



# CLAN MACLENNAN CANADA

  

## CENTRAL ONTARIO BRANCH

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MESSAGE FROM THE CLAN PRESIDENT

David R.MacLennan

As I write this the temperature outside is -10C,but we are looking forward to the summer and,in particular,the Fergus Highland Games on August 10-13,2000.Not only will our clan be one of those honoured,but Chief Ruairidh and his sisters Lorna and Kirsteen will be with us to represent the clan.

We expect a big turnout of members to meet the Chief and take part in the ceilidh on Saturday August 12 at the Seniors Centre in Victoria Park,the same place as last year.Plans are well underway and,although we would like a larger facility,there just isn't one within reasonable distance.

Please note that the hall capacity is limited to 100 persons.We will therefore accept the first 100 registrations, with cheques postdated no later than July 15, 2000.Cost of the ceilidh is

\$25(adult),\$15(children under 12).At this time,we can only accept applications from paid-up members of the COB,so if your membership is in arrears,please include \$10 with your registration form(see later in this Newsletter).

A proper ceilidh includes participation from all attendees.The Chief has promised to bring his pipes and although the time may be limited,we urge you to contribute to the fun and show him that we can do our part.

The other area of concern is the growing of the clan association,with more people communicating by e-mail.Our current e-mail correspondent is Rick MacLennan at <macr@sympatico.ca> from which messages will be passed to me.Doug (Delta,B.C.) can be reached at <macd@telus.net>. In the future,we hope to create a Web Page

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at Knox Church in Burlington on Sat. 27 May, 2000 at 2.00 p.m. All members of the COB are eligible to attend and we urge you to attend and be part of your association.

Once again, now is the time to plan to be at Fergus for our special year. We do not want to exclude anyone but you must understand that we will be only too happy to announce "SOLD OUT"

Yours aye,

*Dave*

#### EDITOR'S NOTES

A Guid New Year to all! I don't want to get into that Millenium stuff here—we had all sorts of appliance trouble before Christmas but the venerable old computer wouldn't recognise a date if it fell over one!

Anyway, the COB had a great year in 1999, including a rousing ceilidh at Fergus in our second rehearsal for this year's bash. The current balance sheet is included in this letter to give you an idea of where we stand. On the plus side, we are in great shape for the Chief's coming visit, due largely to "Clan Sales" which represent a lot of hard work by Elizabeth and others. On the not-so-good side, however, the 1999-2000 dues only represent 45 paid-up families—just over half the nominal membership. Frankly, it is disheartening when we put in so much work to keep the COB going without even an idea from most members. If your clan means anything, please make sure your dues for 1999-2000 are paid BEFORE the AGM on May 27, the close of our financial year. May I reinforce what Dave has said about registration for the dinner and ceilidh being contingent on up-to-date PAID membership.

Enough of the past and on to the main purpose of getting me out of hibernation early this year. We are to be one of the honoured clans at Fergus this year, which means that we will be in the front of the parade onto the field. We were way back last year but even made it onto the TV news, so we really need a good turnout for the Chief, who will be in the platform party. We are even on the track

of some tartan material (MacLennan) to ensure that everyone knows that we are proud of our heritage.

Dates for the Chief's visit are:

August 9 Arrive Toronto- to Guelph  
August 10-12 Fergus Games  
August 13-21 Hamilton-Burlington  
August 21 Return home For those who may not have been to the Fergus games for some time, here is a brief rundown of our activities there:

Friday Aug. 11	Tattoo	7.30-10.30 p.m.
Saturday 12	Opening & Parade of Clans	12.00-12.30 p.m.
	Clan tent open all day.	
	Closing ceremonies	5.30
	Reception	6.30-7.30 p.m.
	Dinner	7.30
	Ceilidh	9.00-10.30

The Tattoo and the Games are at the Festival site on Belsyde Ave while our reception, dinner and ceilidh will be back in the town in Victoria Park, where the Games used to be held. More specific details will be given before the Games.

The Reception will include assorted food trays (veggies, dips, cheeses, crisps, etc.). The Dinner will be Salad, Roast Beef main course & a Dessert (Haggis may be added on the side if we can get it)

There will be a cash bar (wine & beer) from the Reception onwards—run by COB members.

That is the tentative programme. We have booked the Seniors Centre, quotations are coming in for the catering and entertainment is being organized by Melanie (Guelph) and family. There will be a silent auction, a raffle & door prizes. We also hope to have Clan MacLennan name badges made up (gold background with first name engraved in black) for \$5.

Please fill in the appropriate tear-off forms on the back page and mail them to Elizabeth.

REMEMBER - FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED



The following addresses were picked out of last years brochure from the Games. We hope to include a wider selection in the April Newsletter, based on Melanie's recommendations. If you plan to stay, it is advisable to book early-I booked our room last year before we left!

**HOTELS**

The Breadalbane Inn, St. Andrews St.W., Fergus  
 The Highlander Inn, 280 Bridge St., Fergus (519)-843-3115  
 The Blue Horizon Inn, 820 St. Davids St. N, Fergus, N1M 2L2 (519)-843-2100

**B & B's**

Rose & Thistle B&B, 235 St. Davids St. S., Fergus (519)-843-7041  
 The Thompson's B&B, 360 Provost Lane, Fergus, N1M 2N1 (519)-843-4065  
 Grand Retreat B&B, 340 St. Andrews St. E., Fergus, N1M 1R1 (519)-843-1851  
 The Old Bissel House B&B, 85 Mill St. E., Elora, NOB 1S0 (519)-846-6695  
 Stoneacre B&B, 363 Geddes St., Elora, (519)-846-5497  
 Rail's End B&B, 36 St. David St. E., Elora, NOB 1S0 (519)-846-5800  
 Gingerbread House B&B, 22 Metcalfe St., Elora (519)-846-0521  
 The Pines B&B, RR#4, Bellwood (519)-843-5376

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