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MESSAGE FROM THE CLAN PRESIDENT

David R. MacLennan

Greetings and welcome to Spring 1999. It seems a long time since our successful Ceilidh on Nov. 28, 1998, which is a good excuse to have another.

On August 14, 1999, at the Fergus Games, the COB will hold another CEILIDH as a "Dress Rehearsal" for August 2000 when the Clan MacLennan and Chief Ruairidh will be honoured at Fergus.

This year's dinner and Ceilidh will be at the Fergus Seniors Centre, Victoria Park, starting at 6.00 p.m. Victoria Park is the former site of the Fergus Games; turn left at the bottom of the hill on Highway #6 and the Seniors Centre is next to the side entrance.

Since we are limited to 100 persons at the Centre, we would appreciate an early indication of the numbers to expect. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$15 for under 12 year olds. These prices apply to those registrations post marked no later than JULY 24/99. After that, prices will be \$25 (adult) and \$20 (under 12). Please

complete the form included in this newsletter and attach a cheque.

SO: Mark your calendar, register and plan to visit our tent in the Avenue of the Clans and stay for the CEILIDH.

Please note that the AGM is being held on May, 29, 1999 in Burlington; further details in this newsletter. Members of the Executive plan to attend the Games at Georgetown, Cambridge, Maxville, Fergus and Sarnia—so come and see us!

On a personal note, Doug and Elva celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this year, so congratulations to our COB founders. We hope to see them this year as well as Clansmen from across Canada next year.

Yours aye and hope to see you,

Dave

David MacLennan

EDITORS NOTE

A belated Gaid New Year to you all!
Now that we are out of hibernation after a not-too-bad winter it is time to fill you in on the summer activities.

Before I start on this year, a wee note on last November's Ceilidh. We sold 92 tickets-hence the reason for asking folk to register this year! We had a great traditional dinner, thanks to Elizabeth, Mary Krucker and their helpers, followed by entertainment which included dancers, a piper, games and stories. The whole evening was a huge success and, most importantly, netted us about \$562, which means we now have \$2000 stashed away in our 2000 fund. Many thanks to all who helped and participated.

This year, the Ceilidh will be catered, partly because of difficulty in getting food to Fergus as the haggis migrate in the summer. I understand there will also be a cash bar (beer & wine) to keep the singers going. Anyway, more details in the next newsletter but, please, plan to come.

Next on the agenda, the AGM will be held on May, 29 in the Knox Church hall in Burlington at 2.00p.m., followed by a pot-luck supper. This is the main business meeting of the year and we would dearly love to see some support for your hard working committee. Nobody will twist your arm to get more active-or land you with a job while you visit the washroom! Particularly with the Chief's visit next year, we would welcome discussion and ideas to get members more involved. Dave will bring along his video of the November Ceilidh, and you get a free supper to boot. For those who cannot come, we also have a short business meeting after the Fergus Games (before the Ceilidh) to give members a forum. Among the topics for discussion are:
-Do we consider joining the WFCMLA? We are not even getting a courtesy copy of the Scotland Newsletter now but we can download it from the Net (not on my steam computer, may I add)
-Is anyone willing to join the Committee now? We are mostly in our late 60's or 70's and, while spirits are willing, the bones complain loud and long. In fact, Bob (Hamilton) is still recovering from a broken ankle sustained in the aftermath of an angina)

-Do we have a piper in the house? The Chief plays, but he isn't being asked to pay for his supper.

-It has been suggested that we should have a distinctive name for our Newsletter. Ideas from Mabell (Ottawa), with translation for nuts like me are:
An fine againne =our clan
An taic a chéile =in touch with each other
Musinn =about us
Names do not have to be in Gaelic as we are not claiming independence from anybody-yet?

-The latest COB accounts are included in this newsletter, and the final statement for the 98/99 year will be tabled. Please also check the notice on annual dues as our financial year ends on May 31.

Forward to this year's Games.

June 12 Georgetown

19 Ancaster

July 17 Cambridge

31 Maxville

August 14 Fergus

21 Sarnia

Come to the Clan MacLennan tent for a visit and give us your news.

So much for the good news. The not-so-good item is that subs. for 1999-2000 are due June 1 and, as last year, amount to \$10 per family (one address). Please send your cheque to Elizabeth and we will forward your membership card for the year. Please check your current card for the date-if it has 2000 on it you are Y2K compliant and we do not need more money-not yet, anyway! If there is a red cross below we are bleeding and need an immediate transfusion of previously neglected dues to save your membership.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED-SO RSVP NOW, PLEASE
(Remember Send Vun Present)