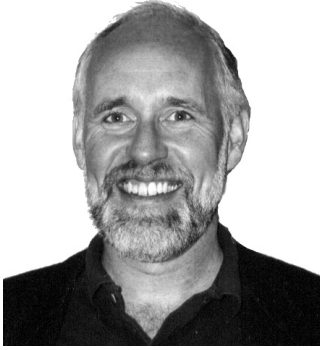


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT IAN C MACLEOD

but I will leave it to others, given the length of what I am already saying.

This is my first column as President of the Clan MacLeod in Canada. First, let me say what an honour it is for me to assume this position. I will do all that I can to help our Clansfolk across the Country grow in their understanding of our shared past, celebrate the current ties of family and grow so that our young people will also carry on our traditions and family bonds in the future. In future columns in the *Leod Voice* and in direct contact with our local societies I will expand on those themes.

Second, a special thanks to Past President Neil for doing the swearing in ceremony at the closing banquet at the North American Gathering in Chicago. It was particularly moving for me as the President's chain of office was donated in the name of my parents at the time of my Dad's death four years ago, and the chain is inscribed in my Dad and Mom's names (Rev. Alastair and Elizabeth MacLeod). There is much more that can and should be said about a very enjoyable NAG,

Third, I congratulate Past President Neil on all of his hard work over the past four years. Neil has been on National Council for at least eight years and has travelled and worked very hard on our behalfs. As I am quickly discovering, there is a lot more work to this position than I first imagined. For example, in addition to in-Canada duties, the nine National Presidents make up the majority of votes on the ACMS and its Management Council, with meetings three or four times a year, in Scotland, England and elsewhere at major gatherings. Due to the time and cost of travel, not all Presidents make all meetings, but we try to be always represented by proxies. That means that all of the materials relating to the ACMS meetings have to be read and responses provided.

Fourth, I also thank the "retiring" CMSC executive, Past President Barbara Armstrong and genealogist Irene MacCrimmon, for their many years of hard work. They have made a huge contribution to the Clan MacLeod in

Canada. Thanks also to all of those who have continued on, or newly joined, National Council. Space doesn't allow me to comment on them more in this issue, but I will do so later. Δ

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT NEIL R MACLEOD

Greetings from your CMSC immediate past president!

With all the summer activities over, I trust that you had a good time at the Games and Clan MacLeod Gatherings. The North American Gathering in Chicago was a great success. We regret that the Canadian Society didn't have many attend. Hope that you make plans for the 2008 North American Gathering, which will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in mid July.

It was in Chicago that I turned over the presidency to Ian C. MacLeod of Richmond BC. As most of you know, he and his son Cam drove to Chicago and continued on to Halifax, picking up his daughter, Heather, and traveling across Canada meeting as many Clan MacLeod members as possible. From all accounts, he had a great trip, thanks to the hospitality of the Societies.



In July, June and I were hosted by the Glengarry Society and attended the Maxville Games. The weather was a bit wet but the Games went on in true Highland form. The North American Band championship consisted of 62 bands and the massed band presentation was a glorious site and sound. Also, there were 513 dancers performing on the field at one time giving them an entry into the Guinness Book of Records. All the dancers were past students of one local dance teacher.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of our beloved friend, Ann B. MacLeod, of North Vancouver. She was known world wide for her great friendship and hospitality, she will be truly missed.

Hold Fast & Shine Bright Δ

FLOWER OF THE FOREST

ANN MACLEOD 1909 - 2004

BY JUDY TIPPLE

CMS Greater Vancouver lost its last founding member on October 21, 2004 with the passing of Ann MacLeod, in Evergreen Manor Extended Care Unit of Lions Gate Hospital, North Vancouver, BC.

Born in Glasgow July 23, 1909, Ann came to Canada as an infant. In 1912 her father built their house in Capilano where Ann resided until a year before her passing.

Ann trained as a teacher and began her career while in her late teens; she became one of the first elementary teacher-librarians for Vancouver School District. About 1965 she retired from teaching to care for her parents.

Ann's interests and achievements were many and varied. Children were particularly important to her, so much so that she would collect library books discarded from elementary schools in Vancouver, clean them up and give them out as treats to the children who called on her at Halloween. Generations of children came from far and wide to visit the home of "the Book Lady" each year.

Ann met Chief Dame Flora MacLeod in Vancouver as well as at other times at Dunvegan

Castle. Subscribing to the Chief's belief that the clan should gather together, in 1956 Ann became an enthusiastic member of the newly formed Clan MacLeod Society of Vancouver. Ann's typing skills were put to good use in her capacity as secretary of CMS Vancouver for many years. She would write up the programs for Clan Gatherings, run the notices off at her school and mail them out, all at her own expense. She loyally corresponded with her worldwide clan family well into her 80s, right up until she could no longer type, when the telephone became her main means of communication.

When Ann began traveling again after her parents passing she attended Clan MacLeod gatherings at such places as Long Beach CA, Everett WA, as well as Dunvegan Scotland where she would visit with old friends from around the world and make new friends too. I had the privilege of accompanying Ann around Scotland and to Skye for Parliament in 1984 then again to Cape Breton, Nova Scotia in 1986 for a North American Gathering. We had a ball.



Following the North American Gathering in Vancouver in 1992, the first CMSC Clansperson of The Year award honoured Ann. “Be seeing you in 92” was her slogan for the Gathering, her last clan outing. She was Honourary Vice-President of CMS Vancouver and was the first CMSC Regional VP for Western Canada.

In 1996 Chief John MacLeod came to Vancouver to take part in “A Highland Event” concert and visited Ann at her home. She considered herself honoured to be able to entertain such “handsome highland gentlemen in their kilts.”

Ann never hesitated to strike up a friendly conversation with strangers, especially if their speech exhibited a hint of a Scottish accent and it was through such casual meetings that she brought several members into the CMS fold and made them life-long friends.

All who knew Ann are richer for having had her friendship and will hold her memory close to their hearts. Our condolences go to Ann’s nephew John, niece Heather and family. Δ

A CHALLENGE TO CANADIAN CMS AND INDIVIDUAL MACLEODS BY DONALD MACLEOD

As chairman of the 2008 NAG, to be held in Halifax, I herewith issue a challenge to every Clan MacLeod Society in Canada and individual Canadian MacLeods, to come up with a suitable logo and slogan for this event.

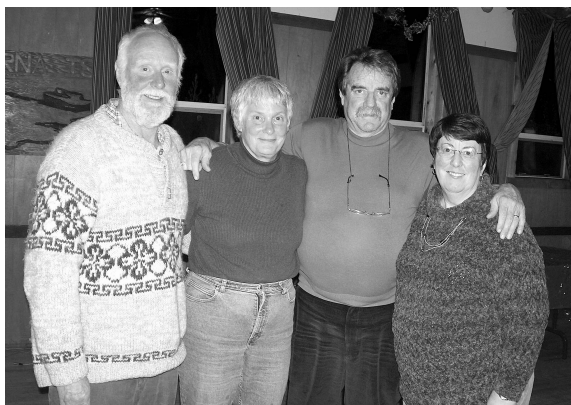
For example, when Eleanor and I attended the CMS-PEI, and challenged them, a lady visiting from Montreal sat down, and in a few moments sketched a two-masted sailing ship. On the top of each mast were pennants, the two main Clan MacLeod tartans and on each sail were the two Clan badges. She wrote beneath the ship "A MacLeod On Every Shore".



Now, if she could come up with something like that in just a few minutes, I challenge every MacLeod, young and old, to do the same. Sorry, we can't offer any prize for your effort except notoriety and recognition at the 2008 NAG.

Send your individual or Society submission by mail or email to: Donald R. MacLeod, Chairman-Clan MacLeod 2008 North American Gathering, 239 Chandler Drive, Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia, B4C 1Y4

Email:
nova.don@ns.sympatico.ca Δ



Roger and Katherine deBall (President CMS Alberta North) surprised Rick and Judy Tipple when they sailed to Saturna and into the Saturna Community dinner, where they met for the first time.
21 October, 2004.

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETIES OF CANADA NATIONAL COUNCIL

by Judy Tipple

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A warm welcome is extended to those who are new on the National Council. Your willingness to take on responsibilities is applauded and we encourage all members of National Council to take up their tasks with enthusiasm and dispatch. When every member of a team participates with energy, ideas and support, the team achievements are maximized. Δ



Photo: Neil R.

BC Highland Games, 2004, MacLeod tent was a popular stop.

CAPE BRETON REPORT

BY PETER SMITH,
PRESIDENT CMSCB

[submitted much earlier]

On October 16th the CMSCB will hold its AGM in Baddeck, Cape Breton. Don and Eleanor MacLeod, President of the CMS Halifax will attend the meeting. Due to the outside pressures on the President and Secretary Treasurer of our society, an election

of officers will be held. They will still however stay active with the society. Also on the agenda will be the formation of a committee to re-build the Clan MacLeod display at the Gaelic College at St. Ann's so that the Clan takes its rightful place in the Hall of the Clans. It is hoped that with a prominent display the Clan MacLeod Society of Cape Breton will have more exposure and generate an increase in membership.

Hold Fast Δ

NEWS FROM OTTAWA CMS

BY RUTH TOLLER

Over thirty members of the Ottawa Clan Society gathered for dinner at Algonquin College on July 8 to bid farewell to Rod and Ann as they departed for Bracebridge, Ontario where they are taking up residence to be near their daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren. Rod & Ann have been stalwart supporters of Ottawa Clan activities for many years, as well as serving on the Clan executive.

An example of Rod's efforts in clan expansion was related by Elizabeth MacLeod, piper for the Ottawa Society, who loves to tell how she became associated with the Clan. Apparently her grandson, strolling along the grassy path by Rod and Ann's garden, was greeted

by Rod, who presented the lad with a ripe tomato. Upon learning that the boy's name was MacLeod, Rod urged him to advise his grandmother of the Clan Society's existence. Rod followed up with an invitation to the next Clan event, and soon a new family was attending the annual ceilidh and the Ottawa MacLeods had an official piper for all Clan events.

Would that all clansmen had Rod's enthusiastic spirit. We're betting that before long there'll be a gathering of MacLeods in the Bracebridge area.

Rod and Ann paid a visit to Ottawa in late October, and they report that they're thoroughly enjoying their new surroundings. They've found a welcoming church to attend, and have even located a Scottish country dancing group. Lang may their lum reek! Δ

CMS MANITOBA REPORT

BY BOB McLEOD

Twelve members attended our Annual General Meeting on Feb 1st, 2004. Highlights of 2003 included the presenting of the Clan MacLeod Trophy to the best of the day Junior Pipe and Drum Band at the Manitoba Highland Games, in Selkirk, the Bellafield Kirkin O' the Tartan service in the Presbyterian Church south of Ninette, the seven day long Folklorama, the 16th annual MacLeod Dinner and the CMSC Award of Merit to David McLeod plus honorary membership status to David's parents, Ken and Nellie McLeod. Financially, 2003 was a break-even year, and we look forward to the challenges of 2004.

In order to re-define our purpose, set short and long term goals, a committee within a committee was formed, with Sheldon McLeod as chairman. At this writing, the committee has met twice and with executive approval, our Clan Society will provide a Highland Dance Trophy for the Scot Dance Canada Championships to be held in Winnipeg in July. This means, CMS Manitoba will present two trophies each year, one for Dancing and one for Junior Pipe and Drum Band



competition. Committee #2 also decided we should have two social events per year and accordingly plans are underway for a Bingo Bowl in September and of course, our annual (17th) MacLeod Dinner in October.

Dr. James Hunter will be in Winnipeg on June 8, 9, 10 to further research the book he is writing on the migration of MacLeods from Scotland, and we look forward to his visit. We also welcome three new member families, as listed below, giving us a total of 51 families. It's great to have them aboard and we're sure they'll enjoy the magazines, newsletters and activities.

Dawn and Kevin Powers,

Woodlawn St, Winnipeg
Jennifer and Rory McLeod,

College Ave, Winnipeg
Sandra MacLeod,

Sioux Lookout, Ontario Δ

AN EVENING WITH JIM HUNTER

BY FLORENCE MACLEOD

It was a spring evening that Manitobans like to brag about as far as weather was concerned (we had 50 mm of rain the previous weekend) so the sun and warm temperature were appreciated in John and Carole's back yard. Those present, Bob & Connie McLeod, Bruce & Florence MacLeod, Ken & Nellie McLeod, William & Mary McLeod, Naomi & John McLeod, Carole & John Cox, Catherine McLeod, Roy McLeod, Margaret McCurdy, Morag Aposle, Dorothy Doran, Robert McLeod and Helen Hill, thoroughly enjoyed the evening with Jim Hunter.

It was informal, Jim had the opportunity to talk to everyone and there were interesting stories from our members.

Pipe Major William MacLeod had the beautiful evening to warm up his bagpipes and we all enjoyed the melody he played.

There were photo opportunities after which we enjoyed a delicious potluck supper.

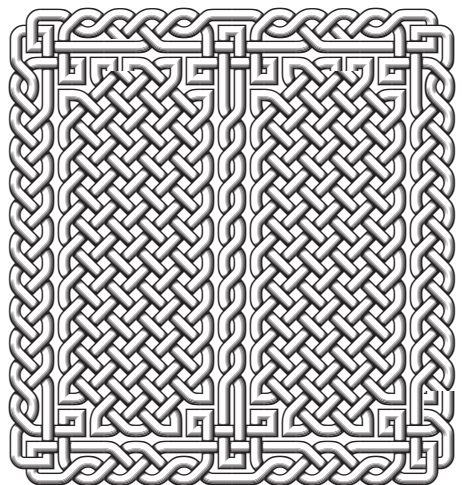
The other highlight of the event was our three honoured guests, Pipe Major William MacLeod, Robert McLeod and Ken McLeod, World War II veterans (Juno Beach) who

wore their medals and told of their experiences. It was an opportunity for all of us to say thank you as the 60th anniversary of D-Day was recently remembered. Bill, Ken and Robert cut and served the cake made and decorated in their honour.

A souvenir of Manitoba, a jug of authentic Manitoba maple syrup and Buffalo Pemmican (a dried mixture of smoked buffalo meat and Saskatoon berries) were presented to Jim. He then spoke about his book *The MacLeods: The Migration of a Clan* followed by an open discussion.

It was a great evening and the Clan MacLeod of Manitoba was pleased that Jim included Winnipeg on his Canadian trip.

Thank you to Carole and John, our hosts, and to everyone for a memorable evening. Δ



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CHICAGO 2004 NORTH-AMERICAN GATHERING PHOTOS GALORE



Left: Pipers
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Wonder where
the next event will
take place? Just
follow the pipers!

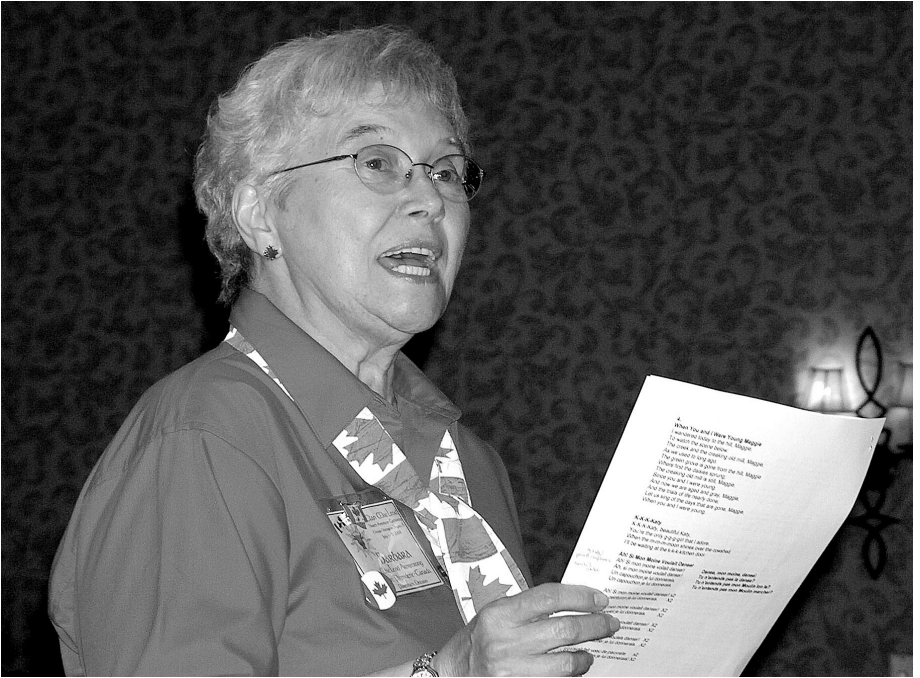
Below:
Registration
July 1 in the
morning
Ian C. (Richmond)
joins the group
to pick up their
registration
'goodie' bag.

Photo: Neil R.



CANADA DAY

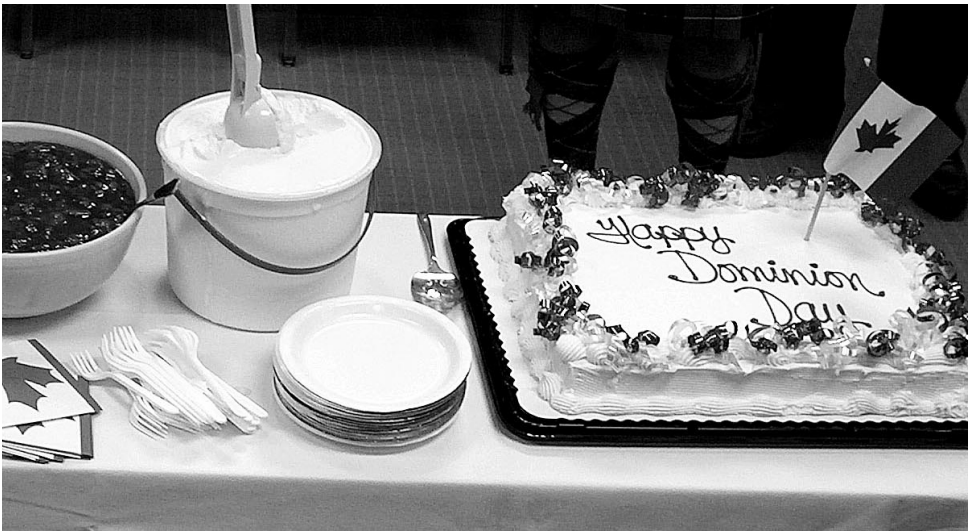




Top left: Great goodies and fellowship in the Canada Room during the Canada Day celebration, July First

Left and above: Bob Armstrong plays while Barbara leads all in song.
Note Bob's wonderful maple-leaf hat!

Below: The Goodies —
strawberries and cake, topped with ice cream and clanship.
What a treat for all!



OPENING CEREMONY JULY 2ND

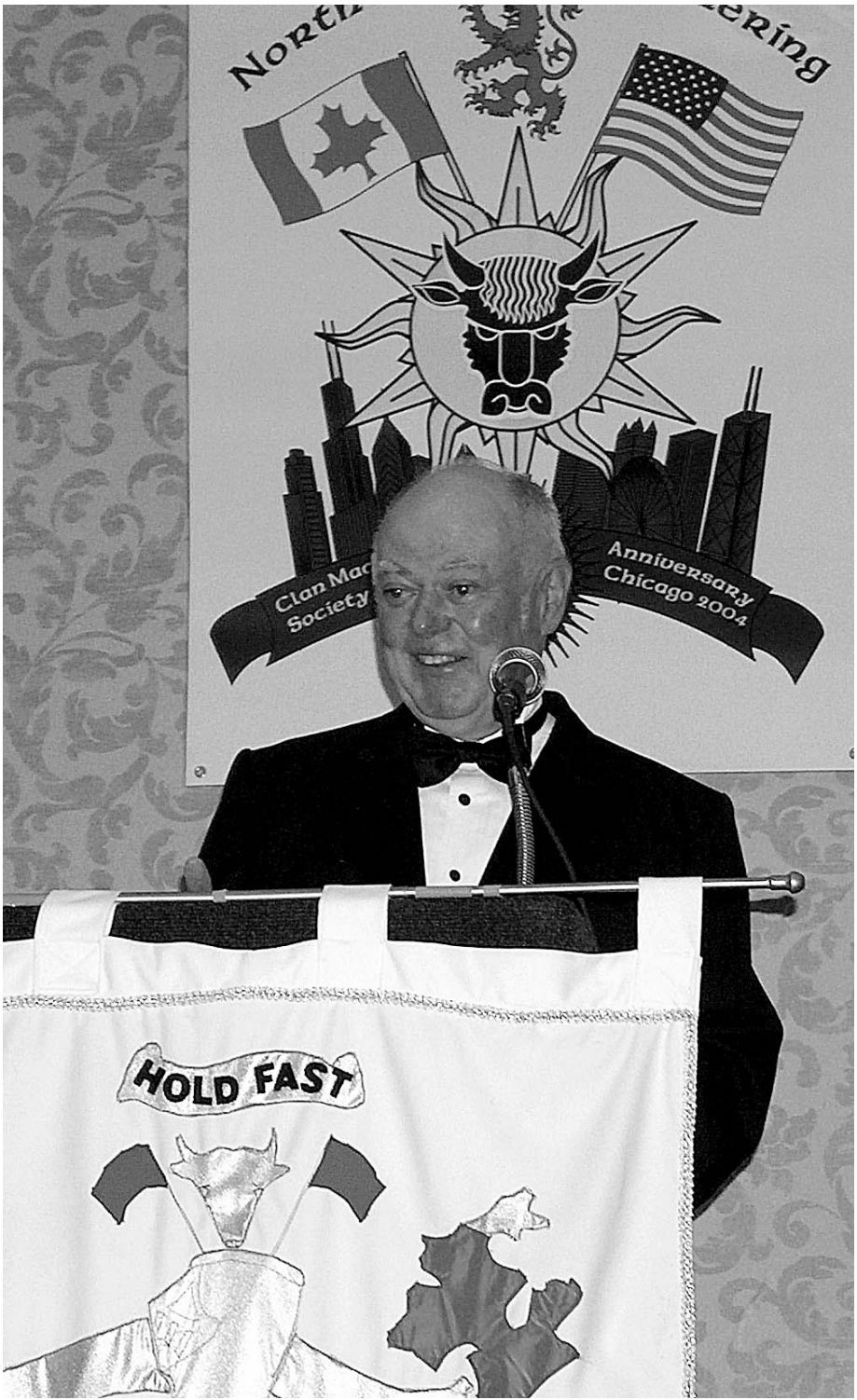
Below: Bernie McLeod and Malcolm MacLeod, bearers of the tartans, open the Ceremonies

Right: Alistair MacLeod, who appeared to me at least, as he sat on the stage, as if he had a breakfast of quick setting concrete; but when he began to give the "Stanley R. MacLeod Memorial Lecture", he displayed that typical Highland twinkle in his eye, and enthralled us all.

A quiet, unassuming man, he is satisfied with simply being a good teacher and superb author.



Photo: Bill
G. USA



JULY 2, CONTINUED



Photo: Bill
G. USA



Left top: There were many activities for the young folk.
Left bottom: Judy Tipple, Anne Halford-MacLeod and Cathy White each try their hand at weaving, using a compact table-top loom
Above: President Neil R. calls the Canadian meeting to order
Below: Sherwin Kader, begins the ceilidh with story telling



JULY 3



Presidents Albrecht Kulbjuhn, Germany; Neil R. McLeod, Canada; William C. MacLeod, USA; Ian MacLeod, Australia; Chief John; Alex McLeod, ACMS; Malcolm MacLeod, England; and Ruari Halford-MacLeod, Scotland
Below: Neil R. hands over CMSC Presidential chain of office to Ian C.
Right top: Bill C., Anita and Alistair accompany Chief John
Middle: Chief John shares a joke with many of the young clanfolk.
Bottom: Canadians and friends socializing in Neil R.'s suite

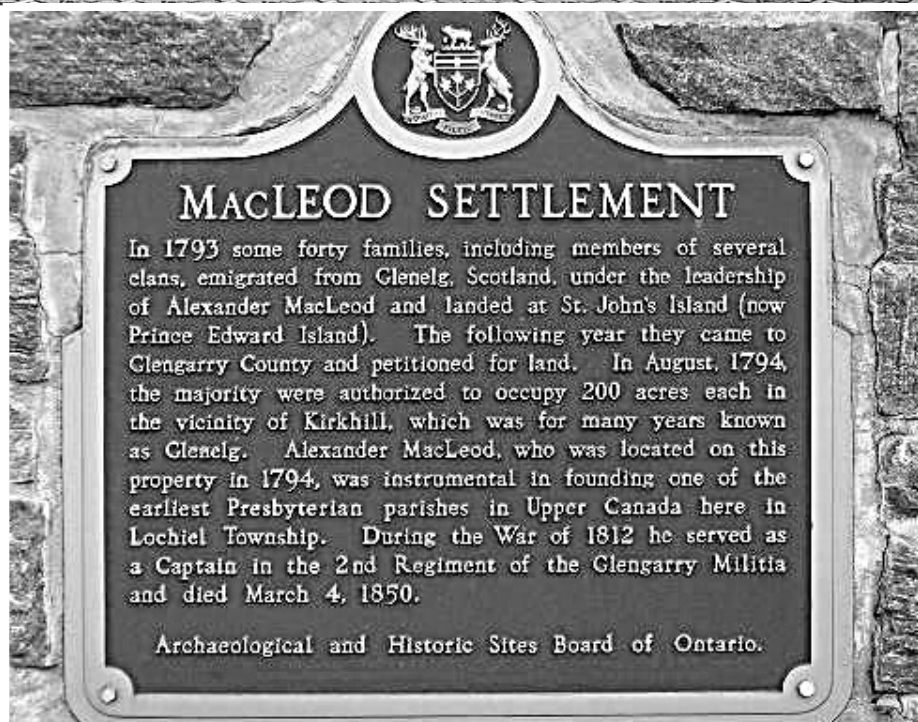






**The North American Gathering,
2004, in Chicago, Group Photo
of the 200 plus attendees.**

**Right: the plaque on the MacLeod
Cairn which CMS Glengarry
cares for and maintains. This
monument typifies our reason
for gathering as a clan.**



JULY 4, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

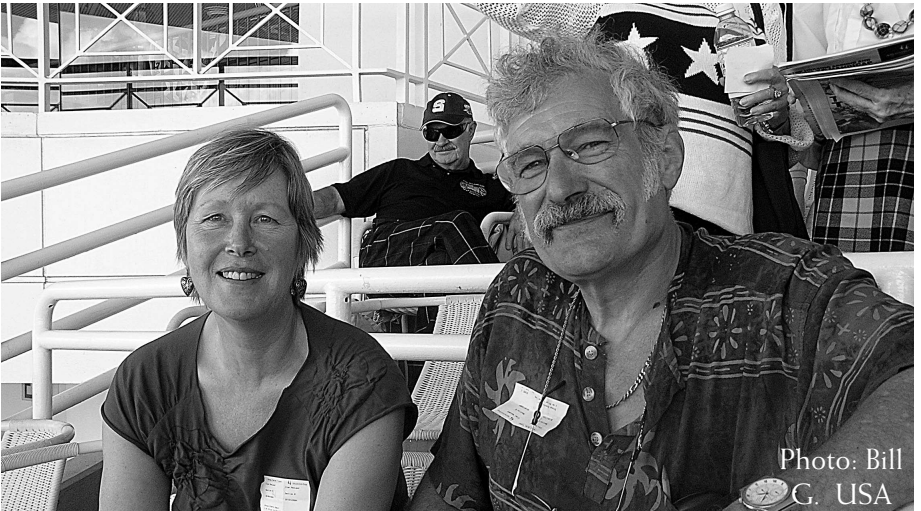


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RACE TRACK FROM THE HOTEL

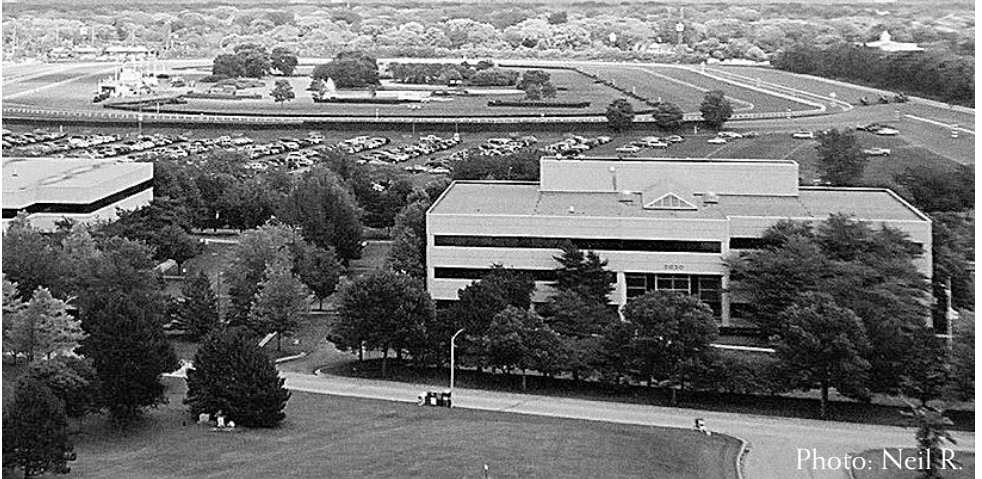


Photo: Neil R.



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Left: A close finish.

John D-K and Romma Clements enjoy a sunny afternoon at the races

Above: Chief John in the winners' circle after the MacLeod Race

Below: Careful study of the racing program didn't improve Chief John's wagering results

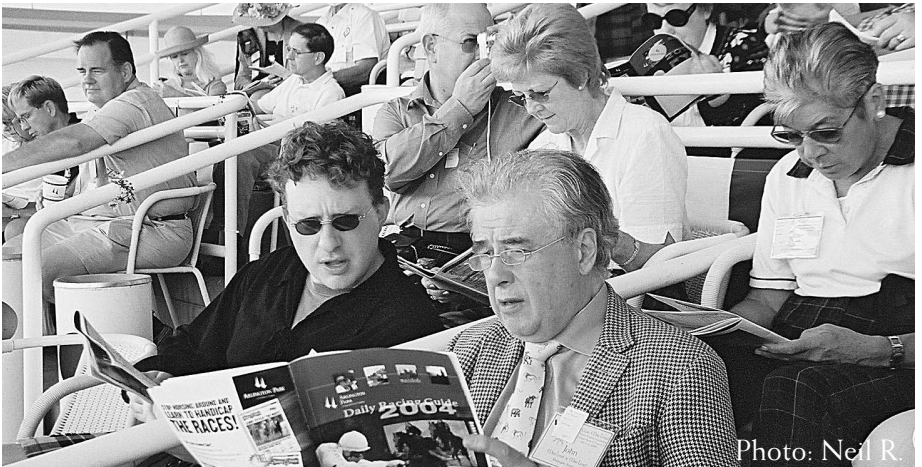


Photo: Neil R.

HOIST THE TARTAN CHALLENGE GRANT ACHIEVED

[Notes from past ACMS minutes.]

This is a hallmark event in the history of both Clan MacLeod and the ACMS in that it now has its very first ever Endowment Fund.

The minimum amount of \$10,000 USD from non-USA National Societies has been not only met, but also exceeded. The \$30,000 USD raised will be held in the Dunvegan Foundation in escrow with the interest going into the Clan MacLeod Heritage Trust for projects approved in advance by the Dunvegan Foundation Trustees.

The principal of this Endowment Fund will remain untouched

and will be added to over time. The interest from the Fund will be added, in part, to the principal to help effect that growth, and the remainder will be used to further the preservation and celebration of Clan MacLeod's history and culture.

We are each encouraged to give the CMHT more thought. It is important for all of us to recognize that the creation of this Endowment Fund is a beginning, not an end. We must learn more about 'continual growth' that will effect financial growth, and in turn provide the funds necessary to support our heritage. Consider the Heritage Trust in your Estate Planning.

Thank you to all the individuals and Societies who gave so generously in support of the 'Hoist The Tartan' Challenge Grant. Δ



Photo: Neil R.

Bruce & Florence MacLeod (Winnipeg) enjoy a visit with Ann (Bracebridge)



Irene MacCrimmon, Judy, Olive Bell & Leslie McCrimmon visit

MEMOIRS OF A FISHERMAN

BY JOANNE GORDON

From the research I have, it starts with Roderick Macleod born in 1772 in Achmelvich, Scotland. He was a son of John Macleod. Roderick was a seafaring fisherman who owned his own boats. He came to Canada in 1848 and farmed in West Zorra Twp, Ontario His first wife, Kathrene Mackenzie, had died in Scotland and they had three children: Roderick (who married Ishbell Mackenzie); Catherine (who married John Macleod); and Margaret (who married Hector Macleod). When Roderick was 48 years old, he remarried to Janet Matheson at Stoer, Scotland on April 28 1820. From this second marriage there were six children, five of whom came to Canada in 1848. These children were Christine Macleod,

John Macleod (02/02/1823), Donald Macleod (died an infant), Anne Macleod, Flora Macleod, and Donald Macleod.

John (Major) Macleod (one of the six above) was born in Achmelvich. He was a fisherman and came to Canada in 1848. John engaged in farming in Oxford County, Ontario and was a breeder of excellent quality farm stock. On March 17, 1852 at Knox Presbyterian Church in Embro, Ontario, he married Mary Macleod who was born October 9, 1823 at Strathan Scotland. Mary was one of the daughters of Roderick Macleod and Anne MacDonald. Anne MacDonald was a daughter of the chief of their clan. Mary was a tailoress by trade and helped as a midwife in Ontario. John died February 12, 1907 (84 years old). Mary died June 13, 1916 and both are buried in the Presbyterian >>

Cemetery at Harrington, Ontario. They had 6 children: Catherine Macleod; Roderick Macleod; John Macleod; Margaret Macleod; Johanna Macleod, Annie Jeanetta Helen Macleod.

Catherine Macleod was born February 7, 1853 in West Zorra Twp, Ontario. She was an excellent farmer's wife and housekeeper. She married Henry Sealey, a farmer in Grey Co. Ontario. Catherine died August 4, 1925 and Henry died in 1928; they had no family. Both are buried in Durham, Ontario cemetery.

Roderick Macleod was born October 12, 1854 in West Zorra Twp. Ontario. He was a farmer who later became a druggist and married Elizabeth Elliot. They had 4 children: Bertha, Elliot, Royal, and Harlen.

John Macleod was born July 29, 1858 in West Zorra Twp, Ontario and died in a drowning accident August 1, 1859 and is buried in Harrington Ontario.

Margaret Macleod was born June 9, 1860 in West Zorra Twp, Ontario. She was a librarian and later a housewife. On November 24, 1932 at the Anglican Church in Woodstock Ontario she married William Karn who was born in 1856 in East Zorra. He farmed most of his life in Oxford Co. Margaret died September 14, 1926 and William died July 1, 1952, without

family. Both are buried in Woodstock Cemetery

Johanna Macleod was born May 20, 1862 in West Zorra Twp, Ontario. She was a housewife and mother. On October 15, 1879 at Knox Church, Harrington, she married Alexander McCallum Gordon who was born March 10, 1851 in Lanark Co. Ontario. He was a jeweler at Durham Ontario and later at Weyburn Saskatchewan. He died October 15, 1910 and is buried at Slager Cemetery in Saskstchewan. Johanna died March 9, 1924 and is buried at Harrington Ont. They had seven children: Mary Margaret, Roderick John, Alexander Ronald, Isobel Dunn, Thomas Athol, Henry Andrew, and Gilber.

Mary Margaret Gordon was born April 5 1881 at Durham Ontario and taught school all her life in Western and Eastern Canada. On February 25, 1948 at Strathmore Alberta, she married Charles O. Dawson who was born in Yorkshire England and was a farmer in Alberta. He died September 14, 1956; Mary died January 15, 1958 and both bodies were cremated. (Mary was remembered by some as Aunt Mamie)

Johanna Macleod was my father's grandmother.

Does this info tie into any of your links? If so, my email address is <joannegordon@shaw.ca Δ



Above: Ireta Janiec and
Judy Tipple enjoy a
catch-up visit in the
Hospitality Suite
Left: Ruari & Anne Halford-
MacLeod, Auchtermuchty,
Scotland, with Rory & Ann,
Bracebridge, Ontario
Below: Olive McCaskill
Bell, New Mexico and
Cape Breton, and her
daughter Betsie, New
Mexico, peruse their
program to select
workshops



OTTAWA MACLEODS AT THE NAG

BY RUTH TOLLER

Eight members of the Ottawa Clan MacLeod Society found their way to Chicago for the Gathering, which included both Canada Day and The Fourth of July. Barbara and Bob Armstrong, Jean and Ed McKenna, Ann and Rod MacLeod and Ruth and George Toller all represented Ottawa at the exciting event.

The historic dinner held at the University Club where the United States Society had its origins 50 years ago, was a gala part of the Gathering. Another memorable feature was Alistair MacLeod's

morning address to the assembly. His initial dour Scots expression soon gave way to the wit and warmth of this talented author. Chief John graced the Gathering with his usual good humour, bathed in the glow of his recent marriage.

The fireworks, which we watched from our hotel during the evening of July 4th, made us aware of the outstanding patriotism of all Americans. One could turn a complete circle and see a different fireworks display in every direction.

Chicago is an amazing city with wonderful architecture and an open and inviting waterfront. The U.S. Society were excellent hosts, and we came home with many happy memories. Δ



Photo: Neil R.

Volleyball, a game for all ages, and a great serve into the setting sun





Above: Tall buildings and serene waterways—Chicago
Below: Jennifer leads the youth in a drama presentation



I, TOO, WENT TO A GATHERING THIS SUMMER

BY BARRY BEESLEY, CMS
BC INTERIOR

Three people in Guelph, Ontario organized “An Isle of Tiree Gathering” this summer in Guelph. About 200 people came representing most of the clan families found on the island. There were a total of 25 clans represented. There were many belonging to the three clans that ruled the island in Scottish historical times, namely the Macdonalds (Lord of the Isles), the MacLeans and the Campbells (Duke of Argyll types). To name a few of the others, there were McFadyens, who were MacLean clan craftsmen and artisans, MacKinnons, Camerons, Kennedys, MacDougalls, Lamonts, MacPhails, MacKays, and yes, even some MacLeods. There were people there from the island in Scotland, from Australia and from the US,

along with Canadians. Most of us have mixed clan roots, mine are MacFadyen, MacLean, MacKinnon, MacPhail, MacLeod and MacDonald, and to name the ones I know about. It was an interesting time. They are lively musicians and country dancers, and famed storytellers. Two evening were setup as social evenings. During the day, the people setup tables to display their lineage, and they had sessions telling about where they settled in Canada and what life was like then. They also had a session at the Guelph University Library showing us the Scottish materials. On the final day they had an all day bus trip out to Bruce County to see where many of the people from Tiree homesteaded. The group is planning another get-together in the summer of 2006 on the Isle of Tiree.

My grandmother was a McFadyen/McLean and married a MacLeod from the Isle of Lewis. It was her storytelling that got me to go to University and study history. Δ





2006 Parliament Organizer, Anne Halford-MacLeod, confers with past parliament organizers Nancy McLeod Nicol and Rose Flemming-- 29 July to 5 August, 2006. Time to start planning!

PEAT SMOKE AND PORRIDGE

by Judy Tipple

A recently published book based on the author's life as a district nurse on one of the Hebridean islands in the 1970s, this book is a mixture of fact and fiction but based securely in the reality of island life at that time, a lifestyle

that is quickly disappearing.

Although the author is a MacLeod by marriage, she has written under the name of Rebecca Cameron to protect her anonymity among the villagers: choosing the name because one of her grandparents was a member of that clan.

Peat Smoke and Porridge is available on the net from Amazon, First Century and Barnes-Noble. The price is £7 UK. Δ

TREK 04

BY IAN C. MACLEOD

I was away from my home in Richmond, BC (close to Vancouver) from June 27 until August 7 on a major driving holiday across Canada and the USA, which was closely tied in with Clan MacLeod activities.

My son, Cam (age 21), and I drove from Vancouver to Chicago for the North American Gathering. My wife, Ardie, and our youngest daughter, Stephanie, joined us there on July 4 (Steph couldn't get off work until July 3). After the NAG finished on July 5, we drove to Washington, DC (2 days), New York (4 days) and Boston (2 days). Steph works for the Delta/Fairmont Hotel chain, so we were able to get her staff (deep) discounts at many hotels across Canada and the USA. My gift to Ardie (and vice versa) for our 30th Wedding Anniversary (June 15) was to take in a Broadway Show in New York. We saw *42nd Street* (on 42nd Street)—It was fabulous. From Boston, Ardie and Steph flew home.

I carried on to Halifax, where our oldest daughter, Heather was finishing up an internship in prosthetics. Heather finished her training in late May and was moving to Red Deer (no work in Halifax, with health care cuts in the public facilities) to take up a new job in

a private orthotic and prosthetics facility. Heather, Cam and I then drove back across Canada, visiting friends, relatives and Clan MacLeod local societies along the way. As an aside, Heather is now the co-editor, with Emma Halford-MacLeod, of the *Clan MacLeod Magazine* (Emma is the daughter of Ruari Halford-MacLeod, President of the Scotland Society and a former editor himself of the Magazine.)

In 42 days, we covered 16,954 km through 22 states and 9 provinces. Quite the trip!

I did find it a bit taxing on my health (I, like so very many others with Highland Scots ancestry, have MS), but with anywhere from 2 to 4 drivers nearly every day, I could sleep while the others drove. I dearly missed my regular swimming (I did get some days in, but not enough). I was glad to get home.

After 42 days in a car, Cam was still even talking to me! By the end, he either missed his Mommy, or had had enough of me—I tease him that it was the former, but I rather expect that it was the latter. (While in Chicago, we had a chance to hear a presentation by, and talk to, Alister MacLeod, the author of “No Great Mischief”. In his presentation he talked about some MacLeod traits, most notably bullheadedness and stubbornness.)



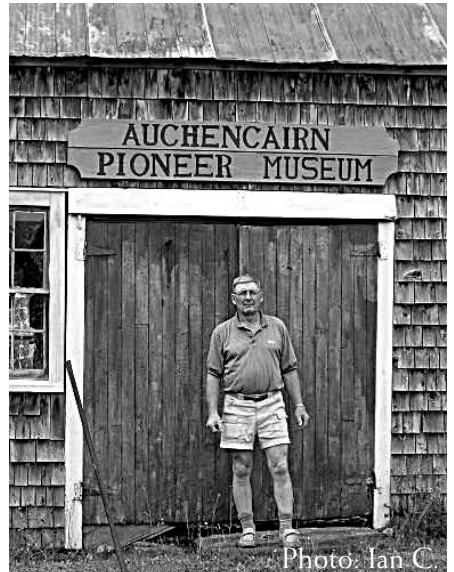
Atlantic Region VP John, with CMSC President Ian C.,
and CMSC VP Donald

He might be right, although Cam and I might disagree on who of us most acquired those traits!

I managed to visit every one of my MacLeod first cousins (and some more distant ones as well) on the trip, some of whom I hadn't seen in 45 years.

I also visited 10 of the 12 local Clan MacLeod societies along the way. I only missed Cape Breton (communication gap) and Alberta South (no response, although I did meet with Secretary Alma in Vancouver after my return home). I was able to meet individually with Donald and John (our new Atlantic VP) in Halifax, Gordon in Scotsburn (Nova Scotia North), Patrice in Montreal, Katherine in Edmonton and Phil and Pat in Osoyoos, BC as well as several larger groups. Many thanks to all of

you for your very kind hospitality and for organizing get-togethers and meals: Martin and Marjorie in PEI (about 10 clansfolk), Doreen and Joan in Glengarry (about 20), Barbara and Ann in Ottawa >>



Gordon, Pictou, in front of the museum
he has established on his family farm

(about 20), Colin and Beth and Karen in Central Ontario (about 20), Florence and Carol in Winnipeg (about 6). I also visited with Norman (Clan MacLeod Foundation) and Joan Rogers at Dunvegan farm in Markdale, ON.

Additional thanks to Bob and Barbara Armstrong in Pakenham (Ottawa) for putting us up for a couple of nights. Bob even took Cam and Heather golfing, again, many thanks. Disaster was narrowly averted when Heather's cat (another story) almost got lost in the heating ducts of Bob and Barbara's house. The same thanks to Colin & Beth in Tottenham. You can have no idea how much we

appreciated some home cooked meals and laundry facilities!

I add a special note here. At the NAG, Colin and Beth were to be presented with the Canadian Clanspersons of the Year Award (among many other activities, they had organized the NAG in Guelph in 2000 and Jim Hunter's Canadian visits and interviews over the past year or so). Unfortunately, Colin put his back out early on at the NAG and was bedridden for most of the gathering. As such, he was unable to be at the banquet when it was presented, to Beth alone. I re-presented it to them both at Tottenham during my visit. Again, congratulations! >> page 36



CLANSPERSONS OF THE YEAR AWARD GIVEN TO COLIN AND BETH MACLEOD BY KAREN MACLEOD

A Canadian Scotsman: William Colin Macleod

Colin's involvement with the clan began 64 years ago. His father, J. Norman Macleod was in Britain with the Canadian Forces, stationed near the channel to repel the German invasion that never materialized. In the summer of 1940, during his first furlough, he traveled north to Scotland to visit Dunvegan Castle. Chief Flora met him during his tour and there began a lifelong friendship. Dame Flora invited Norman's family to visit her in Dunvegan, so in 1949 my father got his first introduction to the history of Clan MacLeod when he accompanied his mother and father on a 12-day visit to Dunvegan Castle as guests of Chief Flora and her daughter Alice.

When the Clan Society of Central Ontario was founded in 1955, Colin's family joined up. Since then, Colin has been an active and highly visible member of the Clan MacLeod Society. Colin served as Program Conveyor (and M.C.) from 1963 to 1980 in Central Ontario. In 1980, he embarked on a 20-year session as Vice-President. Since his "retirement" from the executive council in 2000, Colin has continued to attend executive council meetings as an advisor (most likely to keep an eye on the youngest President to date – his daughter). Colin has also been one of the main contributors to Ontario's Clan newsletter for over 5 years.

However, Colin's involvement in Clan MacLeod has reached far beyond the borders of the Clan MacLeod Society of Central Ontario. He has attended every North American Gathering except the first one held in Glengarry in 1976 (having 1 year-old twin daughters can sometimes limit your travel). He has contributed to many North American Gatherings whether it was as M.C. for the ceilidh in Detroit (1980) or presenting a talk in Sydney, Nova Scotia (1984) or one of his numerous stories or infamous jokes that was shared on the bus ride to Calgary as part of the Vancouver Gathering (1992). Still, it wasn't enough for Colin so he volunteered (with the full support of Central Ontario) to organize the 7th North American Gathering held in Guelph in 2000. For 4 years he worked on his labour of love, constructing a hard-working group of MacLeods to help create a 5-day MacLeod event to remember. His role as host for Gathering 2000 prompted him to take the final step to becoming a true MacLeod and those who attended the Guelph Gathering saw Colin's debut in a kilt.

You would think that organizing an extremely successful event for 500 family and kin would be enough for his Scottish resume, but no, it seemed Colin still had energy left for his Clan roots. His attendance at 4 consecutive Parliaments since 1990 has provided him with more opportunities to make connections outside of the Central Ontario Society. Since 2001, Colin has been the organizer (on behalf of ACMS) of 3 visits to Canada by Jim Hunter, who is currently finishing a book on the migration of Clan MacLeod.

Colin's continued dedication and commitment to Clan MacLeod >>

has earned him recognition in our own MacLeod Hall of Fame. Congratulations Colin.

The Trials of Marriage to a MacLeod: Elizabeth (Beth) MacLeod

When Beth Douglas met Colin MacLeod as a guest of her mother's boarding house, little did she know what the future held. When the two later began dating, Colin took Beth to a number of MacLeod ceilidhs. The fancy after-dinner dances must have lulled Beth into thinking that Colin's MacLeod connection was simple fun and romance. However, as is often the case, the true nature of the man is only revealed after the wedding vows are exchanged, and Beth became an active participant in a highland Clan Society despite her civilized lowlander roots.

Beth's involvement in the clan has been one of silent and steady participation. From joining the Hospitality Committee to becoming editor of the Society newsletter in 1997, Beth has been an important and vital member of the Clan MacLeod of Central Ontario.

Beth's role in Gathering 2000 cannot be emphasized enough. The saying "behind every strong man, there is a woman" can only hint at the numerous and complex roles Beth played in order to make the North American Gathering in Guelph a success. In addition to her work as head of the Committee of Sales and Merchandise, she also coordinated registrations which meant that one way or another, every MacLeod who attended the last North American Gathering was subjected to Beth's careful consideration. Perhaps the most important role Beth played during those 5 days in Guelph, (not including keeping a diligent watch over her daughter who was due to give birth to the first grandchild of the family) was a role that has been performed by many women, yet not acknowledged by the greater community. In simple fact, whatever Colin was involved in, Beth was involved in simply because her primary job for the 4 years working up to the Gathering was to keep Colin sane.

While we might claim that Beth was really a MacLeod born in a Douglas skin, or maybe it is her generous and true Scottish heart, we cannot deny that her award is justly deserved and recognized. Congratulations Beth.

To lift a quote from Ian D. MacLeod's Australian newsletter "Clan MacLeod is alive and well and provides a wonderful example of how we can all learn to work together in harmony to create a wiser, happier and ultimately healthier community" (can world peace be far behind!)

It's interesting that of the nine National societies, three of them

are headed by Ians (Ian F. NZ, Ian D. Australia, and Ian C. Canada. (The VP for France is also an Ian). It all goes to show either that our parents were traditionalists or had little imagination. The Ians may even out number the Donalds and Bills!

From my conversations with clansfolk across the country, I found that many have little idea of



Photo: Ian C.

Ian C. with Doreen Howes, President CMS Glengarry and Joan McEwan

how CMSC or ACMS are structured, who the people are or what they do. I have also found from questions posed at Highland games that many Scots descendants are looking for quick answers to some very basic, you would think, questions on our history and culture (things like: Where exactly are the Highlands? What do the tartans mean? and many more). Some of this is on the ACMS website and the CMSC website (although it has been a challenge to keep either of them up to date). I will try and answer some of these questions in future issues of the *Leod Voice*.

The biggest item that I will be tackling, in the short term, is to help get youth more involved in Clan activities. Malcolm (England) and I

co-chaired a workshop at the NAG on that issue. In the next few weeks we will be approaching Emma Halford-MacLeod (*Clan Magazine* Co-Editor as well as the ACMS Youth Coordinator) with a draft action plan, which hopefully she will find to be a useful tool >>



Last stop: Ian C. visits Pat & Phil, President CMS BC Interior, Osooyos

to go out to all of the National Societies to seek youth input. I expect that an initiative such as this will only succeed if the youth tell us (the more “senior” members) what they want and then clan leadership at every level supports them, rather than the other way around. There will be much more on this in coming months.

I missed the October meeting of the ACMS in England, but expect to attend the February meeting in Edinburgh. I am working closely with ACMS Executive Vice President Malcolm MacLeod (who is also President of the England Society) on strategic planning, particularly as it relates to these youth initiatives. That will be a key topic at the February meetings.

Speaking of youth, I was very encouraged by some of the youth contacts made during my visits (in addition to my own kids, of course). In Glengarry, I was

superbly entertained by Ashley on her fiddle (she is already a National calibre performer) and Brad (on the bagpipes). In Winnipeg I met Jennifer and Rory. Jennifer is very keen to get the youth more involved in Clan activities, and has already put forward a number of ideas. She and Rory are also co-ordinators of the Internet Society.

Finally, I want to hear from you. We have to work harder at improving our communication, on all fronts *Clan MacLeod Magazine*, *Leod Voice*, web sites, emails, personal events, visits and so on. I very much want to hear back from you with any complaints, suggestions or success stories.

We have a wonderful Clan family, spread across Canada (there are 13,337 MacLeod phone listings at superpages.ca, and probably 30,000 MacLeods in Canada) and around the world. It will be my honour and pleasure to help nurture that family. Δ

**Apologies for this late newsletter.
Personal health reasons delayed its
publication, but I must admit
a lack of enthusiasm did not help.**

**Please heed my editorial on the last page;
We want to remain in this position,
but cannot under the present circumstances.**

**No one should
ever resent a task they hoped to enjoy!**



Above: Rick & Judy Tipple enjoy a visit with Ed & Jean McKenna in Ottawa
Below: George & Ruth Toller, Ottawa, share their farewell picnic for Rory & Ann, with friends





THE EDITORS' PAGE

Clan MacLeod is a great group, but, in our humble opinion, organization must be improved. For example, in the last three days, we received two repeat e-mails from folks who wanted to join Clan MacLeod but could not get a response from the contact information we sent them. How can we complain about declining membership when enthusiastic prospective members are ignored by societies whose executive are “too busy” to respond?

The positions of Regional Vice-presidents were introduced by the National Executive to enhance communication among societies within and between regions, especially through the *Leod Voice*. The two main tasks of each Regional VP were to ensure that each society in their region was represented in this publication, and that paid-up membership and executive lists were forwarded to the Membership Registrar, both tasks to be completed before the published deadlines. Without this, our job has simply become too difficult. With a few notable and most welcome exceptions, this issue has but three major sources: Ian C., Neil R., and ourselves. We wish no acclaim, but want and need support.

If the circumstances of Regional VPs make them unable to complete these two tasks, they should resign, opening the field for others who, out of graciousness, “don’t want to step on their toes.”

If the CMSC executive is unwilling to do this, or finds this editorial presumptuous, so be it. Without improved support, we can agree to edit, compose, publish and mail only two more newsletters, Spring and Fall 2005. Others will have to replace us after that. We want never to complain on this page again.

A task that we once enjoyed has become an immense chore that brings little but frustration. Interest in things Scottish, and interest in roots and heritage is growing, but as an organization, we are stagnant at best. Sorry to feel I have to write this. Still holding, Rick and Judy.

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