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WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE.

# MCLANNAN MACLENNAN Central Ontario Branch NEWSLETTER CANADA

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Melanie McLennan

Dear Clansfolk:

Renewal and fresh opportunities seem to go hand in hand with spring here in Canada. Maybe it's the spring tonics of sunshine, maple syrup, wild leeks and fiddleheads, that bring it on; while friends, family and neighbours reacquaint with one another after the long winter, and we all feel more "alive"!

In November 2003, Chief Ruairdh Donald George MacLennan of MacLennan enjoyed a fabulous time in Australia attending the Silver Jubilee Gala in Melbourne, where many Clan Societies numbering over 200 people came together as one big family to celebrate. This year he plans to stay closer to home as our Chief prepares to write his professional exams in Surveying, while working full time for Strutt & Parker at Banchory near Aberdeen, where he is employed factoring a number of estates.

This spring we are gearing up with a number of initiatives and plans for 2004 and 2005.

Most exciting of all, our Chief Ruairdh is hoping to manage another trip to visit us in Ontario in the summer of 2005. We will be moving forward this spring to begin the

planning for the Chief's visit (hopefully his sisters, Kirsteen and Lorna will be able to come as well) and all the festivities that will accompany such an event. Those who were able to be a part of the Chief's visit in 2000, will remember what a wonderful time everyone had.

The year 2005 will be the Silver Jubilee of the Fergus Highland Games and our own 20th anniversary of the Central Ontario Branch of Clan MacLennan Canada. All great reasons to plan some amazing celebrations. Get in on the fun! Join the Clan and be a part of the upcoming workshop this month or help with the plans for 2005. Any and all are great ways to wear your tartan with pride.

Almost twenty years ago, the first efforts at forming a formal association in Canada began with Doug and Elva MacLennan and others in Southwestern Ontario. (See Doug's letter on page 4.)

Other small groups formed in New Brunswick and western British Columbia.

Initially enough family members lived within a reasonable geographical area to manage regular functions.

Over the last generation, families have spread geographically over greater distances and gatherings have become increasingly more difficult and expensive.

With this challenge in mind, we on the Executive have been working hard to develop ways to grow our communication both on the local level and also nationally and internationally. We see communication as being an essential tool to achieving an awareness of the MacLennan Clan and its activities. In the past a newsletter was the only means of providing our members with information on highland

## CRAFTING THE VISION

### CLAN WORKSHOP- REMINDER NOTICE

Clan MacLennan Canada Executive are hosting a Clan gathering of MacLennans and septs, for a day long workshop on April 24th, 2004.

**Where:** At the home of Andy & Melanie McLennan, 80 London Road West, Guelph, ON (519-823-0003) also known as London House Bed & Breakfast. (519-824-6874) see our website at [www.londonhouse.ca](http://www.londonhouse.ca) for maps or phone 519-823-0003 or 519-824-6874 for directions.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

Please join us for a Pot Luck lunch, beverages will be provided.

Our objectives for the day are:

- fun and food
- opportunity to acquaint ourselves with one another
- engage in a workshop environment with a facilitator to chart our directives and goals to represent and lead the Clan MacLennan Canada in the next twenty years.

**Please contact Melanie by  
April 18, 2004 at  
519 824 6874 if you are  
planning to attend**

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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games and Clan sponsored activities and meetings. For many years, membership focused on representing the clan at local games and publishing the newsletter. With the aid of developing technology, we are now publishing our newsletter by print with a new format and updated appearance and distribute it by regular post, and email to a domestic and international membership. We have developed a website for our Canadian Clan Association and are linked into communication with our kindred Associations in Scotland, Australia, United States and New Zealand.

The Yahoo hosted Clan bulletin board has been fascinating with global communications between family researchers, an author doing research for an historical novel, clan members tracking family are sharing links and information and even science articles on genetic research being conducted on family lines descended from Somerled, the Viking ancestor of the MacDonalds.

Moving forward with our communication plans, we are now getting ready to print a directory of the Clan MacLennan Canada membership to assist our membership to network both regionally and be able to keep in contact with one another.

The directory will be mailed out in May and will be part of our spring membership drive.

All renewing subscriptions will automatically receive a copy of the directory included with their 2004-2005 subscription renewal rate of \$10.00/family/address. Our aim is to update the directory annually and include it with the membership renewal for each year.

Please note the reminder notice for the "Crafting the Vision" Workshop on April 24th, 2004, for all members and visitors, which will be held at the home of Andy & Melanie McLennan at 80 London Road West in Guelph, ON.

**FAMILY FOCUS**

Reprinted from Yahoo Groups Link  
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From: Max and Mary MacLennan  
E-mail: [max\\_mary\\_mclennan@msn.com.au](mailto:max_mary_mclennan@msn.com.au)

Subject: Loch Carron Records  
From: Colin Robert McLennan (Bob.)  
13 Lamart St. Strathmore, 3041,  
Victoria, Australia. Phone 613 9379 2425  
*(Bob does not have e-mail but we have posted this for him and are happy to receive replies on his behalf.)*

My Great-Great Grandfather, Kenneth MacLennan was employed by Murdo MacKenzie of Loch Carron. A property of 10 acres, Gortenfrich, (Gorstan). Kenneth was born 1 April, 1826 in Strathbran, Scot. He married Mary MacKenzie, daughter of Murdo MacKenzie. Mary was born 10 March, 1832 in Loch Carron, and Kenneth and Mary were married 24 April, 1852 at Loch Carron Free Church of Scotland. They migrated to Australia on "The Araminta" leaving Liverpool on 20 June, 1852.

**THE MacLENNAN FAMILY LINE:**

G.G.G.Grandfather Farquhar MacLennan was born 1779 in Strath Conan, Scotland and died in Urquhart Logie Wester, Scotland 16 April, 1871. G.G.G.Grandmother Ann nee Cameron was born 1796 in Kinlochewe, Scot. and died in Urquhart Logie Wester, Scot. 14 March, 1873 (Ref. No. 1873-25 or 21). At the time of death, Ann was living at Breaklach of Kinson, Urquhart, Scot. Children as follows: William b.16 Jan. 1819 Knockbain of Strathbain, Contin. Duncan b.25 Feb. 1821 Knockbain of Strathbain, (Duncan m Elizabeth McDonald and went to Ireland.); Kenneth b.1 April 1826-27 Strathbran; Ann b.3 June, 1827-28 Strathbran; John b.15 Dec. 1829 Dalriach; Murdock b.14 May, 1832 Dalriach; Grace b. 14 April, 1834 Dalriach. (E.C.R. Contin, Scot.)

Kenneth and Mary arrived in Australia on 4 October, 1852 Disembarking at Point Henry near Geelong, Vic. Possible that Ann (above list) made the voyage also.

If any MacLennans / McLennans have information on some or all of the above - please contact on the above e-mail address or write by Snail Mail to Bob McLennan at the above postal address. Bob would be happy to share further information.

**WEB SITES**

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## Editors Notes - by Robin MacLennan

A belated Guid New Year to one and all!  
We are trying to get back to our original timing for the newsletters so I can keep this year's resolution (note the lower case) without ending the spirit of the resolution. I hope all survived the winter without trouble although Margaret in Sydney must have been saying "not us again"!

We had an Executive meeting in Dundas on the 21st Feb., where we discussed, among other items, the Chief is getting back into communication after a computer disaster last year. He hopes to be able to visit us next year as this will coincide with the COB's 20th anniversary and the Fergus Games Diamond Jubilee. More on this in next letter.

The Fergus Games this year will be on August 13,14,15th.

Dates for other games are:

Georgetown	June 12, 2004
Fort Erie	June 19, 2004
Cobourg	July 3, 2004
Durham	July 24, 2004
Maxville	July 30-31, 2004

A Workshop will be held at the London HouseB&B in Guelph on April 24th, starting at 10 am and including a pot-luck lunch. For more details see Melanie's letter.

### NEWS FROM AWAY

The chief has got his email up and running again at [chiefruairidh@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chiefruairidh@yahoo.co.uk) and the International website is [www.clan.maclennan.com](http://www.clan.maclennan.com)

Melanie passed a copy of the Melbourne (Australia) newsletter which had the New South Wales letter attached. This is a great instance of one branch helping another to keep going. Good on you Mary & Max !

We might be able to do the same if we can get other branches going. Incidentally, these seem to be the only newsletters we see, apart from our own and that is the only one in Canada !

Please send in any changes to your contact information for the directory. It will be published and mailed out in May 2004.

We are still short of a number of dues for the current year (2003-2004) as well as the previous one. To make it easier to check your status the form is not attached to the letter but included separately. Please check this and take appropriate action. Our financial year ends on May 31st, so time is running out.

We have heard from a number of our members, emphasizing that they enjoy hearing COB news as well as wider Clan doings. This is great as we can pass your news on to other members. I am sure a lot of us do not chat on the web even if we do use computers. Please keep the letters coming.

A request from Elizabeth. April 6th is recognized as Tartan Day. Please check the back of your calendars and write or e-mail the company to support the Scots and put this date on their next year's calendars !

### MEMBERS NEWS

Smoky & Mary (Kelowna, B.C.) sent their best wishes. Mary had really hard year, being diagnosed with cancer and then breaking a leg. I heard from Maybell that Mary died on 25th February - See below.

Our sympathy to Smoky and we will pass on any further news in the next letter.

Don & Louise (Boardman, Ohio) Don had a pacemaker put in and is doing very well.-We hope to see you at Fergus.

Harold & Evelyn (Vineland) are limited in getting around as Evelyn has had some angina and back pain while Harold can't walk too far. We hope they can make it to Fergus with a shuttle to the tent.

Please send any items to Elizabeth or me by mail or email. Elizabeth is in the process of getting her email running again after the melt down last year.

My e-mail is [robinmac@vaxxine.com](mailto:robinmac@vaxxine.com)

Best of luck ! Robin MacLennan



Doug MacLennan, Mary and Smoky McLennan at the first clan tent at the Fergus Games. Circa 1985.

### PASSAGES

**Mary Elizabeth McLennan** was born in Woodstock, N.B. Aug.26, 1926,died Feb.1st.,2004., survived by her husband, Smoky and three sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial Service on March 1st. Donations may be made to the Cancer Centre for the Southern Interior, 399 Royal Ave., Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 5L3. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.firstmemorialkelowna.com](http://www.firstmemorialkelowna.com) Smoky's new address is;

323-863 Leon Ave.,  
Kelowna, B.C.  
V1V 9V4

**Bob McLennan** (Rexdale). A brief notice in the Toronto Star, picked up by Bob MacLennan (Hamilton), advised of the death of our former Secretary/Treasurer in Dec.2003. Elizabeth sent a card to Betty. Bob served as the first treasurer on the committee for ten years and was largely responsible for holding the COB together through those years.

## Reminisce:

### THE EARLY CLAN DAYS

Early Days in the Central Ontario Branch of Clan MacLennan

*In this newsletter we are reprinting a letter from Doug MacLennan in British Columbia. He was asked last year at Fergus for some of his memories of the early years for Clan MacLennan in Canada. Given our recent news of Mary's passing, the clan's first newsletter (attachment) and photo of Smoky and Mary McLennan (page 3) are especially appropriate and remind us of a wonderful and dedicated couple.*

Dear Melanie:

Thanks for a great Newsletter. I was going thru some old files looking for some blank paper, that I seem to keep running out of, and found some of these sheets. I am sending this snail mail because of the enclosures. I am not nimble enough to send them by email!

#### Reminiscence:

How it all got started? Brother Dave has mentioned the family History written in the '30's by a great Aunt. I became very interested in this History, thinking it should be updated, since we, [Don, Dave, Myself, Mary and John] had been penciled in by my mother. So-one thing led to another, I got possession of the History, updating over the years, became a byword. About the same time, Dave enrolled us in the Clan Assoc. Scotland, I had a letter from Chief Ronald at the time, about some cousins in Virginia, Holland and B.C. Canada. I was hooked, I guess not only on our History but The Clan Assoc. I had to meet the Chief and the Cousins he told me about. This meant a trip to Nova Scotia, and Virginia as well as Scotland. The family History, with the help of nephew Richard was updated in '03.

Elva and I went to Scotland, we had met the Chief and Cousin Woody Woodward from Virginia the year before in Iona N.S. We met the other cousins Dr. High from B.C. and Lodiqiqk from Holland. Quite and experience. This was in '84. While in Scotland I suggested the Chief that he ask Elva [on the sly] and I to start a branch in Ontario.

Thru access to phone books in S. Ont. West, as far as Peterborough, we sent invitations to come to Fergus for a meeting of Mc's and Mac's on June 2nd 1985. I'm sure we sent out over 300 invitations? 100 or so came and C.O.B. was tentatively started.

Was it '84 or 85? We lived close to the park in Fergus where the Fergus Games were held. I knew that clan Canopies were up each year, I THINK, we rented a canopy on speculation in '84? With '85 being the year we officially started, after the invitations were sent out. Eileen in Ottawa had a group that had been meeting regularly, I was not aware of, somehow we made contact with her and more or less joined forces, and she has been a strong supporter ever since, even bringing in Robin (her brother).

I have enclosed News Letter No. One, I think I still have copies of most of the other ones, until we moved West in Nov. '88. This NewsLetter tells about Smoky and his wife Mary coming from N.S. Smoky was the Chief's Lt. and active in Clan affairs. The

enclosed photo shows Smoky and Mary with a Scotch thistle that had grown up beside our house in Fergus. I transplanted it into a pot and it was carried down the hill to the canopy.

The Clan Assoc. in Scotland was quite strong at the time, with support from Australia, U.S. and Canada. I should mention here that a group were meeting regularly in N.S./Cape Breton and helped us bring the Chief to Fergus in '87. A museum was underway on the shores of Loch Duich, in our Homeland of Kintail.

At the present time, Australia and Canada appear to be the only functioning branches. I am sure Chief Ruairidh is working very hard to revive Scotland, he certainly is a good ambassador, with his travels and piping.

I am also enclosing an advertisement that has been running in our local papers, as well as a copy to Robin. He should appreciate the connotations. Perhaps you have seen it in your paper? We have a nephew that works for Bell Mobility who placed the ad. Thanks again for a great News Letter. Your smile on the front gives it an inviting welcome. Hope plans to bring the Chief back materialize.

Yours Aye, Doug and Elva MacLennan

#### Statement of Receipts & Disbursements

Elizabeth Prebble

May 23,2003 October 2,2003

Receipts			
Bank Balance May 23,2003			2,350.08
Members Dues	2002 2003	155.00	
	2003 2004	530.00	
	2004 2005	140.00	
	2005 2006	30.00	
	2006 2007	10.00	865.00
Clan Sales	Maxville	71.00	
	Fergus	117.00	
	Misc.	5.00	193.00
Donations			60.00
Fergus Draw			64.00
	Interest GIC	25.00	
	Bank	.07	25.07 1,207.07
Disbursements			
Fergus Avenue of the Clans			55.00
July & Dec. Newsletters	- Copy	168.02	
	Postage	164.18	332.20
Website		63.34	
Misc. copy and postage		8.14	
Service Charges		3.00	461.68
Bank Balance as of October 2,2003			3,095.47
Investment Royal Bank G.I.C.			1,000.00
Branch Total			4,095.47

*The US Geological Society has recently published a simplified hypothesis in the formation of the GRAND CANYON.*

*" A Scotsman accidentally dropped a dime!"*