



The Leod Voice



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President's Report

by Judy Tipple

As Canada 150 draws to a close some reflections on our history and the Scottish connections come to mind. It is said that more than nine million Canadians (of our population of 36 million) claim to have Scottish or Irish heritage. The impact of Scots in Canada was foundational to the development of fundamental values of our culture. According to Ken McGoogan, author of *How the Scots Invented Canada* these values include independence, democracy, pluralism, audacity and perseverance. Of the ten Founding Fathers of Canadian Confederation eight were Scots and many of our Prime Ministers, including our present one Justin Trudeau, have Scottish heritage. In school we all learned about the various explorers of Canada and recognize their Scottish names such as Mackenzie, Fraser, Sinclair, Cormack, Douglas, Murray, Tolmie and many others. It's little wonder that so many Canadians have an affinity with things Scottish.



Check out the Notable MacLeods under President on the CMSC website, www.clanmacleod-canada.com and you will be impressed by the number of significant contributions made by those with Scottish ancestry.

SNALC

The Scottish North American Leadership Conference held at the University of Guelph in August has been covered in other reports. I was impressed by the energy of the youth trio of Rowan Gledish, Rianna Crawford, and Zachary Wallace. I think that we will be hearing more from them in the future. I'd encourage all of our young people and their friends to get in touch with them. The desire to work together, to share programs, ideas and concerns was expressed by the various clans and Scottish associations present. So much more can be achieved by working together.

CMSC Tartan

The beautiful CMSC tartan can now be woven by Locharron Woollen Mills in Scotland and purchased through the Canadian Burnetts-Struth company in Barrie, ON. Anyone interested in ordering either yardage or finished articles of the tartan, please let Carol MacCrimmon Pugliese know. I have asked Carol to co-ordinate the collection of information. Her email is c_maccrimmon@hotmail.com and phone number is 905-

689-5898. An initial order of 11 oz CMSC Tartan fabric has been made. More details will be forthcoming in the next *Leod Voice*.

Membership Registry

Patricia Foodikoff has accepted the challenge to be CMSC Membership Registrar and I am very pleased to turn over this responsibility to her. She is a member of the CMSC National Society; she has my full cooperation and deepest appreciation. Patricia's email address is patricia.foodikoff@shaw.ca and her mailing address is 8088-153 St, Surrey, BC V3S 8N7.

I ask each Membership Contact or Treasurer to send your membership lists and updates to her in future. She will have the list of contacts and I will forward any information I receive regarding membership to her. Please send her your membership lists for the spring issue of *The Leod Voice* and the *Clan Macleod Magazine* to her by April 1. You will also receive information regarding this change when Treasurer Beth McLeod sends out the instructions for payment of dues this spring.

The transition will take a little time to get straightened out but between us we will get things working smoothly, I'm sure.

My Thanks to Neil R. McLeod

As many of you are aware, I was married to Neil and thus became involved in the Clan Macleod Society. With his passing, I think back on his life and the way he celebrated his Scottish heritage. His mother was born in Scotland, but his McLeod lineage was that of a pioneer line of Scottish immigrants who arrived on the shores of Nova Scotia several generations ago.

Neil was an avid collector of objects exhibiting his beloved tartan or reflecting his Scottish ancestry. This is demonstrated by his wardrobe of kilts and associated kit which now his wife June wishes to offer to clan members who will carry on wearing them with the same pride that Neil displayed.

Neil was indeed a Proud McLeod who will be remembered kindly for his many contributions to Clan MacLeod Societies.

Hold Fast and Shine Brightly,

Judy Tipple

Tribute to Neil R McLeod

by Ian C MacLeod

I have fond memories linked to Neil going back 30 years. Of course there were the Clan MacLeod activities, at all of the Vancouver, Canadian and International levels. He was National President (2000-2004) just before me (2004-2008). We worked together on organizing the Vancouver North American Gathering (NAG) in 1992, and together we attended NAGs in 1992 (Vancouver), 2000 (Guelph), 2004 (Chicago) and 2008 (Ottawa) and Parliaments in Dunvegan in 1998 and 2006 (he attended many more of each than I did). I had the honour of presenting to him the Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada "Outstanding Clansperson Award" in Ottawa in 2008.

He was also the photographer at the wedding of one of my daughter (Melanie).

There is a famous poem, with uncertain source, sometimes attributed to Robert Louis Stevenson (the famous Scottish author, 1850-1894), which states:

"a man is successful who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much, who has gained the respect of the intelligent men and the love of children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who leaves the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had."



That poem could be a well stated epitaph for Neil." He was a tireless worker on "things MacLeod", and always upbeat and cheerful. He will be sorely missed.

Born May 30, 1942 in New Westminster, BC, Neil passed away peacefully in Merritt after being disabled as the result of several strokes. He was predeceased by his parents Howard and Jean (Farquhar) and his brother Ian.

Neil is survived by his wife June, brother Alec (Diane) of Prince George, and nephews and families. Very much involved with the Clan MacLeod Society, he also enjoyed his associations in the Masonic Lodge. Neil had taken chef training but found his true

calling as a photographer. He enjoyed working with people and was a natural for his Christmastime gigs as Santa Claus with his white hair and prolific beard.

Sincere condolences are extended to June, Neil's extended family and his many friends and associates worldwide.

Building Family Bonds Through Love and History

by Jenny Wise

Have you ever wondered about your family's origin and ancestors? For many of us, our grandparents are our last line of connection to their parents and grandparents. I'm lucky to still have my grandmother to help fill in a lot of the blanks for me. Through her, I've learned a lot about our family tree, not to mention that having a deeper relationship with my grandmother has helped me throughout my life.

I've been working with my children on creating a family tree and forging stronger relationships with their grandparents. They are learning a lot about family history, and they are being introduced to ideas and traditions we can incorporate and keep passing through the family — kind of like creating genealogical heirlooms.

Here are some great resources you can share with your readers. Search the Internet using these headings:

10 Tips to Start Your Family History Journey

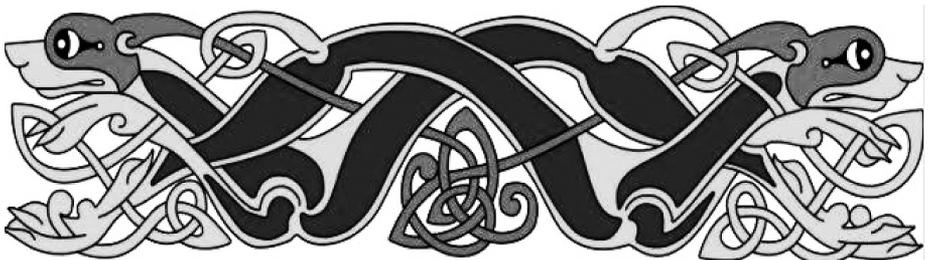
How to Trace Your Family Tree

Bond Between Grandparents and Grandkids Benefits Both

The Grandparent's Guide to Sharing Your Love of Classic Cars with Your Grandchild

The Best Legacy You Can Leave for Your Grandchildren

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Banners and tartan displayed by MacLeods in the clan parade at the BC Games: Mandy & June, Neil, Allan, Jean, Judy, Alison and Mark

SNALC and the Youth Initiative

by Rowan Gladish, CMSC Youth Coordinator

This summer I attended the Scottish North American Leadership Conference (SNALC) at the University of Guelph. It was a wonderful experience. Getting to meet leaders from different clans residing both in Canada and USA and hearing them speak was enlightening. This conference offered a wonderful opportunity to make connections with others celebrating Scottish heritage. There was also a presentation on Scottish history which was both very informative and interesting.

SNALC 2017 had a focus of youth involvement, a topic both I and Zachary Wallace of the Toronto Gaelic Society and Youth Ambassador of the conference, Rianna Crawford, a Highland Dancer, are very close to. I believe that we made significant progress towards getting youth involved. The idea of a youth-only general Scottish group, not affiliated with the clans, was introduced and received immediate support.

The group would be youth orientated, mostly internet focused and would organize their own events. This Scottish youth group would also be a way to connect younger members to their own clans in the area hopefully working towards solving the problem of declining youth involvement

in both Canadian and American clans. An Instagram page has already been created for this Scottish group @scottish_youth_international and I encourage any interested youth reading this article to follow us the Scottish youth group. We hope to gain enough members to begin planning events by this coming summer.



I would say that the conference was a huge success and an important step forward for Scottish youth involvement and organization.

From left to right in photo:

Rowan Gladish, Zachary Wallace and Rianna Crawford

Whats so cool about the McLeod clan

by Emily McLeod, 12 year old niece of late Neil R. McLeod of Merritt [Written for a school assignment. Google “Whats so cool about the McLeod clan” to see her photos as well.]

Scotland is a beautiful country well-known for its dramatic scenery of mountains and valleys, rolling hills, green fields and forests and rugged coastline. While everyone knows the Highlands for this, Scotland is also beautiful in the Lowlands, over 700 islands and the flat lands of the North-East as well.

A Bagpipe is an instrument that lots of Scottish people play (lots of McLeod play them too). Bagpipes can cost from \$100 to \$1000 and that is just the price for used ones! A set of new plastic bagpipes is \$600 to \$1,400. The plastic set aren't as good as the Blackwood set. which cost up to \$2,000 to \$6,000. On the bagpipe there are five pipes, one of them is called the chanter, which has little holes for the player's fingers to cover, just like on a clarinet or a recorder. It is actually a lot like the clarinet cause it is a wind instrument with a reed. There is another pipe called the puffer. It takes the air from your mouth into the bag made by animal skin then the air travels through the different pipes. The last three pipes are called drones, each drone has a different pitch.

Did you know that in Scotland there are some of the best golf courses. That is because Scotland actually invented golf.

Haggis is Scotland's national dish. The ingredients for haggis are sheep pluck (heart, liver and lungs), oat meal, salt, spices, onion, and suet (fat that grows around the kidneys). Even though haggis does look and sound disgusting, it is very delicious; I had some and I was amazed!

Of course the national dish has the best drink served with it and that would be Scotch whisky but when I had haggis at the Gathering, I had water.

The McLeod Gathering 2016 in Merritt

During the summer my mom and dad and I went to a McLeod Gathering. It was fun because we got to take a tour Merritt and got to stay in a castle made by Dr. McLeod. Even though there were only like three other kids there and I didn't get to meet them I still had fun. While I was there I got to try haggis. I also bought my own kilt.

The Gaelic form is Clann Mhic Leòid. Clann means children, while mhic is the genitive of mac, the Gaelic for son, and Leòid is the genitive of Leòd. The whole phrase therefore means The children of the son of Leod.

Some of my sources:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haggis>, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/scotland>, <https://wikitravel.org/en/scotland>, <https://www.scotweb.co.uk/info/macleod/>, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/bagpipes>, <http://www.ebay.com/sch/i.html?>

<https://www.howmuchisit.org/how-much-do-bagpipes-cost/>, <http://www.encyclopedia.com/literature-and-arts/performing-arts/music-theory-forms-and-instruments/bagpipes>

Some fact about Scotland: Population: 5 373 000, capital city: Edinburgh, currency: pound sterling

Scotland is a part of the United Kingdom and shares a border with England. This country is surrounded with the Atlantic Ocean and the North Sea.

And if you were wondering there is no difference between McLeod and Macleod.

CMS Manitoba News

An example of the bonds formed by being part of a clan organization is very evident when President of CMS Manitoba Bruce and his wife Florence were concerned about the safety of their member and friend Nadine Pileggi and wrote to her:

Just to let you know that we were thinking of you during the hurricanes and thought that you would be too occupied to reply We hope that you and your family survived and that you must have stories coming from a "prairie girl".

Nadine's Reply

Hi thanks for thinking of me and my family during the hurricane. Yes my husband Francisco and I had a mandatory evacuation as we live about a block from the ocean in Delray Beach. We went to a nearby hotel and had power except for the last 24 hours. Then we were able to return to our apt which never lost power. Our daughter, husband and newborn stayed with relatives. Thank heavens that we were blessed and did not have any damage. Our area of Florida did not suffer the devastation that others suffered. It is amazing that so many natural disasters are happening so frequently here in the USA. Let's hope that they will end soon.



CMS Manitoba members held a lunch at the family home of Dr McLeod, a popular Tea Room and Museum in Stonewall, MB.

L to R: Katherine, Florence, Janet Thompson, Doc Jardine, Bruce, Charles Cameron, Valoree & John Van Rees, Dorothy Doran (having celebrated her 94th birthday), Margaret McCurdy, Darlene Cameron and Colin Harris.

CMS BC Vancouver Island

by Malcolm MacLeod

Our first celebration of the year is Tartan Day celebrated on the nearest Saturday to the actual date of April 6 and on that day, we have a parade which starts at City Square and ends at the Legislative buildings, a distance of 2 km. Along the way, the parade was halted while the Pipe Major was treated to a dram from “The Bard and Banker”, one of our favourite and sponsoring Pubs. At the Parliament building, on the lawn out front and on the front steps there are short informative speeches, piping and dancing and a display of heavy events.

Our major event of the year is the Victoria Highland Games and Festival is a 10 day Scottish Festival culminated by the Games held on the May long weekend (Victoria Day) which is May 19 to 21 in 2018. The lead up to the Games includes a Kilted Golf tournament, A Tilted Kilt Pub Crawl, a Candle Lighting Ceremony at sunset and a parade.

Clan MacLeod always has a tent which is quite popular because of our information, books and maps. Karen and I book a room at a nearby hotel annex where with the assistance of the McAulay’s, we host people from other clans after the days events are done. A nice time to relax and get to know some of the other participating clans, especially since we are getting more clans from the States each year. Joan McAulay and her husband Doug are also members of Clan MacLeod.

The Victoria Games are held at Topaz Park (named after HM 51 gun ship *Topaz*) which has four large fields and attracts around 25,000 over the three days. This event is called Highland Games and Celtic Festival since our Irish relatives have been included on the Monday with dancing, hurling and rugby events.

The 2018 games will host The World Heavy Events Championship with jousting a possible option as horses are now allowed on the field. It looks as if we are going to have some Grade One Pipe Bands back as well as the Victoria Military Music Festival bringing a feature band to perform for us. A new addition will be a Tea Garden Tent complete with China service.

Our Highland Games Association has taken over the care and upkeep of Craigflower Manor which is a heritage house, built by the Hudson’s



Bay Co between 1853 and 1856. We have had numerous work parties to clean the property up and preserve the building and property with the end result of building a Scottish Heritage Hall in front of the manor house along the Gorge Waterway that will be a low profile building that won't obstruct the view of the water from the Manor House and grounds. During these work parties/social events, we have had several clans people out to help. Two ladies that have been to our Craigflower gatherings were both at the inauguration of the Clan MacLeod Society here on Vancouver Island on November 19, 1955 when Dame Flora was present. One is Jean Vantreight who is mentioned on P.33 of Genealogy of a Clan, section two. She is a descendent of Sir Norman of Berneray, she is also related to Weeden Nichols and also to myself. The other lady who was there was Laurie MacLeod as a baby and her parents made her the youngest member of the society at that time. Both of these ladies have rejoined our society and we are blessed to have them. Another incident was when I introduced Colleen to John and she said, "Hi Uncle John". They hadn't seen each other for several years.

On Canada Day we celebrated Canada's 150th birthday in conjunction with the Municipality of View Royal. The very first one at which we were trying to build trust and harmony with the local municipality. It turned out to be quite a multicultural event with African and Oriental dancers as well as Irish and Highland dancers. The Heavy events were in the lower corner of the field with the pipe band on the other side of the building. The turnout at around 3000 was way more than we expected and the concession ran out of food twice. We were also conducting tours of the house and were totally overwhelmed by the numbers that lined up to go through. We had to quickly find extra tour guides, myself being recruited; it was a learning experience. My friend Colin McPhail had donated two flag poles, one 24 feet tall and the other 29 feet tall and although we didn't have a proper base for them, we raised the taller pole semi formally and fixed it to a brick oven on the Gorge side yard. With pipers and scarlet clad Mounties, Colin raised the flag over our event which was the first one held at Craigflower.

On Saturday, Sept. 23 we had our annual gathering in our back yard around the fish pond and fire pit and a nice social time it was with clan folk and guests. Judy Tipple and John Robertson came from Saturna, others from Sidney, Victoria and Duncan. Our guests were Jim Maxwell (chair of Games and Craigflower) and his wife Donna and Colin and Maryann McPhail. I was pleased to share my research with Jackie Wood and her sister, showing them where their ancestors were from on Lewis, near Calanais.

CMS Glengarry News

You can get to the Glengarry web site from www.clanmacleod-canada.com

If you have any photos or objects that pertain to the St Columba Presbyterian Church in Kirk Hill please pass them on to one of it's members. There is a collection of them being made in preparation for a book to mark the Bicentennial of the Kirk in 2019. One important memory would be any photos taken at the time of the visit of Chief Dame Flora in October 1955.

I want to pay tribute to Madeleine McCrimmon who celebrated her 100th birthday this summer. She has been a driving force in the the research and publication of two books of the *MacLeods of Glengarry* and *Lochinvar to Skye* and a very staunch supporter of Clan MacLeod.



Clan MacLeod Society of Southern Alberta

by Joy Tarrant

Summer for the Clan Macleod Society of Southern Alberta has been a very busy time this year. We were able to host two barbeques, one at Marcella Macleod's residence in June and one at Beth Phillips' house in July. In addition, members Tracy Eklund, Kim Breen, Donna Gillespie and Randy Macleod all attended the Red Deer Highland Games and enjoyed a beautiful day of music and camaraderie. Members also attended the Calgary Highland Games in August and Canmore Highland Games in September and it was excellent to have the MacLeod family at all the activities.

Fall is already here in Calgary, although the weather is still warm and we are hoping to have another meeting and perhaps a Christmas get-together this year.

Here's wishing everyone a beautiful fall season in Canada. Attached are a couple of pictures of our summer fun!



The 2017 SNALC Conference

The 16th annual Scottish North American Leadership Conference (SNALC) was held in Canada for the first time. Founded by The Chicago Scots and American Scottish Foundation, it is organized by The Chicago Scots, American Scottish Federation, Detroit St Andrews Society, COSCA, and CASSOC; it brought together representatives from various Scottish clans from many areas of North America to discuss common problems. The result of such networking was productive covering topics such as membership attraction and retention, youth involvement and fundraising. Government tourism agency representatives such as VisitScotland, added to the program along with the historical presentations from the Dept of Scottish Studies at University of Guelph. The topic of Youth Involvement, of interest to all the delegates, had Rowan Gledish, Rianna Crawford and Zachary Wallace very capably fielding questions and concerns. They have created an Instagram page, @scottish_youth-international and to provide a forum for youth interested in things Scottish regardless of their clan.

The St. Kilda Tapes

On August 29, 1930, the last 36 inhabitants of Scotland's St. Kilda Island, one of the world's most remote human settlements, were evacuated, at their own request, to Morvern on the Scottish mainland, leaving behind a home and life that their ancestors had known for centuries.

The Scottish Screen Archive has preserved deeply moving footage shot during this memorable departure.

Using this material, and the voice of Norman Gillies, who participated in the evacuation as a five-year-old boy, filmmakers Ewan and Alastair Meldrum have created a unique document that poses timeless questions: When you are forced or you choose to leave your home where does your journey stop? How do you know when you've arrived at your ultimate destination, and how do you balance what you have left behind with what you discover on your journey?

A complex and subtle multi-media work, The St. Kilda Tapes features music and song by guitarist David Allison and well-known musicians and singers, including Ms. McCormack. The piece incorporates looping technology and experimentation with wonderful and distinctly non-Celtic instruments like the concert zither, Turkish saz and the Arabic oud. The St Kilda Tapes is a solo sister project to The Island Tapes.

St. Kilda Location

An isolated archipelago 64 kilometres (40 mi) west-northwest of North Uist in the North Atlantic Ocean. It contains the western most islands of the Outer Hebrides of Scotland. The largest island is Hirta, whose sea cliffs are the highest in the United Kingdom.

The Gaelic-speaking population probably never exceeded 180 and was never more than 100 after 1851. Although St Kilda was permanently inhabited for at least two millennia, and despite the inhabitants' unique way of life, the entire population was evacuated in 1930.

The only residents are now military personnel. The islands are administratively a part of the Comhairle nan Eilean Siar local authority area.

Reference Links www.myspace.com/thestkildatapes

Tartan Run

by Edie Kernighan

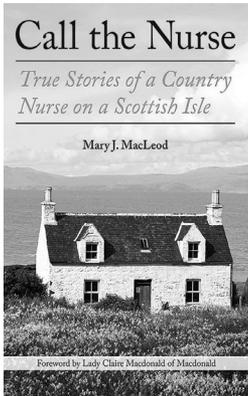
The Tartan Twosome of Christina Saremba and I ran the Sunset 5k on September 15 and then the next day I ran the 5k while Christina completed the Half Marathon. For the Sunset Run, we had our MacLeod of Lewis and MacLeod of Harris tartan scarves on, mine held by my MacLeod pin and Christina's by a Scottie Dog pin.

The weather was perfect, warm with a lovely breeze, and the run was located along the ocean side, passed by small houses lined with people, dogs and children, many dressed as pirates in accordance with the other theme of the run. People were very friendly, the event was well organized with lots of runners' swag given out and plenty of Celtic tunes. A wonderful way to celebrate Scottish heritage, whether or not one is of Scottish descent.



Kilt is Great Formal Dress

Dalton Jones just graduated from J. T. Foster High School in Nanton, AB and decided to honour his Scottish MacLeod heritage. He is eight generations away from Scotland but was fortunate enough to visit Dunvegan Castle a few summers ago with his Mom, Louanna MacLeod-Jones, dancer school, “Skye-Anna School of Highland Dancing”. He usually just accessorises with his AC/DC t-shirts!



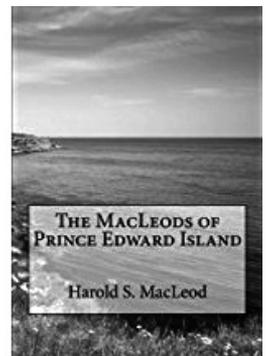
An Interesting Book

Found an interesting book by Mary J. MacLeod (2012) *Call the Nurse*; True Stories of a Country Nurse on a Scottish Isle. Set on an fictional remote little Hebridean island of Papavray, about 20 miles long with lots of lochs, mountains, little ‘villages’, set in 1970. The Forward is by Lady Claire Macdonald of Macdonald, whom we met many years ago.

The MacLeods of Prince Edward Island once again available

Selkirk Stories, a Prince Edward Island publishing house, announces the publication of a newly revised edition of *The MacLeods of Prince Edward Island* by Harold S. MacLeod (1927-2014). This classic work of genealogy and Island history was most recently published in 1987, although that edition was reprinted a number of times. The revised 2017 edition includes all the revisions Harold S. MacLeod made to his book from 1993 through 2005. The new edition is currently available for sale online.

The revised 2017 edition of *The MacLeods of Prince Edward Island* by Harold S. MacLeod is based



on computer files left behind after Harold MacLeod's death in 2014. According to the metadata included with the files (its "properties"), this is the 176th revision of a document created in 1993 and last edited in 2005. This edition includes all of the revisions that Harold MacLeod made until 2005, but it only includes what the author included in the digital files he left behind. The photographs, and the whimsical drawings included in previous editions of this book are absent, as are some of the poems and other short texts.

Those who own an earlier edition of *The MacLeods of Prince Edward Island* will find that some sections of the book have changed significantly since the last printing. For example, in the 1996 printing, the entry on the family of John MacLeod and Mary MacKay of Heatherdale, who were both born on the Isle of Skye (Scotland), is a single page. In the 2017 edition, reflecting the additional information incorporated by Harold MacLeod, the same entry runs five and a half pages. On the other hand, unless Harold MacLeod received fresh information concerning a family tree, he did not update it. This means that other family trees remain as they were in earlier editions.

Since previous editions of *The MacLeods of Prince Edward Island* were printed and bound locally, on Prince Edward Island, there were limited press runs. Used copies are hard to find and command high prices. This edition, because it is being published in a print-on-demand format, will be easily available to anyone, anywhere in the world, who wishes to purchase it through an online retailer. It will remain in print perpetually, or at least until it is replaced by an updated edition.

For more information on this edition of *The MacLeods of Prince Edward Island*, please contact the publishers or visit their website at www.selkirkstories.com.

Around January 25 Robert Burns celebrations are an opportunity for clan members to gather, whether hosted by a CMS or in conjunction with other organizations. Don't pass up the opportunity to join others in this Scottish tradition.



Gently Used Kilts and Kit Available

With Neil's passing, his wife June would like to give Clan MacLeod Society members the first opportunity to own pieces of his various outfits. Any questions, request for more details or offers can be directed to June either by email june60@telus.net, phone 250-378-5225 or mail PO Box 1835, Merritt, BC V1K 1B8.

Items include:

1. Bonnie Prince Charlie Jacket and vest, styled by Edgar of Scotland, 100% wool, made in UK, (\$125.)
 2. Black jacket with cord epaulettes, one button, made by Fraser Ross of Scotland, 100% wool, (\$75.)
 3. Black short jacket with detachable sleeves to make into a vest, 2 button, embroidered with McLeod emblem, 2XL, (\$75.)
 4. Black leather vest, laces on sides and front, embroidered with McLeod emblem on front, large yellow Tartan MacLeod Piper on back, (\$75.)
 5. Blue Jacket with epaulettes, 2 button, (\$50.)
 6. Sporrans, various, horse hair, badger, leather, light seal and dark seal MacLeod Weathered (Bog) Tartan Jacket, 2 buttons, (\$100.)
- Kilt in Dress MacLeod of Lewis (yellow) Tartan waist 40"
Kilt in Hunting MacLeod of Harris Tartan (green), waist 40"
Lace up shirts, white or black, long sleeve, size XL



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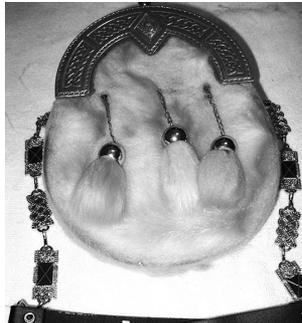
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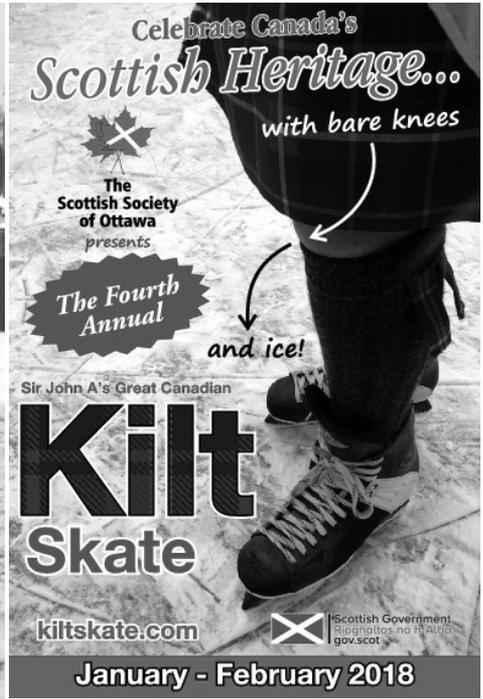
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The annual Kilt Skate is taking shape for Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary and likely other centres for 2018. Check out the web site www.kiltskate.com for dates and details.

NRG Participation and Opportunities at Parliament 2018

by Carol MacCrimmon

Young MacLeods ages 18 - 30 are encouraged to join the NRG (North Room Group) when attending Parliament in the summer of 2018. Opportunities abound for the young adults who will make life long friendships and connections to other MacLeods worldwide.

During the week of July 14 - 21, NRG participate in a workweek at Dunvegan Castle and join the regular parliament proceedings and events for the week of July 21- 28. Free accommodation on the castle grounds is provided for both weeks. Food is provided during the workweek. When NRG members register for Parliament, the fee of 130 pounds will cover the cost of activities during both weeks. Our national society, CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETIES OF CANADA will provide the registration fee of 130 pounds for one NRG applicant.

If you are planning to attend the NRG workweek prior to Parliament and participate in NRG activities during the Parliament proper, please apply for this support by email to c_maccrimmon@hotmail.com . Include some information about yourself and your involvement in Clan MacLeod or Scottish activities, and why you want to become involved with the NRG this summer.

For more details about NRG, visit the Clan MacLeod Parliament website and go to the page “The North Room Group” as well as “Young MacLeods”.

Parliament 2018, July 21 to 28

Those thinking about going to Dunvegan to attend Parliament should be making their plans now, especially for accommodation. July 21-28 comes around more quickly than you expect.

The program and registration forms are available on the Associated Clan MacLeod Societies website: clanmacleodparliament.org along with more information about what to expect in Scotland this time of year.

If you have never attended Parliament you have missed experiencing the warmth and friendship of clansfolk from around the world.

Sophie’s Dancing

by Sophie MacLeod

This summer I was fortunate to be able to attend the Canadian championships in Charlottetown, PEI. The organizers did a wonderful job with the location/theme. The competition took place in a hall right beside one of the ports offering great views of the tall ship. All of the awards were PEI themed and made by local artists. I was lucky to bring home the highland trophy for restricted premier 14 years which was a red and white blanket, representing PEI’s red soil, made at a local woollen mill. But I think, what made this experience all the more wonderful was the fact that it was held on the weekend of Canada’s 150th birthday. It was incredible to dance and to celebrate in the birthplace of Confederation and to visit a part of Canada that I had never seen before.

Overall, this was an incredible experience that I was lucky to take part in.

Sophie is the grand daughter of Ray MacLeod, (President of CMS S AB), mother Reave MacLeod and her Grandmum, Brenda.

A Wedding Story

by Judy Tipple

This story began with the email from Sylvia Olsen, “Where can I get a kilt for my groom to wear for our wedding to be held in Victoria later this week?”

I put Sylvia in touch with Malcolm and Karen MacLeod of Duncan and the rest is history. Here is how things transpired.

Hi Judy - I'm getting in touch with you following an email exchange between Malcolm William MacLeod and myself. Turns out Troy More sent him a photo of our wedding which was held in North Saanich on Sept. 2 at the McTavish Academy of Art - which I'm assuming he has forwarded to you.

It was a grand day.

I too, am a Malcolm and a William, but since I was 16 I've gone by the nickname of Tex which seems to be the peoples' choice. The bride Sylvia Olsen and her attendants were piped in and all of us piped out after the service - our piper was Gordon Cavanagh from over Duncan way. Sylvia's three granddaughters Yetsa, Madison and Ella were her attendants and her grandsons Rueben, Silas and Joey were the ushers while handsome Jack did the honours of ring bearer in his McLeod sash. My brother Don was my best man and he was wearing his hunting McLeod vest. Elizabeth May, MP for Saanich North and the Islands, officiated at the wedding. Our photographer Troy More, joined in the spirit of the day wearing his family kilt.

As part of the trip to Scotland a couple of years ago, we visited both Sylvia's ancestral home, the Macphersons' at Ballindalloch Castle - now the Macpherson-Grants as well as a visit to Dunvegan on Skye which reinforced our decision to go with tartan for our special day, Sylvia chose to knit her wedding dress, looking to carve our a bit of space for herself amid all that tartan. After Edinburgh, Sylvia and I were both keen for a somewhat punkish take on my dress McLeod kilt for the wedding, complete with Fluevog boots.

By way of context: Tex's family comes from the Ottawa valley not far from Maxville and more recently he hails from Oakville and Toronto. Sylvia has lived all of her life within 15 miles of Victoria and is an award-winning author. The proud couple live in North Saanich and are well

served by their local Green MLA Adam Olsen, Sylvia's son, who for the wedding sported a dress McLeod tie. Family and friends travelled from Toronto, Sudbury, Lindsay, Calgary and from all points around BC.



A Paean to the Bagpipe in Nova Scotia, 1816

An article with a poem in Gaelic and the translation can be found on the website of this name. A very interesting essay by Michael Newton of SFU, written January 6, 2017. “It is an interesting poem in that it provides us with an insight not just about bagpipes but about self-perceptions at this very transitional point in time, as the Gaelic community was re-establishing itself in a new geographical and socio-political context.”



Piobaireachd Pointers

by Larry Scott

In case there is ever a Trivial Pursuit invented for lovers of Scottish music, you need some advance pointers on the section about classical bagpipe music. With the help of these pointers you could also turn up at the Bruce Knight Memorial Piobaireachd Competition in your area. If you are not actually a piper your presence would totally surprise the organizers but they are open to the shock.

Piobaireachd (pronounced “pea-brock”) is to pipe music as symphony music is to Pop or Country. One isn’t better than the other but they are different genres. Piobaireachd belongs to (Scottish Gaelic) ceòl mòr meaning the “great music”, to distinguish this complex extended art-music from the more popular Scottish music such as dances, reels, marches and strathspeys, which are called ceòl beag or “little music”. Pipe bands parading down the street will be playing various marches and you can easily tap your foot to the regular beat. Even if you are rhythm challenged, there is a cadre of drummers to accentuate the beat and the bass drummer thumps with emphasis to keep everyone in step. In pipe band competitions, the marches can be quite intricate and they are no longer recognizable Scottish folk pieces, but the structure of the music is the same. Pipe bands will also play dance music like strathspeys and reels while the band is at the halt; usually no one actually dances and these pieces are performance oriented.

Piobaireachd (or Piobroch) is different in that it is more technically difficult and is always played solo. The clusters of grace notes (movements) are longer and have names like Crunluath, Taorluath, Leumluath. They sound like warbles and each section of the piece features a different movement, repeated very often to demonstrate the player’s mastery of that movement. Like a symphony, a Piobaireachd begins with a basic melody (Ground) and then there is a progression through a series of ever more complex variations; the music is rhythmic but not regular in beat.

One Piobaireachd might last 10-15 minutes. There are changes in tempo and mood but concentration is required, both for player and listener. You can hear a relatively short sample by a Royal Scots Dragoon Guards piper playing “Lament For Kinlochmoidart”: www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzIX7ZS3TEo There are scenes of Scotland that change as you listen, which of course doesn’t happen at an actual Piobaireachd competition.

The Bagpipe

by Peter MacRaild

Clothed in a garment of various colour,
Robed in tartan of highland honour
Her ebony chanter and silver tipped drones
Her breath filled skin release a series of moans.

Embraced to the heart and arms of a man
His fingers create the music of clans
The shriek of the eagle high in the sky
Bring clansmen to battle to live or to die

The pibroch of pipes turn boys into men
As they fight for their homes — families and glen
MacCrimmons are prophets who play for the dead
The mournful laments on battlefields heard

Dances and reels by the skril of the pipes
Celebrate weddings ceilidhs and life
The soulful sound of a piper alone
Comfort the hearts of families who mourn
The end of a life as they rest in the ground
At the strains of the music as the last notes sound

This bagpipe lay silent for one hundred years
As the clans were deported in ships amid tears
Now she awakes as fingers engage
Like a dancer upon an ebony stage.

The clans in diaspora in every place
Gave the world tunes of glory through Amazing Grace
When you hear a lament or a foot tapping reel,
The dance in your heart is the dream that you feel.

Many thanks to Peter for his delightful poetry. It adds much to our newsletter and I hope that it will inspire others to send their contributions.

DNA Testing Comes of Age

by Tim McLeod co-ordinator with Family Tree DNA and CMSC National Society member

DNA testing can be used as a supplement to conventional genealogy. When the paper trail hits a brick wall, DNA testing can provide clues as to where to look to find further leads. For most MacLeods, the paper trail begins around 1800 as the census records start around that time and the old parish records prior to that are incomplete or missing completely. Prior to that, the battles surrounding the Jacobite uprisings and the Highland Clearances had already started to scatter the clan, so for many people including myself their earliest known ancestor had already left the traditional MacLeod territories. Faced with that, I turned to DNA testing to see if I could find related MacLeods, whose records might be more complete than my own.

In the early years of DNA testing there were few mutations tested, and the results they yielded were poor and sometimes misleading. This turned off many participants and as a result the whole concept fell into disrepute. For those of us who persevered, the changes were slow in coming at first, but eventually the pace started to pick up. Recently, a new technology known as Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) has caused a virtual explosion in the definition we are able to obtain from our DNA tests.

There are three basic types of DNA testing used for genetic genealogy. The first is Autosomal DNA (atDNA) and companies such as '23andMe' and others offer this test. Autosomal DNA is the DNA that recombines at each generation. During recombination you inherit some traits from your mother, and some from your father. They in turn inherited some from each of their parents and so on. After a few generations it becomes difficult to determine which traits came from whom. As a result atDNA can only produce reliable matches within the last five or six generations. Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) is not recombining and is only passed from the mother to her children. Both males and females inherit their mother's mtDNA, but only the females can pass it on. Essentially, you inherited your mother's mtDNA, which she inherited from her mother and so on. Because the female line is difficult to trace with the surname changing every generation, the use of mtDNA is somewhat limited. It does have an interesting property however in that it is extremely durable and can be reliably extracted from ancient remains. When you hear of

a skeleton that has been dated at 20,000 years before present, it is the mtDNA that they are talking about. Although mtDNA does not provide useful surname links it can provide information as to where your mother's line may have originated.

Y-DNA is only passed on from fathers to their male offspring. If a father has only female children his line is said to "daughter out" and that Y-DNA line comes to an end. This follows the same pattern as surnames; therefore it is used by projects such as the MacLeod Surname Project at Family Tree DNA. Although the Y-DNA is passed from father to son virtually unchanged, mutations to the Y-DNA do occasionally occur, and these are passed along as well. We study two types of mutations, which have different purposes but when combined, give the complete picture. Those types are Short Tandem Repeats (STRs) and Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs).

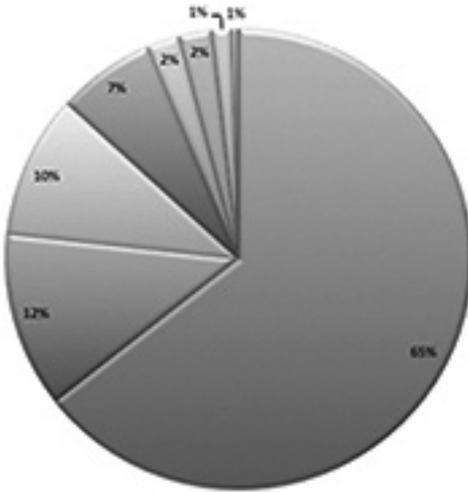
STRs are where a short section of DNA is repeated a number of times. We compare the repeat counts at each STR to determine which members are most closely related. STRs have a relatively fast mutation rate so they are useful for things like parental testing or forensic identification, where they can identify a specific person. We look at similarities in the STR values between participants to determine how closely they are related. Originally, STR tests were conducted on 12 or fewer STRs, but today we can test up to 111 STRs, which offers us a much higher degree of resolution. Because of their higher mutation rate, STR's are useful in establishing matches back ten to twenty generations.

SNPs are where a single nucleotide changes from one base to another. These changes are extremely stable and can be passed down from father to son for thousands of years. We use SNPs to define the branches of the genetic tree. NGS testing has allowed the number of SNPs that we can identify to increase exponentially. When we started the R-L165 Project, we thought our SNP was at the end of the branch. We have since discovered forty new sub branches below that, containing over five hundred SNPs. The count continues to grow with each new test!

Combining these two tests together we see SNPs as defining the branches of the tree, and STR's as describing the attributes of the individual leaves. Similar leaves may be related, but only if they are on the same branch.

The following chart shows the proportion of MacLeods on each of the main branches of the tree:

MacLeod Haplogroups



MacLeod Haplogroups

clockwise from 1 o'clock:

65% R1b>P312>DF27

12% I1a

10% R1a

7% R1b>P312>L21

2% E1b

2% R1b>U106

1% I2a

1% T1a

You can see that 65% of the participants are on the R1b>P312>DF27 branch and this is assumed by population geneticists to be the branch of the founder. Most of the MacLeods within this 65% are expected to fall within the MacLeod sub branch of the R-L165 project identified as R-BY3210. We have recently identified at least four sub branches of R-BY3210 within the Clan MacLeod and more will probably emerge as additional participants take the tests.

You can also see that there are several other haplogroups (main branches) represented within the clan. The largest of these also have sub branches identified and we are working on how and when all of these came to be part of the Clan MacLeod. Note that all of these branches are genetic branches as opposed to the known branches of the clan, which are predominantly based on location. Movement and marriages between the known branches is well documented, so it would be improper to say that a given genetic marker is exclusive to any one of the known branches of the clan.

There are many companies offering DNA testing these days, however Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) has the largest publicly available database. A large database is crucial to finding appropriate matches. For that reason, three projects have been set up at FTDNA that may be of interest to members of the Clan MacLeod.

1. <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/acms-mac-leod>

For people with the MacLeod surname or derivatives. However people with a known MacLeod heritage but different surnames are also

welcome.

2. <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/macleodsepts>

For members of the known Septs of the Clan MacLeod.

3. <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/r-1165-project>

For all persons regardless of surname who have proven positive for SNP R-L165.

There are also other projects for the smaller haplogroups shown above and membership in these is recommended where applicable.

All of these projects have a JOIN link prominently displayed on the home page and everyone is invited to peruse the pages and join the project that is most appropriate for you. Note that project members get discounted pricing for their testing. If you are unsure about which project to join, any of the project administrators would be pleased to assist you.

Contacts can be made through the following link:

<https://www.familytreedna.com/project-join-request.aspx?group=MacLeod>

This 'n That

~ From *The Scots Magazine*, we learn that a Scotsman invented basketball. Dr James Naismith was the son of two Canadian immigrants. He invented the game when teaching Phys Ed in Massachusetts.

~ Also the Scots invented elephant polo, but we don't play that here very much! The game was dreamt up in a bar in St Moritz by James Manclarke, a Scottish landowner and former Olympic tobogganer. Sound like a game that originated in a pub, at the end of a long evening visit!

~ Some genealogical web sites of interest:

www.scotlandnow.dailyrecord.co.uk/lifestyle/heritage/scottish-clans-story-behind-macleod-3654716

ACMS article *The Ancestry of MacLeods Reconsidered* at www.clanmacleod.org/genealogy/macleo-genealogy-research/the-ancestry-of-macleods-reconsidered.html

~ The 1889 publication by Alexander MacKenzie *History of the MacLeods with genealogies of the Principle Families of the name* has been digitised and released for public viewing by the National Library of Scotland. It challenges the Norwegian origins of Macleods and makes for some interesting reading. You can download a copy at <https://archive.org/details/historyofmacleod00mack>

~ CMS Glengarry has hosted several events over the summer and hopefully their newsletter will be posted on their web site for all to read. www.macleodsofglengarry.com

~ www.cassoc.ca is a useful web site to find a very good list of Highland Games and Festivals.

Septs of Clan MacLeod

It seems appropriate for this Newsletter to explain the origin and connection of one or two of the septs of the clan, so I will begin with the sept MacRaid, MacRaid, MacRait, MacRalte, MacHarold or Harold which is a sept of the MacLeods of Harris & Dunvegan

References: *Clan MacLeod Genealogy Section One*, as well as *History of Skye by Alexander Nicolson and The MacLeods - The History of a Clan* by Dr. I.F. Grant. Historian Peter MacLeod (Aust) was also a source.

Progenitor of the MacLeods, Leod (born c.1200), held extensive lands in the Western Isles inherited from both his father Olave the Black, and his foster father Paul Baalkason, Sheriff of Skye. By his marriage to the only daughter of a Norse potentate named Mac-arailt Armuinn (MacHarold) in circa 1220, Leod received further large areas of the Isle of Skye including the stronghold of Dunvegan. Although extensively rebuilt over the centuries, Dunvegan remains the Clan seat to this day. Dr. Grant says the MacRaidls are descended from Hrolf the Ganger, who was also Rollo the first Duke of Normandy. After quarrelling with Harold Fairhair, King of Norway, Hrolf settled in the Hebrides, probably Skye, and from there made expeditions ending in the conquest of the lands in Gaul now known as Normandy. Hrolf kept in touch with his kinsfolk and friends in the Hebrides. His daughter married an Irish king and had two sons. One of them, Harold, took a distinguished part in his grandfather's conquest of Normandy and has been shown by the Marquis Louis de Saint Pierre, in his study of the origins of Rollo, to be almost certainly founder of the MacRaidls.

MacRaid is not an early form of MacLeod, rather they are of Norse descent but a separate line, descended from Rollo, the first Duke of Normandy. Rollo was the ancestor of William the Conqueror, and was so recent a Norse settler in France that he likely had not learned to speak French properly. The three main characters in the events of 1066 were Norse. In the North, at the Battle of Stamford Bridge (near York) one of the two Norse invaders was Harold Hadrada, forebear of Clan MacLeod (through the

Kings of Man). And, at the Battle of Hastings, King Harold himself was of Norse blood. William the Conqueror was also Norse (through Rollo). Reputedly Harold Hadrada had his magic banner, Landravager, with him at Stamford Bridge but didn't take it with him into battle, hence, he lost. Landravager is thought to have been handed down through King Olave the Black (of Man) to Leod, and now on display in Dunvegan Castle but known by us as the Fairy Flag.

CLAN MacLEOD SOCIETIES OF CANADA

Canada 150 Trivia Quiz: search www.clanmacleod-canada.com and www.attractionscanada.com and others.

1. On 1 July, 1867 (Confederation) how many provinces were there in Canada? a. 3, b. 4 c. 5
2. What was the year that the last province joined Confederation?
a. 1937, b. 1949, c. 1954
3. What year did the Canadian Government officially declare Tartan Day as April 6? a. 1990, b. 2000, c. 2010
4. When did the Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada register the Canadian Tartan? a. 1914, b. 2004, c. 2014
5. What is the rationale for the choice of colours?
6. In which year was the last printing of the \$2 banknote?
a. 1996, b. 2001, c. 2005
7. How many notable MacLeods are listed on the CMSC web site?
a. 5, b. 15, c. 150
8. Number of active Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada (CMSC) as of 2017? a. 8, b. 9, c. 10
9. Where is the highest point on the Trans-Canada highway?
a. Rogers Pass in BC, b. Scott Lake Hills West of Calgary
c. Kicking Horse Pass in BC
10. In which year was Canada's National Flag inaugurated?
a. 1961, b. 1965, c. 1969
11. What is the largest lake wholly inside Canada?
a. Lake Superior, b. Great Bear Lake, c. Great Slave Lake
12. Which Province has the most residents claiming Scottish descent?
a. British Columbia, b. Alberta, c. Nova Scotia
13. Which is the tallest mountain in Canada?
a. Mt Wood, b. Mt St Elias, c. Mt Logan
14. Which is the oldest National Park in Canada?
a. Jasper, b. Mount Royal c. Banff

A Bucket List Dream Fulfilled

by Yvonne MacLeod (CMS Ottawa) Highland Dance Instructor

February of this year I boarded Icelandic Air in Toronto with a five hour flight to Reykjavik. I decided to go in the winter with hopes of seeing the Northern Lights. Upon arrival there was a blizzard. It snows sideways

there as there is always a wind from the Atlantic. The temp was 2 degrees centigrade for the entire week which was warmer than home.

Their culture is totally Scandinavian with natural foods, very healthy air and great people. The world famous “Blue Lagoon” (natural hot pools and



minerals and enormous) sets it apart. Bathing suits in the snow was comfortable due to the hot steam.

There is a tremendous amount of beautiful rocks everywhere with fascinating formations. Like Skye, not many trees. Waterfalls keep flowing in the winter.



The falls are 1/2 salt and 1/2

fresh water. Geysers every ten minutes and Icelandic horses everywhere in the country. They are so cute and friendly.

One clear night there were dancing stars making circle formations in the sky. I think that they were putting on a show for the tourists.

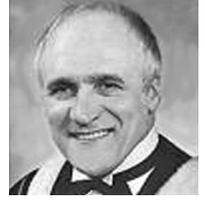
The fall of their economy in 2008 has risen to better heights with tourists visiting from all over the world since 2013. It is a very safe country and I had no jet lag (5 hrs.) on the way home, probably from seeing the magnetic Northern Lights which can be very energizing!

Hold Fast, Yvonne

Flowers of the Forest

ALBERT APOSTLE

On Wednesday, July 19, 2017, Albert Apostle, aged 75 years of Lockport, MB, surrounded by his many friends and the love of his wife Morag, of 49 years. Albert was a gentle giant amongst true friends, kind, loyal and decent till the end of time. Albert was predeceased by his parents Walter and Helen Apostle. He will remain forever in our hearts and be greatly missed by Morag, and his beloved Rhodesian Ridge-backs, Toby, Lexy, Sophie, Dani and Elsie. He was born and raised in Dauphin, MB. His first career was with Manitoba Hydro, then in 1962 he joined the Winnipeg Police Department where he worked for 37 years, retiring in August of 2000. For the majority of his police career Albert's love was working in the Traffic Division. As a founding member of the Winnipeg Police Museum he was actively involved in the restoration of the old REO Police Patrol Wagon and many other museum projects. Albert also loved sports and was active in playing hockey, baseball and curling.



Our condolences to Morag, friends and family of Albert.

Ray Eagle

1931-2017

Born in Eastleigh, UK, Ray came with his family to Canada in 1967 and lived in Greater Vancouver throughout his life. Ray was a strong social activist who spoke out against the unfair treatment of his fellow citizens. As a free lance writer he authored and illustrated his works on Scottish history with his photographs and water-colour paintings. Ray had a lovely singing voice and a wide repertoire of Scottish music with which he entertained many, particularly at Robbie Burns events and was a frequent entertainer at Clan Macleod Society Burns Luncheons.



Ray leaves his wife Maureen of 62 years and sons Alistair and Graham to whom we send our condolences.

Irene McLeod

A long time member of CMS Central Ontario, Irene passed away June 6, 2017 at the age of 94. She attended ceilidhs and gatherings whenever possible and very much enjoyed entertaining the youngsters around her. It was a privilege to celebrate her 90th birthday with her at the Fall Ceilidh in 2012. She leaves family of Bill, Patricia and Ken, and many friends to whom we send our condolences.

Frances Mary MacLeod

1923-2017

With love and fond memories we celebrated the life of Frances May MacLeod (nee Evans) on September 16, 2017. Born May 5, 1923 in North Vancouver and passed on August 11, 2017 in Duncan. Predeceased by her loving parents Arthur and Clementine Evans and her beloved husband Neil MacLeod.

Always a lady, Mom had a very interesting life. She was born and raised in North Vancouver the second of five children, and sacrificed her own education to help provide for the family. She married her sailor Neil who went to work in Tahsis after the war. Mom joined him there in 1946, only the seventh woman in the town. Their first home which had formerly been the poker shack was on a float. Mom and Dad worked together to finish the house in the Valley that the Company had framed for them. Life in the early days was not always easy for a girl from the city. There wasn't any electricity or running water and when they did get electricity it often went out (necessitating the use of kerosene lanterns). I can remember Dad going to the river after work with a wooden yoke across his shoulders with a five gallon bucket on either side to get fresh water. Mom sometimes melted snow to get water to do the wash and then hung the laundry on a clothes rack over the stove to dry as it poured rain much of the time. There was a progression of stoves over the years, starting with a sawdust burner, a wood stove (often with wet wood), an oil stove and the cream of the crop was a propane stove with an oil burner on the side! Groceries were ordered from Woodward's in Vancouver and brought in on the Maquinna (a month's supply at a time) or a group of ladies would get together and take a boat to the store at the cannery at Ceepeecee, then later Zeballos and shop in the store there. As well as raising three children (Carol, Malcolm and Anne) Mom played on a softball team that travelled to Zeballos to play, taught

Sunday School and Brownies and was active in the PTA, and church and became an Alderman and served on the Upper Island Board of Health. Her very favourite job was teaching Home Economics, (her dream had always been to be a teacher). Mom and Dad left Tahsis in 1976 but always treasured her memories of having lived there. She moved back to North Vancouver where she cared for her aging parents, was a food demonstrator and a real estate agent. She and Dad were also involved in playing horseshoes, blind bowling, the Vancouver Yukon Society, Vancouver Naval Vets, Clan MacLeod, the Gaelic Society, the Scottish Society and travelling. Mom and Dad moved to Duncan to be closer to family. They again pursued a very active lifestyle, including a Tahsis reunion that Mom hosted in Duncan. When Dad passed away in 2010 Mom moved into assisted living and then when her dementia progressed she moved into care at Cerwydden in Duncan where she was well loved and had the BEST care.

Frances is survived by her sister Evelyn MacDonald and sister-in-law Lee Evans. Also by her children Carol (Jim) Avon, Malcolm (Karen) MacLeod, Anne (Ross) Keeler and their children: Carol (Archie) MacDonald, David (Tania) Keeler, Shelly (Rob) Pacchiano, Deanna (Rick) Stephenson, Michael (Susie) Keeler, Leona (Louis) DeOliveira, Kirstie MacLeod and Callum Macleod. She was Gigi (great grandma) to Zak and Brock Keeler, Maria and Allan Keeler, Francesca, Angelo and Bianca Pacchiano, Madison and Jessica MacDonald, Liam Stephenson and Issac DeOliveira.

Great supporters of Clan MacLeod, both Neil and Frances will be dearly missed.



The Editor's Page

Producing this issue has presented its problems: a necessary change of computer left me without my Omnia font and a health problem drained my energy. I hope to have things back to normal soon.

Once again I thank those who sent material for this issue of *The Leod Voice*. It would be great to receive your life story prior to having it included in your obituary. We each should be the one to write it or at least approve it when family writes it; then we can observe the reaction of those who read it.

I very much appreciate the tales of travel, along with photos, by those who are checking off goals from their Bucket List. Is the trip to Harris and Lewis on your list for pre-Parliament? Or the trip to St Kilda following Parliament? If it is be sure to share your story with *The Leod Voice* so that others can travel with you vicariously.

What was the most interesting aspect of attending a Highland Games or Scottish Festival for you? Share your experiences and encourage your youngsters to share theirs with us. Thanks Emily, for sending us your school project report and expressing your enthusiasm for having attended NAG 2016 in Merritt. Uncle Neil would have been proud of you.

When I attended the SNALConference at Guelph University in August, the World Dwarf Games were being held and many of the contestants were staying at my hotel. Their poise and interaction gave me a whole new appreciation for their skills and challenges as well as their confidence and enthusiasm for their sports. They have a web site of interest.

The Fergus Games were massive with many visitors to the clan tent where Kathy White and Lynn Bennett handed out tartan coloured jelly beans and stamped the passport for youngsters. The stamps brought the kids to the tent with their adults, who then would asked questions about clans, Scotland and such. A great opportunity to promote society membership.

Check out the CMSC website to see what's new: www.clanmacleod-canada.com and add your comments. Photos are always welcome.

Send membership lists by April 1 to our new Registrar Patricia Foodikoff, at patricia.foodikoff@shaw.ca.

My best wishes to all, good health, much joy and happiness in the New Year.

Hold Fast and Shine Brightly,

Newsletter Timelines:

Executive changes

Spring: April 1

Fall: Sept 1

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