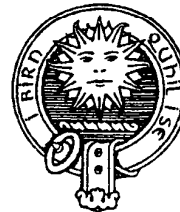


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CHIEF JOHN OF THE MACLEODS OF RAASAY IS THE HONORED GUEST and the Clan MacLeod is the honored clan at the 2015 Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Monday

SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF
CHARLESTON, INC.



- ★ Lunch with the President of the Scottish Society of Charleston
- ★ Whisky Tasting

- ★ Early Visit to Boone Hall
- ★ Citadel Parade
- ★ Sponsor's Reception, Tartan Ball

- ★ Chief John Honored Guest, Clan MacLeod Honored Clan at the Charleston Games
- ★ Many people to greet

- ★ Kirkin' of the tartan
- ★ Visit to McLeod Plantation

- ★ Karolea / Charleston Society Tour of the City and historic Fort Sumter

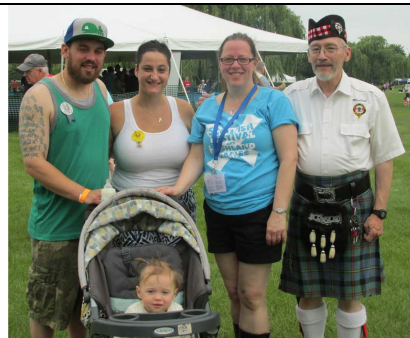


We are grateful to Chief John for his tireless and enthusiastic support of the Clan MacLeod. More on his visit to Charleston on page 6. Also, enjoy more photos at www.clanmacleodusa.org. Under "Photos" scroll to "2015 Chief John – Raasay – Charleston Visit"

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GREAT LAKES REGION FAMILY TIME

At the Chicago games, from right: Neil McCloud, daughter Stacy, grandson Andrew and his wife Christina, and in front great granddaughter Gianna.



Collecting MacLeods for the clan parade in Ohio! From left: Amy Kennedy and friend, Dottie Hatcher and husband, John MacLeod, and Karen Lloyd.

MID-ATLANTIC NEWS BITE

The 60th year anniversary cake for the Clan MacLeod USA, enjoyed at the Alexandria mid-year AGM in 2015. Many thanks to Joanie MacLeod, procurer and photographer!

GULF CENTRAL REGION MAKING NEW FRIENDS AND KEEPING THE OLD

Carol McClure Tischer ★ Tom and Karen MacLeod ★ Kathuryn Hart ★ Jamie Rowe with Ricky Dupree ★ Melinda Richards

NORTHEAST REGION CELEBRATES TARTAN DAY 2015 IN NEW YORK

Our young MacLeods lead the way!



Priscilla Carles Glantz with Parade Grand Marshall, Scottish actor Graham McTavish



Good turnout with about 27 either marching, spectating, or lunching with us.



MacLeod banner people on the march!

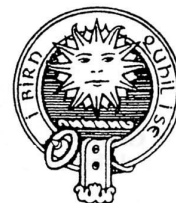


Maddie, Aviva, Olivia, Lilli from Perth, Australia, Ruth from Glen Aldie (near Inverness) Scotland



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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See also «Special Appointments Made During the Milwaukee AGM» on page 5.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The purpose of this message will be to summarize what I said in my brief acceptance speech at our lovely Milwaukee AGM. (See Eugene's summary on page 15, and thanks again to the committee for a wonderful event, start to finish.)

In my opinion there are only two basic models of leadership in

a country like the United States of America. I will call them the Command Model and the Democratic Model. The Command Model is characteristic, for example, of hierarchical religious organizations, the corporate world, governmental agencies, and the military. In the Command Model, the leader is appointed from above, and he/she answers to the authority that appointed him/her. The leader is responsible for using the members' talents and abilities to the best advantage of the organization, has a moral/ethical responsibility not to ignore the well-being of the membership, but is not answerable to the membership. On the other hand, in the Democratic Model the leader is elected by the membership and is responsible both for and to the membership.

As president, I am, and will remain, very aware that I am responsible to the membership. I am, and will remain, very available – responding in a timely and thoughtful manner to all

A MACLEOD LAMENTS...

2015 may go down for me as a year in which a number of things looked promising, but somehow went terribly wrong.

I'm not referring simply to my usual "the dog ate my homework" series of woes that have delayed this newsletter. However, this time they included very unique events like having to leave Scotland suddenly because immigration policies have changed and my volunteer work there now requires a visa (it is in the works), and I seriously injured both of my hands. (The left one got trapped in a nasty industrial gate on Bute, and the right one fell victim to some dangerously dull kitchen knives on Cape Cod.)

Those events took place late September and October, but my misadventures really began in June. I probably took the most complicated route possible from Boston to our AGM in Milwaukee, courtesy of the ground staff at Southwest Airlines. Without getting into the blow-by-blow, I'll just say that my luggage went via Atlanta (without me), and I flew only as far as Chicago, where I had to rent a car. I then drove it to the Milwaukee airport and waited patiently for my luggage to arrive from Georgia.

Then, after the AGM - WHICH WAS AWESOME (see page 15) - I took on the assignment of driving a U-Haul full of MacLeod genealogy books from the home of the outgoing ACMS Business Manager, Bill McLeod in Victoria, Texas, to the home of the incoming ACMS Business Manager (our own Pacific RVP) Tammie Vawter in Fresno, California. This should have been a pleasant trip, staying with family and friends along the way, but I managed to make it more difficult.

The first day on the road, I decided to drive non-stop from Victoria to Phoenix, Arizona. Weeden had wisely advised me to stay with him and Rosalie in Las Cruces, a sensible half-way point, but I kept going. After piloting the ten foot panel truck 1,100 miles in 18 hours, I stumbled into the home of my friends in Phoenix. By then, I was hallucinating. And I think the only reason why I didn't run out of gas on the highway was because Arizona is on Pacific time, and

observations and queries. I already have taken some actions and participated in the initiation of a committee. Any action I take and any committee or program I authorize between Council meetings will be an interim action, interim committee, or interim program, until confirmed by Council. When confirmed by council, the actions, committees, or programs will become creatures of Council (as, in a sense, I as president also am). As president, I work for Council and the membership. I will communicate. I will travel and visit, to the extent that health, time, and finances permit. So far this year, on behalf of CMSUSA I have visited Albuquerque, Milwaukee, and San Diego. During the remainder of the year, I intend to visit Hamilton, Montana; Charleston, South Carolina; McPherson, Kansas; Murray, Kentucky; Salado, Texas; and Alexandria, Virginia.

Finally, there are members of CMSUSA who are older as members than I, and members who are older in chronological age than I, but I am very old in chronological age to be assuming the presidency. I shall be only a fraction of a year from my eightieth birthday when I finish this tour of duty. So there undoubtedly will be times I need help. I have full confidence that I shall receive the help I need when I need it.

Thank you for your confidence.

Weeden Nichols

President, Clan MacLeod Society USA

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the gas stations were all open an extra hour later for me. The remainder of the trip was completed in less exhausting, three or four hundred mile segments, and the books and I arrived safely in Fresno. Bill and Tammie were both wonderful hosts, and the mission was accomplished. But it probably took me a month to recover when I finally got home.



And, "Oops." I should also report that your editor incorrectly identified Alasdair Crotach in the stone carving, known as "The Hunting Scene," which appears on the wall of his tomb in St. Clement's Church, on the Isle of Harris. I knew he was one of the three figures, but after having no luck finding any key to who was who on the internet, I decided that the Crotach must be the person who appeared to be the most hunchbacked (on the far LEFT).

Thankfully, Ruari Halford-MacLeod, a brilliant chronicler of the Church at Rodel, corrected me, but not before my mistake had been published ON THE COVER (of course) of the CMS USA Spring/Summer 2015 newsletter. Ruari has advised:

"Alasdair Crotach is the figure on the right, he is wearing an aketon - padded coat - and a bascinet, or steel helmet. The two other figures are his huntsmen with their dogs on slip leads." So the Crotach is on the far RIGHT in the carving!

Still shining and birning, and determined to sharpen my knives, plan my trips, and check my sources better in the future,

Dorna Caskie

Newsletter Editor, Clan MacLeod USA

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FEATURED ARTICLES

Interim appointments made during the Milwaukee AGM

During the AGM in Milwaukee, incoming President Weeden made two interim appointments: Sasha MacLeod, of Kansas City, Kansas (Missouri Valley Region) will serve as CMS USA Youth Membership Coordinator, and John Stuart Macleod, will chair a new "21st Century Communications Committee." - - Ed



YOUTH MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR: AN INTRODUCTION

By Sasha Macleod

As the new YMC, my goal is a simple one: I want to engage, encourage, and welcome as many youth and young adults as possible into the Clan MacLeod Society. Together, we will find new ways for our Clan to interact and connect with younger MacLeods so that our Society can continue to thrive and share our heritage.

To begin this journey, we have already improved the presence of the Clan MacLeod Society on social media. Several regions here in the USA have already started their own Facebook pages, and the Missouri Valley Region has recently started a Twitter feed. This is only a small part of what we hope to accomplish, but it is an encouraging start.

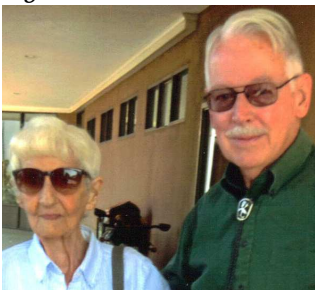
Reaching out and simply letting younger people know both who we are as well as what our objectives are is only a first step. We have already had some measurable success introducing ourselves, but the next step is to get young people connected and engaged.

Right now I am planning to attend the 2016 North American Gathering in Merritt, BC, and would love to hear from any other young MacLeods who may be there. Also, if you are interested in the links for any of the social media pages, helping out with one of the pages, or if you have any suggestions for new ways in which we might reach out and inspire our young MacLeods, please contact me directly at Sasha_ClanMacLeod@outlook.com.

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NINETY-YEAR-OLD BECOMES FIRST-TIME MEMBER OF SW REGION AND CMS USA

By Weeden Nichols



In August this year, a friend contacted me and asked that I meet with a ninety-year-old woman who was interested in her Scots heritage. I agreed, and enjoyed a pleasant visit and conversation with Gladys Marie (Sammy) McCluskey Brackeen, at left. I explained that McCluskey is a variant of

McCluskey/ McCaskie/ MacAskill, and that she is a member of one of the most prominent septs of Clan MacLeod.

Sammy is now an official member of CMS USA. We may have recruited ninety-year-old first-time members before, but I'll bet they are few and far between. Welcome to the clan, and your new family, Sammy!

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21ST CENTURY COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE: PROJECT PLAN

By J.S. Macleod

The objective of the Committee is to utilize current social media to broaden the method of communication and visibility of the Clan MacLeod Society USA. The team will use

Facebook social communication tools in regional areas to promote local events and communications.

Goals

- Reach more diverse populations sharing our culture and knowledge in real time via social media.
- Create regional Facebook page with local events, notifications and communications.
- Receive positive feedback from members.

Impact and metrics to be measured

- Likes of page over time, posts to page over time, number of pictures added from events, likes of pictures, resulting interest in the Society, and new members resulting from the pages.

Requirements

- Administrators by regional VP's or representative are knowledgeable and willing.
- Current regional activities will be posted.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Set up regional Facebook pages administered by regional VP's or representative.
- Administrators consistently monitor for appropriate content and edit posts to ensure quality.
- Administrators provide updates and responses to questions or events in reliable time frame.
- Administrators like pages appropriate to Society rules.
- Team members poll local areas for events and venues to post as items of interest.
- Team members gather regional or Society information to post as needed.
- Team members provide feedback to improve quality.
- Invite local societies, groups, bands, to like page and post comments.

Project schedule

- July 2015: Set up regional Facebook pages.
- August 2015: Review metrics, feedback.

Plans for project communications

- TBD

Plans for ensuring project quality

- Facebook page standards.
 - ☐ Content appropriate with images of local staff and tents.
 - ☐ Security settings adhered to project team guidelines.
- If an administrator is not able to update page with current information, an alternate administrator will be assigned.

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Chief John of the MacLeods of Raasay, guest of honor at Charleston Games

By Franklin Wyatt III

The 2015 Charleston Games was the culmination of 2 years work preparing for the Chief's visit and supporting the recognition of Clan MacLeod as the honored clan at this important gathering. At this point I want to thank the following people who assisted me most during Chief John's visit – First Chief John Macleod of Raasay whose attendance made all this happen, then Karen, Cecil and Doug McLeod, John W. and Ann McLeod, Ron Hays President of the Charleston Scottish Society, Bill and Maureen McDaniel Scottish Society of Charleston, Karolea Lucas Scottish Society of Charleston, Tim and Marianne O'Loane and the many members of Clan MacLeod who attended the Games. The Games had asked that we be the Honored Clan with the Honored Guest for the 2014 Games Season. I declined this request but said I would plan for the 2015 Games. The first task was to fill the Honored Guest needs. In 2014 at Parliament I asked Chief John of Raasay to be the Honored Guest. He accepted and the work began to get him here. There was constant communications between Chief John, the Scottish Society of Charleston, members of Clan MacLeod and myself.

On September 16th 2015 all the hard work came to fruition with the arrival of Chief John of Raasay at the Charleston International Airport. Chief John said that his travel time was 34 hours from Hobart, Tasmania to Charleston, South Carolina. I told Chief John that little was planned for Thursday so that he could begin adjusting. Thursday we had a lunch meeting with the President of the Scottish Society of Charleston to review details associated with Chief John's stay. Later that evening Chief John attended the Whiskey Tasting, which he enjoyed. One of the Whiskeys presented was Highland Park which the Chief expressed as his favorite.

Friday, we took Chief John out to the Games field at Boone Hall Plantation. While we were unloading and arranging at the tent he was out viewing the plantation. That afternoon Chief John was guest of the President of the Citadel for a special ceremony "returning of a sword" from the Canadian Government and then the "Parade" of the Cadets. It was an impressive event. Doug McLeod, a former cadet at the Citadel was there to answer any questions Chief John might have. There were also members of the Citadel administration and members of Clan MacLeod. The last event on Friday was the Sponsors Reception and Tartan Ball. With all the pomp and ceremony of the event the Chief and dignitaries were piped in. Unfortunately for Chief John he spent much time meeting and greeting people and didn't get to the food until it was nearly all consumed. I understand that there was many a lady that was disappointed by not being able to dance with the Chief.

Saturday out to the Games Field and finish setting up the tent. Shortly after I arrived many others began to arrive. Soon there were many MacLeod's at the tent to meet and greet each other and Chief John. The Games Day weather was typical of Charleston – hot and humid but there was a breeze and it was partly cloudy. For me the day was a blur. So much was going on at one time – setting up the work table at the tent, getting banners and flag out, setting up the food and drink tables, putting chairs out, answering questions – thank goodness there were others helping. And then the people came. I will not try and name names since it would fill up a page. Let it be said that the MacLeod's had a large contingency of people. I will note

that members of the MacAskill Society visited the tent. They were having their annual gathering this same weekend in Charleston.

For the parade of Tartans Chief John wanted to march with the members. Unfortunately as Honored Guest he had to view the clans as they passed in review, speak a few words and then announce the opening of the Games. After the Parade of Tartans, Ron Hayes took Chief John about to visit the other clan tents. He was gone most of the afternoon. There was a brief time when he returned to the MacLeod tent and was given food and water before being whisked off by Ron Hayes again. Finally toward the end of the day Chief John made it to the tent to stay. At the end of the Games the plan was to stay on the field and allow members to meet Chief John at a more personal level. Fortunately for me everyone was ready to leave. A group of us, including the Chief went to dinner and then turned in for an early ending of the day.

Sunday was another busy day for the Chief. First there was the church service at First (Scots) Presbyterian (a good service), followed by a reception for the Chief at the church and then to MacLeod Plantation where Chief John was asked to speak about his Scottish ancestry by a group called "Friends of the MacLeods."



See the video on YouTube, Chief John MacLeod of Raasay Visits McLeod Plantation in Charleston, SC, by Corie Hipp:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYRpRuF8Q8Y



Chief John, at left speaks at the McLeod Plantation and discusses his Scottish heritage and the process by which his Chiefship was passed to him.

For those who wish to see more coverage of the visit, there should be a feature in the Friends of the McLeod Plantation newsletter at www.friendsofmcleod.org, and photos can be found on their Facebook page "The Friends of McLeod." We finished the day with seafood at the Crab House, a restaurant on the Intracoastal Waterway. On Monday, Karolea Lucas took Chief John on a tour of Charleston, finishing with a trip to Fort Sumter. We picked-up Chief John for dinner and then went to Karen and Cecil's house to relax and have some social time. Pipes and Skye, Karen and Cecil's Scotties, entertained us off and on with great enthusiasm. It was an enjoyable time. We returned Chief John to the hotel for his last night in Charleston. On Tuesday he left for Tasmania and I drove home, the culmination of an excellent long weekend.

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Rediscovering our many Clan MacLeod Chiefs

By Kris McFadden
Utah State Commissioner

It is the end of "The Year of the Crotach." The person who inspired this effort to focus on the greater and deeper history of the Clan MacLeod through our chiefs is Kris McFadden. His idea seems to have caught on, and received a lot of attention at the AGM in Milwaukee. Kris had prepared some written remarks on the project, which I wanted to read at our dinner on Saturday night, but I managed to misplace the paper at the last minute. So with apologies to Kris, here are his words.

We are going to continue to explore our Chiefs next year, and bring attention to a more modern Chief, Norman MacLeod of MacLeod. This Norman was the 25th Chief and the grandfather of Dame Flora.

While we may not always agree with their actions, we can learn a great deal about our MacLeod legacy by understanding how and why our Chiefs responded to the circumstances in which they found their country, their Clan, and themselves personally. Norman lived through challenging and changing times, the legacy of which impacts us still today. It's going to be an interesting year!
- - Ed

What was the clan system? It had some aspects of feudalism but clansmen were not just some nameless serfs. The clan was made up of relatives and friends who bonded together for protection. As time went on, the chief "owned" the land and a rent was to be paid. But he had the responsibility to defend the clan from invaders (foreign and domestic) and to try to make life better for everyone. Invaders changed over time from just bands of raiders to other clans to other nations and even the king and his feudal lord's political dealings.



20th century clansfolk, on St. Kilda, before the evacuation.

We see the changes continuing today. Although it would have been inspiring to see Dame Flora leading a charge of MacLeod warriors and wielding her claymore against the MacDonalds, her weapons were the pen, the spoken word, persistence, and a dream. These weapons touched, persuaded, and inspired many of her clansmen and countless others. We do not have to face off on a field of battle, but politics, economics, and public relations have over time complemented and then replaced the fierce war leader.

There is a fine line between lionizing the chiefs and over humanizing them. Some were great and did great things for the clan. Some - like the Red Man - not so much. But we need to embrace the bad with the good. We may look at some of their acts and decisions using our 21st century values, and think how awful things were. But we can also try to understand what was done from their point of view.

I have heard stories of my boxing con artist, baseball playing grandfather who mended his ways and got a "real" job (milkman) so he could marry my MacLeod grandmother. I have heard that her ancestors were Tories in New York state, fought on the side of the Loyalists during the Revolutionary War, and moved to Canada afterwards.

But who were they before they emigrated to the United States? I know they were proud to be MacLeods. But what does this mean? Most of the deeds of the MacLeods are written in conjunction with actions taken by the Chiefs. Learning about the Chiefs and their times will help us understand what our ancestors' lives were like, and why they were so proud to be MacLeods. This understanding helps us turn our hearts to our own fathers and mothers, and to reach out as fathers and mothers to the hearts of our children.

Because the highlands were established with the clan system of family, safety, and belonging, it is bred into us. We still hold to these clan bonds even though we are spread across the world. We also have new bonds of work, extended family, and friends wherever we are, but we still hold onto those ancient bonds of clanship. The current chiefs and the chiefs of the past can be our examples of how we may be able to help our family and protect the ones we love. To have a better future we MUST remember our past.

So please learn about our many MacLeod chiefs, and along with them the many forces that have contributed to our clan's complex and remarkable history. And share what you learn with your children, and with the rest of us.

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A NOTE ON THE "BUSINESS CARDS" YOU MAY HAVE SPOTTED IN THIS ISSUE:

The CMS USA Council approved a pilot project to invite members' businesses to place free, business card-sized ads in our CMS USA newsletters in 2015. The purpose is to see if these ads would be useful for businesses trying to reach our members, with an eye toward revenue generation in the future. These ads will be printed in the black and white pages, space permitting, with priority given to members' and Scottish-themed ads. You don't have to be a member to participate in this project!

Contact the Newsletter Editor (see page 3) for more information.

CLAN MACLEOD RECOMMENDS...

MacLeods are invited to share information about Scottish products, entertainment, events, or travel options.

YET ANOTHER AMAZING SKYE VIDEO

Recommended by Judy and John MacLeod



Trotternish and the Quiraing: always spectacular

"Scotland from Above in High Definition - Isle of Skye to Ben Nevis" is a terrific video that can be found at <https://youtu.be/enSXkLj9iuo>. It includes familiar sights such as the Quiraing and Dunvegan Castle, but presents them very beautifully and integrates Skye's geology and human history with the surrounding area.

The video is a short film, one of many in a series called "The World From Above." These aerial programs offer a view of the world from 10,000 feet down to practically ground level. Stabilized high definition aerial cameras are used to create especially dramatic and vivid footage. The series is the product of an award-winning company known as "Television and Film Productions plc," which can be found online at www.tvfinternational.com.

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The above cartoon was brought to you by Jack Lewis

HIT THE ROAD WITH THE NORTH COAST 500!



It's billed as "Scotland's brand new tourist route." The 500-mile "North Coast 500" stretches across the north coast of the Highlands, taking in some of Scotland's finest coastal scenery and hidden gems, from ruined castles to sea caves and deserted beaches. (There's a lot of Scotland north of Inverness!) However, some of us in the Clan MacLeod discovered this area for ourselves at Parliament in 2010. The route dips down as far south as Loch Carron, near Skye, and includes Inchnadamph, Lochinver, and the outrageous B869. You can find more information at www.visitscotland.com, or if you search for #nc500 on Facebook.

If the North Coast 500 doesn't appeal to you – and if you just can't wait until Parliament 2018, Visit Scotland also has a great do-it-yourself itinerary at www.visitscotland.com/en-us/see-do/itineraries/ancestry/clans-m-z/macleod.

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MACLEOD OKTOBERFEST 2016

The 2015 MacLeod Oktoberfest on the Baltic Sea, a.k.a. the "German Riviera," was an absolute delight, and featured music, dancing, art, an antique train excursion, castles, ancient churches incorporating biblical and pre-Christian iconography, beach walks through history, zip-lining through the trees behind our hotel, a UNESCO World Heritage site, really good beer, and MACLEODS!

We need to do it again! More information will be available in the Spring/Summer 2016 newsletter. If you are interested, keep the final days of September and the first weekend in October free!

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Moving Image Archive

ST. KILDA - BRITAIN'S LONELIEST ISLE

The Scottish screen archives at the National Library of Scotland have a number of films that are available to view or to purchase. This St. Kilda film was made in 1923 and 1928, before the population was evacuated. It is 18 minutes long, silent, and in black and white. It includes some footage of Dunvegan.

More information is available at the NLS website, <http://movingimage.nls.uk/film/0418>. If you check under "related films" you will find other material on St. Kilda, all from before the evacuation.

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PASSWORD FOR THE CMS USA WEBSITE

The Clan MacLeod USA's website address is <http://www.clanmacleodusa.org>. There you will find information about MacLeods, our organization, upcoming events, the Dunvegan Foundation, and other topics.

To access working documents for our Regional VPs and organizational reports, click on the "Members" button and log in:

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Both the user name and password are all lowercase letters, with no embedded spaces.

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FAMILY RECIPES FROM ISLE OF SCALPAY, SCOTLAND

Recommended by Judy MacLeod

In 2000, John N. MacLeod followed his genealogical trail to the Isle of Scalpay off the Isle of Harris in the Outer Hebrides. Here he found Ella (Finella) MacLeod, John's distant cousin, working at the island's public school as the cook. Over the years, we gained first hand knowledge of her expertise in the kitchen from the many meals she prepared for us during visits. In addition, we would meet people who praised her school meals that they had eaten over the years of their schooling. We thought you would enjoy trying some of them!

Dropped Scones (these look like our small pancakes)

- 2 eggs
- 8 ounces flour
- 3 ounces sugar
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 ½ teaspoon cream of tartar
- Pinch of salt
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 teaspoons cooking oil, plus a bit more for the pan
- 8 tablespoons milk

Preheat frying pan or griddle. To make the batter, sift the dry ingredients together. Add eggs, oil, and milk, and beat well.

Very lightly brush oil on the hot pan. Drop spoonfuls of the batter on the hot pan. They should be ready to flip when

batter appears firm. When they are golden brown on both sides, remove them from the pan and cool between the folds of a tea towel, so that they won't dry out.

Serve with Clotted Cream, Jam or Honey or all of them!!

Bread and Butter Pudding

- 12 slices of white bread with the crust removed
- 4 ounces butter
- 6 ounces mixed fruit or raisins
- Zest of 2 lemons
- 4 ounces brown sugar
- 1 pint of milk
- 2 eggs

Butter bread slices, then cut them into one inch triangles. Place half of the triangles, butter side down, in an 8 inch by 8 inch baking dish. Sprinkle half of the sugar, fruit, and lemon zest evenly over the bread. Layer on the rest of bread, butter side down. Sprinkle with the remaining sugar, fruit and zest.

Beat together the eggs and milk and pour it over the contents of the baking dish. Let it sit and soak for one hour.

Bake at 350° for 40 minutes.

Serve warm with cream, honey or ice cream. As a variation, spread some jam on the bread before layering it.

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DIVA WITH A DIFFERENCE



Just in time for the holidays we have learned about Diva Designs, offering "bold, statement jewelry" featuring original work by Lynda Moseley of South Carolina. She includes a lot of "Loud" and Raasay MacLeod tartan (but no Harris) in her pieces. If you go to her internet storefront on Etsy (www.etsy.com/shop/DivaDesignsInc/) and search for "macleod," you'll get quite an eyeful of unique jewelry featuring handmade polymer beads and unusual findings.

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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 currently **Crotach**. After December 15, 2016, the password will be:

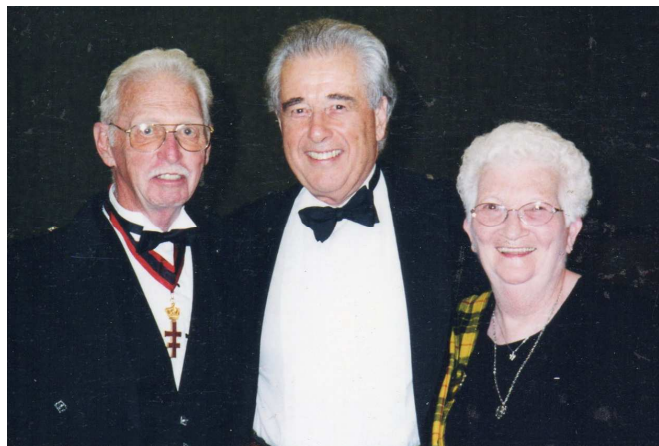
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BIG NEWS: Our US database now has over 45,000 names! Any questions? Please contact Annie McLeod. (See page 3 for her contact details.)

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Donald B. MacLeod

June 1, 1930 – April 12, 2015



Don and Janet MacLeod flank Chief John MacLeod of MacLeod, at Dunvegan in Scotland

Donald was born in Rochester NY on June 1st 1930 to Leland and Daisy MacLeod. He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. Donald is predeceased by his devoted wife Janet. Survived by his loving children Donald (Mary), Kathleen (Paul) McManus and Constance (Jon) Ulicny; his cherished grandchildren Steven and Kelsey Mason, Delila MacLeod and many other family and friends.

Upon coming back to the states Don returned to his job at the R G & E where he worked his way up the ladder from bill deliverer to Fuels Buyer for Rochester.

Over the years, Don was very involved with the Greece Town Youth Board.

Donald was also a founding member of the Rochester Scottish Heritage Society, which inspired his affection and respect for the Children's Hospice Association of Scotland (C.H.A.S.) On one of Don's trips to Scotland he was able to see firsthand the amazing things C.H.A.S. does for children and their families.

After his retirement, Don and Janet were able to travel as they had always dreamed to do. They connected with the Clan MacLeod Society USA, which led them on journeys from Nova Scotia to San Francisco and from Chicago to Texas. He enjoyed the people and traveling so much he found his way to be President of the Clan MacLeod Society of the USA. One of his favorite moments was meeting and getting to know John MacLeod of MacLeod, the Chief of the Clan MacLeod, who lived in Dunvegan Castle in Scotland.

One of Don's favorite places to be was out on the golf course. He always said, "It doesn't matter how you shoot as long as you are out on the course!"

Donald was a man that loved life and lived it to the fullest. You were an amazing husband, father, grandfather, friend and role model, and you surely will be missed.

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Edith Carrie Louise (McLeod) Barger

July 11, 1916 - July 01, 2015

Edith Carrie "Louise" (McLeod) Barger (mother of Michael Barger, Regional Vice President, Southwest Region, Clan MacLeod Society, USA) passed away on July 1, 2015 in Shawnee, Kansas.



She was born on July 11, 1916 in Alma, Illinois, to Doctor Walter and the Rev. Ruby McLeod. She married Russell L. Barger, on March 16, 1941. They enjoyed 43 years of marriage together, until Russell's death on January 30, 1984. To this marriage, seven children were born. Louise was a teacher in a one room school house for 2 years, and a Jr. High teacher for 3 years in Missouri before moving to WaKeeney, Kansas.

She was always very involved with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren's activities such as church activities, boy and girl scouts, and 4-H. She was a member of the Clan MacLeod Society and the VFW Auxiliary for many years.

Louise had always been interested in her family history, and could talk for hours sharing the tales that had been passed down to her from other family members. One of her greatest adventures was a trip taken with her son Mike, her daughter-in-law Patricia and granddaughter, Stephanie to England and Scotland. While there, Louise was able to visit Dunvegan Castle on the Isle of Skye as well as the village in Kent, England, where her Mother's ancestors originated.

Louise is survived by her son, Michael, and four daughters, as well as their families, which include eleven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

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David C. Fletcher-MacLeod

Passed away at age 57

David lost his battle with liver disease on May 3, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Shari Fletcher-MacLeod.

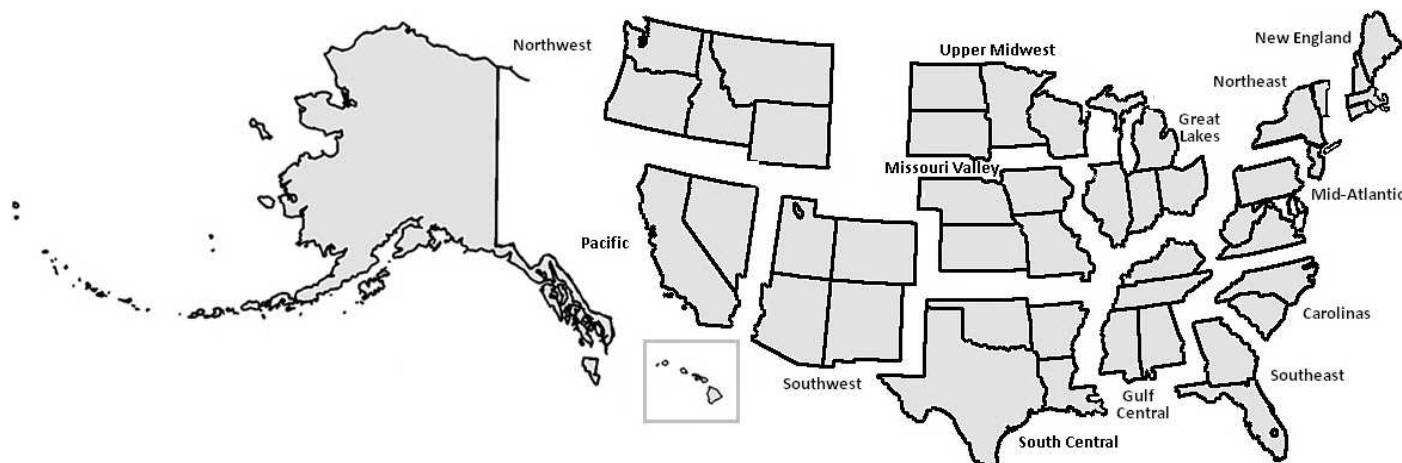
David and Shari were married on May 13, 2000 and afterwards, they moved north to Coquille, Oregon.

A California native, David was active with the Clan for many years. He was a longtime Clan tent convener and former RVP for the Pacific Region of CMS USA. A private ceremony was held by the family, followed by a remembrance at the Woodland Scottish Games.

David will be remembered as a lover of all things spiritual, and a Proud MacLeod.

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REGIONAL NEWS



The contact details for our Regional VPs and correspondents appear above the news for each of our thirteen regions, below.



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In addition to serving as New England RVP, John Stuart has been named as Chair of a new CNS USA "21st Century Communications Committee," an important undertaking to help us improve what we do and how we do it in the Clan MacLeod USA. His plan for this work is published on page 5.

We also look forward to seeing some of wife Betsy's photos from the wedding of her and John's daughter this past September. Meal a naidheachd (Congratulations!) -- Ed

Hold Fast!
John S. MacLeod
New England Region

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LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT YEAR'S NEW YORK TARTAN WEEK

In modern times, April 6 is known as "Tartan Day," a day on which the world-wide community of over 45 million Scots may celebrate their heritage. April 6 is the date chosen because it is the anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath. This document was made in the form of a letter in Latin submitted to Pope John XXII, dated 6 April 1320, and intended to confirm Scotland's status as an independent, sovereign state.

Famously, in New York City Tartan Day has become part of Tartan Week, and includes a wide range of cultural, business, and political events. New York's 2016 Tartan Parade will next be held on Saturday April 9, and although the Grand Marshall has not yet been announced it has often been a notable celebrity of stage or screen (Alan Cumming, Brian Cox, Kevin McKidd and even Sean Connery). We MacLeods have participated in the parade for a number of years. Please check out the photos from the 2015 parade on the inside front cover of this newsletter.

In 2016, the Parade will start at 2:00PM at West 45th Street and march up 6th Avenue to 55th Street. Line-up will be at 1:00PM and will be on the side streets near 6th Avenue and West 45th Street. About a week before the Parade, the Line of March will be released which will give the position of each unit in the parade and exactly where they are to line up.

Official information can be found at www.nyctartanweek.org or www.tartanweek.com. Information about the plans for your fellow MacLeods – who typically march together and then get together for a late lunch afterwards - can be obtained from Ranana Rosoff and William MacLeod (MacRose@earthlink.net).

Hold fast and shine the light!!!
D. Jean MacLeod

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Join us in Alexandria for the Annual CMSUSA Winter Meeting and Christmas Walk, from Thursday, December 3rd - Sunday, December 6th. We will be meeting at the Alexandria Holiday Inn located at:

625 First Street
Alexandria, VA 22314



You can call (703) 548-6300 to make Reservations under the group name MacLeod. The Group Rate is \$129 night / + tax, and the hotel offers Free Parking for guests.

You must make your reservation or

before November 17th to secure a room at the negotiated rate.

Christmas Walk Information can be found on the web at www.campnagcenter.org/scottishwalkweekend/.

Hold Fast!
Stephen

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WILMINGTON HIGHLAND GAMES

Saturday March 28th 2015, I was up early for a drive to Wilmington, NC and the first Wilmington Highland Games. Bob MacLeod had sponsored a tent for Clan MacLeod and I went to help. Being early spring it was on the raw side weather-wise. The Games primarily revolved around athletic activities. We were one of three clan tents. Bob and Sandy had the tent set up a ready for those who visited. The Games drew a good crowd from the local area and we talked to a number of people. Bob got us two new members – great.

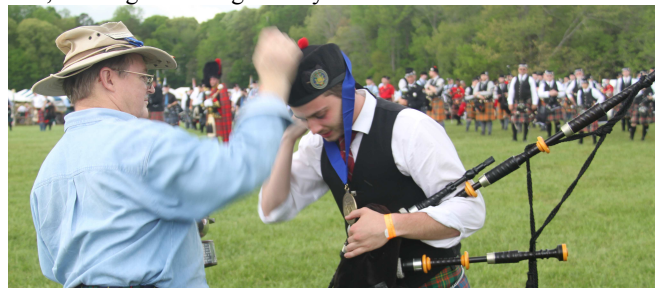
LOCH NORMAN HIGHLAND GAMES

Loch Norman was fast approaching in April. Lonnie McCaskill and I headed down to Huntersville Friday morning so as to get onto the field and unload at the tent site. It had been a typical spring with off and on showers. The hope was that we

would make it through the weekend without any more. We unloaded at the tent and went to get settled in at our motel. So far the weather had been fine.

After getting settled into the hotel, we prepared ourselves to go back to the field and the Sponsors Reception. The evening was beautiful and there were many friends with whom to talk. As it got dark, I lined up with representatives of the other clans to participate in the Torch light Ceremony and the calling of the clans. I proudly declared, “the MacLeods are here!”

Saturday was a magnificent day – partly cloudy, not too hot, and no rain. We had a nice group of people come visit during the day. These included George and Debbie Grinton, Gordon Lewis, Rick, Kandie, Mac and Bo Norred, Don and Doris McLeod, John Norris and Ron and Drew Fowlie. As usual, Lonnie McCaskill worked the tent diligently for new members. Annually at Loch Norman we award the MacCrimmon Quaich for the Carolinas’ Region. This year’s winner was Ryan Praskovich. Congratulations to Ryan on his win, a fitting end to a great day.



Franklin is not hitting the piper on the head! Above photo was snapped at the exact moment when Franklin was placing the MacCrimmon medal on Ryan Praskovich.

Note massed pipes in the background.

Sunday was a different animal all together. It began raining sometime in the early morning, and it was still raining when I finally got out of bed. I informed Lonnie that we needed to go out to the field, pack-up, and go home, and about 9:00AM that’s what we did. The drive home was rainy, but fortunately only a few things were wet from the tent site.

BETHABARA GAMES

The next event was the Bethabara Games – a one day event in May. I was up early, arrived about 8:00AM; got the tent set up, and then went to visit friends. The day was nice, partly cloudy and a good sized crowd. I sat in the tent, watched Border Collies work, participated in the Parade of Tartans, visited the vendors, and visited other clan tents. It was a nice slow day to be Scottish with friends.

AGM IN MILWAUKEE

In early June I attended the AGM in Milwaukee. A new national president, Weeden Nichols, and new national vice-president, John W. McLeod, were elected. We attended the Milwaukee Scottish Games and conducted the business of the Society. It was an enjoyable time. The people putting on the Scottish Games attributed the good weather to Clan MacLeod being there. As an aside, our Parade of Tartan group was largest they had ever seen.

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

Once home from the AGM, it was time to start preparing for Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. This is a four day

event, starting on Thursday evening with the calling of the clans. This year the weather was great. Under a starry sky I shouted the "MacLeods are here!" and heard a cheer of support. There were also a larger number of clans making the call this year, due to the good weather. Friday was the first day of manning the tent. Friday is also a short field day due to the Sponsors' Reception. I was up on the field by about 8:30AM to set up the tent. Several members were up on the field early with me: David McAleer, Rick, Kandie, Mac and Bo Norred and Gracie Kral. I spent much of the day talking with people. About 3:00 PM I closed up shop and traveled to the motel to get ready for the Sponsors' Reception. This year it was at a new location – the ski lodge at Sugar Mountain. Since it was a new location, there were many uncertainties as to how it would all come together. It was not the best of events, due to the lack of air circulation and resulting heat inside. It was tough on those of us dressed in all that wool! Many went outside for relief from the heat, and I made an early evening of it.

Saturday was the first full day on the field. Again, I was on the field at about 8:30AM preparing the tent for the day. Soon other people began to arrive. The field is also the finish line for a marathon which starts in Boone. This finish line was close to the Clan MacLeod tent, so we got to see a lot of runners. As the day went on – Lonnie McCaskill (always a workhorse at the tent) and Cheryl McCaskill, David McAleer, Tim and Marianne O'Loane, Fay King, Rebecca McLeod Brown, George and Debbie Grinton, Bill and Susanne McCaskill, Dugosh McCabe, Don and Priscilla McLeod, Bob and Sandy McLeod, Drew Fowlie and Norman and Rachel Livermore. The weather was great all day. On Saturday, we awarded the 2015 Ray McCabe Trophy Grade II Amateur Overall to Jacob Loughlin. We also awarded the 2015 Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod for the Open Piobaireachd to Dan Lyden. Congratulations to these very fine pipers.



Award winners Dan Lyden (left) and Jacob Loughlin (right)

Sunday's weather started out as a fine repeat of Saturday. I attended the Kirk'n of the Tartan which was followed by the Parade of Tartans. The MacLeods had a good band of participants in the parade. About 2:00PM Sunday afternoon, word was given that a thunderstorm was headed toward the Mountain. We all began the task of closing up our tents and getting off the field. As many watched the progress of the storm on cell phone radar, it became apparent that the storm was breaking up. It never reached Grandfather Mountain and MacRae Meadow. The remnants of the storm made for a beautiful view of Grandfather Mountain from the Meadow in the late afternoon sun.

CHARLESTON SCOTTISH GAMES

The next event of the year was the Charleston Scottish Games at Boone Hall Plantation. These Games were the culmination of a year's work to bring Chief John of the Macleods of Raasay as the Guest of Honor at the same time that

Clan MacLeod would be the honored Clan. During the time we spent planning the different Highland Games, I was also communicating with Chief John, with members of Clan MacLeod, and with the Charleston Games Committee working to plan his trip to the Charleston Games. It was gratifying to see the fruits of these efforts. Wednesday September 16th, 2015 I was off to Charleston, South Carolina. The rest of the Charleston Games story is on page 6.

Hold Fast!

Franklin Wyatt III

RVP Carolinas Region

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[John, our new CMS USA VP as well as SE RVP, has been busy! He notes that Annie McLeod, our Genealogical Coordinator, may step in to help her husband keep the regional column up to date. - - Ed]

Hold Fast, MacLeod, Hold Fast!

J. W. McLeod

RVP Southeast, Clan MacLeod Society USA

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Reaching back to the end of last season, as is my habit: for the 2014 North Alabama Highland Games, we were blessed with a beautiful golden autumn day—except for the wind, which kept attendees very cold and all tent materials in motion. Our Challenge Coins generated lots of interest. It was so nice to see Carol Tischer again, and have her rejoin the Society. We also met and welcomed Tom and Karen Macleod as new members. Alas, the North Alabama Games have gone on hiatus for 2015, so we hope to see them rescheduled soon.

A TALE ABOUT THE WAY THINGS SHOULD BE

A fellow came up to the tent, shook my hand and introduced himself, saying, "I'm not a MacLeod, but I have a MacLeod story you need to hear."

It was 1956 (he began), I was 12 years old and on a visit to Scotland with my father. We'd made our way to the Highlands, and on a Sunday morning, over breakfast in the Lochalsh Hotel, my father announced that today we were

going to visit Skye. The waiter overheard this and told us he would not recommend it. We asked why, and he told us that Skye was Free Church of Scotland, and went on to explain that nothing would be open. As it was Sunday, the only thing people on Skye do is go to church, pray, and visit family. My father was crushed. He said he had so wanted to see Dunvegan; he gestured to me, saying he so wanted me to see Dunvegan, and our schedule was such that we wouldn't be able to double back at another time.

"One moment," the waiter said, and stepped into the back. He returned with a neatly folded note. Handing it to my father, he said, "Present this at the Castle."

So we went to Dunvegan Castle and knocked on the door. A man answered, and my father gave him the note. He read it, looked up at us and said, "Come in Sir, come in Young Master." He led us to a couple of chairs and asked us to wait there.

A few moments later, down the stairs came Dame Flora MacLeod herself. "My kinsman at the Lochalsh Hotel informs me you wish to see Dunvegan," she said. "May I give you a tour of my home?"

That's what it means to belong to a Clan, he told me. That's how Scots should be.

I couldn't agree more.

At the Smoky Mountain Games, we welcomed Kathuryn Hart, who compared her first Highland Games to Lolapalooza! Well, we don't have Metallica, but we do have bagpipes!

This year's Glasgow Scottish Highland Games saw a fine weekend with several good folks, including Rick and Brittany Dupree, who brought their good friend Roy Main. They all marched in the Opening Ceremonies with the pipe bands. Gordon Lewis and Eloise Twombly again added this event to their summer travel itinerary. The stalwart Ronnie Norville helped keep things moving, and we welcomed new members Jamie Rowe and Melinda Richards.

Speaking of Ricky and Brittany Dupree, they recently welcomed their newest MacLeod, Benjamin Alexander Dupree. Congratulations!

We're looking forward to our first visit to Charleston in a long while, what with the MacLeods being the honored Clan Society this year. Come to think of it, that's where my MacLeod Society journey started. Blame Franklin and Purdy!

Hold Fast, y'all!

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Our favorite part of the highland games is seeing members! Especially those who stop by each year and spend some time chatting with us. We love hearing about your experiences, travels to Scotland, and family.

To summarize the highland games

- **Springfield, Illinois** starts the season in the middle of May. Long time member Michael McClure of Chester hosted the tent with Ian Good, our Missouri Valley RVP. Michael will now be our southern Illinois Commissioner. Thanks!
- **Alma** was hosted by Michigan Commissioner, Patrick McLeod, Erica and their 4 darling children! A beautiful Saturday brought many to the tent but bad weather on Sunday left them packing up just ahead of a big storm.
- The **Chicago Games** were well attended after a slow, cloudy start. Even had visitors from Milwaukee's St. Andrews Society that helped us with our June AGM. These games keep growing and are very exciting to attend! This year John was sporting his banana yellow high tops that RVP Jack Lewis so graciously gave him. Everyone was surprised and impressed.
- A week later found us in Ohio at the **Lorain County Fairgrounds**. The weather was wonderful in spite of a poor forecast....and many came by the stables where the clans are set up.
- We next went to the **Detroit Games**, which is going "home" for us. In addition to seeing Michigan MacLeods we've come to know quite well, we also visited family. Due to moving, Patrick and Erica couldn't attend and were missed by many!

Our final games event in October is in **Indianapolis, Indiana**, which we will be unable to attend. Indiana Commissioner, Robert Lewis Jr., Ashley and their two cute young boys will host the tent. These games are fairly new and growing. We like the German Park location and the way the clans are organized on this site. We hope many "MacLeods" will support the various regional highland games with their attendance!

[See Judy's photos from the Great Lakes Region on page 2.]

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TENT INSPIRATION!

Spotted in the Great Lakes Region: sticky paper MacLeod badge with a bit of tartan ribbon to welcome friends, old and new!

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I am the newly elected Regional Vice President (RVP) for the Upper Midwest Region. I have been a member of the Clan MacLeod Society for over 20 years and have been acting as a commissioner at the highland games in Wisconsin for the past few years. My wife Jackie has assisted me and will be helping me carry out my duties as RVP. We live in the small village of Brothertown in east central Wisconsin, on the east side of Lake Winnebago.

First of all I'd like to thank Pam Captain, our past Regional Vice President, for her dedication, hard work, and many years of service to the Society and the Upper Midwest region. Pam will remain active in our region as the Commissioner for Minnesota and in hosting the clan tent at the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games.

I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Tom Raspanti, from Brookfield Wisconsin.

As I am writing this, we are getting ready for the Wisconsin Highland games, which are held in Waukesha over the Labor Day weekend. These games are the larger of the two games that take place in Wisconsin. The smaller one, Milwaukee Highland Games, is held on the first Saturday in June in the Milwaukee suburb of Wauwatosa.

WISCONSIN HIGHLAND GAMES AND CLAN MACLEOD USA 2015 AGM

In conjunction with the 2015 Milwaukee Highland Games, our region planned and hosted a very successful, informative, and fun-filled Clan MacLeod Society USA Annual General Meeting (AGM) June 4 – 7. This was the first AGM hosted by and held in our region. We were lucky in having an enthusiastic and hard working planning committee and the expertise and invaluable assistance from Great Lakes Past CMS USA President John N. and wife Judy MacLeod throughout the planning and hosting process.



Fiona MacLeod Castillo with her children, Maddie and Andrew. Judy thanks them for being "a big part of our Milwaukee planning committee!"

We had lovely, cool and sunny weather for most of the AGM and more than one of us ended up with sunburn from being outside on the day of the games. Sixty-one Clan MacLeod members from the USA, Canada, England, and Scotland were in attendance at one or more days of the four day event.

On Thursday evening we were greeted with a warm and humorous welcome by Upper Midwest RVP Pamela Captain. Afterward, Fiona Castillo MacLeod and Bonnie MacLeod Thompson shared their family history and photo albums with us. Their grandfather was a founding member of the Clan MacLeod USA Society and Chief Dame Flora MacLeod visited him and his wife on a trip to the USA.

On Friday morning, we took a bus tour of Milwaukee to see and learn about the city's history, architecture, people, and places. One of the tour stops was a microbrewery, where we saw firsthand how beer is made and tasted the different beer styles. Upper Midwest members Mike and Kristy Sizemore and the brewery tour guide reenacted an opening scene from the old

television show Laverne and Shirley, complete with a running bottling machine.

Friday evening brought a tasting of local foods and beverages including those that Milwaukee and Wisconsin are famous for - cheese, sausage, and beer. Entertainment was provided by highland dancers from a local dance studio. Angus MacLeod, from the Great Lakes Region, shared his knowledge of ancient brewing methods and beer styles and tasting with us.

On Saturday morning, the Stanley and Marvyl McLeod Memorial Lecture featured Wisconsin author and professional story teller John Radcliffe. Mr. Radcliffe spun tales of Scotland for us. Vince Milewski, local haggis maker and owner of Macski's Highland foods, told us about his search for the perfect haggis recipe and commercial production of haggis. Jody Allen, local author and historian, followed with a talk on Scottish women in history.



The Clan enjoyed performances by the Heather and Thistle Dancers from Chicago.

Throughout Saturday, many of our guests attended the Milwaukee Highland Games. We were the honored clan at the games and had the largest clan group marching in the parade of clans that I have ever seen in the past 20 years of attending these games.

We had our clan banquet on Saturday evening. It began with a haggis ceremony and an address to the haggis by Glaswegian native Ian Day. A Milwaukee Celtic band entertained us before and during dinner. An awards ceremony followed, and John N. MacLeod passed the presidency of CMS USA to Weeden Nichols.

On Sunday morning CMS USA Southwest RVP John W. McLeod conducted the Kirkin' O' the Tartan, and we said our farewells.

I'd like to thank and extend appreciation to our AGM Planning Committee which included John N. and Judy MacLeod, my wife Jackie McLeod, Ralph McClure, Fiona Castillo MacLeod, Madeline Castillo, Andrew Castillo, Nancy MacLeod, and Pamela Captain. My thanks also to upper Midwest members Mike and Kristy Sizemore, Tom Harris, Stephanie Chin, and Paul McLeod for their assistance with AGM events and activities and with the clan tent at the games. And finally my thanks and gratitude to the Milwaukee Scottish community for volunteering their time, knowledge, services, and facilities for hosting and planning of a very enjoyable Clan MacLeod Society USA 2015 AGM.

HOLD FAST!

Eugene McLeod

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NOTES FROM THE OUTGOING RVP(NOW MINNESOTA COMMISSIONER) FOR THE UPPER MIDWEST

For the first time the Upper Midwest Region was host for our AGM. It was so well organized by Eugene and Jackie McLeod and their team. Fun was had by all and now the MacLeods know what warmth can be experienced in this region! It isn't all snow and ice, lutefisk and Scandinavians! But, we did descend from the Vikings!! Thank you to all who made this trek to the North. We welcome you to come back.

And Congratulations to Eugene as he takes over the Regional Vice Presidency. We wish him well and pledge our support.

The Minnesota Games at Eagan, MN were held on July 18, 2015. The location is on the activity field of the Faithful Shepherd School, 3355 Columbia Drive, Eagan, MN. This was our second year in this new location after many years at the Dakota Fair Grounds in Farmington, MN. It is a lovely location, surrounded on three sides by wooded areas and close by parking areas.

However, my apologies to those who attended and did not find the MacLeod Tent. I had set it up the night before, low to the ground, with some equipment stored underneath. The next morning at 6:30 am.I couldn't find the tent! A storm with three sets of straight-line winds had blown through during the night and had uprooted and totally destroyed many of the tents, including the MacLeod's. It took us until about 9:30PM to clear up the field (I didn't go looking in the woods for any of the missing canvas sides) and get ready for the crowds. Some clans did have extra tents they used, some stood out in the 90+ degree weather. I reloaded the equipment, dragged the broken tent to the "bone" pile, and volunteered at the Clan Coalition Tent. Some MacLeods did find me there.

My apologies to those who couldn't find me, I did leave the information with the Clans that surrounded the MacLeod spot, but, with the crowds, I'm sure it didn't get out the way I had hoped it would. I think the sign I left disappeared sometime early in the day.

If you wanted information and had stopped by and were looking for the MacLeods you can always contact me using the contact information below.

All this gives a new and different meaning to our Clan Motto!

Hold Fast!

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As we approach the last quarter of the year, the MO Valley Region is in full swing. In the month of September alone, there will be three Scottish Festivals at which Clan MacLeod will be hosting a tent. Two of the three tents will be hosted by the steadfast representatives Tom and Sasha MacLeod.

September is a special month for the MO Valley Region as we celebrate two of our Region's larger festivals; one in McPherson, Kansas and the other in St. Louis. As much as it breaks our hearts that these two festivals are on the same weekend - preventing our larger participation at both as we have done in the past - we have ample enthusiastic representatives staffing a Clan MacLeod Tent at each. September is also a month in which our Commissioner Sasha celebrates her birthday. Each year she looks forward to enjoying this event with her extended Scottish Family at the Southwest Celtic Festival in Buffalo, MO.

For the St. Louis Scottish Games, this year we will be welcoming the newest member of the MO Valley Region Commissioner family, Mike McClure. Mike will be coming over from Chester, IL to Chesterfield, MO to help celebrate the day's festivities with RVP, Ian Good. The St Louis Games are also the venue for the Scottish Masters Athletics 2015 World Championships. More than 150 athletes from around the world will be competing in Chesterfield, September 25-26!

If you are in the mood for the region's best and longest running festival (where we award our MacCrimmon Quaich), we invite you to venture out to Lakeside Park in McPherson, Kansas on September 26th and 27th for the McPherson Scottish Festival. Deputy RVP Tom MacLeod, his daughter Sasha, and a host of other MacLeods from all over will be converging in McPherson to show them how our Light Shines Bright. You cannot miss our tent - as it is the only one with the "loud", excuse me, "Proud yellow" tent top. If you are in the region, we invite you to come on over and bring your friends. You will be glad you did!

Hold fast,
Ian C. Good

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Doug Beaton
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The Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Highland Games were held this year from July 31 through August 2, at Snowmass.

The MacCrimmon Quaich Piopaireachd competition was won by James Cuthill of Wheatridge, Colorado (photo at left).

The Borerraig medal for the best beginning piper was won by Duncan Winters of Grand Junction, Colorado. Thanks for this report filed by Rex Wisheart.

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[The position of RVP for the Northwest is vacant. If you are interested in serving in this position, or if you would like to recommend someone, please let Nominations Chair Don Mack McLeod know. His contact details are on page 3. -Ed]

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A guest report for our Pacific Region. Many thanks to Weeden for his article and visit. Don't forget to stay in touch with our Region through our Facebook page. We have over 500 friends now!

REPORT FROM A VISITOR TO THE CMS USA PACIFIC REGION

Weeden Nichols, F.S.A. Scot., President, CMSUSA

Rosalie and I drove to the San Diego area at the end of June, in order to visit our Pacific Region MacLeods at the San Diego Games on 27 and 28 June. We had never before been in the San Diego area, which we found to be exactly as Southern California is represented in film and literature (in contrast to the vast deserts and the vast irrigated agricultural regions, and the mountains, through which we drove to get there.) While there, we were able to re-visit the Pacific Ocean, an old friend we had not seen for a while. There are lots of "wow" and "shucks" things rural people can say when visiting bustling and prosperous urban areas, so I will simply stipulate those.

The important thing is the visit to the MacLeod tent at the San Diego Games, and to the Vawters – Pacific RVP Tammie, her spouse Brian, daughter Tegan, and son Ian. Ian lives and works in Los Angeles, so the San Diego Games are an opportunity for a Vawter family reunion. I cannot praise highly enough the MacLeod tent, or Tammie's pleasant and skilled manner in engaging the public. (She did an impressive volume of membership business while we were there.) Incidentally, I was impressed with the affectionate cohesiveness of the Vawter family, and with their interests and knowledge in all manner of things. I can only say that Rosalie and I were not needed as helpers, and that we are very appreciative of the hospitality we received.

I was delighted at the opening processions both days, when Tammie successfully picked up bystanders in MacLeod tartan to march with us (much as we try to do every year in Alexandria). Placing myself in the shoes of those so invited, I can only think that the invitation might be the factor that would tip me over into membership or active membership.

Regarding other important (at least to me) matters regarding Scottish festivals and games, while at the San Diego Games I talked to Bill Paul of Kerr Imports, a fairly major vendor of Scottish paraphernalia. The St. Louis Games had been re-established and had chosen the same weekend as the McPherson (KS) Scottish Festival. All the vendors of Scottish paraphernalia had abandoned McPherson for the more urban market. I described the problem to Bill Paul, who promised to try to fit McPherson into his schedule.

All in all, I count our trip as pleasant and successful.

Hold Fast to the Light, Pacific Region!

Tammie Vawter

RVP-Pacific Region.

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CMS USA AGM IN MILWAUKEE *(see also article on page 15)*



Now **THIS** is the kind of respect CMS USA likes to see from ACMS! ☺ Present at the CMS USA AGM are seven Management Council members from the Associated Clan MacLeod Societies, from the left: Judy MacLeod, Co-Chair Alasdair Crotach Committee and John N. MacLeod, Chair Rory Mor Development Fund Committee from the USA, joined by out-of-towners Christine Dooley McLeod (Canada) Co-Chair Alasdair Crotach Committee, her husband Dr. Don McLeod (Canada) ACMS President, David MacLeod (England) ACMS Executive VP, Dorna Caskie (USA and Scotland) ACMS Honorary Secretary, and Al McLeod (England) ACMS Honorary Treasurer.



Learning the brew masters' secrets in the heart of Milwaukee.



Outgoing President John N. MacLeod delivers a tribute to our 2015 Clansperson of the Year, CMS USA Treasurer Rich MacLeod. (More information on this well-deserved recognition for Rich in our next newsletter.)



No one warned us about Clan Gunn before!



Outgoing Upper Midwest RVP Pam Captain; incoming RVP Eugene MacLeod, both members of the awesome AGM team.



Officers of CMS USA: Anne L. MacLeod Membership Secretary, Sandy McLeod Recording Secretary, Rick MacLeod Treasurer, John W. McLeod Vice President, and Weeden Nichols President



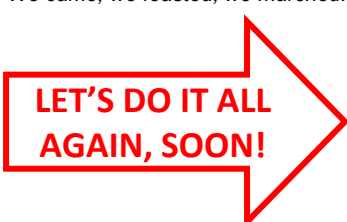
One word comes to mind: leadership!



We came, we feasted, we marched!



We worked, we played!



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*(There seems to be a caboose in this picture,
so we must be at the end of the newsletter!)*



On June 13, 2015,
CMS USA MO Valley RVP and
Internet Editor Ian Good
was married to his Highland Lassie
Valerie in St. Charles, Missouri.
*Welcome to the Clan MacLeod,
Valerie Good!*

UPCOMING EVENTS - CLAN MACLEOD USA IS INVITED!

Check your 2015 Fall issue (#121) of *Clan MacLeod Magazine*
for more "dates for your MacLeod diary"!



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2015 ANNUAL MID-YEAR MEETING AND ALEXANDRIA CHRISTMAS WALK

The CMS USA Mid Year meeting will take place on Friday December 4, 2015, surrounded by the events of the Campagna Center's famous Scottish-themed holiday activities. Hotel and other information can be found in the CMS USA Mid-

Atlantic Region column on page 12.

More information about the Scottish weekend is at
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