

# The LEOD VOICE

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New spouses welcomed into Clan MacLeod in Vancouver,  
John MacQueen & Kirstin Ridout and Patti & Ken MacLeod

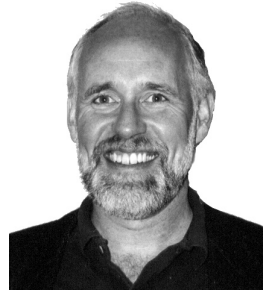
# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY IAN C. MACLEOD

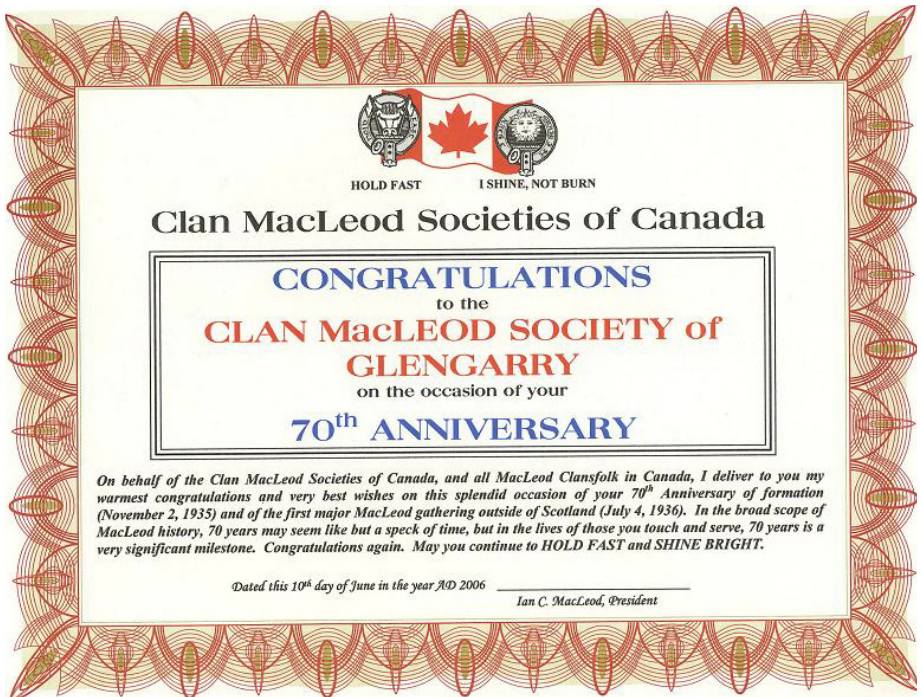
**G**reetings clansfolk.

This is an exciting year for the Clan MacLeod in Canada.

**A**nniversaries: First, we have memorable anniversaries being, or already, celebrated by several of our local societies. In October, Central Ontario celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Vancouver is doing the same this summer.



On November 2, 2005, Glengarry (between Ottawa and Montreal) celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They are the oldest MacLeod society in continuous existence outside of Scotland (there had been one formed in Australia in 1912, but was disbanded during the war. It restarted in 1954.) On July 4, 1936 they had hosted a major gathering at Dunvegan, Ont, for over 1,000 MacLeods (that's right, over 1,000 and before the days of air travel!). That gathering in 1936 was the first organized gathering of MacLeods outside of Scotland. This year, on June 10, they are celebrating that significant event. This is also the 30th anniversary of the



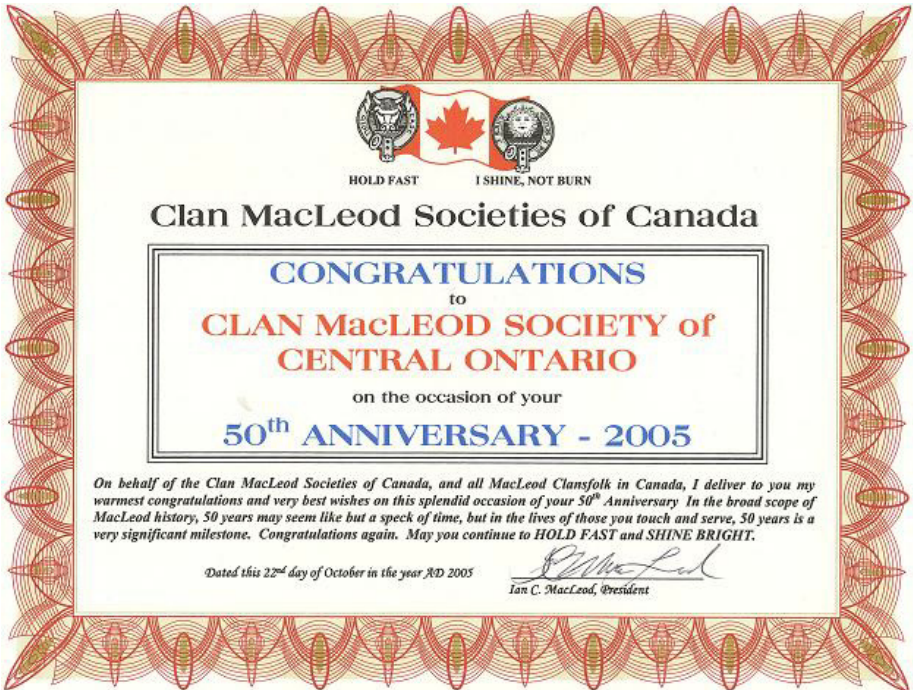
*On behalf of the Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada, and all MacLeod Clansfolk in Canada, I deliver to you my warmest congratulations and very best wishes on this splendid occasion of your 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of formation (November 2, 1935) and of the first major MacLeod gathering outside of Scotland (July 4, 1936). In the broad scope of MacLeod history, 70 years may seem like but a speck of time, but in the lives of those you touch and serve, 70 years is a very significant milestone. Congratulations again. May you continue to HOLD FAST and SHINE BRIGHT.*

*Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year AD 2006*

*Ian C. MacLeod, President*

first North American Gathering, which took place in Cornwall in July 1976 during the Montreal Olympic Games.

Both Central Ontario and Glengarry did invite me to their celebrations, but due to the lateness of the invitations and other commitments (in the case of Glengarry, my wife's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and our 32<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary – skipping those would not have been a wise move), I was unable to attend. I did send greetings and a Certificate to each of them.



**Parliament:** The second big event is, of course, our world gathering in Dunvegan, known as Parliament. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> and Golden Jubilee, Parliament. The first Parliament was held in 1956, under the leadership of Dame Flora. Anne Halford-MacLeod (wife of Ruari, President CMS Scotland and mother of Emma, *Magazine* Co-Editor), with great support from Dorna Caskie and our British Isles clansfolk, have been working very hard over the past 4 years to plan a special anniversary event. There are some interesting additions to Parliament this year, including three days on Lewis and Harris at the “front end” of Parliament and a formal meeting on Raasay, on Wednesday of Parliament week. Most of that is covered in the *Magazine*. It promises to be a great event.

To date, I know of about 35 MacLeods from all across Canada who are attending. We have two responsibilities there as a Canadian society. On Tuesday, August 1, we will be hosting tea. This is a relatively low

key event. Canadian MacLeods will be there to serve and hopefully provide some snacks with a Canadian “flavour”, such as maple flavoured cookies or Nanaimo bars, and maybe have available some Canadian flags and pins. My granddaughter, Chloe Bolton (Melanie’s daughter) has already modelled a Canadian maple leaf “top hat”, which I will be bringing.



The second, and more ambitious, responsibility is to put together a Canada display for Dunvegan Day, on Thursday, August 4. Each National Society will have a table and wall space in the Norman Magnus Hall on which to highlight some key features about the respective countries. The displays will target not just the other Parliament attendees, but the local Skye community.

My plan is to have a laminated map of Canada (28” x 40”) and a bunch of tourism type pictures (Peggy’s Cove, old Quebec City, Niagara Falls, Prairie canola fields, Rocky Mountains, etc). I will also prepare a bunch of comparative fact sheets (distances, population, significant dates, etc.). I will also get a coffee table type book of Canadian pictures to leave with the local school.

If any of you have any specific ideas or materials that you think will enhance that kind of display, please let me know.

**CMSC Elections:** As always, we will be holding our CMSC Annual General Meeting at Parliament, at our AGM on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 3. In the meantime, I will bring you up to date on some of our National Council positions.

**National VP – Dr. Don M.:** We have a new National Vice President, Dr. Donald M. McLeod of Merritt, BC (replacing Donald R. from Halifax). Dr. Don (because there are so many Don’s in the Clan, I will probably refer to him as “Dr. Don” or “Don, Merritt”) grew up in Penticton, BC and both he and his Dad (Clyde, also a doctor) have been Clan MacLeod members in both Canada and the USA for many years, in Don’s case, for about 15 years. He and his wife Chris organized a pipe band and founded the Nicola Highland Celtic Club. Many of you may remember Dr. Don and his family from Parliament 1998 - Don and Chris, their 4 kids (all now young adults), a friend of one of their kids and Don’s parents were all sharing a motor home, as they attended Parliament and carried on to

four parts of the Highlands. They were also at other MacLeod gatherings including Vancouver, Houston and West Point. Don and Chris were part co-founders of the famous Merritt Mountain Music Festival (country and western genre - my son Cam is a huge fan). Don has written books on health and longevity and lectures and travels widely - a real plus in reaching out to our widespread Canadian MacLeods). He has even built a replica Dunvegan Castle on his property in Merritt. A real bonus is that he is also a piper.

**VP Atlantic – Donald R:** We welcome back into the fold, Donald R. MacLeod of Halifax as Vice President Atlantic. He previously held that position before becoming National Vice President. For personal reasons, which are no longer an issue, he had to step aside last year. He has agreed to again serve as Atlantic VP.

**VP Pacific, Treasurer and Youth Contact:** At the moment, I know of at least three long time officers who are retiring: Pacific VP Mark MacLeod, Secretary Isabelle Johnston and Youth Contact Heather MacLeod (she is getting too old – aargh!!!, in any case, she is very busy as Co-Editor of the *Magazine*). Ken MacLeod, Past President of the Vancouver Society has put his name forward as Pacific VP. June Constantine, past National President Neil McLeod's partner, has put her name forward at Secretary. Very special thanks go to Isabelle, Mark and Heather.

**Other Positions:** Neil is working on filling other vacancies as intentions become clearer. Nominations are also welcome.

**A CMS Elections:** As some of you may know, Dr. Alex McLeod of the USA is retiring as ACMS President, after serving for 8 years. A lot has happened over those 8 years, including the commissioning of Jim Hunter's book, *Scottish Exodus*; the drafting of a new set of comprehensive By-Laws; joining the genetic study; and commissioning the portrait of Chief John. Heading a group as wide spread (nine countries on four continents) and fiercely independent as we MacLeods has been a challenge, and we owe Dr. Alex a huge amount of gratitude.

The nine national Presidents (three votes each) and the four Executive Officers (one vote each) will have the responsibility of electing a new set of Management Council executive at Parliament. It is not automatic that the Executive Vice-President (Malcolm MacLeod, also the President of CMS England) succeeds to the Presidency, so every position must be considered.

**President:** At the moment (and this can change, because nominations can be received right up until the early days of Parliament), Malcolm and

John Davidson Kelly (a Past President, CMS Scotland and Chair of the Dame Flora Communications Committee - many of you will recall his piping at the NAG 2000 in Guelph) are running for President.

**Executive Vice-President:** There are four running for the position of Executive Vice-President: Bill (Vic) McLeod - ACMS Business Manager and Past President of CMS-USA; Ruari Halford-MacLeod - President of CMS Scotland and Past Editor *Clan MacLeod Magazine*; Leonard McLeod - President of CMS Republic of South Africa and John Davidson Kelly - as above.

**Treasurer:** The incumbent Treasurer, Donald W. MacLeod of Lockerbie, Scotland and an accountant, is running again. At the present his nomination is not being challenged. Under the ACMS By-Laws, only the Treasurer must be resident in Scotland.

**Secretary:** The long time Secretary, Stella Henderson of East Calder (12 miles SE of Edinburgh), Scotland is retiring. Mandy Fyfe, from England and the current Secretary of the CMS England is the only current candidate for ACMS Secretary.

There are also several committee positions up for appointment or election.

As is obvious, there are many very able candidates running, which is wonderful, but which also carries some risks. It is wonderful, because it shows that we have many people in our MacLeod family around the world who care enough about our great Clan to stay involved and to take on more challenging leadership roles.

The risk arises in that those who are not elected will possibly be personally insulted that someone else was elected over them. That reaction would be sad. I sincerely hope that this is not viewed in a partisan political way, with camps forming and negative statements directed at each other.

With that in mind, I will be trying to make Canada's choice based on a set of relatively objective principles or criteria. Those criteria fall under three broad headings, namely (1) the person, (2) leadership attributes and (3) geopolitics. Under the heading of "person", I will be looking to their experience in Clan affairs, personal resources (for time and travel costs), service record, personnel skills / ability to work with others, work ethic and dependability. Under leadership (I have done a lot of research and writing in this area), I will be looking to their vision (balancing respect for history and recognizing our world family) for the direction of the Clan, communication – listening, communication – outbound, trust and respect and passion. Under the heading of geopolitics, I will be looking

for some cross representation amongst the national societies.

If any of the Canadian CMSC members have any thoughts on any of the candidacies, I would appreciate hearing from you.



**Web Site:** The CMSC has not had a proper web site (see [www.clan-macleod.com/soc-canada.html](http://www.clan-macleod.com/soc-canada.html)) for perhaps five or six years. Our site had piggy backed on to the USA one. There was a serious falling out with the USA webmaster, and we have not been able to update that site since.

The ACMS has recently gone to a professional webmaster, and now has a site ([www.clanmacleod.org/](http://www.clanmacleod.org/)) operational. We have a somewhat skeletal click through page. We have the option of piggy backing on that site. I am told that little or no programming skill will be required in order to up-date the content on our “piggy backed” site, just the ability to find the content and to “cut and paste” it in. Hopefully we will have someone willing to take that on very quickly.

**Personal Activities:** At the personal level, in addition to the usual Vancouver Society activities, I have taken part in a number of Clan MacLeod or Scottish related activities over the past 6 months:

**Burns Day Brunch – Vancouver:** In January, Vancouver again hosted its very successful Burns Brunch, with about 100 guests. On several occasions, I have done the Toast to the Lassies, which I did again this year. This year was special – my youngest daughter, Stephanie, did the Toast to the Laddies – pay back time!

**Victoria Highland Games:** As I mentioned above, a new Vancouver Island Society was chartered this year, on Robbie Burns’ Day. On the Victoria Day weekend in May I went to Victoria to help them staff a tent at the Victoria Highland Games. We got a lot of interest from potential new members.

**No Great Mischief – the play:** Those of you who were at the NAG in Chicago in 2004 will recall one of the keynote speakers was Alistair MacLeod, from Cape Breton and author of the award winning novel *No Great Mischief*. In April, Ardie and I saw the new play *No Great Mischief*, the stage version of the book, by playwright David S. Young.

The play deeply resonated with me, for many reasons. First, my Dad

was an Alastair (different spelling) MacLeod. Second, on my Dad's side, I have deep family roots in Cape Breton, going back to at least the 1820s. Third, I had read the book a few years ago, and felt as if it was talking about my family. Fourth, I met Alistair MacLeod in Chicago in 2004 and then, later that summer, stayed at a campsite which I believe he owned, next to his home in Inverness, on the west side of Cape Breton. Fifth, as with the MacDonald ancestors in the play, I had a great-great grandmother (MacGillivray) who died at sea on the way to Canada, leaving my great-great grandfather with five young kids. Sixth, there were, historically, close links, not always friendly, between the MacLeods and MacDonalds (the key characters in the book and play) on Lewis in the Western Isles of Scotland. Seventh, family history is also very important to my family. Eighth, the actors had the Cape Breton accent dawn pat.

We enjoyed the play immensely. It is a 'must see' for anyone with Cape Breton roots in particular and Highland roots in general. I wrote to the Artistic Director of the theatre to express my pleasure.

**A CMS Meeting in Scotland in February:** Again this year, I attended the ACMS Management Council meetings in February in Edinburgh and, again, I was very kindly hosted by Ruari and Anne Halford-MacLeod. Again, we took a day to tour the area, this year to River Tay, including Aberfeldy (the birthplace of the Black Watch) and Fortingall (the home of the Tree of Eternity – a 5,000 year old yew, and oldest living thing on earth). Unlike last year, they couldn't arrange lunch (very loosely defined) with Prince William.

**MacLeods in the news:** You will recall that in previous issues of the *MacLeod Voice*, I asked that you let me know of MacLeods and Septs who have been in the news. You may have noticed one night in April that Dan MacLeod, a student from Vancouver, won on the television program *Jeopardy*. I don't know how to contact him to offer congratulations from the Clan MacLeod.

**A Bit of Humour:** As most of you know, it is generally believed that the MacLeods trace our roots back to Leod, in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century and that in Scottish nomenclature, "Mac" means "son of". Many, if not most, stories say that Leod means "the ugly". As such, we go through life known as "the sons of the ugly".

However, you will recall, Robin Hood and his Merry Men roamed in the late 12<sup>th</sup> or early 13<sup>th</sup> centuries (King John was forced to sign the



Magna Carta in 1215), a bit earlier in time than Leod. Little John, one of Robin's men, was actually a giant.

It only stands to reason therefore, that if they called the giant "Little John" then Leod was so handsome, they called him "the ugly" – so we are really a handsome clan. I like that theory, and I challenge anyone to prove me wrong.

As an aside, when we named our son Cameron, we were not aware of the meaning of our name, or his. However, Cameron means "bent nose". So he goes through life as "bent nose, son of the ugly". He just "loves" that story, but is quite willing to accept my new theory, especially as he is a handsome lad.

This is the last *Leod Voice* before Parliament. I wish you all a wonderful summer. Hopefully I will see many of you at Parliament.



*CMSC President Ian C. with CMS Vancouver VP Kirstin Ridout at Spring Luncheon*

# PRAIRIE REPORT

BY BOB McLEOD

## The Kirkin' O' the Tartan

History tells us that after the Battle of Culloden in 1746, the English defeated the Scots and soon after banned the bagpipes, the Gaelic, the kilt and the tartan along with many of the Scottish traditions. The penalty for a first offence was six months in prison. A second offence brought exile to "one of his Majesty's overseas plantations."

Some of the kirks (churches) in the Highlands of Scotland would hold the usual service, but with a secret part added. The clansmen would walk to the kirk in orderly and reverent fashion. Midway through the service, at a time and signal known only to the minister and the clansmen, they would touch a piece of tartan concealed on their person. The minister would then give a blessing by means of a short period of silence, during which private prayers were offered. A cheerful hymn was sung followed by the benediction and the folks would then gather outside the kirk for a time of friendly visiting before departing for home. On Sunday, May 7th, Clan MacLeod Society of Manitoba performed a Kirkin' O' the Tartan service at the First Presbyterian Church, Portage at Canora St in Winnipeg. Our group, about fifteen strong, were piped into the sanctuary and seated. The tartans



were carried forward by Ken and David McLeod, a father and son team, and blessed by Rev. Jack Duckworth. When called, Katherine MacLeod and Bob McLeod approached the podium and read Psalm XXIII hymn in English and Gaelic both. Bob read one verse in English and Katherine read the same verse but in Gaelic. There are six verses, and the reading in two languages was something a little different, and went over very well. We even received a 'will ye no come back again' invitation, and we probably will.

The 40th Manitoba Highland Games will be held in Selkirk Park on July 1st. For the last 18 years, Clan MacLeod has had a tent / table setup but two or three volunteers are required to make it happen. If you can help, please call Carole at 269-1304.

Folkorama this year will be held August 6 to 12 at the Heather Curling Club and Clan MacLeod will definitely have a display table. Again we need volunteers. Seven nights, each with two people for two shifts needs 28 volunteers. If you want a nice night out (free) phone Roy McLeod at 661-0818.

# CMS SOUTHERN ALBERTA

BY ALMA MACLEOD

Representing the Clan MacLeod of Southern Alberta, Alma and Randy MacLeod were invited to 'Etta's Tea' held in the storeroom of the Barracks Project in Fort Macleod, Alberta. The servers were dressed in old fashioned gowns and the tables were set very elegantly with linens, fine china and centerpieces created with wild flowers of the area. It depicted how hard the wives of the North West Mounted Police tried to bring a sense of elegance to their lives in Fort Macleod so long ago.

On the weekend of June 23, several members of the clan are invited to attend a gala weekend celebration of the opening of the new Interpretive Centre in Fort Benton, Montana. They will attend as a group, with the Riders of the Plains from Fort Macleod,

Some will be riding in the old wagons in the parade and most of us will be wearing tartan or at least our 'Proud MacLeod' shirts. Visibility will be high. We all look forward to representing Clan MacLeod. (late addition page 24.)

# CMS GLENGARRY

BY DOREEN HOWES

A number of notable facts about the Glengarry Society:

1. The Clan MacLeod Society of Glengarry was the first MacLeod society outside of Scotland.
2. They were formed over 70 years ago, on November 2, 1935.
3. On July 4, 1936 they hosted a major gathering at Dunvegan, Ont for over 1,000 MacLeods (that's right, over 1,000) for a picnic
4. That gathering in 1936 was the first organized gathering of MacLeods outside of Scotland.
5. On June 10, 2006 there will be celebrations to celebrate that event.

This summer the Clan MacLeod Society of Glengarry is celebrating the 70th Anniversary

of the first organized MacLeod Gathering that was held outside of Scotland. On June 10th, 2006 members of the local Clan MacLeod will be gathering at the Glengarry Pioneer Museum in Dunvegan, ON, along with friends and neighbours from near and far, to celebrate this occasion with music and games. We will be proudly unveiling a Historical Plaque from the Provincial Government of Ontario that will commemorate this historic occasion (text following). The original Gathering occurred near Dunvegan, Ontario on July 4th, 1936 when over 1000 family members of the MacLeod Clan of Glengarry gathered for a picnic.

## FIRST CLAN MACLEOD GATHERING

On July 4, 1936 one thousand MacLeods from across North America gathered in the maple grove of Donald D. MacLeod, 11 kilometer north of Dunvegan, to honour the memory of their pioneer forefathers, and to meet with kith and kin. The first McLeods came to Glengarry in 1786 and 1794 as part of the exodus of Highlanders to North America seeking land of their own. The Clan MacLeod Society of Glengarry, the first outside of Scotland, was formed in Dunvegan on November 2, 1935 by John D. MacLeod and a committee of MacLeod descendants. The 1936 gathering was the Society's first project and its success inspired the formation of Clan MacLeod societies throughout the world, helping to preserve our Scottish heritage.

*The inscription on the historical plaque presented to CMS Glengarry  
by the province of Ontario.*

## CMS CENTRAL ONTARIO

BY COLIN MACLEOD

After celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year, the Central Ontario Society is now gearing up for a busy summer. We shall have a booth at several highland games in the Toronto area which are always well attended. We are expecting to have good representation at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Parliament in Dunvegan and having seen from the website and the *Clan Magazine*, all of the intensive organizational work that is involved, hope that many more will decide to attend.

Over the last year, editor Judy Tipple has passed along to me several emails from people inquiring about Clan MacLeod. The questions are varied and I have enjoyed the challenge of responding to their particular area of interest. As well as trying to satisfactorily answer

their questions, I would like to use these opportunities to introduce them to the advantages of joining one of our Canadian Clan MacLeod Societies. If any Society wishes to give me any information or a local contact to pass along, I will add this information to my replies and also copy the local Society. My email address is [lochlannc@csolve.net](mailto:lochlannc@csolve.net)



Central Ontario members were saddened to learn of the death of our longtime Chaplain Jamie Clarke on April 28<sup>th</sup>. A retired bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Right Reverend James McLeod Clarke and his wife Ruth, spent several years in the Arctic and had the most interesting stories to

tell of that time. Jamie was one of the ministers who conducted the Kirkin' O the Tartan service at our Gathering in Guelph in 2000.

We held our spring Ceilidh at CFB Downsview, an informal BBQ. Last year's similar format attracted only 26 people and the only kids were Christina's three. This year, to our surprise, over 50 were there including 15 kids and teens. If we had such a thing, we would have presented a Meritorious Service medal to Doug and Don McCrimmon, who donned

raincoats and did a fine job cooking dogs and burgers. Karen presided, we all sang happy birthday for her and Christina while Doug accompanied on the pipes, I told a story about my great-grandmother's necklace, and Don McCrimmon conducted a "MacLeod Jeopardy" game that I hear was supplied by Ian C. in Richmond. One couple attending were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary and had brought the whole family so we all celebrated that too. Altogether a great evening!

## ATLANTIC REPORT

BY DONALD MACLEOD

The election of officers and the Annual Meeting of CMS Halifax took place on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 in conjunction with the Christmas potluck luncheon. After election and society business, we were treated to a very interesting talk by Finlay MacLeod of Scotland. Finlay was in Halifax conducting a two-week Gaelic Total Immersion Plus (or TIP) program. It is his hope to have Gaelic tutors provide these TIP programs wherever interest is keen and students available. Gaelic speaking is alive and TIP programs are being held in a number of communities around the Mainland and in Cape Breton.

Since the AGM, we have held several meetings, including the AGM for 2006. Inasmuch as the

election of officers was held so late in 2005, it was agreed, for sake of continuity, to hold the next election of officers in Spring, 2007. Members are asked to take note that the Fall meeting will be held October 28, 2006.

This year our society will set up a booth at the Halifax Highland Games, July 8 and will have a display and provide general information about our Clan, as well as have items available as fund raisers. We look forward to meeting members and prospective members at our booth. We wish everyone a safe and happy summer.



# CMS CAPE BRETON

BY GREG MACLEOD

CMS Cape Breton is celebrating clanship with a ceilidh at the Curling Club in Sydney. This society is inviting MacLeods and friends of MacLeods to gather in fellowship. A good number of our members are musicians so they will bring their instruments as well as their voices to make a first class traditional ceilidh. The Bobby Burns Day celebrated in Baddeck brought together almost 100 MacLeods and friends of MacLeods. At our last meeting we decided that we will have two main fellowship events every year; Bobby Burns Day in the winter and a spring ceilidh. Our main activity is genealogical. We

have received a great number of submissions with family genealogies of clanspeople who have roots in Cape Breton. We will develop a website to encourage Cape Breton descendants to check out their roots and relatives. We hope to have this running by the end of the year. Cape Breton MacLeod descendants are asked to send me their genealogical information. One of our members, Police Chief Edgar MacLeod, with roots in Donkin, received an Honorary Doctorate from Cape Breton University. Chief MacLeod was president of the Police Chiefs of Canada.

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## HERE & THERE

BY JUDY TITTLE

E-mail is such a wonderful communication device and a great way to feel near to friends and family. It's so easy to forward an interesting article to a friend and you know their day will be brightened.

Here's one such message I received recently, forwarded from my friends Donald and Eleanor MacLeod of Halifax (they had received it from their friends, and so on...).

“The Thigh that Loved Me” comes from *Wacky Dishes* cook book. Its a favourite in our house. (Other dishes are “To Stir with Love” and “Clamorgini” You get the picture.)  
3 lbs of boneless, skinless chicken thighs (breasts or drum sticks can be used also)

3/4 cup Ketchup  
1/2 cup salsa  
1/4 cup honey  
1Tbsp dijon mustard  
1 tsp chilli pepper  
1/2 tsp ground cumin  
Bake in a 400 degree oven for 45 minutes. Then...  
ENJOY!

# ATTENTION ALL SCOTS:

The International Gathering of the Clans will again be held in Nova Scotia, Canada, in 2007. Events will run through the summer months. The events will be hosted again by the Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia. We wish to invite all to come and enjoy the summer with us. Please refer to our Web Site at <http://scotsns/chebucto.org/.org/>. As events become confirmed and locked into place they will be placed on the Web Site under International Gathering. The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo (Newly titled "Royal" by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II) are hoping for the attendance of a member of the Royal family for the 2007 events. The Tattoo runs for the first week in July (Web Site: <http://www.nstatattoo.ca>) and will

close on the weekend of the Halifax Highland Games.

The following weekend the Tall Ships will visit Halifax and the Antigonish Highland Games will commence. Many events are being planned all summer until mid-October. Clans will be gathering and as each Clan confirms, these will be found on the web site.

We extend an invitation to all to Scots and friends to come and visit Nova Scotia (New Scotland) in 2007.

Jean MacKaracher-Watson, President, Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia, email: [jean.watson2@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:jean.watson2@ns.sympatico.ca).

Contact Tourism Nova Scotia 1-800-565-0000 or outside N. A. 1-902-425-5781.

*One of the Tall Ships*



# GEORGE & ZENA MACLEOD

BY GORDON MCLEOD,

[Ed Note: This was written for the presentation of CMSC recognition in August 2004. Sadly George joined the Flowers of the Forest November 10, 2005.]

George MacLeod began his life in Heatherbell, Pictou County, NS on November 1, 1919, now the fifth generation MacLeod to inherit *MacLeod Meadows*. George's great-great grandfather John MacLeod left Durness Scotland in 1806 bringing his wife and six children to Pictou, NS. George inherited the highland love of learning, attending first Heatherbell County School, then Pictou Academy and finally graduating from Dalhousie University in 1940 with a B.Sc. and a Diploma in Engineering.

George joined the RCAF in December 1940 and trained as a navigator before being transferred to England in 1941. George, however, being untrained in the intricacies of poker and on a layover in Gander Newfoundland, lost all his money. Arriving in England with no friends and a week's pass before joining his Squadron, George elected to discover that Dame Flora MacLeod, Chief of the Clan, had offered free accommodation to Clansmen at her castle in Dunvegan. Somehow George made his way to Skye and presented himself to his Chief where he was warmly welcomed.

During his week in Dunvegan, George assisted in the delivery of barrels of oatmeal to the local communities as a reserve in the event of the anticipated invasion. As the only guest at the castle George was royally treated and described Dame Flora as a charming, delightful hostess.

Returning to his base in England, George joined the 458 Torpedo Squadron flying Wellingtons and was deployed to the Mediterranean. They were tasked with clearing the waters of German ships and U-boats, eventually assisting in the invasion of Italy. Completing his tour of duty in 1944 George returned to England, spent the final months of the war then returned to Canada where he was discharged in 1945.

For the next five years George was employed as a math and physics teacher at the Agricultural College in Truro eventually attending NS Technical College where he graduated with his engineering degree. For the next two years, George was employed by Canadian Westinghouse where he received his professional Engineering Certificate in 1951.

Failing to find the challenges and career fulfillment that he had hoped for, George finally succumbed to the call of the land and



returned to assist his old and ailing father on the family farm. Farming at this point failed to fulfill all of George's desires so he set his sites on a bonnie lass recently arrived from Edinburgh, Scotland, who was teaching in the village of Sherbrooke, NS. Using all of the charm and guile inherent in all MacLeods, George soon snared his prey and carried her off to the Kirk and home to his farm. Zena proved to be a worthy mate and soon presented George with a daughter, Flora Anne, named after her mother whose middle name was also Flora. Soon after a son followed, who was named Alexander John, after George's grandfather.

During the next 47 years George and Zena persevered at both farming and teaching. George expanded the farm by several hundred acres and raised dairy cattle and sold cream to the local Scotsburn Co-Op Creamery. Falling prices eventually forced a move to beef cattle production and the farm was operated by son Alex with help from his dad.

During these years George and Zena have been deeply involved in the growth of the community. George has served 26 years as a director of Scotsburn Creamery, two terms on the Aberdeen Hospital Commission and two terms as chairman of the Pictou County School Board. Zena, like many Scots who came before her, had

much to offer the unlearned of Pictou County. Born in Edinburgh in 1921 of highland parents, her father, John MacKinnon hailed from Glendale on Skye and her mother from Mid-Clyde, Caithness. Zena has fond memories of summers spent in Glendale, swimming in the bay behind the church and walking with friends to Dunvegan and always taking visitors to the Castle. Her father was a member of the local council and attended many meetings with the clan Chiefs.

Zena attended George Watson's Ladies College for 13 years, graduating in 1939. For three years she did work with Aeronautical Inspection Directorate. In 1943 she continued her studies at the Edinburgh College of Domestic Science, now St Margaret's College—completing her teachers' training in three years. Upon graduation, she accepted positions in the Edinburgh School system teaching in three different schools prior to emigrating to Nova Scotia in 1953. Having found a suitable mate of highland extraction, she whisked him away to Edinburgh to be wed, returning to the farm and the serious business of raising cows and kids. When the children were in school Zena returned to the classroom, teaching first in West Pictou High School and finally retiring after fourteen years in Westville High School. Zena continues to be deeply involved in the community, serving

on the executive of Clan MacLeod, Overseas Club, Retired Teachers Association and United Church Women.

In the early seventies, Nova Scotia finally joined the rest of the world by forming a Clan MacLeod Society. Dame Flora had made several trips to Nova Scotia initially to attend the opening ceremonies at the Gaelic College at St. Ann's, Cape Breton and later to encourage the formation of the Dunvegan Girls Pipe Band in Westville. During one of these visits, Dame Flora posed with Zena and her daughter, producing a picture of the three Floras, which appeared in the *Clan Magazine* several years ago.

George and Zena were charter members of the Clan MacLeod Society of Nova Scotia when it was first formed. Over the years they held every available position from president to phone co-coordinator. They have opened their home to any and all MacLeods who care

to visit. During the New Zealand visit in 1983 they hosted eight visitors, farming the overflow out to neighbours and bringing them home for meals.

Over the years they have hosted three clan picnics at their farm and numerous other gatherings. Dr. James Hunter most recently enjoyed their hospitality and includes some of their stories in his writings. George, at 84, has survived two heart attacks and continues to do the daily chores of feeding and tending their animals. George and Zena's constant and ongoing support of Clan MacLeod Society has almost certainly been responsible for our continuation into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

George passed away November 10, 2005. He is greatly missed by his family and his many friends. Our condolences go to Zena and her family in their loss. We are thankful that we were able to present him with the CMSC Award.

## **WATERFALL GLEN BY DAVIE HENDERSON**

This young Scottish writer sent a book mark to clan societies to promote his novel amongst those who love Scotland.

He says of his novel "the story tells of an American woman getting in touch with her Highland roots and finding love along the way. It's a mix of contemporary romance and traditional ghost story, but I hope that it's also something more:

I want to convey the beauty of the land and the nature of its history, from the change of the clans at Culloden to the dramatic events which led to so many highlanders starting a new life in America and Canada."

More about the author and the novel can be found at his website <http://davihenderson.bravehost.com>.

# CLAN MACLEOD MAGAZINE

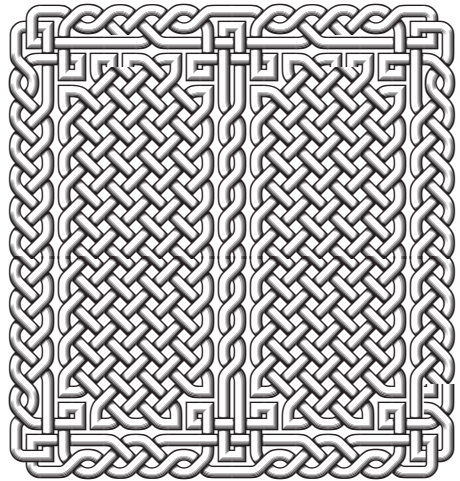
BY BILL R. MACLEOD, ACMS BUSINESS MANAGER

The *Clan MacLeod Magazine* saw the publication of its inaugural issue in 1935 and has had over one hundred issues since! The *Magazine* has seen ten editors over seventy years and has gone from simple black-and-white pages to full-colour glossy pages, covering topics such as genealogy studies of present-day MacLeods to their Norse ancestors, the birth of a new MacLeod tartan, national society updates, the Chief's semi-annual letter, and book reviews. The *Magazine* is created with the contributions of the MacLeod clansfolk from around the world, reflecting global views and wonderful cultural diversities.

In 2004, the editorship of the *Magazine* was entrusted to Emma Halford-MacLeod of Scotland and Heather MacLeod of Canada. With the wonders of high-speed internet and email, the *Magazine* is jointly created from two corners of the world. Not only is a contemporary method used to bring the *Magazine* into a 62-page reality, but a

contemporary focus is the goal of each issue's feature articles and photographs.

Feedback for the *Magazine* has been glowing, with readers repetitively stating that they read it "from cover to cover". Two issues are produced per year, in April and October, and a subscription is available for only 6.90 GBP. Payment can be in GBP (sterling) cheques or International Money Order, made out to: W.R. MacLeod, 210 E Juan Linn, Victoria, Texas 77901, USA email:innkprbill@aol.com.



## ACMS WEB SITE UPDATED

Some great news on the electronic communication front. ACMS several months ago retained professional help to revamp the ACMS web site. It is now active, and in particular has some good information on Parliament 2006. Have a look at: <<http://www.clan-macleod.org/clan-parliament-2006/index.php>> .

# AN ARCHIVE OF INTEREST

BY J. RON MACLEOD (CMS VANCOUVER)

Iain MacDonald is researching old Saskatchewan pipers and pipe bands and has managed to collect photos and information about several. He would very much appreciate hearing from people who may choose to contribute to the archive. It would be a pity to lose the history of players and their bands. In particular: 1. The 16/20 Saskatchewan Light Horse Regiment, which had a pipe band comprised of several bands. 2. Pipers from the Uists, as well as others.

3. The Weyburn St. Andrews Pipe Band.

Go to his website at <<http://www.saskpipebands.org/archives/>> and you will see what a worthwhile project Iain has launched.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL THOSE GOING TO PARLIAMENT

The official invitation to the North American Gathering 2008, to be held in Ottawa, will be made at the Ceilidh on the Wednesday evening of Parliament. Are you willing to purchase and wear a T-shirts, which will feature our Logo and Web site, that evening, to support our announcement/invitation?

The shirts will be navy blue with the logo on the front, in colour, and the Web site on the back. They are heavyweight and come in 2 styles, Regular and Ladies, at this time. They also come in a full range of sizes The cost, including tax, is \$20.00 per shirt.

If you wish to purchase one of the NAG2008 Tee Shirts, please send a message to Barbara MacLeod

Armstrong, the Coordinator, indicating

1. the number of shirts required
  2. the style(s) Regular or Ladies
  3. the size(s) S, M, L, XL, XXL
- Include a cheque, payable to Clan MacLeod NAG 2008 for \$20.00 per shirt.

Please send the above to Barbara MacLeod Armstrong, 103 Glen Abbey Ct., RR#1, Pakenham, ON K0A 2X0

For more information: 613-624-9233 or email to: [barb-bob.armstrong@sympatico.ca](mailto:barb-bob.armstrong@sympatico.ca)

Our plan is to take the ordered shirts to Parliament and distribute them there. If you want your shirt before you leave for Britain, please let us know and add \$5.00 for postage.

# GENEALOGY PROJECT

BY LESLEY MCCRIMMON

I'm still working on tracing the roots of MacLeods and their septs who were born in or lived in Canada. While we have been doing well at gathering information from those with variations of MacLeod names, we would like to expand the contributions from our many septs. Below is a list of all the septs of the MacLeod Clan. Remember, through the clan system, we are all family.

Askey	Harrold	MacCaskill	MacLewis
Auley	Lewis	MacClure	MacLure
Beaton	MacAllum	MacCorkill	MacRaild
Bethune	Macandie	MacCorkindale	MacWilliam
Beton	MacAskie	MacCorkle	Malcomson
Callam	Macaskill	MacCorquodale	Norie
Callum	MacAulay	MacCrimmon	Norrie
Caskey	McCabe	MacCraig	Norman
Caskie	MacCaig	MacGillechallum	Normand
Grimmond	MacCallum	MacHarold	Tolmie
Harold	MacCaskie	MacKaskill	Williamson

Note “Mac” & “Mc” are considered interchangeable.

If you know anyone who has one of the above surnames, ask them if they would be interested in contributing their family information to our national project. Currently we have a database of over 17,000 names. It is our goal to make sure that all members of the Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada are included in this project.

If you are attending any Highland Games this summer, check out the MacLeod tent and ask if they have any genealogy family charts. For anyone planning on traveling to Parliament in Scotland this summer, please be sure to contact me.

Are you involved? Who knows—you might be related to your neighbour down the street! If you need family history charts to fill in, or just want to find out if you or your family have already been included, please contact me by snail mail at: Lesley McCrimmon, 16619 Innis Lake Road, Caledon, ON L7C 3A4 or online at: [lmccrimmon@hotmail.com](mailto:lmccrimmon@hotmail.com)

We still have a few copies of Volume 5 and previous volumes of the Clan MacLeod Genealogy Project, available at a cost of \$35.00 plus \$5.00 for postage.

# FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

**Rt. Rev. James C. M. Clarke**

**1920 – 2006**

**LTh., BA, BD, DD**

**Bishop, Priest, Soldier, Musician, Linguist and Raconteur**



Jamie was born in the rectory in Campbellford, ON, the son of the late Rev. C.E. Clarke and Katherine (Smith). He came to Toronto when he was nine and attended Hillcrest Public School and Oakwood Collegiate before going to Trinity College for his BA.

He was always involved with church groups – Choir and Altar Boy plus Boy Scouts – all at St Michael’s and All Angels. At Oakwood he joined the Cadet Corps Band as a bugler – rising to be in charge. He became well known in the area for leading the band in early morning practices before school.

Besides music, the military was his passion. On his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday he joined the Queen’s York Rangers where his bugle playing attracted attention. In 1943 he enlisted in the Canadian Army, combining studies with advanced training at Camp Borden. His fluency in German led him into the Intelligence Corps and he went overseas in 1944. From 1945 to 1946 he served with the occupation forces with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Upon returning home, he decided to enter Trinity College as a Divinity student graduating in 1949. His offer to work in the North was accepted and after a curacy at St. Stephen’s in Calgary he went North. He was priest in charge of St Stephen’s, Fort Chimo, Quebec (Kujjuaq) from 1951 until 1974. In 1974, he moved to Toronto to become Executive Archdeacon of the Diocese of the Arctic. In 1979, he was elected Bishop Suffragan and was consecrated on St Andrew’s Day in St Jude’s Cathedral in Frobisher Bay and returned to the North (Frobisher Bay) from 1984 to 1987.

In 1986 Jamie became Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces. He held this position until his retirement in 1991. This position combined the two main passions of his life – the Church and the Military.

With his fluency in Eskimo (Inuktitut) he was a trusted interpreter

for all levels of government, the people and many groups who came to the North. Jamie also translated portions of the Scriptures and Hymns.

With his Archdeaconry comprising such a large area, he was always traveling – not only within Ungava but also to attend National church and governmental meetings. This led to several tours across Canada and abroad. Travel continued to be a way of life with the military. All means of transport were used – foot, boat, canoe, plane, dog team and skidoo. Accommodation could be any of a tent, a snow house, a boat or a four star hotel.

In 1958 he married Ruth Bradbury and took her north to a half finished house, which was subsequently dismantled and rebuilt two years later when the settlement was moved across the river to the former U.S. Air Base (Crystal 1 on the Ferry Bomber route). Jamie and Ruth traveled far and wide within the parish by all means. Then children started arriving – Bruce (deceased), Matthew, Mark and Penina.

Jamie's wit and love of story telling will be long remembered along with his whistling. Unfortunately Alzheimer's robbed him of the first two but his whistling continued to the amusement and pleasure of many. His repertoire was nearly every hymn in the hymnal along with many scout and army tunes.

Once in the south, Jamie sought out links to his Scottish heritage. His MacLeod connection being through his maternal grandmother and mother from the Eastern Townships in Quebec. He then became active with the Clan MacLeod Society of Central Ontario serving as their Chaplain for several years. Jamie was one of the ministers involved in the church service at the North American Gathering held in Guelph, ON in 2000.

In 1987 the Clarkes settled in Wellington, Prince Edward County. It was an idyllic setting – just 40 feet from lake Ontario. It was close to Trenton Air base plus having a calming effect. Unfortunately it was to come to an end in 1998 when Jamie had a fall requiring surgery and three months of rehab. He had to learn to walk again but within six month he was cane free. Ruth had moved to a retirement community in London, ON. When Jamie was released from rehab, he entered into the new environment with gusto. However due to the advancement of Alzheimer's, he entered a nursing home in February 2002 in London moving to Toronto in March 2003, and residing there until his death on April 28, 2006.

### **Stewart MacLeod PEI**

The death occurred at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on April 17th, 2006 of Stewart Herbert MacLeod of Strafford, P.E.I. A faithful member of CMS-PEI for 24 years, Stewart and his wife Edith hosted the Clan MacLeod Christmas Party for several years. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Our condolences to Edith and family.

## **FORT BENTON CELEBRATION**

**BY ALMA MACLEOD**

On the weekend of June 24, nine members of the Clan MacLeod Society of Southern Alberta were guests at the Fort Benton Montana 'Lewis and Clark Centennial celebration. We received our invitation through the Riders of the Plains in Fort Macleod. It was a colourful weekend; groups were there from Fort Macleod, Fort Whoop-Up and Fort Walsh all in traditional costumes. The Steele Scouts from Calgary also presented their colours. Our own Mary Dover, Colonel MacLeod's grand-daughter, was their Colonel-in-Chief until her passing several years ago. The Scouts still honour her by regularly holding a Ceremony of Tribute at her graveside.

We were treated royally and anytime a speech was made Clan MacLeod was mentioned. Quite naturally we wore our tartans or our 'Proud MacLeod' T-shirts so were quite visible. It was a full weekend, parade, street dancing, fireworks, barbecues and a huge banquet on Saturday night. All great fun! On Sunday the 'Missouri Breaks Interpretive Centre' had it's official opening.

This event is to be held annually with a different theme each time, so I imagine that we will be attending regularly.

## **SARAH'NDIPITY LAUNCHED**

**BY JUDY TIPPLE**

Sarah Burnell and her great fiddling made us all sit up and take notice at the 2000 NAG at Guelph. This month Sarah not only graduated from High School and was accepted to McGill but launched her first CD. I'm anxious to hear more of her superb fiddling.

Sarah will be at Parliament, hopefully with copies of her CD for sale.



*On her trip to Australia, your editor got to scratch the back of a koala bear and to witness Dreamtime dancing. Fellow travellers, Pat & Chris Tipple also enjoyed the many and varied experiences, such as the train trip from Kuranda back to Cairns.*



# THE EDITOR'S PAGE

Another issue of the *Leod Voice* has come together. A large 'thank you' is extended to those who sent me reports, articles and photos for this issue. My apologies if I have inadvertently lost any of your items. I attempted to get it all together before the hectic activities of the Saturna Lamb BBQ but didn't quite make it. I'm going to reassess the Spring issue time-line to see if we can truly have a Spring issue rather than a Summer issue for next year.



As you read this issue, I'd like to encourage you to think about your involvement in Clan MacLeod Society and to pen your thoughts and feelings. Who or what first inspired you to follow your Scottish heritage and to become a CMS member? What references do you find useful when questions of Scottishness or MacLeodism are asked of you? Do you share your *Clan Magazine* and the *Leod Voice* with family, friends or neighbours? What keeps you coming back for more? What parts of your Society's gatherings do you enjoy most? I'd love to be flooded with your responses at any time, either by Canada Post or email.

I must comment on the incredible time I had on my travels in Australia with my brother-in-law Chris and his wife, Pat. I think the photo on the train accurately reflects our feelings. I'm looking forward to greeting many of you at Parliament shortly or maybe in Nova Scotia in 2007 or at the 2008 NAG in Ottawa.

I urge membership contacts to keep me informed of new members, changes of addresses, executive information and such whenever changes occur, especially before March 1 and September 1 when I send the Canadian membership list to the *Clan Magazine* for mailing.

I wish you all a fine summer and eagerly await your articles for the Fall *Leod Voice*.

## Newsletter Timelines:

**Copies of photographs and copy to be typed:**

June Newsletter— May 15  
November— October 15

**Copy on disk or E-Mailed:**

June Newsletter— June 1  
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September 1

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