, feature length production being filmed at Balgonie Castle (standing in for Dunvegan), Beecraigs Country Park in Linlithgow, the Isle of Skye, Glencoe, studios in London, and on-site in Morocco. With a budget of about a million US dollars, most of the actors are not well known outside of Scotland, but handsome former rugby player Chris Capaldi, starring as Ian Brec MacLeod, may change all that. The production team seems to have a reputation for making minor horror films, but the battle scenes have been choreographed and acted by "Clan Wallace," the successful group who managed similar cinematic activities for *Braveheart* and other major films.

More information about *The Fairy Flag* is available online at their Facebook page and at the Internet Movie Database (both addresses noted above).

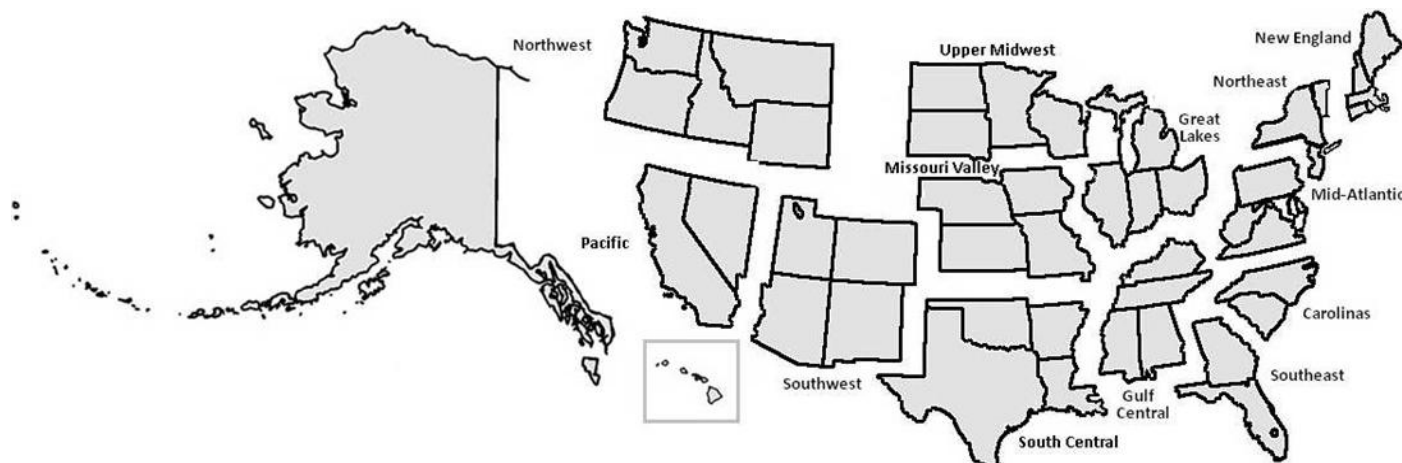
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THIS YOU HAVE TO SEE: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQ_IQS3VKjA

Spectacular views of the Cuillin and Skye, from a unique perspective in a very well put together little film. Danny MacAskill is the son of Peter and Ann MacAskill, who run the shop next to the Misty Isle Hotel on the main street of Dunvegan.

Recommended by John B. MacLeod

REGIONAL NEWS



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The 2014 Highland games season for the region started off with the 16th Annual Rhode Island Highland Festival held on June 14th. These games are well attended and I met some new MacLeods, and had some informative discussions of the MacLeod's of the Lewes. Since I found out last year that I am also from the Lewis side of the family, when I tell MacLeod's this, a new story comes out that enlightens me.

The Round Hill Highland Games celebrated their 91st annual event on a bright and sunny day at Cranbury Park located in Norwalk, CT. Games day the 5th of July, an unusually temperate day and not a hot day expected. This is one of the games that I have attended for over 15 years, and the faces have changed yet the Clan camaraderie remains.

The New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain this year had a feeling of Scotland as it was a wee bit damp. This did not keep the attendees away. With top notch entertainers and lots of action, these Highland Games are always impressive.

With my wife Betsy, we set our tent up in a location that we later found to be a preferred one. We were in a larger group of Clans than last year, located in between the main parade area and the entertainment tent. It was good to see MacLeods from last year, and we are so thankful to the MacLeods that let Betsy and I take a break on Saturday. This is a three day Highland Games. Friday is a warm-up for Saturday. We had 18 more entries in the guest book than last year, with a record of 62.

This year I presented the MacCrimmon Quaich Award to

Kaitlin Kimove at these games. As we talked she divulged that she won the Grade 1 Piobaireachd last year as well. Well done Kaitlin! I am very proud of what the Clan Macleod Society and especially the late Murdoch MacLean MacLeod have done to encourage younger pipers.



Kaitlin Kimove receives the MacCrimmon Quaich Award

By time you read this, the Highland Games of Scotland, CT will have been held on the Sunday of Columbus day weekend.

Hold Fast!

John S. MacLeod
New England Region

PS: Betsy won second place in the 2013 New Hampshire Highland Games photo contest with her photo, "Mirror, Mirror." Thanks to everyone who voted for her! I am very proud of her.



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Hold Fast and shine the light!!!

D. Jean MacLeod

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The Clan MacLeod Society USA will hold its annual mid-year meeting in the City of Alexandria, VA

Date: Friday, 5 Dec 2014

Time: 8AM – 5PM

Location: Holiday Inn Old Town, 625 First St., Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone (703) 548 – 6300 or (877) 504-0047. Website: <http://www.holdtownalexandriahotel.com>

For those who've attended in the past, this is the same Holiday Inn where we've hosted the mid-year meeting for several years. For those staying overnight 4 - 6 December the Clan MacLeod Society USA has contracted with the Holiday Inn for a special room rate of \$129/night plus tax. Contact the Inn as noted above, and please mention the "Clan MacLeod Society". The cut-off date for this room rate is Monday 10 Nov 2014, and after that date rooms are subject to availability.

On Thursday, 4 Dec and Friday, 5 Dec the Clan MacLeod Society will host a Ceilidh in the Holiday Inn from 6PM – 9PM ish. Please stop in and say hello to fellow Clan MacLeod members.

On Saturday, 6 Dec the City of Alexandria will host the 44th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Parade. The parade is from 11AM – 1:30PM ish. Line-up of parade participants begins at 10AM.

The Clan MacLeod Society will walk along with dozens of other Clans, Pipe bands, Societies, Re-enactors, and otherwise all things Scottish to celebrate the heritage and founding of Alexandria City, VA. This is a rain or shine event and has never been cancelled due to weather! Please check out the website. <http://www.campagnacenter.org/events/scottish-christmas-walk-weekend>.

Hope to see you there!

"Hold Fast"

Stephen MacLeod, Mid-Atlantic RVP

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Loch Norman Games 2014. Better weather than the past several years. I had great help from Lonnie and Cheryl McCaskill, Gordon Lewis, George and Debbie Grinton, Ron McLeod and Drew Fowlie. This year's winner of the MacCrimmon Quaich was Grace Washam.



2014 MacCrimmon Winner Grace Washam

Bethabara Games. A small, one-day event that I spend visiting with other clan friends. Several local members visited: Cynthia MacLeod, Jonathan J. MacLeod, Jem MacLeod and Davey Lewis. It was nice to have the company. The day ended with rain.

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. This year there was good weather. I got to the field on Thursday afternoon, unloaded at the clan tent and headed down the mountain to meet up with Lonnie and Cheryl McCaskill. We came back up to MacRae Meadow for the calling of the Clans. This year Rick Norred made the call for Clan MacLeod. Friday morning I was up on the field early to set-up and begin the Games.



*Dame Flora Winner 2014
Nick Hudson*



*2014 Ray McCabe Winner
Steven MacDonald*

Friday was a short day followed by the Sponsor's Reception in the evening. Saturday started early and was busy all day. In the afternoon the recipient of the Ray McCabe Trophy Grade II amateur overall winner came by. The winner

was Steven MacDonald. At the end of the day the winner of the Dame Flora of MacLeod of MacLeod Trophy for the Open Piobaireachd came by. The 2014 winner was Nick Hudson. Sunday was a quiet day with the Kirk'n and the Parade of Tartan. I would like to thank Lonnie and Cheryl McCaskill for their hard work at the tent. There were also a number of friend and members who visited the tent – Dave McAleer, Ronnie and Lake McClure, Rick and Kandie Norred with children Mac and Bo, Siegfried Roe, Susanne and Bill McCaskill, Fay King, Marianne and Tim O'Loane, Norman Livermore and family, Drew Fowlie, Mike, Angie and Gage Beam, Melissa, Cody and Kayla McCaskill and Gracie Darden McLeod. To anyone who felt left out – my mind isn't what it used to be. Sunday night I stayed late on the Meadow to see if the ghost of the headless piper would show. It was a haunting experience.

Just a line about heading to Parliament three days after Grandfather Mountain – the weather was hot and dry in Scotland (a rarity). It was a wonderful trip.

Charleston Scottish Games. The weather for the Games was overcast and cooler than usual. Karen McLeod and family did an excellent job of preparing for the MacLeod clan. Several pictures are provided in the inside back cover. I appreciated that John W. and Ann M. McLeod, Bob and Sandy McLeod, Purdy McLeod, William R. Nichols, Mac and Sue McClure, Drew Fowlie, Rick and Kandie Norred with children Mac and Bo, Doug and Courtney McLeod with children Ross and Cole and Brenda and Darien Strickland with children Madalyn and Norah were present. Just a reminder for 2015 Clan MacLeod is the Honored Clan and I am making plans for Chief John of Raasay to be the Honored Guest. We want to have a great turn out.

Scotland County Highland Games. Last Games of the season. The rain moved through Friday night leaving Saturday to be an excellent day. Lonnie McCaskill, Bob and Sandy McLeod, Don and Pricilla McLeod and Tim and Marianne O'Loane helped make the day enjoyable. In 2015 Clan MacLeod is the honored clan and I have asked John Norman MacLeod to be our honored guest. Come out and support the Clan MacLeod Society USA in the Carolina's Region in 2015.

Hold Fast!

Franklin Wyatt III

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This time last year, we were skirting the cotton fields of Alabama to strike up the pipes and scare the geese at Sharon Johnston Park. The North Alabama Scottish Festival is still finding its feet, but the folks are friendly and the dogs are doted upon, so we continue to make new friends every year.



Jack and Jay

Fast forward to a Saturday in May, which found an enthusiastic crowd for the Smoky Mountain Highland Games—despite the cold and rain. We signed up and welcomed Bryan Aldridge right off the bat, and fielded many questions from attendees about all things MacLeod. Now that the McClure's are part-time Tennesseans, it made for a

cozy Macleod tent, as Shelley

and Pam hunkered down while

Jay sang songs and told stories and I sang backup and supplied trivia. Adam frequented the music tent to see 7N and other bands play. The afternoon saw shared drams all around, and later we were privileged to visit with Jay, Pam, and Adam in their fabulous cabin in the woods.

For Sunday, now handing off the narrative to Murphy the Bruce:

"I was a wee bit scunnert because everybody left yesterday and Megan & I didn't get to go along, but today an Event was held in honor of ME & everybody came to see me (although some people didnae seem ta ken that, but they had a muckle o' Scottish stuff ta dae and look at, so fair fa' them). We met & played with many dogs and people, Megan kept everyone safe from bad golf carts, and we both were in the dog show and won a bonnie pull toy (which we will have pretty much destroyed by the time you read this). We were eyein' the sheep with a mind to do a bit o' herdin' oursels when it was time ta gae."

The weekend of the Glasgow, KY Games was a whirlwind. Skipped down to Clarksville, TN to pipe a funeral for a good friend of a good friend; then roared back to Glasgow for the Torchlight Gathering of the Clans, where I bellowed "HOLD FAST" at the top of my lungs. Twelve hours later, we were in a sea of MacLeod tartan. So glad that Gordon Lewis and Eloise Twombly did make the trip, after all. We got reacquainted with Rick and Brittany Dupree



Rick and Brittany Dupree

(with a new membership, to boot); Ronnie Norvell brought his "A" Game, as usual; Tony and Judi Blasinski kept us all watered; our good friends Tom and Janet shared the day with us; and finally, it's always good to see Larry McLeod and the Grande Dame Ruby Jean. Still, there were a few faces missing from this happy gathering, and we learned later that we had lost our friend, Charles. Our thoughts are with Ruthanne Dunne.

Now the season is trying to ease over into autumn, and we're once again counting up the zip-ties, collecting loose bungee cords, and packing up what is lovingly known as 'our Scottish crap' to return to North Alabama.

Hold Fast, y'all!

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The Upper Midwest is looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2015 AGM! Milwaukee is perhaps best known for its famous breweries and the Major League Brewers, but there's more to the city than beer and baseball. Milwaukee is rich in historical and cultural attractions, making it the perfect place for a weekend of exploring. Plus, we put on a pretty good Milwaukee Highland Games!

Check out our AGM program on page 8.

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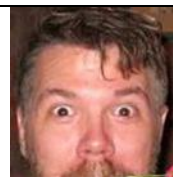
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AGM 2014 and the Scotland vote are now in the history books, and it is time to reflect and get ready for the next clan season. This issue will touch on both.

The spring and summer gaming season for the Northwest was good to us this year; little rain and sunny; hot weather. Bellingham Highland Games made the MacLeods their featured clan, just as Mt. Vernon had done the year before. Tacoma Highland Games is a growing, changing event. We had visitors from Scotland to the tent. Realizing that American games are nothing like their counterparts in Scotland; the comment was "it's a bit like a circus." The rest of the Washington, Oregon, and Montana games had many sign-ins, interested guests, and were well attended. The Montana games were run for the first time by member Mary Pitch from Helena. All MacLeod tent guests went home with their very own wooden nickel emblazoned with the clan crests and a reminder to visit the website.

As many of you know, Battlefield Band has been a staple to our events calendar. They play many concerts in the

northwest region. Their newest album, *Room Enough for All*, was awarded the album of the year at the MG Alba Scots Trad Music Awards. The Battlefield Band has now been recognized by the awards committee for a third time in the band's 45 year history. You can learn more about the band at www.battlefieldband.co.uk or on their Facebook page. Their music is available through Temple Records. Check out the events calendar for more opportunities to hear their traditional sound.

Looking for a new periodical or two? Try *Scottish Field Magazine*. The table of contents displays articles concerning recent news, lifestyle, food and drink, home and gardens, and travel. Another choice for readers interested in heritage and history is *Scots Heritage Magazine*. This publication contains featured clans of the month, culture, historical figures, and castles. Both of these periodicals contain stunning photography and are available as digital subscriptions.

Hold Fast-

Susan Norman Slade

Upcoming events schedule

NOV	01	50 th Annual Heather Tartan Ball and Silent Auction. Seattle Latvian Center, 11710 3 rd Avenue NE, Seattle WA. 6-11PM \$20-\$25. www.sshga.org
	06	Washington Christmas Parade, presented by SSHGA and Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce. www.enumclawchamber.com/schedule/calendar
DEC	19 - 20	Winterdance, a Celtic Christmas Celebration, presented by Molly's Revenge. Old Liberty Theater, 113 N Main Ave, Ridgefield, WA
	21	Winterdance, a Celtic Christmas Celebration, presented by Molly's Revenge. Corvallis, OR. www.mollysrevenge.com
	22	Winterdance, a Celtic Christmas Celebration, presented by Molly's Revenge. Seattle, WA. www.mollysrevenge.com
	23	Winterdance, a Celtic Christmas Celebration, presented by Molly's Revenge. Vashon Island, WA. www.mollysrevenge.com
JAN		Various Burns Night suppers – watch for local announcements.
FEB	T B A	Gung Haggis Fat Choy – Seattle, WA www.gunghaggisfatchoy-Seattle.org (Note this site may not yet be updated for this event.)
	11	Oregon Scottish Heritage Festival. Linn County Fair and Expo, 3700 Knox Butte Road, Albany, OR. www.oregonscottishsociety.com
APR	18	Shepherd's Extravaganza featuring Seirum Waulking demonstration. Puyallup Fairgrounds, Puyallup, WA. www.slighe.com
MAY	T B A	South Coast Celtic Music Festival. Hales Performing Arts Center at Southwestern Oregon Community College, Coos Bay, OR. www.southcoastfolksociety.wordpress.com
	T B A	Eugene Scottish Festival. Peace Presbyterian Church, 3060 River Road, Eugene, OR www.eugenescottishfestival.com

Upcoming events schedule

JUN	22 - 25	Northwest Folk Life Festival, featuring cultural music www.nwfolklife.org
	05 - 07	Bellingham Highland Games. Hovander Homestead Park, Ferndale, WA. www.bhga.org
	26 - 27	Tacoma Highland Games-Frontier Park, 217th and Meridian Highway 161, Graham WA www.tacomagames.org
	T B A	Alaska Scottish Highland Games. Alaska State Fairgrounds, Palmer, AK. www.alaskascottish.org

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West Hollywood, California dentist Dr. Neil Stewart McLeod continues his writing and publication of poetry, weaving in many traditional and contemporary MacLeod themes. Several of his books, including his latest, *A Cartload of Stories*, can be found on www.amazon.com. You can contact him directly at drneilmcleod@gmail.com for a full list of his publications.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1897 the town of McCloud, California was established. G. Scott and W. Van Arsdale purchased lumber mills in the area of Mt. Shasta on the Southern slope and formed the McCloud River Lumber Company. Things may not have been going all that well because in 1909 seven hundred Italian workers at the mill went on strike. The strikers seized the power plant and gained access to a ton of dynamite owned by the company. As confrontation escalated, the Governor, the California state militia, and the Italian Consul got involved and eventually the strike was settled.

Over the years, the McCloud River Lumber Company improved relationships with its workers. This positive change earned it the nick name "Mother McCloud."

The McCloud town is small today, with no McCloud residents, but there is a McCloud River Park, and it is very scenic with lovely waterfalls.

This information was taken from the magazine Timber Processing, and provided by Great Lakes Region society member Charles McLeod of Bridgeport, Michigan.

Hold Fast to the Light, Pacific Region!
Tammie Vawter, RVP-Pacific Region.

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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Janet W. Norman

October 8, 1933 – June 17, 2014



Janet W. Norman was a past officer of Mid Ohio Scottish Heritage Association, Daughters of Eastern Star, past president of Worthington Hills Garden Club, officer of Jaguar Club of Columbus, member of MORPCA, District Director of Ohio Garden Clubs and the matriarch of 928 Buckeye Land Sharks.

Janet is survived by her husband, The Reverend Canon Peter M. Norman, whom she married on September 6, 1952; children, Susan (Michael) Slade, Paula (Brian) Neroni, Christa (Kevin) Collins, Peter Norman II; and several grandchildren.

[The above information was taken from Janet's obituary, sent in by her daughter Christa Collins. Janet's daughter Susan Slade, CMS RVP for the Northwest Region, would like to add the following tribute to her mother. – Ed]

"This popular Irish tune can be traced back to the 17th century. The text of the poem has been edited and added to by various authors and sung by many artists. This is my tribute to Janet Wasson Norman, my mother who became a Flower of the Forest this spring; a County Tyrone Irish woman married to a MacLeod."

THE PARTING GLASS

*Of all the money that e'er I spent
I've spent it in good company
And all the harm that ever I did
Alas it was to none but me
And all I've done for want of wit
To memory now I can't recall
So fill to me the parting glass
Good night and joy be with you all
If I had money enough to spend
And leisure to sit awhile
There is a fair maid in the town
That sorely has my heart beguiled
Her rosy cheeks and ruby lips
I own she has my heart enthralled
So fill to me the parting glass
Good night and joy be with you all
Oh, all the comrades that e'er I had
They're sorry for my going away
And all the sweethearts that e'er I had
They'd wish me one more day to stay
But since it falls unto my lot
That I should rise and you should not
I'll gently rise and softly call
Good night and joy be with you all.*

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Richard Harvey McLeod

July 8, 1920 - March 20, 2013



Richard H. McLeod of Bloomfield, CT and Weekapaug, RI, died peacefully after a short illness at Hartford Hospital. He leaves his children Suzanne, Doug, and Andy. His beloved wife Barbara, to whom he was married in 1954, was missed deeply by Dick and her children since her death in 2011. Known as Dick to his family and many friends,

he will be affectionately remembered for his wisdom, humor, gentle manner, warmth, and humility.

Dick graduated from the University of Virginia in 1943 with a B.A. in government and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army. He shipped out to England in early 1944, crossed into Normandy days after D-Day, and spent most of the next two years in Europe with the 129th Signal, Radio, and Intelligence Company, attached to General George Patton's 7th Army. Dick returned to New York and began teaching at the Trinity School in Manhattan, marrying fellow teacher Barbara Price Birmingham in 1954. They celebrated with a six-week honeymoon to Scotland (and several lesser European countries) in the summer of 1955.

Dick's great-great-grandfather, Murdock McLeod, came from Scotland to America in 1778 to fight on behalf of King George III and remained here.

Dick himself had first travelled to the Isle of Skye while stationed in England during the war. In 1954 he was present when the Chief of the Clan, Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod, visited the USA for the first time. At a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria, he witnessed the creation of the Clan MacLeod Society of America. Dick and his brother Andy would both later serve as President of the USA Society, Dick from 1961-1963 and Andy from 1970-1973.

Dick and Barbara and their children attended several Clan MacLeod Parliaments in Scotland, the last in 1994. He honored his Scottish heritage by serving more than 20 years as "Chief of the Clan" at the annual Boar's Head Festival at Asylum Hill Congregational Church.

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Clan MacLeod USA Genealogy Project

<http://www.clanmacleodusa.tribalpages.com/>

Please don't forget that our growing CMS USA genealogical information on "Tribal Pages" can be accessed anytime using the above internet address. The password is:

MacLeodsLament

Please contact Ann McLeod (see page 3) for more information.

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
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- 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.html

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:

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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:					
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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:		
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Please add additional children's names, etc., on a separate piece of paper.									
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.

REGIONAL PHOTO ALBUM

Photos by Betsy Devany, taken at the Loon Mountain Highland Games in New Hampshire, September 2014



New England Region's tent



Drum major competition



Dancer in competition



Scottish band "Albanach"

Charleston Scottish Games



Col Purdy B. McLeod, Jr., Karen McLeod, Cecil McLeod (Purdy's brother/Karen's husband), and Doug McLeod (Karen and Cecil's son)

Smokey Mountain Games



Jay McClure with Murphy and Megan



Brian Aldridge

Glasgow, KY Games



Six volunteers and friends off to the parade!

And a few more Parliament photos from Penny...



More food (bratwurst)!



More dancing!



More tartan!



More guys in kilts!

PHOTOS ON THE FRONT COVER, upper right: Cole McLeod, Ross McLeod, Madalyn Strickland and Norah Strickland accompanied by former Great Lakes RVP Bob MacLeod carrying a tartan banner in the background Parade of Tartans Charleston Scottish Games 2014 (photo Franklin Wyatt); lower right: sunset over Loch Dunvegan during Parliament 2014 (photo Penny DeGraff); lower left: a member of the Scottish reenactment group "Historic Highlanders" strikes a pose at the Loon Mountain (NH) Highland Games, September 2014 (photo Betsy Devany); upper left: a still morning at Dunvegan Castle during Parliament 2014 (photo Penny DeGraff).

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UPCOMING EVENTS - CLAN MACLEOD USA IS INVITED!

CMS USA AGM 2015 IN HISTORIC MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN



Featuring the Milwaukee Highland Games!

Our 2015 AGM will take place June 4-7 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The program and registration information are available on page 9 of this newsletter; watch the CMS USA website for updates.

CLAN MACLEOD 2016 NORTH AMERICAN WORLD GATHERING



With a special focus on the legends of the Clan and the historic industries that drew our ancestors to this area, join us for food, music, dancing, workshops, sales, meetings, tours, and tastings. July 28-31 in Merritt, BC Canada - <http://www.mcleodcastle.ca/>

2014 ANNUAL MID-YEAR MEETING AND ALEXANDRIA CHRISTMAS WALK



The CMS USA Mid Year meeting will take place December 4 - 6, 2014, surrounded by the events of the Campagna Center's famous Scottish-themed holiday activities. More information can be found on page 12 of this newsletter.

Check your most recent issue of *Clan MacLeod Magazine* for more "dates for your MacLeod diary"!

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