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Upper Nicola

*Dancer Carl
McLeod of the Syilx
(Okanagan) Nation,
Upper Nicola Indian
Band, has spent his life
studying the ceremonies
and customs of his
people. He gave an
inspiring demonstration
of several historical
blessings and dances
of the people of the
Upper Nicola region
at the North American
Gathering of Clan
MacLeod*





CLAN MACLEOD



11TH NORTH AMERICAN GATHERING
July 29 - 31, 2016
MERRIGG, BC CANADA

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MacLeod Societies of Canada

CMSC CENTRAL ONTARIO REPORT

BY KAREN MCCRIMMON (PRESIDENT)

I had the opportunity to travel to beautiful British Columbia this summer for the North American Gathering held at the home of Associated Clan MacLeod Societies (ACMS) President Dr. Don McLeod. It was a true family gathering. With almost 200 MacLeods from across six countries attending, there was a real feeling of camaraderie and friendship as we enjoyed the impressive venue, the sunny weather and the awesome vistas which made me fall in love with Canada all over again. Cheers to the Interior BC Society for a very successful and original Gathering.

As has been the case in each of the North American Gatherings since their inception in 1976, this, the sixth Gathering hosted in Canada, was a great success. The location was unique in that it was held at the home of Dr. Don and Chris McLeod in the Nicola Valley, just outside of the town of Merritt, BC. Because this event also hosts the Annual Meetings of both the Canadian and the American Clan Societies, it attracted many members from both countries, as well as providing a special reason for clan members from around the world to gather and celebrate together. As you will see, the McLeod's home has been built to pattern very closely that of Dunvegan Castle, Isle of Skye.



The Gathering also marked important change for Canadians as a new National Executive was elected. It is with a sad heart that we bid Jim MacLeod goodbye as President of the Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada. He has been a very involved and caring President for the last four years and I would like to extend thanks on behalf of Central Ontario for his support, including his attendance at many of our ceilidhs. I hope that he remains involved in the Clan but takes time for some much-deserved rest.

2012-2016 National
Executive. Many
thanks to retiring
Secretary Isabelle
Johnston and retiring
President Jim.



I would also like to extend my congratulations to Judy Tipple on becoming our new CMSC President. The new National Executive is unique in that it will be all female. Many new executive players will be familiar to Central Ontario. Carol MacCrimmon is our new VP, Rowan Gladish is now the Youth Coordinator and I have added National Secretary to my portfolio. Beth Macleod remains our very capable Treasurer.

2016- National
Executive. Secretary
Karen McCrimmon,
Vice president Carol
Pugliese, President Judy
Tipple and Treasurer
Beth Macleod.



The emphasis on Central Ontario personnel is not lost on me. Across Canada, we are struggling to maintain membership and enthusiasm. We are lucky here in Central Ontario to have a strong and active group. A Society such as ours takes commitment, whether it is sitting in a tent at Fergus with the heavens pouring down on you (thanks to Lynn Bennett and Cathie White for manning the tent), making phone calls and inves-

tigating entertainment possibilities for a ceilidh (Barbara Jean McLeod, this one's for you) or just attending a ceilidh once or twice a year, we would not have a Society without all of you. I hope that the strength of bonds here in Ontario can spread across Canada during the next term to reinforce our societies across this broad nation. We are always looking for ways to connect more with our members and to provide new and different types of meetings. Please do not hesitate to voice your ideas or thoughts to me via letter, email or phone.

I am looking forward to wearing my new Clan MacLeod Canada tartan sash at the November ceilidh.

CMSC PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

BY JUDY TIPPLE

The regular President's Report page seemed to me to be the perfect place for Karen's excellent reflections on the North American Gathering which she wrote for the Central Ontario Newsletter recently. Her thoughts reflected my own to a large extent.

I join Karen in thanking the CMS BC Interior President Neil and June for accepting the challenge of NAG 2016, Don and Chris for opening their home and property for the event and the many volunteers who with Don and Chris saw that things happened when needed. Seeing the field of RVs emphasized the fact that this was a very different North American Gathering. It was encouraging to see siblings attending the gathering making it a truly family experience.

Past President Jim has shown leadership in the updating of the CMSC Constitution, promoting the new Canadian MacLeod tartan designed by Ian C. of Richmond, BC, keeping us all in the loop via his informative reports in the *Leod Voice*, welcoming visitors and attending ceilidhs whenever possible.

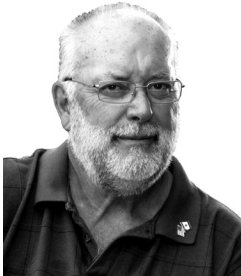
It concerns me that the Canadian membership has dropped to 250, however approximately 20% of them were at NAG 2016. This isn't too bad since the majority of members are in Ontario and they had much greater travel expenses. It would be interesting to have an idea of comparative analysis from other NAG locations over the years. On the other hand we can draw encouragement from the younger members stimulating the Southern Alberta Society. I look forward to Tracy Eklund's help with the *Leod Voice* and will depend on her support with future issues.

Next what is really needed is someone to take over the CMSC Membership Registry. I would be happy to guide them through the process.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY JIM MACLEOD, (IMMEDIATE) PAST PRESIDENT

CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETIES OF CANADA (CMSC)



Greetings fellow MacLeods. I write this report not as the CMSC President but as the Immediate Past President. My term as President came to an end during NAG 2016 this past July in Merritt BC. The good news about that is that CMSC has a new President, Vice President, Secretary and Youth Coordinator. The slate of new National Officers was tabled and approved at the CMSC General Meeting at NAG 2016 and is outlined as follows:

President: Judy Tipple (replacing Jim MacLeod)

Vice President: Carole MacCrimmon-Pugliese (replacing Judy Tipple)

Secretary: Karen Macleod McCrimmon (replacing Isabelle Johnston)

Youth Coordinator: Rowan Galdish (replacing David Pugliese).

All other Council positions remain unchanged.

I would like in particular, to thank Isabelle for her outstanding service as National Secretary and for putting up with me for the past four years.

I am not going to say too much about NAG 2016 here because it will be reported on elsewhere in this newsletter. However, I will say that it was indeed wonderful to see 'family' from across Canada, the USA and the UK, as well as New Zealand and Australia and have the opportunity to renew established friendships from the past. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thank you to Don and Chris for their generous hospitality and to the entire NAG 2016 Organizing Committee, in particular to Neil MacLeod and June for the hard work in making this North American Gathering the great success that it was.

As I said, NAG 2016 was great, but getting there was also great. It was a wonderful adventure. My wife Heather, my sister Barbara (MacLeod) Armstrong (CMSC President 1994 – 2000), Isabelle Johnston and myself took the train from Ottawa to Toronto and then took *The Canadian* rail service through Kamloops to Vancouver. Taking *The Canadian* from Toronto to Vancouver is a trip of a lifetime and one that I would highly recommend if you've never done it. The scenery, although repetitious in some spots (there are lots of trees in Northern Ontario), is spectacular. The food — the food was absolutely first class. Not what we had expected at all. I must say, VIA goes all out to make the trip memorable.

By far, however, the best experience was during our two plus hour stopover in Winnipeg where we were met at the arrivals platform by Bruce and Florence MacLeod and Janet Thompson. Bruce is the President of CMS Manitoba and he and Florence has done stellar work in keeping the Manitoba Society alive during recent times of an uncertain future. So, we were thrilled to see this welcoming group – MacLeod Clan banner and all!



Bruce took us on a bit of a walking tour of downtown Winnipeg and we went into the Fort Garry Hotel where we had the magnificent lounge off the main lobby all to ourselves and spent time talking about all things MacLeod. It was wonderful. A very heartfelt ‘thank you’ to Bruce for organizing this welcome and also for his contributions for the silent auction table at NAG.

I have enjoyed my four year term as CMSC President and as part of that position I had the privilege of being a member of the Associated Clan MacLeod Society (ACMS) Management Council. As such I had the opportunity to interact with and meet in person fellow MacLeods from around the world. One of the highlights of my term was meeting HRH Princess Anne at Dunvegan Castle during Clan Parliament 2014 while she officiated at the formal opening of the Chief John Memorial Gazebo in the Gardens of the Castle.

I look forward to still being involved with CMSC in the coming years, specifically for the next four as the Immediate Past President. I wish the new Council well and I am more than confident that our Society is in good hands for the future.

Thank you and I hope everyone has a wonderful winter.

Hold Fast & Shine Brightly
Jim





Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada

OUTSTANDING CLANSPERSONS AWARD - 2016

Allan & Mary MacLeod

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

This prestigious honour is bestowed to Allan & Mary MacLeod, with the gratitude and affection of the Canadian members of this Ancient Clan, in recognition of many years of dedicated and outstanding service.



Allan and Mary have been members of the Central Ontario Society for 40 years and their service and contributions have been both wide and deep, including:

- Allan is a former President of the Central Ontario Society and has sat as a Society Executive member for over 20 years*
- Mary has been a member of the Hospitality Committee for over 30 years*
- Both served on the Organizing Committee for NAG 2000 held in Guelph ON*
- Allan represented Clan MacLeod on CASSOC and was elected as Vice Chair*
- Both have attended numerous Clan Parliaments and NAGs*
- Both regularly volunteer at their Society tent during summer highland games*

Allan & Mary have shown, and continue to show, dedication & steady leadership. They are both true "Proud MacLeods".

Dated at Merritt, British Columbia, this 30th day of July in the year AD 2016
(North American Gathering (NAG) 2016)

James D. MacLeod, President, 2012 - 2016

OUTSTANDING CLANSPERSONS AWARD

At the banquet gathering President Jim and Karen McCrimmon spoke about the long time commitment and dedication of Allan and Mary MacLeod and presented them with the highest CMSC honour. Their support and service to not only the Central Ontario Society but also to many and varied clan endeavours has been so very significant.

In *An Drochaid (The Bridge)*, the Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada (CASSOC) newsletter, I read about how Allan MacLeod (2nd Vice-Chairman) had the opportunity to greet a group of touring Sinclair clanfolk when he was visiting Halifax. They were from all over the world, touring Nova Scotia while attending the Clan Sinclair AGM. CASSOC is an umbrella association designed to promote fellowship among Scottish groups. Karen is the current President. Check out the web site www.cassoc.ca

Presentation of the actual award to Mary and Allan MacLeod at the CMS Cent Ont ceilidh, November 12.



MY FIRST NAG

BY TRACY EKLUND (CMS S ALBERTA)

My sister Kim and I were giddy with excitement in anticipation of attending our first North American Gathering of Clan MacLeod. We add our sentiments to the chorus of the many others in attendance in recounting that it was truly a great experience.

The Gathering was like entering a new world. We drove up the curved driveway and the moment the McLeod Castle came into full view, we were cloaked in the understanding of what it means to be a Clanswoman. After enjoying a satisfying bowl of oatmeal, we wandered down one of the paths soaking in the beautiful surroundings of the Castle nestled in the hills and overlooking the lake. I must say we were quite awestruck with what might have been the result of a sprinkling of Fairy dust from a MacLeod Fairy. Luckily Christine McLeod directed us to board the bus and we were treated to a fabulous tour of the Art Gallery displaying sentiments of all things Scottish, a humorous thought-provoking movie about a family of Scots and then a tour of the local Sawmill.

The workshops, tours and speakers were plentiful and all were of great interest. Kim enjoyed the wine tasting so much that she has many pictures of her wine glass as she attempted to capture the “legs” of the wine. The two meetings we attended were lively and afforded us the opportunity to learn of the “goings-on” of the Society. The wonderful Clan folk that we met made the Gathering a memorable adventure.

There were many, who like us, were “first timers”. We were warmly welcomed by seasoned Clan folk who spoke of past Gatherings, sharing their stories, all the while encouraging us to attend Parliament in the near future. Our time spent with Clan left us feeling quite invigorated and we hope to share that with Clan folk at home and encourage others to join us at future gatherings.

NAG first timers: Jeff & Jackie (McLeod) Wood, Sherrie McLeod, Linda (McLeod) Rollins, Laurie MacLeod Craven, Kim (McLeod) McFarlane, and Kim McLeod Breen.



Jackie, Sherrie, Linda and Kim McFarlane are sisters

experiencing NAG together as did Tracy and her sister Kim Breen.

CMS MANITOBA NEWS

BY BRUCE & FLORENCE MACLEOD

At our annual meeting and banquet in November 2015 our guest speaker Charles Cameron gave an interesting talk on *The Winnipeg's Ladies from Hell*, a regimental history of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, known for fighting in their kilts during WW 1. Our honorary member PM Bill MacLeod (d) was a piper to the regiment and a chapter is dedicated to bagpipes and his memories.

On January 25, 2016 the members of the Clan MacLeod Society of Manitoba (CMSM) table were piped in at the Winnipeg Robert Burns dinner and in July 2016 our members joined the Robert Burns Society for a memorial and wreath laying ceremony at the statue of Robert Burns on the Legislature grounds.

Colin Harris, past president (CMSM) has been elected as president to the Robert Burns Association of North America and Janet Thompson (former past President CMSM) as a Canadian director.

The Scottish Diaspora Tapestry exhibition was in Winnipeg from June 13 - July 3, 2016 in the Legislature Building. It consists of 305 hand embroidered panels from 34 countries around the world. Seven panels were submitted from Manitoba showing the Scot's involvement in establishing the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg.

On July 25, 2016 Bruce and Florence MacLeod and Janet Thompson met the contingent from Ottawa travelling by Via Rail to the North American Gathering, Jim and Heather MacLeod, Barbara Armstrong and Isabelle Johnston who had a stop in Winnipeg. After an hour of lively conversations the group was taken on a tour of Upper Fort Garry that is undergoing restoration showing the history of the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg.





**ABOVE:
CMS SCOTLAND & ENGLAND
CENTRE;
CMS NEW ZEALAND
RIGHT:
CMS UNITED STATES**

Some scenes at Chris and Don's McLeod Castle — NAG 2016



CMS VANCOUVER NEWS

BY EDIE KERNIGHAN

At the BC Highland Games in Coquitlam June 25, Mark MacLeod, Alison Loveless, Allan Macleod and I manned the Clan MacLeod tent until about 2:30 when the driving rain soaked our display and displayers so we had to pack up early. Robert Coupe joined us to greet the hardy visitors to the tent, June and Neil R McLeod also helped out and Dr Don McLeod and Chris dropped by. My niece and her family brought another tent about 11am and that helped keep us a bit dryer. The days preceding and following were beautiful so it was a shame that the hard work making this event happen was dampened by the rain and wind. Hopefully we will be blessed with better weather next summer.



Alison Loveless, Edie Kernighan and Allan MacLeod in the CMS Vancouver tent, before being rained out, at the BC Highland Games

CMS SOUTH ALBERTA NEWS

BY TRACY EKELUND

Congratulations are extended to the Clan MacLeod Society of Glengarry on the 80th anniversary of the Society's formation. We are grateful to be the recipient of a Clansman who joined our fold from Glengarry. His sense of humour and extensive knowledge is an asset to the Clan MacLeod Society of Southern Alberta.

While I was becoming acquainted with fellow Clansmen and attempting to learn how I could fit in and be useful, I sent a query to the group via email. I smiled when I saw a reply email from one Charles A. MacLeod as my maternal Grandfather's name was Charles A. McLeod. Although our family has many who are named Margaret, the name Charles has not repeated through the generations as a first name. Needless to say it was somewhat of a surprise to me to see the name in my inbox. He laughed at this and then had me spinning to pull out my map to determine the

location where he was raised. Charles lived on his family's farm called Glen Elg located west of McCrimmon on the Skye Road to Dunvegan in Caledonia Township, Glengarry County. To be truthful, the names in the address had me fooled into looking at my map of Scotland first. I was impressed to learn that where Charles attended school in Glengarry County, the students are immersed in the Scottish history of that area as part of the curriculum. He added that pupils were required to become proficient on a musical instrument. I automatically thought bagpipes but no, Charles plays the accordion much to the delight of those who are Scottish Country Dancers. It would seem that the Clan MacLeod of Glengarry had quite an impact on that area in the early days of their arrival and continue to be an active presence.

This year, 2016, is proving to be a year of many Clan MacLeod Firsts for myself and my sister Kim. Becoming members of the Southern Alberta Clan MacLeod Society has opened a window to which one can connect with what might be described as a piece of who one is as a McLeod. Our first Clan event of the year included a celebration as Alma MacLeod marked her 90th birthday. Alma is the epitome of Clan MacLeod spirit, actively sharing her steadfast commitment since 1979. A driving force in many capacities including Secretary/Treasurer, event co-ordinator and member recruiter, to name but a few. It seems to me that she is the glue that keeps us together. The internet, which she ably uses, is an effective tool in keeping the Clan Holding Fast.



Celebrating Alma's 90 birthday are Kim McLeod Breen, Tracy McLeod Ekelund, Alma MacLeod, Randy MacLeod, Scott Tarrant, Joy MacLeod Tarrant, Donna McLeod Gillespie, Charles MacLeod

CMSC VANCOUVER ISLAND

BY MALCOLM MACLEOD, CMSC VANCOUVER ISLAND

My wife Karen and I enjoyed the North American Gathering very much in spite of the set up in the heat. All who left on the Sunday after church missed the torrential downpour and electrical storm experienced by the cleanup crew. Karen, Dorna, Judy and I were trapped outside. Kevin Tolmie escaped to the house during a bit of a lull. The rain beat down so hard that it came in a mist through the tent which we were sheltering under.



I was especially impressed by the number of folk who came from NZ, the UK and great distances on this continent, one couple driving from Florida. Also impressive was the pipe band of which I counted seven pipers and drummers at one time who came from far and wide. They only had short practices and did extremely well. The most pipers I have ever seen at a gathering. Bravo!

What a great chance to meet new people, re-connect with others and to get to know still others who we had known only vaguely from other gatherings. From Vancouver Island, we had new members Jackie and Jeff Cook, Jackie's sisters Sherrie McLeod from Duncan and their sister Linda Rawlins from Kamloops, two other sisters couldn't make it. Their forbears are from Lewis and I am going to try and pinpoint exactly where.

Also from Victoria came Laurie McLeod who is looking forward to getting more involved in our society (as are we in having more active members.) Karen and I also had my cousin, John Straight (the son of my father's youngest sister) from Port Alberni; my two sisters and their husbands, Carol and Jim Avon from Duncan, Anne and Ross Keeler from Squamish and our son Callum attending.

Our big event on Vancouver Island has become the Victoria Highland Games, held over the May long weekend at Topaz Park. It has morphed into a 3-day event attracting 10,000 people a day and is now billed as Highland Games and Celtic Celebration. Last year they had Irish dancing (200 participants), hurling (complete with Irish accents) and rugby demonstrations besides all the other normal attractions. Our Clan tent is one of the most visited of all the Clans attending and we have had MacLeods from far and wide sign our guest book.

We also have held gatherings at our home in Duncan and will continue to do so. Sometimes people are too busy to travel the distances required for a couple of hours of visiting.

Craigflower Manor in Victoria is a large two story house standing on five acres and was built in 1856 by the Hudson's Bay Company to house the Mackenzie family. MacKenzie was brought from Scotland to manage the farm that fed the Hudson's Bay people. The property is situated on the Gorge waterway and has recently been taken over by the Victoria Highland Games Society to manage and there will be tours available next year with the long range plan to build a Scottish Cultural Centre on the grounds. We have work parties on the last Saturday of every month, weather permitting and welcome everyone interested to come out and help. We will also be using this site for clan gatherings.

NOW FOR A BIT OF HISTORY

I am descended from Neil MacLeod said to be the son of Margaret MacLeod, the youngest daughter of Sir Norman MacLeod of Berneray (1614-1705) who was the third son of Rory Mor MacLeod of Harris and Dunvegan. Margaret became pregnant by her tutor, Neil Beaton and they planned to marry but were not permitted. Instead, Margaret was sent to live with her oldest sister Isabel who was married to Roderick, 13th Chief of the MacNeils of Barra. Twenty years later Neil MacLeod (who had taken his father's Christian name and his mother's sir name) returned to Berneray and was accepted without question (page 47 in *Genealogy of a Clan*). This book says nothing of Margaret's descendents, however, I have from my cousin on Berneray, Mary Anne MacDonald the descendents down to myself. They are: Margaret's son Neil, then Angus-Allan-Roderick 1812-1890, my great grandfather Malcolm - 1840-1925, grandfather Donald - 1883-1949, father Neil - 1915-2010, myself Malcolm 1948, and my son Callum 1984. These are in the MacLeod line directly to me on the male side and of course there are many branches to this tree. My great grandfather had 11 children and many lines are written up in Bill Lawson's books (with mistakes.) Grandfather Donald and his younger brother Angus came to Canada around 1905, Donald passing through Montreal and then spending time in Glengarry County before landing in Victoria where he met and married MaryAnn MacLean from Locheport in North Uist which is about 15 miles from Berneray. My grandfather was a gold miner in central Alaska and his wife travelled there in 1914 via Skagway, over the White Pass Railway and down the Yukon River being pregnant with my father who was born in Flat, Alaska on August 30, 1915. Dad attended a one room school with fewer than 12 pupils where they spoke English, however, Gaelic was the language at home. They left Alaska in 1923 and settled first in Victoria where they enjoyed

the Scottish community before moving to Vancouver where they bought a large house on 30th Ave. Grandfather Donald was a partner in some hotels that were located near the waterfront which acted as gathering places for the seamen who (often from the Long Isle), visited Vancouver from Scotland on ships from the Clan, Furness-Whithy, Donaldson and Blue Star lines. The 30th Ave house also served the same purpose with Hatches Matches and Dispatches celebrated as well for hosting convalescing seamen. It sometimes had two sets of Quadrilles going on in the living room with the pipers in the hallway or a good portion of the Police Pipe Band playing. Uncle Malcolm used to practice with his friends in the attic. Sadly, of the eight MacLeod children, five died of TB including 19 year old Malcolm who was a promising piper.

The thirties were hard and my grandfather went from being a partner in some hotels to being a bartender in the Melbourne Hotel. Dad was always after a job and worked at Bralorne Mine in the Bridge River area of BC and subsequently on the Canadian National Steamships on the coastal service where he said most of the deck hands spoke Gaelic. The Captain was Neil MacLean, a cousin of his mother. There was a nasty strike in 1935 which lasted from May 18 to December 9 and all the crew except officers were “paid off”. There were riots and battles with the police. Dad tried to keep his nose clean, but he had been swearing at the police in Gaelic and it quickly caught up with him when Alex Johnston, a sergeant and Pipe Major of the Police Pipe Band informed his dad. My dad was told that if he didn’t smarten up, they were going to run him in. Dad forgot all his Gaelic! (Pronounced Gallic in Scotland but Gaelic in Ireland).

Being unemployed, dad was offered a job by family friend, Captain Dan McKay of the British Yukon Navigation Co. on the stern wheel steamers on the Yukon River. His uncle Angus was skipper on the *Tutshi* on Atlin Lake and dad had wanted to go up there when offered the year before, so go he did and there found a large population of Scots with the Gaelic. These were the most adventuresome years of his life including the North Atlantic during the war.

Apparently, between the 20s and 30s there were upwards of 20,000 Gaelic speakers between Vancouver and Victoria. One anecdote is while travelling on the street car, granddad’s friend remarked in Gaelic, when a rather stout lady got on and asked for a transfer that “It’s not a transfer that she needs, but a truck.” She turned around and slapped his face.

My grandfather Donald was a bard who wrote song/poems in Gaelic, several of which still exist and I have some of them which I can’t read.

What they did was compose a poem and put it to song using a popular tune. One that I have sung and recorded by Ann Lorne Gillis at the 2006 Parliament in Dunvegan. Another of Donald's song/poems is featured in Michael Newton's book *Seanchaidh na Coille*, or in English, *Memory-Keeper of the Forrest* (ISBN #978-1-77206-016-4, paperback 017-1, pdf, 018-8 epub & 019-5 mobi) which is an anthology of the Scottish Gaelic literature of Canada. This is titled *A Song to the Gales of Vancouver*. This song both praises and dispraises the Gaels of the west and admonishes them for the loss of their native language. In this modern day, it is good to see that there is a resurgence of interest in the Gaelic and an interest in our past.

NEW YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR

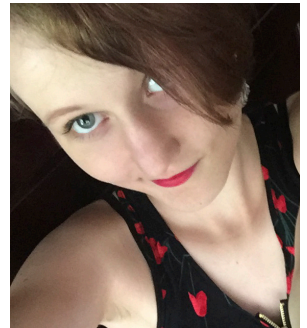
Hi, my name is Rowan Gladish and I am your new Youth Coordinator for the Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada (CMSC). I would like to introduce myself. I'm 16 years old, and I just started grade 11 here in Milton, Ontario.

I've spent my entire life involved in the Clan MacLeod. In fact, my family has been involved with the clan for four generations. My great-grandfather met Chief Dame Flora at Dunvegan during WWII when he was on leave. My mother, Christina Gladish is secretary for the Clan MacLeod Society of Central Ontario, my aunt, Karen Macleod McCrimmon is President of the same organization, and my grandmother, Beth Macleod is CMSC Treasurer.

Beyond my Scottish heritage, I have many other interests. Music is a passion of mine. I play four different instruments, piano, guitar, ukulele and drums and also sing and compose my own songs. I have travelled to seven different American states and have just come back from a month in Sydney, Australia. I love to read and write, and annually attend the Toronto Comicon Convention.

I'm very excited to see what I can do as Youth Coordinator, but I need your help. I hope that there are few MacLeods around my age reading this who would be willing to share their ideas on how to involve the younger generation in the Clan organization. If you think that your children or grandchildren might be interested in learning about their Scottish Heritage, or have any ideas they would like to discuss, please tell them about me.

I plan to write regularly in the *Leod Voice* on topics that would



interest youth. I feel that the best way to get youth involved in this day and age is through social media, and would like to run an Instagram page and/or Facebook page. I'd love to hear any ideas or opinions and can be reached at youth.macleod.cmssc@gmail.com.

DNA TESTING

BY DONALD R. MACLEOD (NOVA SCOTIA)

I have been wondering if we can encourage clans folk, in Canada, to consider the Family Tree DNA tests. As you are aware, that's how Dr Don and I discovered we are cousins. I had the YDNA-37 and my brother Frank went all the way to YDNA-111, so I don't have to take that test.

Our family DNA Haplogroup is I-M235.

The next two tests should refine it further and tell me if I have McLeod roots or if our family is just using the name.

I have recently ordered Family Tree DNAs Family Finder test which will, amongst other things, narrow relationship within the last four generations.

On the recommendation of James MacLeod, Administrator of the ACMS Genetics Studies, I am taking my final leap. National Geographic Society, through their Genographic Project offers their GENO 2.0 test which is similar to and somewhat better than FTDNA's former Deep Clade Test. The Genographic GENO 2.0 test was \$240.00, the most expensive to date. The FTDNA Deep Clade Test is no longer available. It now consists of a series of smaller tests which ups the total price somewhat.

I also purchased the test for my wife, Eleanor, to trace her maternal roots. She has no living male relatives on her MacPherson side, so we can "borrow" some inside cheek skin samples to have that test done.

I made the results of my Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) tests available to the ACMS Genetic Studies, Scotland DNA, Sutherland & Cathiness DNA, the Normanite DNA group in New Zealand. I will do the same when the GENO 2.0 test is available in about eight weeks.

The Genographic test should prove interesting, one way or the other. It will, I understand help the CMS Genetics Study nail down my highland roots.

What I would like to do is find some way, through *Leod Voice* and regional societies, to encourage Canadian McLeods/MacLeods to take the FTDNA tests and help build up a sizeable bank of DNA information on our clansfolk. I have no doubt some of us, like Dr Don and and I, might be surprised to learn about direct relationships.

ACMS might even consider going along with this idea and spreading the word through the *Clan MacLeod Magazine*.

HIGHLAND GAMES

BY CATHY WHITE

With the demise of both the Uxbridge and Innisfil Highland Games/Celtic festivals, Clan MacLeod was represented at only three such events this summer: Georgetown in June, Orillia in July and Fergus in August.

The forecast for the day of the Georgetown was not great, but as it was only drizzling at 6:30 am, I thought it was worth a try. By the time I got to the fairgrounds, the sun was beginning to shine, although it was quite windy. My intrepid helper, Allan, pegged our tent very well, so our it withstood the gusts. Our neighbours' tents collapsed three times. We were so well anchored that we needed help to "un-anchor" it at the end of the day! We were fortunate to have Chris, Dar, Rowan, Aidan and Wesley carry our banner in the parade of the clans.

On the day of the Orillia Scottish Festival, it was blistering hot, and I was on my own, as my usual helpers had other obligations. Not to worry — there's always someone at another clan booth who's willing to help. I parked our tent next to the Clan Ross tent, "manned " by Tom and Joanne, as well as their three grandchildren. The kids pitched in to help me set up the tent, and anchor it, so it wouldn't blow away. We had a busy day and were refreshed by the ice cold water provided by the clan co-ordinator, Laura Grant. Normally, I try to give information and sell "macleodified" items, such as stuffed toys, and small household items. The twin granddaughters were great salespeople, shouting about our free candy and "stuffies" for sale. We sold \$35 worth of toys, and finished nearly ALL of the jelly beans!

For Fergus, once again, the forecast wasn't wonderful, but I set out under cloudy, but dry skies. The organisers of the event provide and set up the tents, which is great, as it facilitates set-up and take-down. I was joined by Lynn Bennett and Karen McCrimmon, and we had lots of visitors, including one family — Mom wearing black with a Lewis sash, Dad wearing his Lewis Kilt and Lachlan (age maybe six weeks) wearing the smallest kilt I've ever seen on a real person! They were conscripted to join Karen and Lynn in the parade of the clans, at noon.

At around 12:10, the first raindrops fell, slowly at first then harder and faster, until it was a deluge. I started packing up our books, toys, etc. just as Lynn and Karen arrived back at the booth. We hurried to get everything packed up and loaded in the car, but not before we were all soaked! From the time of the first raindrops to the time I was headed out

the gate, and on the road home took just 40 minutes! Even though it was a hot day, I drove home with the seat heater on in the car, as I was freezing, from being so wet! Needless to say, a hot shower and dry clothes was what I needed when I arrived home.



As always, weather plays a huge role in the success of these events. Each summer, there's often one that suffers from the precipitation, but it's not always the one with the worst forecast. Georgetown worked out just fine, while Fergus was a washout! Oh well, there's always next year!

ANOTHER FIRST NAG ADVENTURE BY MARIAN MACLEOD FROM EDINBURGH

It all started in Dunvegan in 2014. It was my first Clan Parliament and I was sharing a house with five New Zealanders and a Canadian. Although a native Scot, this was only the second time I had ever been to Skye. I was intrigued by the shirt that Dr Don was wearing advertising the North American Gathering in Merritt 2016. I thought that there was something familiar about the location. I went on the trip round the Trotternish peninsula with Dr Don commenting and he said something about First Nations people being called MacLeod and the penny dropped. I remembered that I had been to Merritt before. Back in 2011, I had visited a friend on Vancouver Island. She had taken me on a road trip through BC and Alberta and we had visited a friend in Lower Nicola who knew Dr Don.

I decided then that, if at all possible, I would go to the NAG and combine it with a return visit to Vancouver Island. Then last year I had an email from a second cousin in Ontario who was going to be visiting Scotland with her son and could we meet up in Edinburgh. Of course we did and she invited me to visit her in Grand Bend, ON. At about the same time I found my grandfather's naval record online and discovered that he had been in Rutland, near Kelowna in 1919, just over an hour from Merritt. A plan started to come together.

I flew out from Edinburgh to Toronto in July. Lynn met me at the airport and suggested that we have lunch at Niagara Falls before driving back to Grand Bend. I had seen Niagara Falls a couple of times before but wasn't passing up the opportunity to see it again. Lynn then mentioned that there was a pipe band playing in Goderich so, of course we went to see them. I finally got to bed after 10 pm, having been up for 23 hours. I slept for 9 hours and immediately adjusted to the time difference.

I had a great time in Ontario, had a day in Stratford, swam in Lake Huron at sunset, met some friends from my Sutherland genealogy list and spent a day in Kincardine researching some family gravestones (Mackenzie not MacLeod but don't tell anyone). From Ontario I flew to Kamloops via Calgary, picked up my hired car and met yet another friend for lunch in Kamloops before heading for Merritt. You may wonder where all these friendships originated. The reason is dogs. Twenty years ago I got my first dog, a papillon, and went online to find out more about them. Before Facebook we had Yahoo Groups and I have met many people from my papillon group.

I stayed at the Super 8 in Merritt and was a bit disconcerted to find that the key card machine was broken and that I needed to get someone from reception to let me in every time I returned to the Motel. Everything else was fine. I liked my room and the breakfasts were wonderful, including home baked banana loaf and muffins. I didn't go to the first night Meet and Greet because I had been invited to dinner by my friend Lorna. Not only was she a great cook but she had several papillons so I couldn't resist the invitation. I had already decided to take an afternoon out from the NAG to go to Rutland to see where my grandfather Norman MacLeod had lived and Lorna volunteered to come with me.

The NAG flew by, it was great to meet old acquaintances from 2014 and make new friends. I enjoyed all the outings. The Quilchena Hotel was fascinating and I was amazed at the scale of the copper mine. I attended the session about kilt making and learned a lot from it. I hadn't previously given much thought to what goes into making a good kilt. The tartan skirts were rather smart too. I want one; it would have to be Skye tartan not MacLeod of Lewis. I don't look good in yellow.

I gave up the whisky and wine tasting sessions to go on my quest to find my grandfather's residence. His address had been given c/o Black Mountain Water Company. Lorna and I found Black Water Golf Club which was close enough. We then went round to the Kelowna Museum and read that the area had been devoted to fruit trees and that the water companies were for irrigation.

The weather was mostly good during the NAG but took a turn for the worse on the last evening and I had few heavy showers on my return drive to Kamloops. I flew to Nanaimo via Vancouver and spent the next eight days based in Parksville. I went to a dog show (yes, more papillon friends), a whale watching trip from Campbell River, Long Beach, Salt Spring Island and much, much more. I had planned an overnight stay in Vancouver on my way home taking the ferry from Nanaimo and continue by bus. However, my friend Mary Clark from New Zealand posted her flight from Saturna by seaplane on Facebook and I immediately decided that I wanted to take a seaplane too. I went from Nanaimo directly to Vancouver and landed only two blocks from my hotel; what a wonderful experience. I found my hotel and checked in then realized I had no plans for the evening. Consulting TripAdvisor I found a walking tour of Vancouver as it had been at the time of prohibition. I love walking tours and this one was superb.

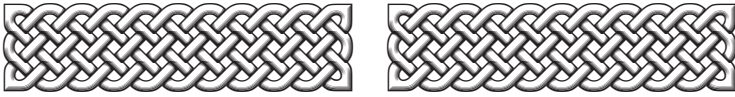
On to Toronto. I had decided to stay at The Alt Hotel, right at the airport. Lynn Bennett, one of our merry band in our Dunvegan house, met me and took me out for dinner. Lynn and I had agreed in Merritt that we both wanted to see the Dale Chihuly glass exhibition at the Royal Ontario Museum so that was our objective in the morning. It was wonderful and I got back to the airport in good time for my flight back to Edinburgh. The journey was smooth and I was soon back home.

I have lots of happy memories of this trip. I hope to be back sometime. Maybe I will see some of you at Parliament in Skye in 2018?

MARRIAGE OF CHRISTOPHER CRAWFORD AND PASCALE CANTIN

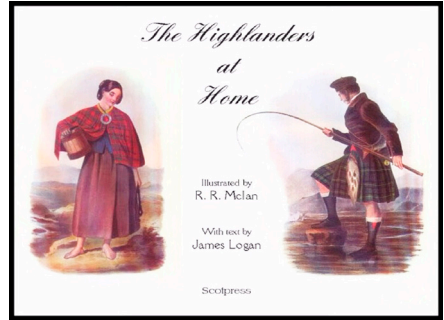
On September 24, Christopher married his beautiful partner, Pascale, in a sunny garden setting, in St. Jean-sur-Richelieu, Québec. Chris and Pascale gathered their close family and friends around them, to declare and celebrate their love. Many of the family proudly wore their MacLeod tartans or Celtic jewelry. Chris and Pascale are parents of two bonnie laddies, Nolan (4) and Cedric (2), both of whom were looking great in their MacLeod kilts. Christopher's father, George (St. Jean) and his aunt Linda Crawford (Ottawa/VankleekHill) led a traditional Scottish "hand-fasting" portion of the ceremony. The couple's hands were joined by a MacLeod tartan, a traditional Scottish blessing was said, and Pascale was formally welcomed to the Clan. Erick Braham, husband of Chris' cousin Sarah Burnell, piped the happy couple down the flowered aisle, as they began their new life together as husband and wife.

Later, Pascale proudly wore her new tartan sash at the wedding brunch, in the lovely garden. Christopher is an electrician in Montréal, and Pascale is completing her Master's degree in Social Work at the Université de Montréal. They reside in St. Jean-sur-Richelieu.



AN INTERESTING BOOK

The Highlanders at Home, by James Logan and R. R. McIan was first published in 1848 and was the second collaboration by these two authors. Many of you will be familiar with their classic *Clans of the Scottish Highlands* and the wonderful McIan illustrations of Highland clansmen.



The Highlanders at Home concentrates on the daily life of the Highland neighbours at an important time in Highland history when many of the old ways, though still evident, were fast disappearing and this wonderful work recorded them before they were lost.

This new edition has been edited for the modern reader and reproduces the full-colour illustrations in an attractive landscape format. It can be purchased from Vicki McLeod, Unicorn Limited Inc, mcleod@scotpress.com

GAELIC FILMS OF INTEREST

An Da Shealladh (The Second Sight) by Alison McAlpine is a documentary film created in the Isle of Skye and comprises stories of such sightings as told by native Gaelic speakers. The film was shown at the Hot Docs Festival in Toronto a few years ago and was so successfully received that it was critically acclaimed and screened at over thirty international festivals from Russia, through Europe, South America to Australia.

An Ceasnachadh (The Interrogation of a Highland Lass) takes the viewer back to the time of the removal of the Stone of Scone from Westminster Abbey. Kathleen MacInnes stars in this film.



***Filmed on
the Beautiful
Isle of Skye***

A 77 minute DVD filmed on the beautiful Isle of Skye and produced by Peter MacLeod of Australia was previewed by many at the recent NAG. It is now available from Peter for \$29CDN and can be purchased using PayPal. Email Peter with

your order giving your name and postal address. You will receive an email invoice using PayPal, Visa or MasterCard. You will receive your DVD by post.

Produced by: Peter and Wendy Macleod, 19 Viewpoint Drive, Toukley NSW 2263, Australia
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THE TALES AND LEGENDS INCLUDED ARE:

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STORY TELLERS ARE:

Janet MacLeod Trotter, Kevin Tolmie, John Davidson-Kelly, Graeme Trotter, Rachael Jackson and Marlin Darrah

REVIEW BY ROD MCLEOD - CMS NSW

If you would like to give young MacLeods a feeling for MacLeod legends and Scottish scenery, the new DVD produced by President Peter could be just the thing. With Twitter, Facebook, Skype, computer games and I-phones now so ubiquitous, gaining the attention of the young these days is no easy task. That said, anyone with an interest in Scotland, the Isle of Skye or the history of the MacLeod Clan will treasure this addition to their DVD collection.

hIGHLAND NAMES

BY ANONYMOUS

There's music in Highland names
Sweeter than Highland wind
Sweeping the rain-washed bracken edge
From heather glens behind.

The names go swimming through my head
When I am far away
Till like the lilting of the pipes
The Scottish places play.

Craigellachie and Tomintoul,
Blair Atholl, Lochnagar,
Schiehallion, Moidart, Rannoch Moor,
Blairgowrie and Braemar,

Their cadence marches through my heart
Like tartan kilts asway,
Like shadows clansmen striding on
Through hills of yesterday.

Cairngorm and Ben Macdhuis too,
Glen Affric and Glen Sheil,
Dalwhinnie, Dalnaspidal Pass,
Loch Laggan and Locheil.

When I'm a wanderer wearing
Of alien roads and sore,
Wind of Highland, wake my soul
Whispering "Aviemore".

DID YOU KNOW THAT NOVA SCOTIA GOVERNMENT HAS A MINISTRY OF GAELIC AFFAIRS?

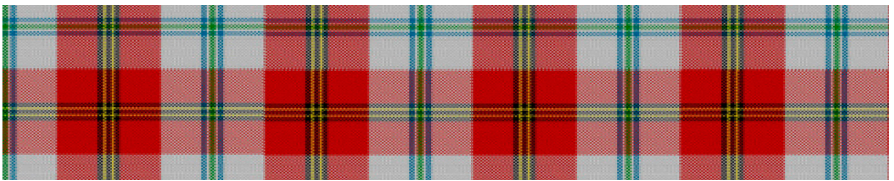
Nova Scotia Historical Newspapers Online website of Nova Scotia Alba Nuadh is directed by Lewis MacKinnon and is a product of the Government of Nova Scotia. You will find interesting topics and events involving Gaelic Affairs in Nova Scotia in Scottish Gaelic or English, useful if you want to improve your knowledge of the Gaelic language. Check it out. www.alba-nuadh.com

EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO 2017

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo have recently agreed with the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs that next year the Tattoo will highlight the Clans with a focus on a different clan each night of the Tattoo. 'A Splash of Tartan' will be the theme of the Tattoo. The latest information from the organizers is that the Chief will attend as a principal guest and will lead a march of clansfolk into the performance at the opening.

Clan MacLeod has been allocated Tuesday, 15 August, one of the three nights that the BBC will be filming the Tattoo.

Anyone planning to visit Edinburgh at that time, be sure to include this important event in your schedule.



CANADIAN CLAN MACLEOD TARTAN FABRIC IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

BY JUDY TIPPLE

The lovely white and red tartan with lines of blue, green and yellow was a big hit at the NAG in Merritt this summer. Several clan gentlemen wore their kilts and ladies sported skirts as well as elegant sashes. Our unique fine wool tartan fabric was woven in Scotland.

I have kilt lengths of the new Canadian tartan in 15 oz wool fabric available for purchase at \$300 and sash lengths of 13 oz wool for \$40. Mailing is included. Also I have for \$40, one child's tie to complete the outfit of your young clan member.

If you wish to place an order for either 13 oz fabric or have ideas regarding our beautiful tartan, I'd be most interested in hearing about them.

Contact me at jmtipple@gmail.com, by phone 250-539-5475 or by post at PO Box 111, Saturna Island, BC, V0N 2Y0 Canada.



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

We wish to extend to the family and friends of each of our members who are no longer with us our most sincere condolences. Their presence will be missed.

ROY ALEXANDER MCLEOD

1949 - 2016

Roy was a descendant from the Red River Settlers, always a proud Scotsman who loved the history of Scotland and Canada. James Hunter interviewed Roy for his book *Scottish Exodus*. In 1987 he was a founding member of the Clan MacLeod Society of Manitoba and served as president and in various positions. He was also president of the Lord Selkirk Association of Rupertsland, United Scottish Association of Winnipeg, Winnipeg Robert Burns Club and Past Chief of Melrose Camp Sons of Scotland Winnipeg. He was an active member of the Heritage Council of Manitoba and Folklorama, Scottish Pavilion.

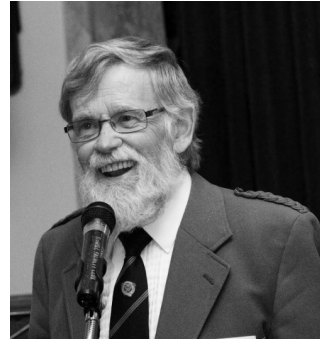


GEORGE W. CRAWFORD

1943 - 2016

George passed away from lung cancer on September 25, at his home in St. Jean-sur-Richelieu, surrounded by his loving family. The funeral service was a fine reflection of George and his many qualities and passions.

The building itself, a former Anglican church, is now a vibrant community arts centre, thanks to the vision and dedication of George, and his wife of 46 years, Sheila. Surrounded by art and history, the venue was packed to the rafters with George's family, friends, colleagues.



MacLeod tartans were prominent, and Celtic music framed the order-of-service. The Crawfords love to celebrate their MacLeod heritage! George was a long-time member of the Montreal and Ottawa Societies. George's mother, Katherine, often attended Parliament on Skye, and over the years she brought with her many of her family: George and Sheila, daughter Linda, Christopher (George's son) and Sarah (Linda's daughter). George's daughter Janis has also made the pilgrimage to Skye.

DOROTHY ELIZABETH MCCRIMMON

1932-2016

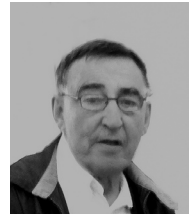
Dorothy McCrimmon of Vankleek Hill passed away peacefully September 13 at the age of 84. She had been a long-time member of CMS Glen-garry along with her sister-in-law Madeleine McCrimmon and many other relatives in the area.



RAYMOND MACLEOD

1933-2016

It is with tremendous sadness that the family of Raymond MacLeod announce his peaceful passing on the evening of summer solstice, June 20, 2016, at the age of 82. Ray leaves a strong and loving family, rivalled only by his legacy. The true patriarch of his clan, Ray was father to four wonderful children, Michael, Wendi, Marshall, and Matthew, with his wife and life partner, Ollie (Granny), and is survived by three full generations. Ray (Papa) will be remembered for his larger than life personality, his affinity for the finer things in life, his dedication to his trade (law) and his family. Ray's loyalty to his lineage and friends was unwavering and constant. He was a dedicated member of Clan MacLeod Society of Greater Vancouver, always enjoying attending gatherings and sharing stories.



THERESA ISABEL MACLEOD

1919 - 2016

Born November 5, 1919 in Dunvegan, Inverness Co. Theresa passed away peacefully after a brief illness. She was a nutritionist and food safety specialist who worked for various departments of Health Canada in Halifax, the city she loved. Though a very private person, she generously catered to friends and family when needed to drive them to appointments, stores and meetings.



Theresa was a long-time member of CMS Halifax and will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know her, through her work, her volunteerism and her Clan MacLeod Society support and participation.

ANNE MCDUGALL HALFORD-MACLEOD 1941-2016

BY JUDY TIPPLE

Anne slipped away peacefully at her home in Auchtermucky, Fife, just short of her 75th birthday.

A woman of many talents she made a huge contribution to the Clan MacLeod organization over the years, and was notably the Parliament 2006 (“best Parliament ever”) Coordinator. During that time, she

was also a member of the ACMS Management Council.



Anne's needlework skills are legendary and she was noted as one of the 1000 stitchers who worked on embroidering the more than 300 panels of the Scottish Diaspora Tapestry which is currently being viewed by thousand of people around the world. At NAG 2008 Anne co-ordinated the making of the impressive multi-tartan banner.

Anne had the interesting ability to avoid being in photographs. However, my favourite image of Anne was one I took during the business meeting of ACMS where Anne was listening to the business but also making good use of her time creating a baby garment. Anne was able to enjoy Dominic, her darling grandson, almost to his first birthday.



When I first met Anne in 1980 she and her best friend and husband Ruari were already very much involved in the Clan MacLeod organization and that same dedication continued for many many years.



Anne was a model of selfless giving, a woman with a beautiful soul.

THE EDITOR'S PAGE

The eleventh North American Gathering gave time to spend visiting with new clan members, old friends and making new ones; this is the fundamental reason for attending a gathering for the majority of us.

Holding a General Meeting for the CMSC is very important also, as the membership gathers only once every two years. As well, the ACMS and the CMS USA are able to meet at this time when the majority of members of their Management Councils are together. Such meetings enable members to be aware of the workings of their Societies and are integral to each Gathering.

Having Chief Harvey McLeod of the Syilx (Okanagan) First Nations community speak of their land and people was a delightful lead into his brother Carl's demonstration of traditional dances wearing the regalia of his ancestors. This was the most unique part of the entire program of the Gathering.

Stewart McLeod of Penticton very capably led a collection of pipers and drummers in rousing Scottish tunes several times throughout the Gathering, having had very little time to practise together. They were marvellous indeed; well done Stewart.

Parliament 2018 will be our next big gathering. Sadly it will be without my dear friend Anne Halford MacLeod, she'll be watching from a higher venue.

Our new Youth Coordinator is looking forward to hearing from our young folks; she would be pleased to be flooded with emails.

I look forward to receiving your comments and ideas for the next issue of the *Leod Voice*. I am especially excited to have the assistance of Tracy Eklund to help work on the the coming issues and I am looking for someone to take over the Membership Registry of CMSC. Please don't be shy.

My Best Wishes to all, good health and much happiness in the New Year.

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