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WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE.

# MCLAN MACLENNAN

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## Clan MacLennan COB is on the web

We now have our website up and running and will be adding content over the next months. We welcome your comments and suggestions for its use and improvements. If you have access to the internet, please take a moment and see some of the special features at [www.clanmacleNNan.ca](http://www.clanmacleNNan.ca)

Take note of the links to the other associations of Clan MacLennan worldwide. There are some incredible stories of how MacLennans have traveled literally the world over, prospering and increasing their numbers beyond belief.

Join (it's free) our international message board at Yahoo groups Clan MacLennan at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/clanmacleNNan/> It has been very exciting to have the opportunity to dialogue with MacLennans from all over. Many are making use of the site to seek information on lost branches of the family tree and to make queries, and share resources. Whether you wish to participate or not, it makes for an interesting read.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Melanie McLennan



Springtime in Canada, no matter how late always brings our attention to spring cleaning of our homes and yards, heavy with a winters' worth of dust, sand, salt and stale air from being shut up against the cold. In this newsletter I would like to take this opportunity to bring a number of housekeeping items to the Clans attention.

But, first, in keeping with shaking out the dust and sweeping off the cobwebs, I was passed a noteworthy clipping to share from the Hamilton Spectator, March 16, 2002 with an article excerpted from Rampart Scotland.

“For the first time in its 176-year history, Burke's Peerage which charts the lineage of British nobility is to include 140 Scottish clan chiefs in its 107th edition, which is due to be published next year. When Burke's Peerage was first published, clan chiefs were not considered to be worthy of inclusion as such, though a number of Scottish nobility were included because of their rank and title, not because of being chiefs. Nowadays a number of the clan chiefs are no longer based in Scotland as a result of emigration there are five clan chiefs in the U.S., two in Canada and one in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and New Zealand.”

It's interesting to note that, once again, some things just take time.

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## Clan MacLennan is on the Web (Continued on page 2)

We have added a link under History, to Canadian David MacLennan's (see below) and American Diane MacKenzie's efforts to create a website of over 200 pages in length, with the objective of making available a genealogical repository of the Clan & Septs of the MacLennans, an educational section, and a section dedicated to the American Civil War as well as their own personal research. This site is by no means meant to be exclusive and their desire is to create an avenue in which all clan members would/could have access to information dealing with their heritage. Check it out at [www.maclennan@surnameweb.org](mailto:www.maclennan@surnameweb.org)

The previous newsletter, December 2001, outlines much of the vision Clan MacLennan Canada is embarking on. We

want to make use of the internet and email as efficient, fast and inexpensive tools for communication over great distance. Recognizing that not everyone is able to use or wishes to use this type of technology, we are continuing to publish our newsletter and distribute the current issue to our paid up members, by surface mail. Older issues will be available on the website, or printed copies can be requested for a nominal charge. We would like very much to expand the scope of this newsletter to include more personal information and some country wide activities. If you have an article that you would like to submit, please forward it to [clannews@clanmaclennan.ca](mailto:clannews@clanmaclennan.ca).

## FAMILY FOCUS

David MacLennan - Ottawa Ontario - June, 2002

Allow me to introduce myself - I am David MacLennan, 57 years of age, a retired school teacher from Ottawa Ontario. My interest in the last few years has been the internet and how to find information dealing with my father,s ancestral lineage - the Clan MacLennan.

In 1999, I had started to design a genealogical site for my paternal side of the Clan MacLennan, starting from my father, John William MacLennan who was born in Caledonia Springs, Prescott County, in Eastern Ontario. My goal was to link my dad,s family line to others throughout Canada. Before too long I realized that my little project was going to be a big undertaking as I had little information to go with and was a strict 'novice' in all its meaning when it came to genealogy. I needed help and what better place to go to (other than the usual libraries, etc.) than the family or Clan MacLennan on the internet.

I soon began to meet a number of individuals who were also on the same quest. Although most were not connected to the MacLennan Clan, we were all searching for geneology. Based on this obvious need, the MacLinks Family Connection Genealogy Pages began to evolve.

The MacLinks site was created for the sole purpose of gathering information the many researchers on the web, in the hopes of eliminating some of the frustrating problems of ancestral research.

It has been said that we are all related. Using that concept plus the umbrella of MacLinks, the Clan MacLennan Repository Center was developed. By

collating various lineages of the MacLennan Clan on an international basis all clansmen benefit by expanding their present information with valid, new MacLennan paternal lines. As more and more clansmen come together with the registration of their own lineages to this site, a living global Clan MacLennan network will result. You can now help yourself and others find out where their relations may be by adding your own paternal MacLennan line to the repository.

The Clan MacLennan Repository Center, "Shares Freely" the data and resources available on the internet that deal with members of the MacLennan Family. The present registered lineages now number 31 and contain over 16,000 surnames. These can be found in the Clan MacLennan Ancestral Repository Index Chart at: <http://members.rogers.com/ancestors5/rep.html>

The entire MacLinks Website is made up of 5 smaller independent sites (including the Clan MacLennan Repository Center) that contain over 5000 links to archives, data bases, free look ups and so on. If you feel you can add something, please contact me.

You can find the MacLinks Family Connection Genealogy Pages at:

<http://members.rogers.com/maclizard/strt.mac.html>

I hope to be at the Fergus games this August and look forward to meeting clansmen. Good luck to all in your research as well as Clan projects.

Warmest regards,  
Dave MacLennan

## Editors Notes

Robin will be taking a break from wearing the hat of editor this newsletter (see below). Melanie will do her best to fill his brogues.

### Passages:

Margaret (Marg) MacLennan,  
St. Catherines

Our condolences are offered to Robin MacLennan of St. Catharines, Ontario and family. Robin's wife Margaret (Marg) passed away after a brief battle with cancer, on April 12, 2002 at the age of 69 years. Marg was born in Clarksburg and married George Cukier. They had three daughters; Wendy (Toronto), Debbie (Phoenix) and Kathy (Montreal). Widowed 11 years, Marg met Robin MacLennan and they put their families together in 1978 and now have four grandchildren with another one on the way this summer.

Eileen MacLennan (Ottawa) introduced them to the Central Ontario Branch of Clan MacLennan in 1986 and in 1991 Robin and Marg joined the committee, taking over the Newsletter from Mabell LeClair (Ottawa).

Robin and Marg have been energetic and active on the executive of Clan MacLennan Canada, Central Ontario Branch, for nearly twenty years. Many knew Marg as a conscientious volunteer in her community and her contribution will be sadly missed by the Clan.

A trust fund, the "Margaret MacLennan Community Service Fund", has been set up in Marg's memory by the family. The C.O.B. executive has made a donation on behalf of the Clan MacLennan Canada for \$200.00. This was sent as a gift as the charitable status is still pending on this fund. Anyone interested may make contributions to Clan MacLennan Canada C.O.B. towards this gift. Monies received in excess of the \$200.00 gift will be forwarded on to the trust. Individuals may also send their gifts directly to the trust in care of Robin MacLennan (2 Johnson St., St. Catharines, ON L2N 5K4), in the possibility of the trust eventually receiving charitable status, in which case receipts will be issued.

## Ontario Highland Games Schedule

After a long winter, Canadians are gearing up for another season of Highland Games across the country, and on a local note, the Central Ontario Branch hopes to have Clan MacLennan representation at the following games over the summer months.

We would be pleased to add your local Highland Games or Clan event to our bulletin board. Non-profit organizations are welcome to send their event details to [clannews@clanmaclennan.ca](mailto:clannews@clanmaclennan.ca)

Georgetown	June 8	
Fort Erie	June 15	
<a href="http://www.geocities.com/lochsloygames/">http://www.geocities.com/lochsloygames/</a>		
Kincardine	July 5	<a href="http://www.bmts.com/~kinscotfest/">http://www.bmts.com/~kinscotfest/</a>
Cambridge	July 20	
<a href="http://www.cambridgehighlandgames.org/">http://www.cambridgehighlandgames.org/</a>		
Maxville	August 2 - 3	<a href="http://www.glangarryhighlandgames.com/">http://www.glangarryhighlandgames.com/</a>
Fergus	August 9 - 11	
<a href="http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com/">http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com/</a>		
Sarnia	August 16 - 17	
<a href="http://www.sarniahighlandgames.com/">http://www.sarniahighlandgames.com/</a>		
Almonte	August 24	
<a href="http://www.almontehighlandgames.inawire.com">http://www.almontehighlandgames.inawire.com</a>		

Angus found a good website listing various games in Ontario. It can be found at: <http://www.maclachlans.org/internet/ON.HTM>

## Statement of Receipts & Disbursements May 10, 2001 - May 17, 2002

Elizabeth Prebble

### Receipts

Bank Balance	May 10, 2001	1,367.93	
Members Dues -	2000-2001	30.00	
	2001-2002	600.00	
	2002-2003	160.00	790.00
Donations			70.00
Clan Sales			200.75
G.I.C. Interest			44.74
U.S. Exchange			5.69
Fergus Dinner Draw			87.00
			<u>1,198.18</u>
			2,566.11

### Disbursements

Newsletters-May & July	Copy	75.21	
	Labels	22.99	
	Postage	123.74	221.94
Fergus 2001 -Avenue of Clans		52.00	
Shipping Charges re Golf Shirts		45.90	
Melanie McLennan -re Web site		84.53	
	- Web Hosting 2 years	267.50	352.03
Service charges		3.75	675.62
Bank Balance as of May 17, 2002			1890.49

Investment - Royal Bank G. I. C \$1000.00  
Audited by Mary Anderson

Elizabeth Prebble

## 2002 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**O**ur Annual General Meeting will be held during the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games at the Community Centre (located right at the Games) in the Board Room on Saturday August 10th at 4:00 p.m. All MacLennans (members or not) are welcome to attend.

Following the AGM, we will be heading to the Breadalbane Inn, at 487 St. Andrews Street West, in Fergus. We will meet for dinner in the Fergusson Room at 6:30 p.m. for a time of good food, drink and the making of new, and celebrating of old, friendships amongst the Clan. Should you wish to join us for the dinner gathering, please let us know by writing to Melanie McLennan, president or email us at [clannews@clanmaclennan.ca](mailto:clannews@clanmaclennan.ca)

We would prefer to confirm numbers one week (August 3rd) in advance so as to make additional reservations if required.

Price is \$ 14.30 per person for appetizer and entrée as above. Beverages and desserts are optional and of course extra. Taxes and gratuity to be added.

### August 10, Clan MacLennan Dinner Menu

We have reserved 30 seats in non-smoking booths (smoking also available)

Appetizer: Your choice of one of the following:  
Soup Kettle composed daily in our kitchen

Or

Fergusson Salad Baby greens, ripe tomato and slivers of fresh vegetables drizzled with our House vinaigrette

Or

Caesar Salad Romaine hearts, herbed croutons and smoked bacon tossed with our Inn garlic dressing and shavings of Romano cheese.

Entrée: Your choice of one of the following:

Fish & Chips Dark ale-battered haddock served with Fergusson tartar sauce, cabbage slaw and lemon.

Or

Country House Coq au Vin Free-range chicken oven braised with smoked bacon, pearl onions and button mushrooms in a red wine and fresh herb pan jus. Served with boiled new potatoes.

Or

Sausage and Peppers Pasta Roasted farmhouse sausage, sweet peppers and red onion tossed in a slow-roasted tomato and red wine broth with penne.

Or

Bangers and Mash Farmhouse sausages, garlic mashed potatoes and buttered green peas with a mushroom gravy.

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Subscriptions for the year 2002-2003 are due on 1 June,2002.The annual subscription is \$10 per family (single address)

**Please make cheques payable to Clan MacLennan COB and send to Elizabeth Prebble.**

If your dues are in arrears, an X will appear against the year

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