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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



CWSW President Lawrence Slight

Greetings,

Summer is upon us and our trip to Scotland to participate in the Bannockburn 700 celebration is complete. I personally want to thank Lois Wallace, and her husband Bob, for organizing a fabulous tour for the forty or so Clan Wallace members. While I wasn't part of the tour, I know that those who were enjoyed a lifelong experience. The hotel where Lois had all of us staying was exceptional and the dinner on that Monday evening provided us with a very exciting time. I was pleased with the entertainment. We were privileged to have our Acting Chief, Andrew Wallace, present for the Sunday events at Bannockburn and the Monday evening dinner. We certainly hope that he had an enjoyable time.

To turn to other business, our effort to expand the ability of our membership to participate in the Society was un-

successful as a small proportion of the Council membership voted to keep our membership structure as it has been for the last 48 years. I was personally disappointed, not in the defeat of the measure, but in the number of Council members who took the time to vote. Only 90 out of 286 active Council members obviously think enough of the Society to provide a vote on the direction the Board of Directors thought to take.

My second disappointment has surfaced within the last few weeks. I would have assumed that those Council members who have decided to reject an expansion of our membership privileges would have taken some action to assist the Board of Directors with the operation of the Society by running for office. However, it would seem that those members would rather see the Society struggle to find people willing to serve than to allow the Life and Annual members that ability. Our recent request to Council members for nominations to fill the three upcoming openings on the Board of Directors has only gained two candidates and they are currently serving Directors who could run for reelection.

The Board of Directors has planned to hold the Annual Directors Meeting in St. Augustine, Florida. Any member may attend our meeting which will be held on Saturday, September 27 at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel. If any member wishes to attend the Friday evening cook-out at my house, please let our Secretary, Garrett Whiteside (Secretary@ClanWallace.org) know so that a count of participants can be obtained. For hotel accommodations and reservation for the Director's Dinner on Saturday evening, please see

the note concerning the ADM in this Newsletter.

Larry.

Lawrence Slight, President
Clan Wallace Society Worldwide

Rewards Program Update

The Rewards Program gives our members the opportunity to help accomplish Scottish-related projects through their support. Remember, donations of any size can be made and tailored to abilities to give over time periods. They are tax-deductible and recorded in personal accounts, and result in Rewards when specific levels are reached. You will receive a letter from our Treasurer noting the amount that is tax deductible, a Certificate, a citation of CWSW's tax-exempt status, a letter of congratulations from the President and Newsletter publicity.

The attractive and dignified tiered level of rewards to thank contributors can be viewed on the Clan Wallace Society website at www.clanwallace.org/rewards/rewards.html. Every donation is greatly appreciated. We invite all members to participate in the Rewards Program so we can achieve Society goals through this program.

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FLOWERS O' THE FOREST



Norman (Norm) C. Knight Woodslee, Ontario, Canada 9/1/1930 – 6/12/2014

Norm Knight, the loving husband of our own Advisory Director for Canada, Dorothy (Wallace) Knight, passed away on Thursday, June 12, 2014 surrounded by his family. Norm and Dorothy were best friends and married for almost 63 years.

Norm was a retiree of Chrysler Corporation with 36 years of service, where

he was a spray painter and worked in the "re-work" department refinishing imperfections resulting from the manufacturing process.

He was a member of Woodslee IOOF Lodge and past director of the Woodslee Credit Union and Federation of Agriculture. He had many interests but wood working was his passion. He and Dorothy enjoyed their many travels to Scotland, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and especially Italy, where he visited his brother's grave in Ortona.

Norm was a very active Annual member of the Clan Wallace Society Worldwide wherein he assisted Dorothy in her many activities associated with the CWSW. Norm was a very nice guy, as many of us in the CWSW knew from our contacts with him over the years and at the Calgary Gathering in 2012.

The Board and Council of the Clan Wallace Society Worldwide express their heartfelt sorrow to Norm's family at his passing. He will be greatly missed by his beloved wife Dorothy, sons Craig and Jon, and daughter Norma Jean, and six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and the many nieces and nephews.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER...

Please remember to notify the Membership Chairman if you move to a new location and your home address changes, or you get a new email address. The Membership Chairman's email address and home address are listed below.

If you do not notify the Society of these changes, you will not receive the CWSW award winning Newsletter, special messages and notices that may be put in the Newsletter for your benefit, and letters from the President regarding Society business. Send your updates directly to:

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SIR WILLIAM WALLACE GUARDIAN AWARDS 2014



(L to R) Ron Hayes (President SSoC), Sir John Wallace (representing Clan Wallace Society Worldwide), Cadet Colonel John Cordes (Ashley Ridge High School AFJROTC), and Steve Anderson (Award Organizer/Designer)

The Scottish Society of Charleston, Inc. is proud to congratulate the Ashley Ridge High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp, Summerville, South Carolina, for winning this award.

This award was organized and designed by Scottish Society of Charleston, Inc. member Steve Anderson.

This award is designed to honor one of Scotland's most notable figures from history, Sir William Wallace. Sir William Wallace was knighted and proclaimed "Guardian of Scotland."

William Wallace fought to bring freedom to his country, Scotland, from King Edward I of England. Unfortunately, Sir William Wallace was executed for high treason against the King of England on August 23, 1305. Sir William Wallace's spirit still inspires all Scotsmen around the world today.

The 2013 - 2014 Sir William Wallace Award saw four local schools; Ashley Ridge, Summerville, Fort Dorchester and West Ashley High School participate in this year's competition.

The 2013 - 2014's competition was fierce, however, Ashley Ridge High School won by taking 1st in each category.

The categories used are JROTC Units Average GPA, Total Community Hours Volunteered, Post High School Education, and the Tie Breaker was Daily Attendance Average for each Unit.

As our winner, Ashley Ridge will be our Honorary Color Guard during the Opening Ceremony, along with, volunteering during the day's events at our Annual Scottish Games and Highland Gathering September 20th, 2014. Their hours will be counted toward the 2014 - 2015 competition.

Each year the Scottish Society of Charleston, Inc. invites one local high school to join in the competition.

If you know of a high school that has a JROTC program and wish to join in this competition; please contact swwga@sc.rr.com for more details.



ST. AUGUSTINE HOSTING ADM, 25-28 SEPTEMBER



Clan Wallace Society 2014 Annual Directors Meeting September 25 – 28, 2014 St. Augustine, Florida

Host Hotel: Courtyard Marriott, 2075 State Road 16, St. Augustine, FL 32084, (904) 826-4068

Group Reservation Name: Clan Wallace Society

Arrival Date: Thursday, 9/25/14 – room rate available a few days prior to, please advise when booking.

Departure Date: Sunday, 9/28/14 – room rate available a few days after, please advise when booking.

Check In: 3 p.m.

Check Out: 12 Noon

Group Rate: \$99 + applicable taxes

Cut-Off Date: Tuesday, 8/26/14

Hotel Amenities:

- ♦ Free High Speed Internet



- ♦ Restaurant On-Site
- ♦ All Guest Rooms feature Refrigerators & Microwaves
- ♦ 24 Hour Fitness Center & Business Center
- ♦ Heated Outdoor Pool and Hot Tub
- ♦ Fire Pit Patio for evening Celtic Cocktails & Cigars

Arrival/Departure Airports:

JAX – Jacksonville I.A. (50 Miles)

DAB – Daytona Beach I.A. (60 Miles)

ANNUAL DIRECTORS MEETING (ADM) AGENDA

Friday, September 26, 2014

Evening Cook-out at Slight Manor

Saturday, September 27, 2014

ADM / 9a.m. until business completed.

Catered in Box Lunch, menu selection

to be made that morning.

Director's Dinner will be held at the Ice Plant Restaurant.

Things to Do:

Plenty of Sightseeing & Tours available; Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth, Pirate & Treasure Museum, San Sebastian Winery, Castillo de San Marcos, Shopping at Prime Outlets, etc. etc. For additional ideas and more information, check out St. Augustine and Ponte Verde at www.floridashistoriccoast.com.

Some interesting facts about St. Augustine...

St. Augustine (Spanish: San Agustín) is a city in Northeast Florida and the oldest continuously occupied European-established settlement and port in the continental United States. According to the 2010 census, the city population was 12,975. The St. Augustine urban area has a population of 69,173.

San Agustín was founded in September 1565 by Spanish admiral Pedro Menéndez de Avilés, and subsequently served as the capital of Spanish Florida for two hundred years. It remained the capital of East Florida as the territory changed hands between the Spanish and British, and remained the capital of the Florida Territory until it was moved to Tallahassee in 1824. Since the late 19th century, its historical character has made the city a major tourist attraction. It is the headquarters for the Florida National Guard.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY'S CONVENERS

Smokey Mountain Scottish Festival & Games

By William Bierwirth

The Smokey Mountain Scottish Festival & Games were held on May 17-18 at Maryville College, TN. It was an unusually chilly weekend in the Tennessee foothills. Heavy sweaters and coats were the order of the day.

Events included athletics, dancing, pipe and drum competitions, and Scotch Seminars. There was also a clan and battle axe throwing challenge (no, I did not bring my mother-in-law), a kilted mile, bonnie knees, haggis hurl and kids games. Over 20 clans and organizations were represented with Clan Buchanan being the Honored Clan. Entertainment included Seven Nations, Four Leaf Peat, Maidens IV and Pictus. I manned the St. Andrew's Society of East TN tent and marched with SAMS Post 328 color guard for the opening ceremonies and Parade of Clans.

On Sunday, at the end of the clan parade, all the veterans present were invited to march as the last unit once the field was cleared. About 30 of us, young and old, marched - 1500 people stood up and clapped the whole way around! The pipe majors brought their



Waiting on the Pipe Major at the Smokey Mountain Scottish Festival, May 17-18, 2014.

bands to present arms. It was a truly an awesome experience. There were a few other Wallaces; Robert Wallace and Steve Wallace stopped by with their wives to introduce themselves and say hello. All in all, it was a perfectly great festival.

Many thanks go to my fellow SAMS and Scottish Society of Knoxville members for their fellowship and hospitality, and also, to Clan Hay for a steady supply of doughnuts and cookies.

The 14th Annual Bethabara Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

The Bethabara Highland Games (NC) was held on May 10, 2014. Sunshine was the weather of the day. There were 20 clan tents participating and Clan Wallace was among them. Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

These games are held at Historic Bethabara Park in Winston-Salem, North

Carolina, to pay respect to the heritage of the early Scots and Scots-Irish pioneers who helped and guided the Moravians in their settlement of the Wachovia tract.

These games are free and open for the enjoyment of the public. Russ and I marched in the Parade of Tartan.

The entertainment included the Jamestown Pipes and Drum and North Carolina State Pipeband.

The games included heavy athletics, Children's Highland games competition, Children's Colonial Games and storytelling, and Border Collie Demonstration.

The vendors at the games included Lady Susan's Shortbread, Near and Far Scottish, Peter Blum, Tinsmith, Renaissance Iron, Rose Crag History of Family Names, Scottish Leather, The Heelan Hound, Kelpie Pottery, Carolina Celt, Lumpy's Ice Cream, Celtic Traditions, and Cameron British Food.

Thanks to all that came out and enjoyed the day with us.



"OK, I'm ready! Let 'em go!!!"



Executive Vice President Russ Wallace and Marcia Wallace in the Parade of the Clans at the 14th annual Bethabara Highland Games.

59th Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (NC) was held on July 10, 11, 12, 13, and 2014. Sunshine and blue skies, greeted the 88 clan tents participating and Clan Wallace was among them.

The Scottish Tartan Museum, Council of Scottish Clans and Societies and Scottish Culture, St. Andrews Society of Upper South Carolina, and the Society of William Wallace also participated. Russ and I hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

These games are held at MacRae meadow on Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina. Thursday night Russ did the calling of the Clan. Eight Wallaces cheered as he yelled, "FREEDOM!"

Many Wallaces attended the weekend activities; Megan Fischer, Aaron Harper, Glen Wolfe, Mary Jo Hutchinson, William Wallace, Mark Clifford, Linda Tyrell and her granddaughter Samantha, Nelson Long, Russ Harper, Mark Clifford (in black),

Max, John and Sally Wallace and family, along with many, many more.

The 2014 Bear Run, part of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, started in Linville Thursday night and

concluded at the top of Grandfather Mountain. Over 730 runners started the race and ranged in age from 7 to 77. Our thanks go out to everyone who came to enjoy the weekend with us. Without YOU there is no Clan Wallace. Can't wait to see you all next year.



Front Row: Kim Wallace, Collin Wallace, Sarah Wallace Burn; Second Row: Sally Wallace, Marcia Harper, Linda Tyrell, Glen Wolfe, Samantha Tyrell, Nelson Long; Third Row: Wilson Williams, John Wallace (not Capt. John), Benjamin Williams, William Wallace, Russ Harper, Mark Clifford (in black).



Clan Wallace on parade at the Portland (OR) Scottish Highland Games.

2014 Portland Scottish Highland Games

By Norma Wallace

The Portland Scottish Highland Games was held on July 18-19, 2014. Clan Wallace preparation for this event began one year ago. The effort demonstrates that it is important to have contingency plans and a team effort. So many events took place – these “few” words don’t do it justice, as it held mixed emotions for all involved.

Last year, after at least 15 years of convening in various places, Bill and I recruited Fred William Wallace and one other person to take our place in Portland. The other person moved. Fred read a lot of the material during the year and showed up Friday ready and willing to do whatever it takes to convene. Bill and I came over from Bend to “show him the ropes.” We were not going to have Fred set up alone no matter what.

Another Clan Wallace member and supporter of the CWS tent in Portland, Oriole Sole-Costa, called on Friday to tell us that his father had just passed away. We are so sorry for his loss and our sympathy is extended to him and his family. So there was just Fred and us.

Clan Crawford set up next to us as is usual, and, as usual, Terry Pea, Bruce Crawford and his son, Scott, were very helpful to the Wallaces. They assured Fred that they would help him as needed.

Visitors at the tent included Ed Ries, author of the “Legacy of Honor” series, who was at the Portland Games for a book signing. Ed’s historical novels will be valuable in providing Fred with background information about Scottish history. Ed and his wife (who convene in Southern California) provided a wealth of information for our new convenor.

At the opening ceremony Fred went down to the parade with the Wallace banner and prospective new member Amy and her daughters. As the clans gathered, Fred and Amy were joined by another mother daughter team, Jeani and Julie Johnson. It has been about 8-10 years since Jeani and Julie stopped convening to care for Norm Johnson, their husband and father respectively. We are sorry for their loss—as Norm passed away this spring.

Jeani and Julie, Terri Eastman and Eric Berg will join Fred next year. Together they will constitute the Clan



Fred William Wallace assists a visitor. Norma Wallace (in black) chats with Ada Wallace.

Wallace team of conveners for the Portland Highland Games. A happy new beginning for the Clan Wallace tent in Portland. So you see planning early and being flexible has their rewards. Norma and Bill and the new team hope to see many Wallaces in 2015 supporting the CWS tent in Portland.

Editor's Note: Norma knew she was slowing down last year but didn't know why. Long story short, she needed a heart valve replacement. During the games, lots of jokes and laughter was the best medicine. The surgery was successfully completed on July 21- the Monday after the games. Like Bill's namesake, she has a Brave heart. However, hers was in need of repair. She is resting and recovering well and gaining strength every day.

Frederick Celtic Games

By Wayne Jones

The 2014 Frederick Celtic Festival was held at the Mt. Airy, MD Carnival Grounds on May 10, 2014. It was rainy with no less than three thunderstorms attacking patrons throughout the day. But that did not seem to deter attendance. People came through the gates all day long.

There were 34 Clans and Societies participating this year, and 38 vendors. This festival continues to grow to the point where they now have food ven-



The Frederick Scottish Pipes and Drums

dors at both ends of the festival grounds. This validates that the move to Mt. Airy was a great idea.

The festival had Children's Games, several dog events, Heavy Athletics, Whiskey Tastings, and a British Car show. The Chesapeake Caledonian Pipe and Drums, Frederick Scottish Pipe and Drums, The Kiltie Band of York, and McMillan Pipe and Drums entertained throughout the day.

There was no shortage of Celtic music with Barley Juice, Dublin 5 (a.k.a., the Rovers), Imperial Kilmaine Saints (high energy and rocking), Pyrates Royal, Celtica, Craggy Island Band, Dileab

Phriseil, and the Tanzania Ceili Band pleasing audiences all day long. In addition, there were many dance groups entertaining all day including the Teelin Irish Dance Company, Granfling School of Highland Dance, and Frederick Scottish Country Dancers, just to mention a few. Almost too much going on to see everything, but that is good.

Special thanks go to fellow conveners Garret Whiteside, Jim "Bowie" Wallace, and Bill and Betsy Wallace for their friendship and help during the day. Also, thanks to member Larry Miller and wife Barbara for stopping by and visiting.

BRAVEHEARTH: RECIPES WITH SCOTTISH FLAVOR

By Lisa Donant

Planters-Punch Cake

- 1 (18.25 oz.) package yellow cake mix
- 1/2 cup pineapple juice
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup light or spiced rum
- 1/4 teaspoon rum extract
- 3 tablespoons grenadine syrup
- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 2 eggs

Heat oven to 325 degrees F. Grease and flour a 10 or 12 cup Bundt pan. In a large mixing bowl, mix all the cake ingredients. Mix on medium speed for 2 minutes. Spoon

into prepared pan. Bake for 50-55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes then remove from pan. Place on rack and cool completely. If desired, drizzle with a rum glaze (below).

Rum Glaze

- 1 cup sifted powdered sugar
- 2 Tbsp. butter, softened
- 1/4 tsp. Grenadine Syrup (or more for color)
- 1-2 Tbsp. light or spiced rum

In a medium bowl, mix sugar and butter. Add grenadine syrup then gradually add rum until desired consistency is achieved. Mix until perfectly smooth.

Fergus Festival and Highland Games

By Dorothy Knight

The 69th Fergus Festival and Highland Games were held August 7-10, 2014. The historic town of Fergus hosted a variety of Celtic events and entertainment thru the entire weekend. Thursday evening, a play, "Greyfriars Bobby," was held at the Grand Theater. It was free!

The Friday evening tattoo, hosted by M.C. Dennis Snowdon, was dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the start of WWI. Highland dancers, musicians and artists paid tribute to the men and women who gave so much to our country. Heavy events competitors along with "Regular Joes" attempted to set a world record in a simultaneous caber toss. The evening closed with the rallying of the clans and a tribute to the homeland, followed by amazing fireworks.

Saturday - "Let the Games begin!" was declared at the official opening ceremonies with 23 clans participating.

Clan Wallace had 7 members present. The heritage tent consisted of many Scottish activities: sheep shearing, weaving, quilting, highland cattle, clog-ging, just to mention a few.

The McKiddies Centre featured storyteller Doug Robinson, aka Shaymus Gunn. He kept the children spell bound with stories of kelpies, foxes and sel-kies. They also tried their hand at dancing and clogging.

An accomplished author Sir David Pirie Webster O.B.E., D.P.E. and was honorary chieftain of the games, spoke on his most recent book "The World History of Highland Games." Heavy events, Tug of War, Highland Dancing were the order of the day.

The Clan Wallace tent was a very busy place, with the children having their passports stamped, inquires being answered and Terry demonstrating the chain mail costume, swords, battle axes and targes.

The "Piper of the Day" was Tyler Bridge, age 22; he has been playing for the "Guelph Pipes and Drums" for two years. Apparently there weren't any competitors under 19 years of age, so he seemed to be the most



Dorothy Knight and bard Shaymus Gunn

elible. Tyler also won the Jr. Piping award.

Our day went well, with wonderful Scottish sights, sounds and weather. Kirkin' o' the Tartan was held Sunday at the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, followed by strupak (tea and scones).



Pipe Majors are not made, they're born.



Storytellers performing at the Fergus Highland Games; a very interesting show!

THE SLEEPING DRAGONS OF STIRLING BRIDGE

By Dorothy Knight

On the old Stirling Bridge there are two gate guardians flanking the entrance to the Forth on the north side. They take the form of the dragon from Wallace's helmet.

They signify that the battle is over and won, Wallace is at peace, and the dragons are now peacefully sleeping. They were made by stonemason Gillian Forbes.

On the Clan Wallace trip to Scotland in 2005, we were at the "bridge" and the dragons were pointed out to us by our guide, Professor Alan Swinton from Edinburgh University.

I emailed Alan and asked if he would get some pictures of the dragons for me. I was surprised he remembered us. Anyway, these are some of the pictures he sent. It's too bad one has been defaced.



The Sleeping Dragons of Stirling Bridge, creations of stonecarver Ms. Gillian Forbes

Editor's Note: Ms. Gillian Forbes, is a modern stonecarver, who is developing quite a reputation in Scotland. She has been working in stone since 1990, developing the craft of hand carving.

Working out of her purpose-built studio in the hamlet of Path of Condie, 10 miles southwest of Perth in the Ochil Hills, she creates beautiful stone carv-

ings predominantly from British slate, sandstone and limestone. She specialises in commissioned pieces for individuals and organisations looking for unique, long-lasting, quality work.

For more information on Gillian, readers can visit her website at www.forbestonecarver.com.

Job Opportunity: CWSW Web Page Administrator

The Society Web Page Administrator position will be open soon. Jim "Bowie" Wallace will be finishing his ninth year on the Board of Directors at the end of December 2014.

The position does not need to be occupied by a sitting Board Member, therefore the recruitment is open to all Society members. The Web Page Administrator is responsible for maintaining the Clan Wallace Society Web Page in keeping its attributes refreshed and current.

The duties include the following:

- ◆ Maintain the Society website: <http://clanwallace.org>
- ◆ Design and create individual web pages
- ◆ Scan submitted pictures from members for inclusion on pages
- ◆ Creates various formats of Society documents for inclusion on Web-site
- ◆ Maintain Web-page Convener List with Annual Games they will convene
- ◆ Generate the annual Games Schedule for Newsletter and Web-site
- ◆ Review and validate contents of individual member Web-sites for Society-sanctioned content and accuracy if they contain references to the Society (in instances where they contain words such as "Official Clan Wallace Society Web-site" or "This Web-site Approved by the Clan Wallace Society")

Knowledge of web-page design programming is necessary, with proficiency in the following:

- ◆ HTML, Flash – (HTML 5.0 required in 2015)
- ◆ CGI, PHP, SQL etc.
- ◆ Managing Society email addresses & forwarders
- ◆ Knowledge of the hosting service front end (currently, CPanel-X2)

This is a terrific opportunity for a member to support the Clan Wallace Society. Interested members should contact the Webmaster via email at webmaster@clanwallace.org.