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1. Internet editor – Ian Good



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

Alexandria, VA
December 2017



To: Clan Council, and CMSUSA

Subject: CMSUSA Website report

From: Ian Good, Internet Editor

Date: November 17, 2017

Overview

Information contained in this report represents the period of July 16, 2017 – to November 17, 2017 (4 months). Also contained is a brief overview of some of the numbers from January 2017 to November 17, 2017 for a review of Year to Date Activity.

Our website continues to perform consistently and has maintained its user activity and in some areas slight increases are seen. The last 4 months have seen an avg. of 545 users per month which is an increase since the last report in July of avg. 507 users per month

Future focus will be to:

- Work with all RVPs to update their individual pages for 2018 events
- Explore an ability to have a 'checkout' area and have visitors be able to add items to their "cart" instead of single purchase stream causing repeat fees being charged per item
- Continue to maintain the content with feedback and requested items

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

Costs

The next renewal of the site will be 2018. Request was submitted to CMSUSA National President, Vice President, RVP Advisor, and Treasurer asking for approval to renew prior to expiration. The cost to renew the three components of the site: SSL Certificate/Domain/Website, for a three-year period is projected to be \$684. This cost is in line with previous renewals. Request was to renew prior to the end of the calendar year 2017. There were no other fees or costs associated with maintaining the site content for 2017.

Definitions

Below are some definitions of terms utilized within this report:

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

Website Statistics

Below are details for each set of monitored items, representing the highest percentages, or top segments for each category.

Audience Overview

- From April 29, 2012 (site initially launched), to November 17, 2017 CMSUSA website has received 27,987 visitors
 - Averaging 417 visitors a month for the past 5 years 7 months (increase from 409 since last report)
 - Last 4 months – Avg 545 per month – (increase from 507 since last report)
- **Google Analytics from July 16, 2017 to November 17, 2017**
 - Users 2,183
 1. 1,553 New users – 71.1%
 2. 630 Returning users – 28.9%
 - 6,006 Page Views
 1. 2.75 pages per session (slight increase from 2.74)
 2. Average Session time is 2:41 (slight increase from 2:34)
 - **Since January 2017 (note: for avg = used 11 months)**
 1. 5,732 Sessions (avg 521 month)
 2. 4,090 Users (avg 371 month)
 3. 2.73 Pages / session (increase from 2.72)
 4. 15,676 Pages viewed
 5. 4,028 New users / 70%
 6. 1,704 Returning Users / 30% Returning users (in line with reported trends)

Age of Visitors:

- Below is the data pertaining to the age ranges of the visitors of our website for this period. The demographic of 18 – 24 are spending as much time and visiting more pages than other age brackets.

Age	Users	New	Avg pages per session	Avg Session Time
55-64	264	171	3.35	3:11
65+	259	156	3.20	3:42
45-54	221	140	2.47	2:20
35-44	203	124	2.71	3:01
25 -34	177	132	2.82	1:57
18 -24	125	87	3:54	3:42

Audience Location

- Of the visitor sessions (new /returning) below are the Geography of our visitors by Country and by cities within the USA. The largest represented countries continue to be a majority of where we have ACMS societies.
 - Top 10 Countries
 1. United States = 1,890 -- 1,285 New
 2. Canada = 62 -- 56 New
 3. United Kingdom = 60 -- 54 New (31 Scotland/ 25 England / 2 N. Ireland / 1 Wales 1 Isle of Man)
 4. China = 37 -- 37 New
 5. S. Korea = 24 -- 24 New
 6. Australia = 18 -- 14 New
 7. Germany = 15 -- 12 New
 8. New Zealand = 8 -- 7 New
 9. Philippines = 7 -- 7 New
 10. France = 4 -- 4 New
 - Top 10 US States –
 1. North Carolina (189) -- 102 New
 2. Texas (138) -- 102 New
 3. California (113) -- 96 New
 4. Florida (105) -- 68 New
 5. New York (95) -- 57 New
 6. Massachusetts (93) -- 82 New
 7. Kansas (70) -- 53 New
 8. Georgia (66) -- 37 New
 9. Missouri (65) -- 29 New
 10. Virginia (64) -- 55 New

Pages

- Below is the data pertaining to the pages viewed the user navigations
 - 6,006 Page Views
 - 4,841 Unique Page Views
 - 1:32 average time on a page
 - 49.11% Bounce Rate
 - Top 8 pages viewed
 1. Home page = 1,805
 2. Genealogy = 459
 3. Join / Renew = 445
 4. Events = 369
 5. Photos = 221
 6. Septs = 195
 7. Regions = 140
 8. New England = 133
 9. Tartans and Crests = 125

Device Category

- The three types of devices are broken down by the type of device the users are found to be using during their session. There are three categories: Desktop, Tablet, Mobile. With the increase in tablet usage, this category will continue to outpace Mobile users and may in time replace Desktop as the number 1.
 - Desktop = 1,254 / 895 new
 - Mobile = 705 / 503 New
 - Tablet = 224 / 155 New
 - Top 5 Mobile Device (non-desktop) used. Apple devices continue to lead this category:
 1. Apple iPhone
 2. Apple iPad
 3. Not Set
 4. Samsung Galaxy S7
 5. Microsoft Windows RT Tablet

Browser and Operating System (OS) Summary

- The two top browsers are the two most popular pre-loaded Browsers onto any user's PC or device. The remaining correspond to the top devices OS used outside of a desktop user's browser:
 1. Chrome = 934 - - 651 New
 2. Safari = 609 - - 451 New
 3. FireFox = 181 - - 140 New
 4. Internet Explorer = 173 - - 100 New
 5. Edge = 122 - - 64 New

2. Award Chairman – Franklin Wyatt III



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

The Society Founded in 1954



December 1, 2017

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

This year there were a total of 44 individuals recognized for effort put forth for the Society. 11 shall receive Certificates of Service. 33 shall receive a letter of recognition as they are repeat recipients. The Certificates of Service shall be mailed out after the AGM. The winners of the Clans Person of the Year Award were John Norman and Judy MacLeod. With the resignation of Jack Lewis's there is now a need for a new member of the Awards Committee. The By-Laws require a minimum of three (3) members of Council to be on a Committee. Lastly the remaining MacCrimmon Quaich Medallions are in my possession.

This is the Awards Committee Report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Franklin Wyatt III
Chairman Awards Committee

Dorna Caskie	Karen McDonald
Joanne Crook	Ann M. McLeod
Bonnie MacLeod Denka	Bruce S. McLeod
Moreau P. Estes V	Cecil McLeod
Ian Good	Cynthia McLeod
Sharon Grenet	Donald C. McLeod
George Grintion	Don Mack McLeod
Gordon Lewis	Doug McLeod
Jack Lewis	Jeff McLeod
Diane MacAskill	John W. McLeod
Lloyd MacAskill	Karen McLeod
Anne L. MacLeod	Katherine McLeod
Eugene MacLeod	Priscilla H. McLeod
James Blount MacLeod	Col. Purdy B. McLeod jr.
John MacLeod	Robert J. McLeod jr
Linda MacLeod	Sandra J. McLeod
Sasha N. Macleod	Paul McVay
Cheryl McCaskill	Weeden R. Nichols
Lonnie F. McCaskill III	Marianne O'Loane
James "Tex" McCloud	Tim O'Loane
Matthew McCloud	Brenda Strickland
Sue McClure	Franklin Wyatt III

3. Migration Director – Ann McLeod

Clan MacLeod USA Report
Migration Director, Ann McLeod

Our migration database is now comprised of 55,000+ names and our current focus is to eliminate duplicate names and to try to provide as least a couple of sources, per person, to back up our facts. We get calls or e-mails every week seeking genealogy information, wanting to access our Tribalpages database or else wanting to know how to join Clan MacLeod, USA. For that reason alone I believe that this program is earning its keep. The information is stored on our personal computer using Family Tree Maker.com. This keeps the information protected and not accessible to others.

To enable our members to access our data and still protect it, the information is loaded on a program called Tribal Pages and is accessible only to our Clan MacLeod USA members. There are members who state they have joined the Clan just so that they can access our database and we hope that will continue.

At this time last year, there was a serious concern that the program that we had been using (Family Tree Maker by Ancestry.com) was about to be abandoned and would no longer be there to support our research. In preparation for this probability, we explored all available genealogy programs and purchased one known as Legacy. Although the program has a good history and many of their genealogy users think it is a great program, it was challenging for what we are doing with our migration research. However, we will continue to explore how it can best support us.

In the meantime, based on input from the Family Tree Maker users, Ancestry.com made a decision to help to try to find a way to keep the program alive. Since then it has been bought by the Software MacKiev company (connected to Family Search) and although there are some major changes, it still well supports our needs and we also bought that program. We will continue to work with both programs this year to ensure that we are retaining the one best suited to our needs.

4. Publicist Report – Judith MacLeod

PUBLICIST REPORT –

Dec. 2017

Judith MacLeod...judyanaperville@aol.com

We place ads in the following 3 PUBLICATIONS:

THE HIGHLANDER-magazine

SCOTTISH LIFE-magazine

SCOTTISH BANNER-newspaper

We are no longer a part of COSCA. Under Pres. Weeden Nichols leadership, the council decided that it did not serve us.

Both the Scottish Life Magazine and the Scottish Banner newspaper are now offering Links on their website to all their advertisers. This is new and a great way to get interested people connected to our Clan MacLeod USA website.

No articles have been submitted yet...however several articles are in the works, which involve Clan MacLeod members.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Judy MacLeod

Publicist, Clan MacLeod Soc. USA

5. National Secretary – Sandy McLeod

National Secretary - Alexandria 2017

11/1/2017

Quorum was achieved via electronic proxies received while the general meeting in Wilmington was in session. This confirms that the council as published in the Spring/Summer 2017 newsletter as well as Kris McFadden as Treasurer can make decisions and do business during the coming year. We need to make sure that more proxies are received ahead of the next annual meeting which will occur during Parliament in Scotland. I will be sending out a simple proxy in May, 2018 to all council members which could be used rather than the proxy published in the newsletter. Mr. Tutterow has emailed me that a simple proxy is sufficient. We need to make sure that we meet quorum in order to elect the next council.

Bob and I represented the Clan at 3 games after the AGM.

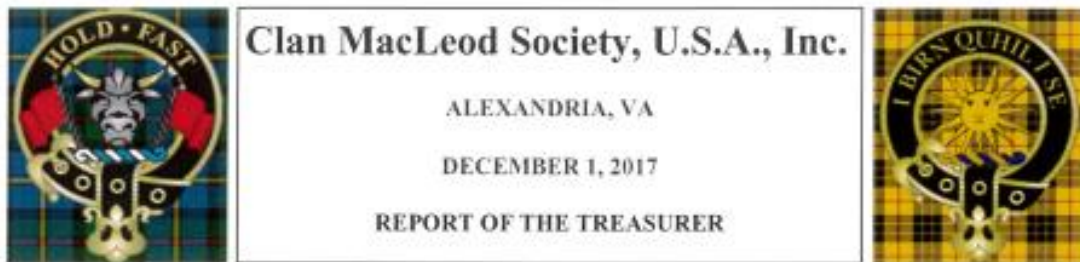
- New Hampshire Highland Game, Sept. 14-18, 2017
 - o Dorna Caskie brought all of John Stuart Macleod's supplies. During the 3 day game, 76 people signed the guest register, most of them with a MacLeod connection. Bob had sent emails to all of the New England Region members stating that we would be at the game and looking for a new RVP. We got several people who seem interested in manning this game including one man who volunteered his sister for the RVP role. She decided it was too time consuming.
 - o 5 new memberships.
 - o Dorna should be made acting RVP so that the funds for New England can be made available.
 - o Emily Feeney won the McCrimmon medal. The piping awards appreciated our being present and commented during the ceremony that it had not been awarded since 1992.
- Wilmington, NC Highland Game, Sept. 30, 2017
 - o This was a one day game with 11 people signing the guest register. Shaun McLeod who also came to the AGM with his 5 year old daughter helped at the tent.
 - o 1 new member for Florida.
- Calendonia Fest in Fayetteville, NC, Oct. 28, 2017
 - o This was to be a 2 day game, but we left at the end of the first day. We had lots of help: Lorna McLeod, Don McLeod, Tim and Marianne O'Loane, Franklin Wyatt III.
 - o 2 people other than the helpers signed the register and took information.
 - o This is a new festival and was difficult to find. Likely it will not continue, though there were fairly decent vendors.

Don't forget your Chief John stories.

Hold Fast,

Sandy McLeod

6. Treasurer – Kris McFadden



Accompanying this report is a balance sheet that shows we have \$38,663 in unrestricted funds and \$76,825 in our life member's reserve. Also attached are comparisons of the 2017 budget vs. actual expenses for twelve months ended October 31, budget vs. actual YTD for the 2017 budget, and a proposed budget for 2018. For the below comparison data we will use the budget vs. the twelve month actual expenses ending October 31, 2017.

2017

We had a good year financially, as we brought in over \$3,300 more than we spent. The major variances from our budget are explained below.

- (1) We received \$855 less in dues than budgeted.
- (2) President Nichols declined to accept his \$1,750 allocation.
- (3) Donations totaling \$2,330 were received that were not budgeted. Of this amount, \$2,000 was from donations to help support the newsletter. Thank You to everyone that donated. It is greatly appreciated.
- (4) Several 2017 RVP allocations have not been paid out yet and Jack Lewis sent back his unused funds after reconciling his region's books.

The generosity of our President and several others is the reason that our Society has managed to stay financially healthy.

2018 BUDGET

The 2018 budget is based upon our current membership of 916. I have again budgeted for two printed newsletters with color covers. The proposed budget projects a loss of about \$4,400.

MISCELLANEOUS

The 2016 income tax return has been filed as well as a report to the State of New York, where we're incorporated.

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

Respectfully,

Kris McFadden

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY, U.S.A., INC.
BALANCE SHEET AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2017

ASSETS

Unrestricted Funds	
Schwab	21,960
PayPal	1,231
Secretary's Account	8,672
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>31,863</u>
SC Region Holding Account	<u>3,625</u>
Invested Funds	
CD Due 11-13-18 1.25% Ally Bank	14,000
CD Due 10-25-19 1.75% Whitney Bank	15,000
CD due 10-26-20 2.00% Ally Bank	15,000
CD Due 10-21-21 2.15% Capital One	20,000
CD Due 11-1-22 2.35% Goldman Sachs	16,000
	<u>80,000</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>115,488</u></u>

Note: Life Membership Reserve is currently \$76,825

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY, U.S.A., INC.
BUDGET VS ACTUAL
2017 BUDGET VS NOVEMBER 1, 2016 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2017

	APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL 10/31/2017	POSITIVE (NEGATIVE) VARIANCE
RECEIPTS:			
DUES	18,725	17,870	(855)
INTEREST	950	990	40
DONATIONS	0	2,330	2,330
MISC.	2,500	2,520	20
TOTAL RECEIPTS	22,175	23,710	1,535
DISBURSEMENTS:			
ACMS DUES (892 x # @ 1.25)	1,115	1,061	54
ACMS MAGAZINE (892 x \$6.35)	7,448	7,202	246
NEWSLETTER	5,000	5,370	(370)
SECRETARY ACCOUNT			
Printing/Supplies	800	34	766
Postage	1,000	876	124
Office/Computer Supplies	100	0	100
Misc.	100	0	100
ADMINISTRATION			
Meeting	750	749	1
Misc.	500	50	450
PROMOTIONAL/OTHER			
Presidential Allocation	1,750	0	1,750
Regional VP Allocations (13 Regions x \$200) + (892 x \$ 3)	5,276	3,492	1,784
Publicity allocation	475	475	0
Migration Project	1,000	750	250
AGM Memorial Lecture	750	250	500
Service Awards	100	100	0
Internet Manager	0	0	0
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	26,164	20,410	5,754
EXCESS RECEIPTS/(DISBURSEMENTS)	(3,989)	3,300	7,289

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY, U.S.A., INC.
BUDGET VS ACTUAL YTD AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2017

	APPROVED BUDGET	ACTUAL 10/31/2017	POSITIVE (NEGATIVE) VARIANCE
RECEIPTS:			
DUES	18,725	14,565	(4,160)
INTEREST	950	989	39
DONATIONS	0	2,325	2,325
MISC.	2,500	2,500	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	22,175	20,380	(1,795)
DISBURSEMENTS:			
ACMS DUES (892 x # @ 1.25)	1,115	1,061	54
ACMS MAGAZINE (892 x \$8.35)	7,448	7,202	246
NEWSLETTER	8,200	5,370	2,830
SECRETARY ACCOUNT			
Printing/Supplies	800	34	766
Postage	1,000	826	174
Office/Computer Supplies	100	0	100
Misc.	100	0	100
ADMINISTRATION			
Meeting	750	0	750
Misc.	500	50	450
PROMOTIONAL/OTHER			
Presidential Allocation	1,750	0	1,750
Regional VP Allocations (13 Regions x \$200) + (892 x \$ 3)	5,276	3,178	2,098
Publicity allocation	475	475	0
Migration Project	1,000	750	250
AGM Memorial Lecture	750	250	500
Service Awards	100	100	0
Internet Manager	0	0	0
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	29,364	19,296	10,068
EXCESS RECEIPTS/(DISBURSEMENTS)	(7,189)	1,084	8,273

**CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY, U.S.A., INC.
2018 PROPOSED BUDGET**

RECEIPTS:

DUES	19,025
INTEREST	950
MISC.	2,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	22,475

DISBURSEMENTS:

ACMS DUES (916 x £1.00 @ \$1.25)	1,145
ACMS MAGAZINE (916 x \$8.35)	7,649
NEWSLETTER	5,400
SECRETARY ACCOUNT	
Printing/Supplies	800
Postage	1,000
Office/Computer Supplies	100
Misc.	100
ADMINISTRATION	
Meeting	750
Misc.	500
PROMOTIONAL/OTHER	
Presidential Allocation	1,750
Regional VP Allocations (13 Regions x \$200) + (916 x \$ 3)	5,348
Publicity allocation	475
Migration Project	1,000
AGM Memorial Lecture	750
Service Awards	100
Internet Manager	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	26,867

EXCESS RECEIPTS/(DISBURSEMENTS)

(4,392)

Note:

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

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA December 1, 2017

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

It seems that over the past few years I have been including (or not including) items in one year that belong in another year and not exactly remembering correctly for next year's report. You may not recall what last year's expenses were, but when I make a new report, I start with last year's report. So here, I am going to correct that. Below are several years worth of corrected secretary accounts.

Secretary Account (11/01/2013 thru 10/31/2014)

Beginning		\$ 5,098
Deposits		20,982
Transfer to Treasurer		(16,700)
Postal Services and Stamps	\$909	
Office Supplies	47	
Printing Supplies	417	
Miscellaneous	538	(1,911)
		\$ 7,469

Secretary Account (11/01/2014 thru 10/31/2015)

Beginning		\$ 7,469
Deposits		21,157
Transfer to Treasurer		(14,000)
Postal Services and Stamps	\$989	
Office Supplies	0	
Printing Supplies	0	
Miscellaneous	0	(989)
		\$ 13,637

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

Beginning		\$ 13,637
Deposits		17,482
Transfer to Treasurer		(25,200)
Postal Services and Stamps	\$879	
Office Supplies	0	
Printing Supplies	0	
Miscellaneous	0	(879)
		\$ 5,040

Secretary Account (11/01/2016 thru 10/31/2017)

Beginning		\$ 5,040
Deposits		18,092
Transfer to Treasurer		(13,550)
Postal Services and Stamps	\$876	
Office Supplies	34	
Printing Supplies	0	
Miscellaneous	0	(910)
		\$ 8,672

Region	Current Members					New Members (for year ending)					Dropped Members (for year ending)				
	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/17	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/17	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/17
New England (1)	72	67	62	58	65	10	1	6	5	12	5	7	12	10	6
Northeast (2)	43	39	40	41	50	10	3	3	6	14	1	8	7	9	4
Mid-Atlantic (3)	86	88	97	103	91	12	15	21	24	7	11	15	15	15	17
Carolinas (4)	98	105	103	118	119	11	16	17	14	22	20	15	23	18	27
Southeast (5)	100	120	96	105	113	27	43	15	16	21	23	25	43	19	17
Gulf Central (6)	53	48	44	48	49	10	7	9	13	7	10	12	12	10	9
Great Lakes (7)	107	103	91	97	107	13	15	9	17	17	30	16	17	13	10
Upper Midwest (8)	21	26	26	25	20	2	7	8	3	1	1	2	5	5	6
Missouri Valley (9)	40	43	50	48	44	2	6	9	7	2	8	3	2	5	8
South Central (10)	110	101	83	69	70	31	24	8	8	9	29	38	32	23	16
Southwest (11)	61	52	52	53	58	4	4	3	9	12	19	14	9	7	9
Pacific (12)	75	73	69	73	79	6	9	10	14	11	14	14	17	15	12
Northwest (13)	44	40	39	47	46	7	6	8	7	5	10	11	9	8	7
Canada & Overseas	7	7	8	7	5	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	1
TOTAL	917	912	860	892	916	145	157	127	143	140	183	181	203	159	149

8. Chaplain's Report – Robert Lewis

Clan MacLeod, USA Chaplain's Report for 2017

At the time I am writing this report, I have been in contact with six members to offer pastoral/spiritual care who were ill or had life events that was shared with me by other members on the council. I will keep the names of those people to myself via pastoral privilege.

Flowers of the Forest

Name	Date Card Sent	Notes
Phil Brooks' Son	12/30/16	Condolence Card to Phil who was the father of the deceased
Audrey Nicol	7/18/17	Condolence Card to Joan Nicol-Hokum who was daughter of the deceased
Neil McLeod	8/20/17	Condolence Card to June McLeod who was the wife of the deceased
Bill Nicholl*		

I have not yet acquired the information I need to send a condolence card to Bill Nicholl's family.

Faithfully Submitted,

Rev. Robert L. Lewis, Jr.
Chaplain

9. VP Regional Coordination – Robert McLeod

VP of Regional Coordination

December 1, 2017

I would like to thank Tex once again for setting up “CMS USA RVP Forum” on Facebook. I would like RVP’s to use this platform to share experiences, questions, ideas, etc with their fellow RVP’s. Since there is such a varying degree of experience among the ranks, sharing knowledge is beneficial to all.

We currently have two regions without a RVP, New England and Gulf Central.

In New England Sandy, Dorna, and myself represented Clan MacLeod at the Loon Mountain games and presented the McCrimmon Quaich. While there we did generate interest and am following up with two candidates. Dorna has volunteered to represent us at Loon Mountain again next year.

In the Gulf Central Region that opening was unexpected and came about quite suddenly. I have been talking with a young man that had worked with Jack Lewis in the past. He has offered to represent us at both Glasgow, KY and Nashville, TN. I have registered for two tent spaces at Nashville and Sandy and I will attend those games. Ricky Dupree has two very young children and doesn’t feel comfortable taking over at this time. I will continue to work with him and also search for other possible candidates as possible state or games commissioners.

After further discussions, I will be putting the final touches on an addendum to the SOP concerning the awarding of the McCrimmon Quaich. The final draft will be published on Tex’s Facebook site for comment before adding it to the members section of the website.

We continue to search for three Quaich’s, Pacific North West and Missouri Valley.

Hold Fast,

Robert J. McLeod

10. President – Weeden Nichols

CMSUSA President's Message
Fall 2017
Weeden Nichols, F.S.A. Scot.
President, CMSUSA

No doubt every president, present and past, and every member of Clan MacLeod Society USA, has his or her own vision of what our clan society is, and what it should be. I don't know what is in everyone's head, but I think our ideas would mostly be similar.

I think we are a family with a long and interestingly imperfect history, full of brave and dedicated forebears and clan kin (some percentage of those, whose conduct nobody could approve). We share a delightfully colorful shared heritage, of which we are rightfully proud. Unlike most Americans of the present, we have in common a place to put our feet in human history.

As a formal organization, we are a 501c3 entity, which confers upon us some not very difficult requirements. Other than those legal requirements, we are under only the normal requirements of civil and criminal law that apply to all citizens and organizations, plus the requirements we impose upon ourselves via our By-Laws. We are not like other 501c3 organizations (such as museums, for example). We have no "brick and mortar," or mortgages, or utility bills, or paid administrators, or paid staff. Those of us who voluntarily hold office, or who otherwise volunteer, do so out of love for our clan family and our Clan MacLeod Society USA, which helps bring us together to celebrate as family. We have no "unpaid mandates" or any mandates at all. What we have are expectations and understandings. For many offices we have stipends, which never make much of a dent in the expenses we incur in support of our clan society. (I decline the stipend I am authorized, as do many others who are entitled to a stipend.) Those who do accept their stipends have a simple statement to complete at the end of the year, attesting that they have incurred expense on behalf of CMSUSA. We have expectations of those who hold office, primarily that they do their jobs on behalf of CMSUSA as best they can, within the limits of their available time and resources. When a member is elected or appointed to an office, he or she is informed as to what is expected. The new officer then agrees to fulfill those expectations as his or her time and resources permit. Those whose job it is to interact with the public are expected exercise good behavior and to represent Clan MacLeod as favorably as possible. Regional Vice Presidents are expected to, not only represent Clan MacLeod favorably, but to report twice a year to Council, report twice a year to the *CMSUSA Newsletter*, to report problems and recommendations, and to respond to communications from key officers and Council. We, being mostly ordinary people with families, jobs, problems, and responsibilities, many officers are elected or appointed having fully disclosed that they have time limitations, money limitations, and geographical limitations. When there is full disclosure of limitations, and the person is still the best person available for the job, then there is an understanding that such is the case, and there is no complaint if the individual performs within his or her stated limitations. We are all volunteers. Generally, we love what we do, though there may be understandable moments of frustration. Volunteers cannot be ordered to do anything. We expect them to do what they have signed up to do. If we could order them, that would be a mandate. I also have desires simply as president, not supported by By-Laws, as to some details of performance by office holders. These I communicate, at the same time making it clear that I cannot, and do not wish to, force compliance. Call them executive preferences, if you will.

In my case (I should say our case, because my spouse Rosalie travels with me, serves as a sounding board for my ideas, contributes ideas, and shares the expense in all cases because we are a joint entity as a couple), I/we try, though we are imperfect, to be face and voice for CMSUSA during my tenure as president. We try to be as present as we possibly can to our far-flung clan society. We incur great

expense, which we can handle, and which we do not begrudge. We incur fatigue (possible due to advancing age), which we do not begrudge. It is a joy to be part of a family in the particular way that Clan MacLeod Society USA provides. It is my hope that most see their membership this way.

11. Youth Coordinator – Sasha Macleod



Clan MacLeod USA Inc.



Report from the Youth Coordinator

Bruce McLeod from New Zealand and I have still been communication about how to get youth interested and engaged. While we have tossed back and forth several ideas, we have no set plans. Recently, I reached out to a few former members of the North Room Group to try and get ideas and information from them.

I have not heard of anyone who is interested in attending the North Room Group for the next Parliament. If anyone knows of someone who may be interested in going to Parliament and being a part of the NRG, have them contact me as soon as possible.

The youth section in the newsletter has been going well. This summer I heard from one member that they find the stories as a nice way to keep the histories alive and share them with kids of all ages. This was what they are intended to do, so we are counting it as a success! I heard from another member that they found the stories interesting since he had never heard some of them before. This year's submissions were stories about Scotland's national flower the thistle and Roy Mor's Horn. I am excited to see this section grow and am hopeful that it will help engage and educate people of all ages.

Report on the 21st Century Committee

As our Facebook pages continue to grow so does our presence on social media. The feedback is positive, and they appear to be achieving the goal of helping to get basic information out to many members. The stickers remain available if anyone is interested. I have a few roles on hand for immediate mailing and getting more stock from the company takes only about a week or so.

As far as Twitter goes, several Clans have started to get on the platform and are trying to get in contact with members and potential members through this media. I do at this time believe that having a Clan MacLeod USA national Twitter account would serve us well. I am more than willing to take the current Twitter I have been using to monitor activity (Clan MacLeod USA – Missouri Valley Region) and turn it into a Clan MacLeod USA national account if this is something that we on the council are interested in doing. If that is the route we go, the Twitter feed would be mainly for events that the Clan MacLeod USA are planning to attend from any and all regions, National and International Holiday Celebrations, and Interesting Fact and Stories that are relevant to Scotland and The Clan MacLeod. Sadly I am unable to attend this meeting, but please let me know if there are any more questions, if this is something the council is ready to do at this time, or if the council would prefer to table and discuss at a later time.

As always, if you have any suggestions or would like information about how to start a social media account, or any ideas to help with engaging youth please contacts me. I stand ready to serve and am committed to success.

Hold Fast and Shine Brightly
Sasha

12. Dunvegan Foundation – John B. MacLeod

THE DUNVEGAN FOUNDATION OF THE CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY, USA, INC.

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THE DUNVEGAN FOUNDATION
FOUNDED 1960



Chairman's Report

December 1, 2017
Alexandria, Virginia

The Dunvegan Foundation of the Clan MacLeod Society, USA, continues to carry out its mission to preserve, protect and promote the heritage we share with Scotland. Its continuing success is made possible by the generous contributions of members of the Society and an endowment that continues to grow through that same generosity.

This morning, your Dunvegan Foundation funded projects totaling \$30,805. This is about the same as last year. You can find a list of specific grants attached.

Please note the Clan MacLeod Heritage Trust Challenge Grant transfer at the bottom. I'm happy to report that for the second year in a row this seems to be on track. It represents accrued interest on funds the Dunvegan Foundation holds in trust for the Clan MacLeod Heritage Trust, our counterpart in the UK. We will continue to work to keep this important support to the ACMS on track.

I'd like to call your attention to two additional items. The first is the annual mailing that each of you received in the last month. Rather than go with the format we have been using for the last several years, Don McLeod, our Treasurer, put the solicitation in a newsletter format to let the membership know about a few of the Foundation's projects. We hope to continue this format in years to come.

The second item is our support to the US Piping Foundation. In June, I represented the Foundation and Society at the USPF's Maclean Macleod Memorial Piping Championships in Newark, Delaware. Almost thirty competitors in both amateur and professional classes competed. Through its Dunvegan Foundation, the Clan MacLeod Society is supporting North America's next generation of top-tier pipers. The fact that it is being done in memory of Maclean, a great MacLeod and a great piper, made the event all the more satisfying.

As always, the other trustees and I would be delighted to answer questions at meetings like this one, whenever you think of them, or whenever you see any us.

Burning while I see,

John B. MacLeod

Dunvegan Foundation Grants
(payable in 2018)

Recipient	Purpose	Amount
Clan Macleod Society USA	Annual General Meeting Lecture	750
Clan Macleod Society USA	Migration Project	1,000
Old Dominion University Perry Library	Foundation Archives	1,000
Old Dominion University Perry Library	Macleod Book Collection	1,000
Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library		1,000
St Thomas Episcopal School	Piping Scholarship	1,000
St Thomas Episcopal School	Scottish Dance Scholarship	1,000
St Thomas Episcopal School	Drumming Scholarship	1,000
St Andrews Presbyterian College	Piping Scholarship	1,000
St Andrews Presbyterian College	Piping Scholarship	1,000
Lyon College	Piping Scholarship	1,000
Lyon College	Piping Scholarship	1,000
Ohio Scottish Arts School	Piping Scholarship	500
Ohio Scottish Arts School	Fiddling Scholarship	500
Ohio Scottish Arts School	Drumming Scholarship	500
Ohio Scottish Arts School	Harping Scholarship	500
The College of Wooster	Pipe Band General Support	1,500
The US Piping Foundation		3,500
Slighe Nan Gaidheal		1,250
Federation of US Teachers		2,500
Scottish Partnership for Arts & Education, Chesterfield, MO		1,000
Colum Cille Pipes and Drums, Mashpee, MA		1,000
Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival	Veterans Class Awards	250
Colorado Scottish Festival		1,400
Dundee Scottish Festival		1,000
Clan MacLeod Heritage Trust	Endowment proceeds	1,655
Iona Community	Dame Flora Macleod Scholarship	1,500
Durinish Parish Church	Clann Alisdair Ruadh Music Fund	500
Total		30,805

13. Upper Midwest Regional Report – Eugene McLeod

UPPER MIDWEST REGIONAL REPORT – DECEMBER, 2017

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ATTENDANCE AT 2017 GAMES

Milwaukee Highland Games, June 3, 2017, in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Jackie and I hosted the Clan MacLeod tent. Visitor turnout was light due to rainy weather.

Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games, July 15, 2017 in Eagan, Minnesota

Weeden and Rosalie Nichols helped Jackie and I host the tent on a hot and very humid day.

Wisconsin Highland Games, September 1 - 3, 2017 in Waukesha, Wisconsin

The weather was pleasant and we had a near record turnout. Our neighbors from the Great Lakes Region, John N MacLeod and Bill C MacLeod came up to visit and help us out.

FUTURE GAMES AND EVENTS

Milwaukee Highland Games, June 2, 2018, in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games, July 21, 2018 in Eagan, Minnesota

Wisconsin Highland Games, August 31 -September 2, 2018 in Waukesha, Wisconsin

MACCRIMMON QUAICH

We held our annual competition for the MacCrimmon Quaich at the 2017 Wisconsin Highland games in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Nathan Wilds from Tolono, Illinois won it. The award ceremonies were canceled due to stormy weather, so an engraved quaich and medal were mailed to him.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

No additional awards were given or received within the region. We will be recognizing some members for their long-term help and involvement in the coming year.

NEW ITEMS

According to the latest membership rolls, our numbers are down from last year. Paradoxically, we've had an uptick of "MacLeod" visitors to the clan tent in the past year and have handed out more membership application forms than in prior years. I am in the process of contacting dropped members and visitors who have signed in at the clan tent to try to reverse this trend.

Encouragingly, some of our newer members and our younger members with families have volunteered to help us out at future games. We will be taking them up on their offers to become more involved.

14. Southeast Region Report – Ann McLeod

Regional Vice President's Report – Southeast Region

November 2, 2017

2017-2018 Games attended with dates and Games scheduled.

October 21/22, 2017 Stone Mountain Highland Games and Celtic Festival, Stone Mountain, Georgia. The games were well attended. Those supporting with set-up/tear-down and running of the tent were Franklin Wyatt and Jeff and Cynthia McLeod. I could not have represented Clan MacLeod without their help.

Upcoming events:

January 13/14, 2018 Central Florida Highland Games and Celtic Festival, Winter Springs, Florida. The games are held at Central Winds Park in Winter Springs. Clan MacLeod is ably hosted by Matt McCloud. Southeast Region continues to financially support Matt with the space and tent rental for these games. He also continues to present a public persona of the Clan MacLeod that makes us proud to have Matt and his family among those we call clan.

February 24, 2018 Northeast Florida Highland Games, Green Cove Springs, Florida. We have potential conveners for these games in John and Linda McLeod. They will run the tent for Clan MacLeod to determine if they would like to continue in the future as conveners for Clan MacLeod.

March 3, 2018 Panama City Beach Highland Games, Panama City Beach, Florida. The games are held at Frank Brown Park which is just west of Panama City Beach. This is a very open area with plenty of room to expand. Clan MacLeod is honored clan for this year. Jeff and Cynthia McLeod will be the hosts for the Clan MacLeod tent.

March 17, 2018 Dothan, Alabama Highland Games, Dothan, Alabama. Clan MacLeod is honored clan at these games. The games are held at the fairgrounds on the eastern loop around Dothan. This will be their third year of operation. The first year was small but successful, the second year almost doubled in size and attendance from the first year. We hope that this third year will show even more growth.

May 5, 2018 Savannah Highland Games, Savannah, Georgia. The games are held on the Bethesda Academy main campus. These games have been great for attendance over the years and we feel that they will continue to attract many visitors.

June 9/10, 2018 Blairsville Highland Festival, Blairsville, Georgia. Clan MacLeod will be at Blairsville again in 2018. This two day event is set in an idyllic atmosphere in Meeks Park which is located just west of Blairsville on Highway 505. The vendors, Clan and Society tents and the athletics field meander along the path of a stream flowing through the park.

October 19/21, 2018 Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain State Park, Stone Mountain, Georgia. Clan MacLeod is honored clan and the honored guest is Chief John MacLeod of Raasay. The games organizers do not place too much burden on the guest of honor so there will be plenty of time to visit with Chief John and his wife, Lady Elizabeth. The host hotel for the Stone Mountain Games is the Hilton Atlanta Northeast but there are many closer to Stone Mountain Park and less expensive.

In 2017 the Southeast Region recognized the following persons for their support of Clan MacLeod Society and the Southeast Region:

Matt McCloud – Convener for the Central Florida Games

John and Linda McLeod – Assisting with Clan MacLeod at the Northeast Florida Games

Jeff and Cynthia McLeod – Assisting at the Dothan Games, Blairsville Games, and visiting games, in support of Clan MacLeod in Tennessee and Georgia.

Paul McVay – Supports the Dothan games and hosts the Ceilidh at his MacLeod's Publik House.

Moreau Estes – Moreau continues to sponsor Clan MacLeod at the NE Florida games.

Joanne Crook, Sharon Grenet, and Karen MacDonald continue to support Clan MacLeod at many games. They also organized, for the past three years, a whisky tasting at Defuniak Springs, Florida in November.

The MacCrimmon Quaich for grade I amateur Piobaireachd was awarded to Alasdair Martin at the Stone Mountain Highland Games. He received the Medallion to take home with him. Next year the Southeast Region will also give a small Quaich with plinth engraved with the name of the award and the year. This will be part of the MacCrimmon Quaich award as long as supplies last.

The MacCrimmon Quaich trophy was last up-dated three years ago. During the coming year the last three winners will have their names, along with the year they won, engraved on the trophy.

Since our last report the Southeast Region has remained stable in membership with losses off-set by gains. We are seeing more enthusiasm among younger people and hope this trend will continue as they are the future leaders of this society.

In addition to the games at which Southeast Region will represent Clan MacLeod, we will be at the Defuniak Springs, Florida Veterans Day celebration and the whisky tasting sponsored by "The Three Sisters" and the city of Defuniak Springs. We will also attend the Robert Burns Supper in Tallahassee, Florida and the Tartan Day Ball, also in Tallahassee, Florida.

Respectfully submitted:

Ann M. McLeod,

RVP Southeast Region

15. Pacific – Tammie Vawter

Tammie Vawter- Pacific Region 11/20/2017

While I will be there in person, here is the summary.

Pacific Region Games w Games tents:

Las Vegas
Sacramento
Costa Mesa
San Diego
Monterey
Pleasanton
Fresno
Dixon
Ventura

Commissioner: Jon Swindle

Possible Games for future reconsideration: Bakersfield next year.

A couple of other Games are under consideration, but depends on Commissioner availability. Dropped Reno as the couple manning a tent there retired and I simply could not get there.

Awards sponsored: "Most Promising young dancer" awarded at Costa Mesa, San Diego (local group splits it into two) & Ventura.

16. Carolinas Regional Report – Franklin Wyatt III



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

The Society Founded in 1954



November 20, 2017

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

In 2016 the Carolina Caledonian Festival was canceled due to Hurricane Matthew. It debuted in Fayetteville, NC this year. Members Bob and Sandy McLeod have sponsored the Clan MacLeod Society at this event. Their sponsorship is appreciated since the event adds cost to the activities in the Carolina's Region. All these events request a sponsorship cost. Some are quite expensive. This will be the last year in which the Charleston Scottish Games will be in September. Starting 2018 the event will take place in early November. Of special note is that at this year's Grandfather Mountain Games we had an exceptional good new membership tally. Lastly the Carolina's Region hosted the Clan MacLeod Society USA AGM in August 2017.

The Carolina's Region will be officially represented at seven (7) area events for the 2017 Games season. They are:

Myrtle Beach Games – March 24th & 25th 2017
Loch Norman Highland Games – April 6th, 7th & 8th 2017.
Bethabara Highland Games – May 13th 2017.
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games – July 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th 2017.
Charleston Scottish Games – September 16th 2017.
Scotland County Highland Games – October 6th & 7th 2017.
Carolina Caledonian Festival – 27th & 28th 2017.

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

The Carolina's Region awards the MacCrimmon Quaich at the Loch Norman Highland Games. The 2017 winner was Tony Adkins.

The 2017 winner of the Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod Trophy for the Open Piobaireachd was Nick Hudson and the 2017 winner of the Raymond J. McCabe Trophy was Kevin Darmadi. These trophies were awarded at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

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

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

17. Great Lakes – Judy MacLeod

RVP Great Lakes Region.....2017 Report

January found us at a Burns dinner with Neal McCloud and his family. We also visited Bill G. and Pat MacLeod with Bill C. and Irene MacLeod.

As we look forward to Spring and baseball, we wanted to mention The Cubs. Working to build this winning team has been **Jason McLeod**, the Cubs scout. Last year was so exciting for those of us who are fans.....we hope with McLeod's input they'll do it again!

Many thanks to **Michigan commissioners, Patrick and Erica McLeod** and **Southern Illinois commissioner, Michael McClure** for all their work setting up interesting MacLeod tents and representing us at the games. We would love to have help in Ohio and Indiana too.

This past June John & I celebrated our 50th Anniversary in Ann Arbor Michigan. For that reason we were not able to work the MacLeod tent for the Chicago Highland Games. Angus MacLeod and sister, Jenny MacLeod hosted the tent. They were very busy and happy to see so many MacLeod's come by to visit. There was great weather until later in the day when storms threatened the Mass Band performance.

July found us in Springfield, IL. at the games. There was a new location and the games are trying to build back up to their former attendance numbers. Michael McClure and his family put up a complex of 3 tents, 2 of which are dedicated to his JURASTIC SCOTLAND exhibit. This is a fabulous display of fossils from Is. of Skye and other places in Scotland. Complete with music from the movie sound track, flash lights, and passports to verify attendance!! We had a great deal of participation...however there were few MacLeod's that arrived. Hopefully future games will bring more.

We had a good turnout in Indiana this October. The clans were located in a different spot but we had good attendance and several new members. There was a lot of enthusiasm!! We are particularly proud of Damon Barth who came in 2d for the day in Athletics and is presently 6th in the country.

In November we took a trip to Michigan to see long time members Bernie and Edith McLeod up in Fennville. Later we visited with Richard & Cindy MacLeod from Dowagiac over a nice lunch. It is always nice to connect with MacLeod's!!

Respectfully!

Judy MacLeod

RVP Great Lakes Region

18. South Central – Tex McCloud

South Central Region Report

Personnel:

RVP - James "Tex" McCloud (texasmacleods@gmail.com)- Recruiting replacement unsuccessfully so far
Texas Commissioner- Vacant
North Texas Coordinator- Vacant
West Texas Coordinator- Vacant
Central Texas Coordinators (Salado Conveners for 2017) –Kelly and Trish McLeod, new volunteers
Oklahoma Commissioner- Vacant
Louisiana Commissioner- Vacant
Arkansas Commissioner- Vacant (Hoping to fill with Arkansas Scottish Convener for 2017 Ron McLeod, new volunteer)

Financials:

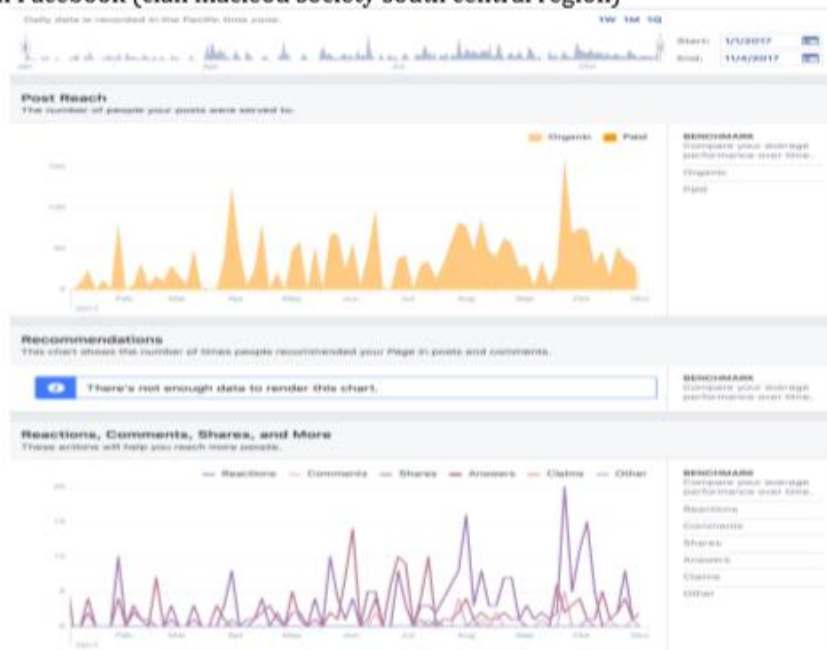
- CMS USA property on hand: One MacCrimmon Quaich and transit Box
- SCR Funds held for future SCR RVP tracked in national accounts

Operations Summary:

Region Webpage

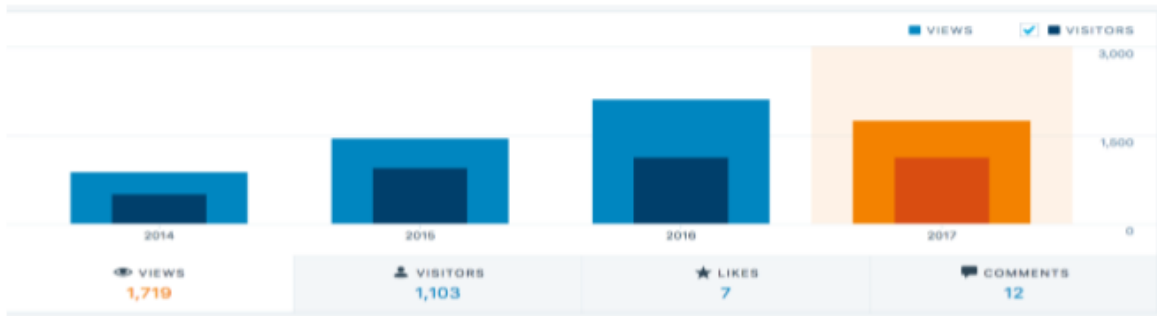
- Using my personally owned texasmacleods.com WordPress domain and SCR Facebook page for digital presence for the region

Region Facebook (clan macleod society south central region)



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

- Renewed lease of texasmacleods.com, and premium WordPress hosting --TCO is \$99 annually, Wordpress is free if accept ads
- Positive trend upwards
- 2014 - 865 views, 490 visitors, 8 "likes", 3 comments
- 2015 - 1437 views, 937 visitors, 0 "likes", 2 comments
- 2016 - 2081 views, 1108 visitors, 23 "likes", 4 comments
- 2017 - 1719 through 1 Nov, 1103 visitors, 7 "likes", 12 comments



Highland Games (6 of 11 possible) attended 2017:

Mar- Midland TX (West Texas)- Did a Clan Tent "In-Absentia" by providing games organizers forms and printable handouts and reimbursement for printing. Clan Morrison acted as hosts for the MacLeod in-absentia table

Apr- San Antonio TX (South Texas)- Local games to RVP, schedule conflict w/other games

Apr- Batesville, AR (Northeast Arkansas) - MacCrimmon Quaich Games. I provided the 2 basic banners (history and society) and forms, along with the registration fees, and CMS USA was represented by Ron McLeod

May- Texas Scottish/Arlington TX (North Texas) - Largest games in Region, 2017 was the last year for it, as UTA no longer permits the games to use the campus location

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

Nov- Salado, TX (Central Texas) - Oldest Games in TX. Local conveners Kelly and Trish McLeod have volunteered, and I will augment.

Region Games without CMS USA presence due to resource constraints:

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

Mar- Sherman TX, First year was 2017 and schedule conflict with several games

Apr- Minden, LA (Northwest Louisiana) – Searching for a LA State Commissioner to convene.

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

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

Successes:

- “Community of Interest” for RVPs now on Facebook in a private group – low participation, but the channel is open

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Challenges:

- Very low interest and turnout among members outside of Texas, within Texas large numbers of members, but total annual turnout is not more than 20 across all events
- RVP recruiting for a replacement, low interest due to the financial and time commitments
- Unclear what the Societies' goals are as far as critical success factors to measure in key performance indicators—Show how we should measure Region success, and it could change direction of efforts... Membership numbers as a goal is an empty target unless there is something to do to keep the members

19. Northeast Region Report – Bonnie Denka

Northeast Region Annual Report 2017

Regional Vice President

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Commissioners

Bruce McLeod- UpState, NY

William McLeod - NYC

Attendance at 2017 Games

Finger Lakes Celtic Festival, May 20, 2017 in Farmington , NY

Bruce McLeod hosted the tent with help from Bonnie MacLeod and family. Special guests, Weeden Nichols and his wife Rosalie.

Allegheny County Celtic Festival, June 23, 2017 in Cuba, NY

Bruce McLeod and family hosted the tent.

Fort Ticonderoga Scots Day, June 17, 2017, Ticonderoga, NY

Bonnie and family hosted the tent and took part in a Memorial at the Tomb of the Fallen Soldier

Dundee Scottish Festival, July 15, 2017, Dundee, NY

The Clan MacLeod sponsored the event, and Bruce McLeod hosted the tent with help from Bonnie and family

CNY Scottish Games, Aug 12, 2017 in Liverpool, NY

Bonnie MacLeod and family hosted the tent and held a Family Reunion with about 20 family members in attendance. MacCrimmon Quaich was awarded to Laureano Thomas Sanchez from Ohio, a previous winner at Loon Mountain

Buffalo Niagara Scottish Festival, August 19 & 20, 2017, in Amherst, NY

Bonnie and Family hosted the tent.

Quechee Highland Games, Aug 26 & 27, 2017 in Quechee, Vermont

Bonnie and family hosted the tent

Jamestown Scottish Games, August 26&27, 2017, Jamestown, NY

Bruce McLeod and family hosted the tent

Capital District Scottish Games, Sept 2&3, 2017 in Altamont, NY

Bonnie and family hosted the tent.

Niagara Celtic Festival, Sept 16&17, 2017 in Olcott Beach, NY

Bruce McLeod and family closed out the season at this event

Clan MacLeod Representation At Special Events

NYC Tartan Day Parade, April, 2017

"Tartan Tea", April 6, sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society

"Fall Dinner, Nov. 4, Celebrating St. Andrew's Day, sponsored by the St. Andrews Society

Kirkin' of the Tartan Service, Nov. 19, Skaneateles Presbyterian Church

Fundraiser for the CNY Scottish Games



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2017 Regional Events

Events Since Last Report

Southwest Missouri Celtic Festival and Highland Games

Dallas County Fairgrounds in Buffalo, Missouri on September 8th and 9th

This as always is a small but well attended event. These games are put on by the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce and the whole city seems to come out. We had a few members that would normally have seen at other events throughout the year come and visit with us here since we have lost several events in our region this year. Pictures from this event were posted on our Facebook feed. Jeff Campbell, Wendy Ships Bush, Deputy RVP Sasha Macleod and myself represented The Clan MacLeod at this event.

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Clan MacLeod USA Inc.



The Quad Cities Celtic Festival

Centennial Park in Davenport Iowa on September 15th and 16th

Peter Dunbar had agreed to run the event for us, but shortly before the event he informed us that instead he would not be setting up a tent but that he would still attend the event. He did submit a few photos from the event that were posted to our regional Facebook feed.

St. Louis Scottish Games and Cultural Festival

Spirit of St. Louis Park in Chesterfield, Missouri on September 29th and 30th

This was our largest event of the year in our region. The weather was perfect and the newer location seemed to fit the event very well. The tent this year had of course Clan MacLeod information but also had a large section about dinosaurs that have been discovered and excavated on The Isle of Skye. This was a highly interesting display and it drew in large numbers of people of all ages and from all Clans. Pictures from this event were also posted on our Facebook feed. Missouri Commissioners Ian Good and Mike McClure, Valarie Good and Mike's son Mike represented the Clan MacLeod at this event. Deputy RVP Sasha Macleod and I did attend the event but did not work the tent.

MacCrimmon Quaich

We still do not have an event that has a sanctioned piping competition here in our region.

Regional News

We are starting to work on hosting the 2019 AGM and would appreciate any help or ideas that anyone can give.

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21. Northwest Region – Scott Lewis

NORTHWEST REGIONAL REPORT – November 2017

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Games Attended

Ammon, Idaho Scottish Festival on May 13.
Skagit Valley Games on July 8th and 9th in Mount Vernon, Washington.
Spokane Games, August 5

Awards

No awards have been given or received

Other items to report

I have received the society funds from the previous RVP, but am still waiting on the package of materials. I'm still having issues with communications west of the Rockies. I have been unable to make contact with anyone from the western part of the region.