



CLAN MACLENNAN CANADA

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

This summer looks as though it cannot make up its mind what to do, because we get a couple of hot days, then three days rain. I just hope sun is scheduled for Fergus this year because it was miserable on Saturday last year after a sunny evening for the Tattoo on the Friday. The sun had better be out for the Gathering in Edinburgh this year, when so many Clansfolk will be visiting – they may finally find out why so many Scots leave - because they see so much sun elsewhere while they are enduring the rain. My daughter, who lives in Glasgow, says that the summer so far has been pretty wet but, of course, it is meant to be drier in Edinburgh, so the visitors may be lucky. Anyway, all the best to those who are going to be there. The program set out (in our May Newsletter) looks extensive and there will be plenty to do and see. For those who are hoping to do some ancestor hunting, I saw that the Scotlands People Centre, the new national family record repository, will finally be open. If you have time, it may be worth a quick look, if only to find out what is available for future reference.

Our main event will be the Fergus Games on August 7-10. Details of the Clan events, with times and prices are on the next page. For members in Eastern Ontario, we will have a table in the Clan Barn at Maxville for the Glengarry Games on August 1. We hope to have some new visitors there this year because we are trying a mail out for new members who may find Fergus too far away. Your Executive is doing a fine job of extending Games coverage, where possible, but we would welcome accounts of visits to games in your area, because we now include members from coast to coast and there is only so much travel we can do. At Georgetown, there were fifteen Clan tents this year and more dancers than usual, while Cobourg had seven tents and included the International Gathering of the Nesbitt Clan. The Tampa Bay Pipe and Drum Band were also there, dressed in the modern MacLennan tartan. The Embro Games also appeared to have a larger attendance and have added sheep shearing for the kids, as well as a dog show.

Next year will be the 25th Anniversary of Clan MacLennan Canada and we are hoping Chief Ruairidh and our first President Doug MacLennan (Delta,B.C.) will be able to join us to celebrate the occasion. If you have any ideas to add to the celebration, please let us know. Bear in mind, however, that most of our members live in Ontario, so the logical place to hold any celebration is at the Fergus Games and we hope as many as possible will attend. Our Chief visited us at Fergus in 2000 and again in 2005, and the numbers attending were about three times the usual turnout so we will try to give you as much notice as possible. Like all major events, a venue has to match the expected numbers, so please start thinking about coming well ahead of the date. Thanks to Elizabeth's saving, we have a reasonable kitty available, so we hope we can arrange a reception to fit the occasion.

On a personal note, my sister Eileen has been in a Retirement Residence for two years after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's and the time has come to transfer her to a long term home. She is now in a place in the Niagara area, where she can get the attention and medical help she needs. As I am her only family in Canada, visiting is easier but I find that being President and Editor of the Newsletter need more time than I can spare. I have raised this with the Executive and it will be discussed at the AGM. I regret having to leave either position but feel that they need more attention, particularly in dealing with questions or events when they occur rather than trying to catch up later.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Let's start with the Fergus details:

Friday, August 7

7.00 -10.00 Concert & Tattoo
Adults - \$18
Seniors/ Students - \$15

Saturday, August 10

12.00 Opening & Clan Parade
Adults \$22
Seniors/ students - \$17
Our Items
4.00 AGM in Centre
6.30 Clan Dinner in Angel Diner

Sunday, August 11

Adults - \$15
Seniors/ students - \$13
10.00 Kirkin at St. Andrews Church
(No charge)
Note: Our tent will not be open on
Sunday.

Parking

Daily - \$5

Note: Entry for children 12 years and
under – Free

2009 Highlights

- Scottish Heavy Event Competitions
- Pipe Band Competitions
- Highland Dance Competitions
- Celtic Music
- Clan Gathering
- Genealogy Centre
- Heritage Tent
- McKiddies Centre
- International Vendors
- Highland Pub & Tea Garden
- Author Diana Gabaladon

Although the Tattoo is scheduled to end about 10.00pm it usually runs a bit late, but the shuttle bus always runs later to pick up the last of the riders.

On Saturday, our tent, as well as those of most of the vendors, are up and running by about 9.00 am. If you can come to the dinner, please let us know so that we can let the Angel Diner know a rough number. We try to be there at 6.30 to allow folk to see the massed bands and still get away at a reasonable hour. We usually close up the tent about 3.00pm so that we can

clean up and go over to the Centre for the AGM. Please ask at the tent if you need directions to either the Centre or the Diner. We will have our usual draw at the dinner and donations of draw prizes will be appreciated. The first prize will, of course, be Elizabeth's brick for 2009, which will mark the 20th to be won – I have mine, so try to get yours!

The service in the Diner is usually quite prompt, so we have time to talk and have the raffle. If you live reasonably near, you should have enough time to get home before the light starts to fade – weather permitting of course!

If you move or are thinking of changing your e-mail address, please let us know because we will be updating our Directory and issuing a new one with the next Newsletter in September. We do try to keep the details up to date, particularly as a lot of members now use e-mail and it is a chore if a message comes back undelivered.

Changes to the Directory

Marilyn Lawlor – Add 5045 Hwy 38

Rory Angus MacLennan –
Add 22020 Glen Sandfield Rd.

Kent & Jennifer MacLennan –
363 Columbine Ave.
Broomfield, CO U.S.A. 80020

Richard & Claudia (Burlington) – Resigned

Jean Rose – jrose@cogeco.com

Flowers of the Field

Calvin MacLennan (Croton)

After being diagnosed with cancer in Nov. 2007, Cal passed away on Dec 16, 2008, leaving his wife, Elizabeth, three sons and daughters in law, and five grandchildren. They were married on July 16, 1944 and lived in the same house in Croton for 37 years.

Cal had a kidney transplant on Jan. 26, 1944 and enjoyed almost 15 years of retirement, thanks to another families decision to donate a loved one's organs.

(Details from Elizabeth's Letter)

Clan MacLennan Canada

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements. August 1,2008-July 3,2009

Receipts

Bank Balance August 1,2008		1,778.28
Members Dues – 2007-2008	50.00	
2008-2010	500.00	
2010-2013	<u>90.00</u>	640.00
Clan Sales – 2008	118.00	
- 2009-Georgetown	<u>31.00</u>	149.00
Fergus Dinner Draw		75.00
Interest – G.I.C.	84.50	
Bank	<u>1.57</u>	86.07
U.S.Exchange		<u>8.16</u>
		<u>958.23</u>
		2,736.51

Disbursements

Newsletters – Copy	112.32	
Post	<u>104.12</u>	216.44
New tent for Games (1)	472.34	
Tent Bag	<u>20.00</u>	492.34
Edinburgh Gathering (2)		243.50
2009 Fergus Avenue of Clans		68.00
Service Charge		<u>1.50</u>
		<u>1,021.78</u>
Bank Balance July 3,2009		1,714.73
Royal Bank G.I.C.		<u>3,000.00</u>
Branch Total		4,714.73

Explanatory Notes

1. A second tent allows flexibility for members to attend at two venues on same day.
2. Gathering charge is a subsidy divided between Australia, U.S. and Canada.

Members (70)

Owing 2008-09	9
Paid 2008-09	33
2019-10	16
2010-11	6
2011-13	2
Complimentary	<u>4</u>
	70

Family History - Sharing the Past by David MacLennan(Ottawa)

Research INFORMATION: Dealing with THE use of Your DNA in Your family research

(This article would be best placed with articles 6 & 7 Parts 1 or 2.)

The following information comes from Mary McLennan Davidson. Unfortunately I was not able to get the info out on the discount sale regarding DNA testing sooner. Here is part of the note that Mary sent to me for your information,

...Is it possible that you might be interested in having your DNA tested? It will prove or disprove relationships with other Mc/MacLennans much more than a written family tree.

My brother's DNA (which is mine, as well) has proven that so far we are related to no Mc/MacLennans - possibly because no others are registered with Family Tree DNA - but related to many MacRaes. In fact almost all of the MacRaes registered with FTDNA and there are many. We are also related to many of the other Highland Clans, but not as closely as with the MacRaes and a few Stewarts.

I didn't know what to make of this, so I got in touch with someone at FTDNA, who said that way back in the mists of time, there could have been a name change. There are lots of possibilities that could explain this, all so far back but none can be proven.

Anyway, it is fun to receive all the matches and I am very curious to know if any other Mc/MacLennans have registered their DNA and if not, suggest you might find it fun, as well.

As you can see Mary is quite enthusiastic about this type of family research, if you wish to contact her address is: mdavidson78@shaw.ca

In Mary's note there was a message sent from Alice Fairhurst the MacLennan DNA project's.

There are two separate tests that can be given, however, in order to pay for the analysis of the DNA, each has a cost to it. Here are the following two tests of which you can pay for. If you so desire you may purchase both at an added cost. Part of Alice's note:

...The Y-DNA37 test gives results for their father's father's father's line and provides emails of people who match that line. The mtDNA test gives results for their mother's mother's mother's line and provides emails of people who match that line.

Here's the website link to our project:

<https://www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=McLennan>

If you have any questions please contact Alice Fairhurst; her email address is: alicefairhurst@gmail.com

A reminder → DNA research has been found useful to make connections with relatives who are also using this method of research.

The next article dealing with more places to look on the Internet and how I found cousin Lilian and a whole cemetery where almost all interred are cousins.

As always; for those that want to share with the rest of the Clan, please get in touch with me with problems, solutions or both at dmac44@rogers.com until then, happy hunting.

Yours in Kinship - Dave