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WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE.

MACLENNAN NEWSLETTER

Central Ontario Branch CANADA

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Clansfolk:

Have you noticed how the “lazy hazy days” of the summers of your childhood seem harder to find as we grow older? I start off enthusiastically as soon as our weather has warmed up enough to be outside with a long to-do list to get my work affairs, house, yard and garden in order so I will then have time

to relax and enjoy these few glorious weeks of summer that we treasure in our climate. I am constantly reprimanding myself for failing to stop and “smell the roses” and then find myself shocked that another page on the calendar is ready to turn!

Last week, I got wise to this self-inflicted deception (and many of you no doubt have too), and dropped everything to work in my garden for several wonderful leisurely days. It’s the one place no one will follow me (because they know they’ll be given a job). No one dares even ask, “What are we having for supper?” So my days are deliciously languid and I sleep the sound sleep of the physically worn, and mentally refreshed. So, if you can, endeavour to make plans for some closely guarded time to enjoy our wonderful summer and experience the beauty and bounty of our great country.

The Highland Games are in full swing across the country and our own are plans firming up for our MacLennan Clan festivities in Fergus, Ontario – August 12th, 13th, 2005.

In the last newsletter (May 2005) we outlined many of the details and contact info. If you have passed your newsletter along, you can view back issues at www.clanmaclennan.ca or direct other family members and friends to the same site.

Chief Ruairidh and his sisters Kirsteen and Lorna will be at the Clan tent throughout the day on Saturday. We have reserved a larger tent than usual in the Avenue of the Clans to accommodate a good gathering with a bit of shade. At 12:30 p.m., the Opening Ceremonies will commence with the traditional “March of the Clans”. Come prepared to join other MacLennans and march under our tartan banner with our Clan Chief present!

Our MacLennan Clan Ceilidh will be held Saturday August 13th at the Victoria Park Seniors Centre (150 Albert Street West, Fergus). The AGM will commence at 5:30 p.m. and the reception at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m., although we will have access to the building by 3:00 p.m. for those of you who would like a cool place to rest, get changed or help set up.

Marilyn MacLennan has kindly offered to cater our dinner again, and for those of you who attended the Ceilidh during the Chief’s visit in 2000, you will remember a splendid meal. Over the recent years, Marilyn has gained a well-recognized reputation for putting on a fine repast and we’re very pleased to have her and her team for our 20th (Silver) Anniversary Clan Celebration.

As I look back over the past five years since the Chief last visited, I would like to express my appreciation to many of you who have helped raise the Clan’s profile worldwide. Here are some of the many accomplishments we have seen come into being.

- Clan MacLennan continues to gain an international presence through the power of the internet as a result of the hard work of Bruce McLennan and many of our international clansmen.
- Angus MacLennan set up the Yahoo message Board where clanfolk from anywhere in the world can discuss issues, history, geneology and news.
- Our newsletter was given a re-design and new graphics and we have developed our own Canadian web site with our thanks going to Andy McLennan.
- David MacLennan (Ottawa) has worked diligently on compiling the Clan Genealogy using www.gencircles.com and has used his expertise to assist globally many in working on their family histories.
- We have created a New Member’s package and a Membership Directory including email addresses and geographic groupings.
- We have also been able to sponsor two visits in five years of our Chief Ruairidh and his sisters Kirsteen and Lorna in 2000 and 2005.

Your support of Clan MacLennan Canada through your membership subscriptions, notes of encouragement and suggestions, emails and attendance at games and events, is appreciated for your contributions in preserving our living Scottish heritage . We may take the opportunity to share your letters, emails and notes on a special display board at the Ceilidh on August 13th.

Please send them to:
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We have much to celebrate this year, during the Silver Anniversary of Clan MacLennan Canada, Central Ontario Branch, so come on out and party!

Yours aye, Melanie McLennan

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I guess we asked for some heat too early, now we have got all we can handle – and then some. Preparations for Chief Ruairidh’s visit are underway although we do not have final dates yet. The Seniors Centre can seat 85 max- we are opening tickets up for members and guests now and there are available. **Please sign up early to avoid disappointment.** This is the 60th anniversary of the Fergus Games and the COB’s 20th, so we are hoping for a good turnout as our Chief will be in attendance for the weekend’s events.

Other Games dates, and our reps, are:
Kincardine, July 1-3
Coburg, July 2
Chatham July 8-9
Cambridge, July 15-16
Uxbridge, July 23-24
Maxville, July 29-30 – Eileen & Robin
Fergus, Aug. 12-14, all of us
Almonte, Aug. 20 – Eileen & Dave (Ottawa)
These are the games in the immediate area that we can reach in a day. Last year Karen went to Kincardine and may go again. If any members are planning to visit other games, please check Clan representation (in parade, clan tents etc) and pass it on to us. Attendance at Games can vary year to year, depending on special attractions, but a strong Clan presence is usually an indication that it may be worthwhile to include other venues to establish our existence. We know people, particularly Scots, tend to be ‘clannish’ about areas rather than families. This makes a visible display really important if we are to spread-hit ‘em close to home! On the other hand, we still get people saying “

I didn’t know there were branches outside Scotland” after 20 years of being at Fergus and Maxville. I am repeating the basic details of the Fergus weekend here, with a bit more on certain events. If you are going for the weekend, the Tattoo is well worth a visit – it includes the massed bands, the sunset hymn, the last post and the Clans enacting a lighting ceremony to commemorate the establishment of families in a new land. On Saturday, our clan tent will be open all day until **4.30 pm**. It will be a bigger tent than normal as Chief Ruairidh will be there on and off, depending on other appearances. The Clans assemble for the opening Parade at about 11.45 in the clan area and move round to the ”Castle” prior to entering the main field. After the parade, a visit to the Heritage tent is interesting, apart from all the other events going on. We are closing the tent at 4.30 because the **AGM** is at 5.30 in the Victoria Park Seniors Centre-hope to see you there.

FERGUS PROGRAM – www.fergusscottishfestival.com

Friday August 12
Gates open 3pm
Heavy events School Competition
Celtic Music
Heritage Tent, Tea Garden Pub
Scottish & Canadian Foods
Scottish Marketplace & Artisans
7.00pm Pre-Tattoo Concert
8.00-10.30 **Tattoo ‘05**
Saturday August 13
Events 9.00 am-6.30pm
Opening Ceremonies 12.30pm
Closing Ceremonies 5.30pm
Sunday August 14
11.00 am Kirkin o’ the Tartans

TICKET PRICES
Friday Aug 12 Adults \$15
 Seniors \$13
 Students \$13
Saturday Aug 13 Adults \$20
 Seniors \$15
 Students \$15
Sunday Aug 14 (Main Field/ Concert)
 Adults \$15
 Seniors \$13
 Students \$13

**CLAN DINNER AND CEILIDH
August 13,2005**

Reception 5.30-7.00pm
AGM Start 5.30pm
Dinner 7.00 -9.00
Ceilidh 9.00-10.45pm

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The Seniors Centre lease runs from 3.00 to 11.00pm, it is leased in blocks of 4 hours. We are obtaining a wine & beer licence, the meal will be catered and the place has to be put to rights before we leave.

The Application Form, with prices, is included and cheques may be postdated no later than July 15,2005. Members cancellations notified to Elizabeth by July 15-full refund and tickets will be offered for resale. After July 15, money will be refunded only if ticket is resold.

CLAN AGM

The Minutes of last year's AGM are attached for reference. As intimated in the last letter, Melanie has advised that, due to other commitments, she can no longer continue as President. She has agreed to maintain the web site and communications. Similarly, Angus will maintain the Yahoo chatroom. They will be advised of meetings and topics, but will not be required to attend if it is not convenient. Lois has agreed to continue as secretary and this has been accepted. The AGM usually commences with presentation of the minutes of last year's AGM and the Treasurer's Report. As the Chief will be present, a greeting will precede normal business. We then move to a review of the year's activities and decisions, followed by new business. The latter will include election of a new President and additional members on the Executive. Discussion of responsibilities of the offices will give members a clearer idea of what is required. Due to the geographical area of the branch, it is recognized that all cannot attend meetings on short notice. We try to circulate an agenda so that absentees can add their comments for consideration.

In fact, we would welcome suggestions from all on what kind of activities we should explore. The proposed Workshop last year drew roars of silence, to say the least. We also welcome input from all on local or family events, such as gatherings, weddings/births and holidays. Essentially, this will help us get to know each other. It is rather embarrassing that the news of the deaths last year of some prominent Clan members in Canada and the U.S. came mainly from Australia.

In a word, please become more involved, even if it only means a note or an e-mail to show you care. The AGM was moved to Fergus because we see more members there than anywhere else. Your interest in the conduct and activities of the COB is fundamental to the survival of Clan MacLennan in Canada, because at least three other branches have closed because no members were willing to serve on the Executives. Now, we are the last branch still on our feet so I guess it is time to say "Ask not what your Clan can do for you- ask what should you do for your Clan." The late President Kennedy said that better, but I hope you get the picture.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS – JUNE 30, 2005

Receipts

Bank Balance May 23, 2004			2,175.12
Members Dues – 2002-2004	90.00		
	335.00		
2005-2009	<u>270.00</u>	695.00	
Ancaster Games Prize	25.00		
Clan Sales	<u>88.00</u>	113.00	
Fergus Draw	81.00		
G.I.C. Interest	<u>25.00</u>	106.00	
Donations – Chief's visit	200.00		
General	<u>40.00</u>	240.00	
Advance Fergus Ceilidh		<u>435.00</u>	<u>1,589.00</u>
			3,764.00

Disbursements

Avenue of Clans – 2004	55.00		
2005	<u>98.00</u>	153.00	
Copy & Postage – Newsletters	397.85		
Misc.	<u>31.30</u>	429.15	
Service Charges		<u>5.25</u>	<u>587.40</u>
Bank Balance June 30, 2005			3,176.72
Royal Bank G.I.C.			<u>2,000.00</u>
Branch Total			5,176.72

Clan MacLennan Canada

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday, August 14, 2004 Board Room, Community Centre, Fergus, ON

President Melanie welcomed three new members: Dr. John and Margie MacLennan, and Ian MacLennan as well as all other members. She noted the increase in attendees from 14 last year to 18 in 2004 with members from Coast to Coast in Canada and from the United States.

The minutes of the 2003 AGM were printed in the July, 2004 Newsletter. Melanie reviewed the minutes and a motion to approve the minutes was made by Robin, seconded by Karen. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth presented the Financial Statement for the period of May 15, 2004 to August 12, 2004. The statement showed a Branch Total of \$4,194.62. It was moved by Karen and seconded by David that the report be accepted as printed. Carried.

Business Arising:

Summary of Activities 2003/2004

- Melanie reported (for Angus) about the message board on Yahoo. Robin requested that interesting items from the message board be sent to him for inclusion in the current newsletters. This would be of interest to those who do not have access to the internet.

- Workshop was planned for April but had to be cancelled because of lack of attendees. It is important to determine the wishes of the members so a new concept of a questionnaire has been suggested for ideas of the future for the Clan.

- Fee structure was reviewed. New membership - \$25 and renewals are \$10. If persons have not renewed memberships for 2 years, they will be sent a request to renew, and if this goes unanswered, their names will be dropped from the roster and directory.

- Fiscal year - The Clan's fiscal year started in May each year reflecting the beginning of the organization but there have been problems with logistics when discussing the membership years. Since the AGM has been moved to August to coincide with the Fergus Highland Games, it was deemed advisable to change the fiscal year. It was moved by Robin, seconded by Jean, that the financial year will start on August 1st and end on July 31st and that membership dues will be current as of that date. Carried. Any memberships scheduled to expire on May 31, 2005 will be grandfathered until July 31, 2005.

Chief Ruairidh - still waiting to hear from him about whether or not he will be attending the AGM next year, for his third visit. Volunteers will be needed to assist in the plans for the two week period of his visit.

Membership Drive

- requests for changes of names, addresses, etc will be included in each newsletter so that the directory may be updated. New member names will be sent on a separate paper to make it easier to add to the directory.

- redesigned membership cards will be updated to reflect the change in the current fiscal year.

-special invitations were sent to MacLennans and Septs—printed invitations as well as individual phone calls—prior to several games, and it was recommended that this be continued for future games. Jean and Lois designed a postcard and sent out 40 invitations, and Karen had revised Flora's letter of invitation to attend. Karen phoned many people inviting them.

New Business

- Attendance and participation of Executive meetings - Charlie MacLennan has not attended or responded to notice of meetings, and it was suggested that he be replaced on the executive. Melanie will write to Charlie, Angus and David (Ottawa) about the need for attendance. [The letter will request that:](#)

[“All executive members are to advise the president of their attendance or absence along with any input regarding upcoming issues one week, preferably, in advance of each meeting. This will facilitate both attendance and communication for all.”](#)

-Fergus Games are asking for comments and suggestions for the future as the 20th anniversary is next year.

Decisions and Discussions

- the directory lists members alphabetically as well as geographically. This geographic listing is available to help encourage connections between members.
- with regard to future “marketing” of the games and clan activities, such as Flora's letter, cards sent out to local MacLennans, phone campaigns etc., (using the national directory that Karen showed us) there is a need to develop along with the promotional tools, a way to evaluate its success and cost, so that we can determine which methods are a good use of our resources.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55

APPLICATION FORMS-FERGUS DINNER AND CEILIDH – SATURDAY AUGUST 13,2005

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

Adults @ \$25 _____

Children(under 12)@ \$15 _____

Name Badges (specify name)@ \$5 _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Note: Cheques postdated no later than July 15, 2005

Name Badges are approx. 4”x 1” with your name and CLAN MACLENNAN lettering.

CLAN MEMBERSHIP (if applicable)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE / E-MAIL _____

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

Amount Enclosed _____

NOTE; The financial year 2004-2005 ends on 31st July,2005. If a cross appears here () we have no record of your payment for 2004-2005

Subscriptions for the year 2005-2006 become due on 1st August, 2005

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