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MESSAGE FROM THE CLAN PRESIDENT

David R. MacLennan

On April 28th your COB executive met to continue planning for our annual big event - The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games. You should all know by now that Clan MacLennan will be an honoured clan this year and Chief Ruairidh will be there to represent and receive the honours for Clan MacLennan.

Attendance confirmations for the August 12th Ceilidh are now at approximately 67 persons. Since the maximum allowed is 100, we encourage you to let us know as early as possible if you plan to attend the dinner and Ceilidh so you won't be disappointed. The cost is \$25 per adult and \$15 for under 12 years. The Ceilidh is open to paid up members of the COB. If you have not paid your membership for this year (1999-2000) please include \$10 fee for individual or family. Registration forms for membership and the Ceilidh are attached. Cheques for the Ceilidh may be post dated no later than July 15/2000.

Chief Ruairidh (pronounced Ruairi) and his sisters Kirsteen and Lorna will be at Fergus for Friday Aug 11, Saturday 12 and Sunday 13, so even if you cannot attend the Ceilidh be sure to look for tent and come to meet the Chief. We also want a good number of clansfolk to march in the parade under the MacLennan banner, so be there at noon on the Saturday in all your Clan finery for that event.

I hope to see a good turn out for our Annual General Meeting on May 27th. More details later in this newsletter.

Yours aye,

David R. MacLennan.

EDITOR'S NOTES

It looks as though summer has arrived with a bang, just a tad earlier than usual. I am in the process of changing over to a slightly newer computer but this newsletter is going out via the old one-just in case we hit a gremlin during the changeover.

Please check the February newsletter for the details of the arrangements for the Chief's visit and the Fergus Games. There haven't been any major changes to the programme since then and, in any case, we will include further details in the July Newsletter. As Dave pointed out, however, tentative reservations now total 67, so make sure you are included. At our meeting on April 28th, we agreed on the following policy on cancellations: Cancellations notified to Elizabeth by July 15-full refund and tickets will be offered to those on waiting list. After July 15th, money will be returned only if the ticket can be resold.

Melanie (Guelph) passed on the attached list of accommodation in Fergus, Elora, Guelph and the surrounding areas and I urge you to book as soon as possible because the choice will soon be very limited.

The following is a list of the various Highland Games this summer:

Georgetown	June 10
Hamilton (Conf. Park)	June 24
Cambridge	July 15
Kincardine	July 29
Maxville	August 5
Fergus	August 12
Sarnia	August 19
Almonte	August ?

We hope to have representation at all of these events, provided the old bones are willing! Anyway, we will let you know more in the next letter.

On to the main purpose of this letter. Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the Knox Church hall, Burlington on May 28th at 2 p.m. followed by a pot luck supper. Historically, nobody has ever been injured in the rush to attend this function but it is a freebie and, I kid you not, the food is good. It really would be a boost if we could pry some more members out on a Saturday afternoon!

The first item of new business is the Treasurer's Report. A copy of the latest figures (April 26) is attached; about \$300 more in advance Fergus dinner tickets has been received since. One heartening item is the increased number of subs. paid for the current year.

Another item that needs to be pursued is the COB's relationship with the Clan Associations outside of Canada. Currently the COB is the only active branch in the country: the others having fallen by the wayside due mainly to a lack of members willing to help run the affairs of the branch. The World Federation seems to only be concerned with events in Australia—we didn't even merit a mention in their last Newsletter. I understand that there is to be a Gathering in Scotland in June this year so we may hear a bit more after a while. We have also been promised a copy of the Scottish Newsletter—we always send them a copy of our issues. As far as we know, there has been no shift in the positions adopted by the various associations in 1996, when the Federation was founded. In effect, we seem to have disappeared as far as they are concerned.

Please note that our financial year closes at the AGM. Subscriptions for the year 2000-2001 become due after that date. We will be reviewing all unpaid dues at the meeting, so please forward any outstanding items to Elizabeth PDQ, or there may be a black hole waiting for you.

APPLICATION FORMS-FERGUS DINNER AND CEILIDH SATURDAY AUGUST 12,2000

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

Adults @ \$25 _____
Children (under 12) @ \$15 _____
Name Badges (specify name) @ \$5 _____
Amount Enclosed _____

Note: Cheques postdated no later than July 15, 2000

CLAN MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE _____

Membership @ \$10 per member or family (one address)

Amount Enclosed _____

Note: Financial year 1999-2000 ends at AGM on 27 May, 2000. If a cross appears here () we do not have a record of your payment for 1999-2000.

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