



CLAN MACLENNAN CANADA

Dum Spiro Spero While I breathe, I hope.

From the President

Greetings to our clan folk!



As we welcome the cooler days of autumn we look back on the heat wave and near drought conditions that most of Canada experienced in

the summer. It was not like that everywhere. In England, while preparing for Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and the summer Olympics, they experienced the wettest summer on record dating back to 1910. However we were able to watch on June 03 the Jubilee river pageant with 1000 boats from more than 50 Commonwealth countries in the Thames flotilla and later in July the exciting London summer Olympics from the comfort of our homes.

Canada was well represented and proud of our athletes in London especially when a medal was won. There was much pride when one of our own, Rosie MacLennan brought home a gold medal in trampoline – the highest score ever achieved in Women's Trampoline and the first gold medal in Canadian Trampoline history. Surely an inspiration for our future athletes.

Clan MacLennan Canada did not let the weather keep us from the Highland Games. In 2012 we were represented at 4 Highland Games in the avenue of the clans, in Cobourg on June 23 with John and Barbara; Cambridge on July 20 with Bob,

John and Barbara; Glengarry on Aug 3 & 4 with Beverly MacLennan, John, Barbara, Marilyn Lawlor and daughters and Fergus Aug 10-12 with Robin and Bob.

We had wonderful weather for the Cobourg games – very hot but a cool breeze from the lake made it pleasant. There were 7 clans represented.

At Cambridge we were kept busy with many visiting our tent. One young couple were planning to start up a clan organization for another clan and were asking us questions about our organization. They later had a tent in the avenue of clans at Fergus. Again this year we were well looked after with sandwiches and water and made to feel very welcome.

We enjoyed the Glengarry Highland Games very much and meeting with friends. The 2012 guest of honour was Robert Paulson, the RCMP Commissioner who officially opened the 65th edition of the Glengarry Games on Sat. Aug 4th. Marilyn Lawlor had grandstand tickets for us from where we enjoyed the Friday night tattoo and concert featuring Scocha, a Scottish folk'n rock group, the Brigadoons and McCulloch Dancers. The massed pipe bands were superb with the Ceremonial Guard band saluting many fine pipe bands from North America including the RCMP's own pipe band.

We spoke to new members of Clan MacLennan Canada at our tent on



Saturday who were in the area for a MacLennan reunion. We welcome Connie & David MacLennan from Massena New York and Kristine MacLennan from Toronto. That weekend was the hottest day of the summer and on Aug 04 it reached 41C or 112F in Maxville. We sought out where we could buy the best priced water throughout the day! That evening we enjoyed the massed bands before saying goodbye to friends for another year.

At Fergus Robin and Bob kept dodging the showers - the 1st rainfall in weeks. They had many visitors to the tent including Doug MacLennan, Clan MacLennan Canada's 1st president now living in BC and Bob & Adele McLennan from Windsor. Bob & Robin were kept busy again this year with the children wanting their clan passports stamped. Having donned our raincoats and keeping

our umbrellas handy, we attended the Friday night Tattoo. We enjoyed the pipes and drums of the 48th Highlanders, founded in 1891 and the Fergus Pipe Band celebrating their 85th anniversary. It was a treat again to hear Tommy Leadbeater, a favourite Cape Breton tenor sing well-loved Scottish songs. We were entertained with American music from an American Original Fife & Drum Corps based in Washington DC. We were pleased to see the Preston Scout House Alumni band which we remembered from years past.

On Sunday, Aug12th the Kirkin'O' the Tartan was held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Fergus. This tradition dates back to 1746 when following the defeat of the Scots by the English at the Battle of Culloden, it was forbidden to wear the tartan or keep with any Highland ways or culture in hopes this would forever

subdue the rebellious Scottish spirit. In quiet defiance, many Scots went to church once a year wearing a concealed piece of their tartan, and at a certain moment in the service the tartan was touched while the minister pronounced a blessing on all tartans.

Clan MacLennan Canada executive had their 2012 AGM meeting at the home of Melanie and Andy McLennan in Guelph on Sept 12th. Elizabeth Prebble has agreed to continue as treasurer and Bernice Keane has taken on the duties of Secretary. Next meeting will be on March 18/2013 in Kitchener.

If you (or a member of your family) are expecting a new addition let Chief Ruairidh know and he will send a "Letter from the Chief" welcoming the new bairn to the clan.

Cheers, Barbara

Editor's Letter



Firstly, I'd like to offer my sincere apologies for the delayed newsletter of for Autumn 2012.

In mid-October I injured my left eye, so

that I was unable to do any reading or computer work until just before Christmas. My eye has now healed and I have a new prescription for my eyeglasses. That said, over the winter, I had fallen considerably behind on my work, as well as my volunteer commitments such as this newsletter.

Andy & I have tried to make this up by producing this double newsletter issue, and hopefully this will get all of our clans folk off to an memorable 2013.

We have some exciting news with the

announcement of Chief Ruairidh's visit to both the Maxville Highland Games and the Fergus Highland Games this summer. This is one of the rare years where the two Highland Games are only one week apart making the trip to both games for the Chief manageable within a two week vacation. There will be Ceilidhs planned for each location so we should be able to see many of you at one venue or the other.

We are looking for people to help us with the hosting of two Ceilidhs this summer, one in Fergus and the other in Maxville. There are many small jobs to do, and details to look after for these events to be fun and a success. If you would like to offer your assistance and be a part of the team welcoming the Chief to your area in either the Ottawa/Maxville area or in the Fergus/Guelph area, please get in

touch with Marilyn McLennan Lawlor at 613-372-2795 or lawlorme@sympatico.ca or Melanie McLennan at 519-823-0003 or melaniemclennan@rogers.com.

In the autumn of 2013, Chief Ruairidh and his fiance Jillian Ferguson, will be heading to Australia to continue his efforts to rally our clansmen and clanswomen in anticipation for the International Gathering of Clan MacLennan in Scotland in July 2014. The celebrations for the 400th anniversary of Bannockburn (near Stirling) are underway and the Chief and his team are planning the MacLennan Clan Gathering at Inverness to coincide with these celebrations, so that clansfolk can spend their holiday time wisely.

Melanie McLennan



Rosie MacLennan attends an Argos (Toronto Argonauts) game and receives her own jersey. Photo courtesy of Adam Gagnon, September 2012. (www.adamgagnon.ca)



Clan MacLennan Canada Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

September 13, 2011 - September 7, 2012

Receipts

Bank Balance September 12, 2011			4,351.00
Members Dues -			
	2010-11	50.00	
	2011-12	225.00	
	2012-13	240.00	
	2013-14	125.00	
	2014-15	20.00	
	2015-16	20.00	680.00
Clan Sales			
	Water bottle	10.00	
	Cobourg	19.50	
	Cambridge	3.25	
	Glengarry	19.50	
	Fergus	2.50	54.75
Donations		120.00	
Cashed in G.I.C		1,000.00	
G.I.C. Interest	11.06		
Bank Interest	3.40	14.46	1,869.21
			6,220.21

Disbursements

Newsletters, Directory, New Hember Kits, etc.			
	Copy	261.82	
	Postage	64.08	325.90
Fergus Games		70.65	
G.I.C	1 x 1,000 - 3 years	1,000.00	
	1 x 2,000 - 1 year	2,000.00	3,000.00
Service Charges		3.00	
U.S. Exchange		.93	3,400.48
Bank Balance September 7, 2012			2,819.73
Royal Bank G.I.C.			3,000.00
Branch Total			5,819.73

Wee Bairns

Ian MacLennan was born on November 09, 2012 at 14:25 in Belgium. His parents are Dorien Zenjens and Shaun MacLennan of Belgium. He is our 1st grandson. Proud grandparents are John and Barbara MacLennan.



Dorie MacLennan with Emmie & Owen MacLennan, grand niece and nephew of John and Barbara MacLennan, born Oct 03/12



Gord and Bernice Keane of Dutton, Ontario are thrilled to announce that their daughter Ashley and husband Mike Veenema are the proud new parents to Amelia Harper Veenema. This is Gord and Bernice's first grandchild.

James and Kirsteen Eckersley are pleased to announce the birth of their 3rd son Donald Grant, born 16 July 2012. A baby brother for Charles & George and the 3rd nephew for Chief Ruairidh.

NEWS FROM OUR CHIEF

Dear Clansfolk,



The summer madness has thankfully subsided and I am now looking forward to some free weekends and time to catch up on the things that have been neglected over the summer months. The last three months or so have been busy but have also been productive and fun.

People have been asking me if I have been busy at work to which the answer is, as usual, yes. When I then ponder why it has been so busy, I come to realise it is because I have hardly been in the office over the summer months!

After the pipeband tour to Norfolk Virginia in April, summer adventures have included visits to Holland, Croatia and Spain, generally all for pleasure rather than work! My girlfriend Jillian and myself went over to Holland for a short break in the early summer, taking in the sites of Amsterdam and the surrounding area. This included a visit to the Dutch Resistance Museum, Anne Frank's House and a canal tour which passed through the notorious red light district! Later in the summer we both went to the Island of Hvar, Croatia for a vacation which was a lovely and relaxing experience. We explored the island by foot and scooter and explored other islands by motorboat all of which was thoroughly enjoyable. Croatia is a beautiful country with a fascinating history and the people were friendly and helpful. The final overseas adventure of the summer was to northern Spain with Kirsteen, James and the new arrival, baby Donald Grant Eckersley. We travelled to Spain to attend a friend's wedding where I also piped. The groom is from Buckie in Scotland and the bride is from Spain. It was a wonderful experience to attend a wedding with two very different cultures interconnecting. The Scottish contingent struggled with the fact that we only sat down for the main meal at 10 pm and the first bus back to the hotel was at 4 am!!

Aside from these adventures, weekends have been taken up by piping events, the occasional wedding, hill walking and kayaking, visits to the bothy on the west coast, a friend's 60th birthday party in London and family gatherings of one kind or another. Jillian's family have a farm near Harthill in the central belt so we often head down there for weekends. It was during my stay there last Christmas that I was able to arrange to meet up with many of the older generation of locals who were once pupils of my father's Silver Thistle Dancers. Ironically, from the mid 1950's until the late 1960's, my father lived in Harthill and taught PE at the locals Schools. His

first letters researching the Clan's history were from an address in Harthill which looks down onto the farm that Jillian's family have owned since before his time there. I am here today, writing this message for the newsletter, within sight of the house that he started his research from over 55 years ago!! It has been great having the opportunity to meet his former colleagues, friends and pupils who knew him at this often undocumented period of his life prior to the formation of the Clan. He is held in very high regard amongst the ex mining community for being the first PE teacher in Harthill in 1955 who then went on to create an active youth club and then Scottish Country dance Club, all during a time of social and economic hardship. Whatever he focussed on in life, he clearly gave it his all and had a wonderful ability to drive and inspire others to do likewise.

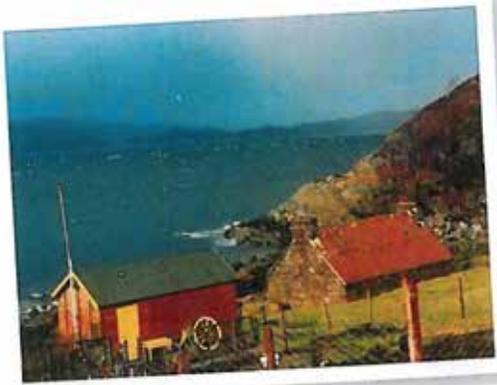
On 16th July, Kirsteen and James had their third boy, Donald Grant Eckersley. The name Donald is from our grandfather on our mother's side, often referred to as

2014 HOMECOMING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs has issued a press release. – Here are the highlights:

1. *Previous plans for a Gathering of the Clans at Stirling on July 11-13, 2014 have been scrapped. The highland games scheduled for that weekend will, we understand, continue, but there is no longer any "Gathering" event being planned at Stirling.*
2. *The revised plan is to centre a general clan gathering directly around the Bannockburn 700th Anniversary activities (June 28-30, 2014). An extra day of re-enactment has been added to accommodate the clans. Additionally, a Clan Village is now in the works. Bannockburn events are being very capably organised and designed by The National Trust for Scotland and promise to be spectacular.*
3. *The Bannockburn gathering activities will be complemented with several regional Clan based events that gather clans and celebrate history and heritage all across Scotland*
4. *Finally, the clans will convene a 2nd International Clan Convention to coincide closely with the Bannockburn gathering activities and to conduct the continuing business of the international Scottish clan community.*

This is a developing story and we will continue to bring you updates as we can. Wishing you all the very best.



"Donald Dores" who was Clan Secretary for a number of years and accompanied my parents on overseas visits including Australia. Donald's older brother George is named after our other grand father on my father's side. Kirsteen and James have now got their work cut out with the three boys! They are hoping to move house and have put their own property in Fochabers on the market with the intention of then buying somewhere in Inverness. The property market is fairly depressed at present so this may take some time. Lorna and Robin are both well, busy at their work and as ever, busy touring the world on holiday! Their most recent holiday was to Majorca with a group of friends earlier this month.

Last week, Kirsteen and myself, along with baby Donald went through to Lhanbryde near Elgin to meet up with Alistair MacLennan, Chair of the Scottish Committee who was up visiting family. He was accompanied by his son and daughter-in-law who had their new born, Joshua John MacLennan who was born on 15 August. The two new Clan members were photographed with their Chief who Alistair remarked, looked a little nervous in such close proximity to the two babies!! During our visit, we discussed further plans for the 2014 Gathering which we will continue to promote and publicise the details of once as and when they are confirmed. Anyone who intends coming across for the Gathering in July 2014 should let either of us know so that we can

start to get an idea of numbers. We are keeping an eye on developments for the 2014 Homecoming event proposed in Stirling but are disappointed that it has just been announced that this may no longer include a Clan Gathering. We will keep you posted with developments but will continue to plan our own Clan MacLennan Gathering in the Highlands despite what happens with the Stirling event.

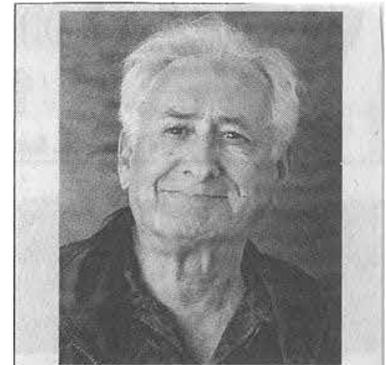
Looking towards next year, it is my intention to attend the Glengarry Highland Games and Fergus Highland Games in Canada in August 2013 and to then visit Melbourne, Australia in November 2013. I am excited about both events and hope that both visits will be successful and enjoyable for all concerned. I am also looking forward to some sunshine, something which has been in very short supply here in Scotland this year!

Yours aye

Chief Ruairidh



Flowers of the Field



KRUCKER, Edward Alfons

Passed away peacefully into the presence of our Lord, on March 19, 2013 at the Hamilton General Hospital in his 82nd year. Lovingly remembered by his wife of 55 years Mary (nee MacLennan), his three children Fides, Andrew (Nathalie), and Chris (Denise), and grandchildren Magdalena, Oksana, Alexander, Madeleine, Naomi, Nakita, Keshia, and Kaleb. Dear brother of Sister Thomas Krucker, and Margrit Klein of Switzerland. Predeceased by his brother Alfons, and sisters Fides, Beatrice and Trudy. Eddy arrived in Canada from Switzerland in 1953 he was a trained pastry chef and worked as a pastry chef and then technical representative (eastern Canada) for Proctor and Gamble. From 1971-77 he was President of Aunt May's Bakery in North Bay. After 2 years university in Seattle, Eddy returned to Ontario and established Pro-Pastry Frozen Specialty Dough from 1980-90. In the bakery trade he was known as the "croissant king" of Canada. Eddy is remembered for his fair and honest treatment of those he worked with and inspired leadership qualities in many. His core motivation was a strong faith in Jesus Christ his Saviour and Lord. In his retirement Eddy spent many years skiing, travelling and enjoying his family both in Switzerland and Canada. The family greatly appreciates the care received from the staff at the General Hospital, the VON, Above and Beyond, the CCAC and St. Elizabeth's Health Care. To name a few; Justin, Htaik, Damien, Marisse, Marie, Ivan and both Pats. Visitation at SMITH'S FUNERAL HOME, 1167 Guelph Line (one stop-light north of QEW), BURLINGTON (905-632-3333) on Friday from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held at St. George's Anglican (AniC) Church (Crossroads Building) 1295 North Service Road, Burlington on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 2 p.m. Cremation to follow. In lieu of flowers and as an expression of sympathy, a donation to the building fund of St. George's Lowville (AniC) Anglican Church, Overseas Missionary Fellowship International or the Parkinson Society would be sincerely appreciated by the family.

Good Tidings to you wherever you are; Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dear Friends,

This old Christmas greeting still holds true today as we wish you a Merry Christmas. Many of you have downsized and will celebrate Christmas and begin new memories in your new homes. John and I are in complete denial that we should do the same. John continues to drive five days/wk for Waterloo Taxi and I'm trying to keep to one shift/wk with Para Med nursing agency. I love my one day/wk work as an ESL volunteer at First United Church and hope to do more in the future. We enjoy various bridge clubs and are members of the Beaux & Belles square dance club and I enjoy my Tumbleweeds book club, a small group of Country Hills Missionary Church.

We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary early with a trip to Belgium and France in June. We spent a week with our son, Shaun, Dorien and Quinn in Wilsele, Belgium. It was wonderful getting to know our granddaughter, Quinn, age two. Skype calls had helped her to know us but it was much better getting acquainted in person. Quinn started school in November- a big transition from day care. She was delighted with a baby brother, Ian MacLennan, born November 9, 2012; our first grandson.

We spent the second week of our holiday in France at a Tyson reunion with my cousins Anne, Graham and Bella at Anne's beautiful bed and breakfast in a hamlet in central France. It was wonderful to be all together and we exchanged family stories and research. Anne, an excellent cook, introduced us to French cuisine and Graham treated us to dinner at a quaint French family restaurant before we said our good-byes and boarded the train to Paris. We spent a few days of sightseeing in Paris before flying

home.

Our summer was spent going to a few Highland Games in Cobourg, Maxville and Fergus and trying to stay cool. The gardening was neglected with the humid heat wave and drought which most of Canada experienced.

Our family came together on Sept.29th to celebrate the day of our wedding - 50 years ago. My maid of honour, Marilyn Martin Greaves and John's brother, Angus, his only surviving groomsman, Nancy and Pat Tyson were able to be with us at a dinner at The Golf Steak House. The next day, family and friends supported our daughter, Janet, in the CIBC "Run for the Cure" at Bingaman Park. Janet is a breast cancer survivor and wanted to "give back" in this way. It was a powerful message of how blessed we are as we ran with relatives of those who hadn't survived.

Our daughter, Valerie is up to speed again and ran her eleventh marathon in Indianapolis. She now has her Nursing Science degree.

Salima & Rob had a scare just after Christmas last year when Salima had a second heart attack. This time it was caught early and with medication she was able to avoid heart damage. When our niece, Dorie Anne had her twins on Oct 3rd, Salima went to Scarborough to help her for a few days and nights. Janet and Kaitlyn have been helping with the twins as well.

John's sister, Beth, suddenly needed more care in March and we were fortunate to find a Nursing Home nearby. Beth has settled in well at Cambridge Country Manor where she receives excellent care in a beautiful country setting.

The Norman cousin reunion was held in September at the Grunder

farm in Tiverton. It was bittersweet as we were missing Linda Grunder who passed away earlier in the year.

We are holding our family Christmas on Dec. 30th this year as Val's family will be in Cuba over Christmas and Salima is going to Houston Texas early in January to look after her nieces. Janet leaves soon after on Jan.11th for a work trip to East Africa. As has become our tradition, we will Skype Shaun's family when we are together Dec. 30th to pass along greeting to the Belgian MacLennans.

Wishing all a Joyous Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2013!

Love,

John and Barbara

Congratulations!

Barbara and John MacLennan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September 2012. Thanks for showing us how it's done.

