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WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE.

CLAN MACLENNAN

NEWSLETTER
CANADA

Central Ontario Branch

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FROM THE EDITOR - by Robin MacLennan

Fergus time is almost here again and I hope we will see as many members as possible at the tent. Details of the weekend are:

Fri. Aug 13, Festival Site 3.00 pm- 12.59 pm
7.00 pm Twilight Concert
8.00 pm **Tattoo** (ends about 10.00)

Sat. Aug 14, Festival Site 9.00 pm-12.59 pm
12.00 noon **Clan Parade & Opening**
4.00 pm **Clan AGM in boardroom**
5.30 pm Massed Bands

Sun. Aug 15 St. Andrew's Church
10.00 **Kirkin of the Tartans**

Entrance Fees are \$14 Friday and Sunday, \$15 on Saturday, \$ 12 for Seniors (60 plus), Parking is \$5 per day. A free shuttle bus to the site runs Friday afternoon/evening and all day Saturday. Even if the Tattoo runs late the bus tries to get the last ones !

Our tent in the Avenue of the Clans will be open all day on Saturday and we would like to see as many members as possible. The AGM will be in the "Board Room", directly across the main entrance hall in the big building next to the main entrance to the grounds. Items on the agenda include:

- 2003 AGM Minutes review and approval
- Treasurers' report
- Summary of 2004 activities
- Discussion of changing our organizational name from Clan MacLennan Central Ontario Branch to Clan MacLennan Canada
- Discussion to move the fiscal year start to January or August, 2006 and method for change of dues.

- Chief's Visit- latest news and possible games/transportation
- New business / Executive members

This will not be a long meeting as we usually have to make room for another clan coming in at 5.00. Please try to attend if you can because we really want to hear opinions, particularly in view of the Chief's visit. It will be the 25th year of the Fergus Games in 2005, as well as the 20th year of the COB, so we should try hard to make a big splash!

The other item at Fergus is our annual Clan Dinner. Alas- the Countryside Restaurant is no more so we have had to find another place at rather short notice. This is probably the result of moving the Games to the edge of the town as a lot of businesses have gone the same way. The Highlander Inn is now the Publican's Daughter, which sounds like an English invasion/takeover. Melanie checked out a new place called Horizons, located at the corner of St. Davids and St. Andrews streets, (see map) which sounds as though it will suit us. They have a good range of selections in the \$10- \$15 range and the portions are ample. It is licensed but they do not take reservations. If we can call ahead, however, they will try to arrange adjacent tables. Normally, they close at 8pm but this seems to be waived for the games. We are hoping to arrange our dinner for 7.00pm and it is important that members wanting to be there **let us know at the tent during the day so that we can call ahead.** The massed bands normally finish about 6.30 but a mad rush to leave the grounds will ensue then and it is better to start a bit earlier. We used to meet for supper around 7.15pm so it might be a wee bit earlier but we are better to be ahead of people coming from the grounds if we do not have reservations.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Melanie McLennan

Summer has arrived and the games are underway! As it was recently pointed out to me, there is some irony that we don our woolen kilts for the Highland Games season, just as it really starts to get hot. Fortunately, most of our weekend weather has been

fairly temperate up till now.

Elizabeth Prebble and Bob MacLennan represented our Clan at the Ancaster Games on June 26th, and Jean Rose and Lois Walton represented the Clan at Coburg on July 3rd. Their comments are on page 4. We will include Karen's comments on Kincardine's games in the Fall Newsletter. Thank you to all of you who visited the tents and to our Reps for giving our Clan a "face" at the Games. Robin and Eileen MacLennan will be at Maxville on July 31st along with some of the Ottawa members. The Clan tent will be set up at the Fergus Games in the Avenue of the Clans on Saturday August 14th. Do stop by and say hello. It is always nice to have a face to go with a name and address.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Saturday August 14th, 2004, at the Fergus Highland Games grounds. Robin has laid out the details for us in his column "From the Editor". The Minutes of our AGM 2003 are included for your convenience on page 3. Many of you are unable to attend Fergus and the AGM. We welcome your comments and suggestions and invite you to send your thoughts to me by mail, email or phone and thereby be 'present' in spirit.

Included with this issue is our first Membership Directory. We will update this annually and mail it out with the September 2005 newsletter, so that all the new members are listed after the renewals and Highland Games season closes. For the Fall newsletter 2004, we will include the wrap up of the games and the Directory information of all new members from July/August.

We hope this directory helps to encourage an awareness of your regional Clan members, and helps us all to become better acquainted and to improve opportunities for social planning.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at Fergus and working on our plans for 2005.

Yours aye,
Melanie McLennan



C.O.B. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements			
May 15, 2004 July 9, 2004			
Elizabeth Prebble			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Bank Balance May 15, 2004			2,175.12
Members Dues 2003-2004	50.00		
2004-2005	85.00		
	2005-2006	20.00	
	2006-2009	<u>40.00</u>	195.00
Ancaster Games Tent Display prize		<u>25.00</u>	<u>220.00</u>
			2,395.12
<u>Disbursements</u>			
Fergus Avenue of Clans		55.00	
June Newsletter Copy	37.32		
Postage	<u>41.89</u>	79.21	
Service charges		<u>2.25</u>	<u>136.46</u>
Bank Balance as of July 9, 2004			2,258.66
Royal Bank G.I.C.			<u>2,000.00</u>
Branch Total			4,258.66

Minutes of the Clan MacLennan Annual General Meeting

Saturday, August 9, 2003 Board Room, Community Centre, Fergus, ON

President Melanie welcomed new members from Pickering, (originally from Cape Breton) Charles, Susanna, Matthew and Charlie MacLennan as well as the other members. She called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. with 18 members present.

The minutes of the 2002 AGM were circulated. Motion to approve the minutes made by Robin, seconded by Jean. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth presented the Financial Statement dated May 23 - August 6, 2003 showing a Branch Total of \$3425.51. A discussion ensued about the outstanding dues which led to questions about the cost of membership. This was tabled for later discussion.

Move to accept the report was made by Dave and seconded by Kitty. Carried.

Business Arising:

Summary of Activities:

- email, yahoo - Melanie spoke for Angus, describing the usefulness of emails for contacts, e.g. newsletter, free chat groups, etc

- web site- David MacLennan (Ottawa) sent his regrets, but sent his thoughts on the need for and development of branches for different regions of Canada. David also submitted an outline and job description for the various sub-committees that would provide various possible services to build Clan efforts. It was concluded that further discussion was warranted, as a group, to more carefully define the vision and scope of the Clan Association, as we head into the next twenty years. - connections overseas - Chief Ruairidh is "alive and well" and is involved with restructuring of the International website.

- newsletter - Robin stated that the majority of items in the newsletter must focus on our branch, and also include a summary of International events and information. There should be 4 Executive meetings, (March, May, late June or July, and September) followed by a newsletter after each. Discussion followed about the suitability of a Directory of Members to be published yearly including both snail mail and email addresses. The Directory would be for the use of **members only**. A questionnaire will be included in the next newsletter, requesting opinions and exclusions to be mailed in by December 31/03. **Action: Robin to devise questionnaire.**

- Genealogical repository - GenCircles continually being updated.

New Business

1. New Executive members -

Moved by Melanie and seconded by Robin that David MacLennan (Ottawa) be elected to the Executive. Carried. David's area of specialty is GenCircles and creating an international repository for MacLennan family trees. We look forward to David's contributions for the newsletter, web site and his ideas for the growth of Clan participation, beginning in Ottawa.

Karen Dunbabin was volunteered to serve on the Executive, seconded by Robin. Karen has expressed an enthusiastic willingness to support and serve in whatever way she can.

Charlie MacLennan (Pickering) also volunteered to serve on the Executive, seconded by Robin. Carried. Charlie has expressed an interest in gaining more knowledge about the Clan and is ready and willing to serve. Charlie and his family (father Charles, mother Susanna, and brother Matthew) have experience in fund raising from their various sporting backgrounds and have offered their support in Clan efforts to increase membership as well as in the upcoming plans for another visit by Chief Ruairidh.

2. Invitation to the Chief 2004

Chief Ruairidh has visited Atlanta in 2003 and also Australia and Spain. A question was asked if it might be better to have the Chief visit in 2005 which is COB's 20th anniversary. Whenever the visit is to occur, a committee will be needed to plan and organize his visit. David MacLennan, (Dundas) was asked to assist and he agreed to do so.

3. Decisions and Discussions

- Chief Ruairidh asked COB to represent Canada.(Central Ontario Branch was established and has stayed together as a branch for 18 years-20th Anniversary in 2005). He would like other areas to organize their own associations and also to be members of Clan MacLennan Canada. Some people have "family" reunions but have not made the connection to the Clan MacLennan. More ideas on how to get other areas to develop and sustain branches are needed.

- Cost of membership was addressed including the possibility of raising fees. This will be reviewed in the future.

- Suggestions are needed for ways to include "fun" things in our activities. Action must be taken to increase membership in the Clan.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55.

Respectfully submitted

Lois Walton, *Secretary*

We were all disappointed that Charles, Susanna, Matthew and Charlie were not able to get to the restaurant. Unfortunately the restaurant had put up a "Closed" sign, when the sign should have read "Private Parties" as it hosted 3 different Clans.

FYI - Winners of dinner prizes.

Jean - The "Brick"	Robin - Wooden holder
Andy - Red currant jelly	Andy - Red currant jelly
Lois - Clock	Elva - Tape
Jean - Sun catcher	Dave - Game
Eileen - Wooden holder	Doug - Black currant jelly
Kitty - Black currant jelly	Eileen - Picture frame
Kay - Red currant jelly	Dave - Red currant jelly
Bob - Shortbread	

Reports from other Games.

Executive members reported as follows:

Ancaster June 26th Elizabeth and Bob went but these Games were much smaller than two years ago (no Games last year) and had not been advertised due to increased costs. From other Clans Bob heard the Fort Erie Games had been held with fewer bands, again due to cost. The number of Clans at Ancaster was also down but the usuals, such as McKenzies and Stewarts, were there. By the vote of a panel of judges, our tent was picked as the 3rd best display and Elizabeth was sent a cheque for \$25. Before we go mad, however, remember that we can be up against larger clans with much greater resources and it is really the ingenuity of Elizabeth and Bob that makes the difference.

If the Chief comes next year, we need to make a special effort, so lets have ideas.

Coburg July 3rd Jean Rose and Lois Walton attended. Following a suggestion at our last meeting, about 40 requests were sent to MacLennans and Septs from names taken from phone books. Although only two people mentioned this, there was some interest in the display by many visitors. There were only six Clans represented but the organizers hope to increase this in future years. Jean and Lois also picked up useful info on supply sources for Clan items and fund raisers.

Kincardine July 3rd Karen Dunbabin was our rep at these Games. We don't have a report yet but will include one in the next letter along with news from Fergus and Maxville.



Members News

Doug MacLennan

Thanks again for a great Newsletter. Photos welcome-so I am sending one of brother Dave taken some years ago beside the rectory of St. Johns, Winona- I didn't realize wearing the kilt went back that far in our family.

The photo of father and Lester Pearson has been around for a long time but has recently generated two family requests for copies. The names of others in the photo might be interesting to descendants.

Back row- left to right.

R.W.Biggar L.S.English A.E.Gilbert

A.S. Crawford

Middle row L-R

I.Parr R.McKay L. Pearson

D.H.MacLennan C.Kelly G.Kline

Front row L-R

M.McGarren L.Nunn Dr.R.A.Thompson

A.Tufford E.Lake E.Morrisson

Hamilton Collegiate Lyceum, Fall 1912

The red hair is still in Dave's family.

Looking forward to seeing you at Fergus

Yours aye, Doug and Elva

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