

CLAN MACMILLAN *International*

Newsletter June 2016

Fun in the sun at Loch Norman



Chief George MacMillan at the Loch Norman Highland Games with (left to right): Scott MacMillan (Staunton VA); piper Josh McMillan (Rock City SC); Chip Terrell (Dawsonville GA), Alex Brown (Ft Campbell KY).

The sun shone on the chief when he attended the Loch Norman Highland Games in April. Many old friends made the journey to Charlotte in North Carolina to see George, including clan members from Ohio, Maine, Texas, Mississippi, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, and North Carolina - plus an itinerant genealogist from Scotland.

The next international gathering of MacMillans will be the CMSNA Gathering, to be hosted in her home state of Maine in 2017 by CMSNA President Jane Strauss. For dates & details, see www.mcmillen-design.com/cmsna/.

A Clan MacMillan Sept of Milliken/Millican tour and gathering may be held in Scotland in May 2017. Details from info@highlandrootsancestraltours.com.



Clan MacMillan International Centre,
 Finlaystone, Langbank, PA14 6TJ, Scotland.

Info on the Clan Centre & membership of Clan MacMillan International
 can be found on the clan's official website: www.clanmacmillan.org

The Clan Centre publishes The Clan MacMillan International Newsletter each May/June and
 The Clan MacMillan International Magazine each December. They are sent free to members
 of Clan MacMillan International, the worldwide body that supports the Clan Centre's work.

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CMI was also very pleased to receive a copy of "A Genealogy of the MacMillan Family of Wood
 Islands, Prince Edward Island, Canada" from the Prince Edward Island MacMillans.

Clan MacMillan International Summary Accounts for year to 31 December 2015

INCOME	£	US \$	OUTGOINGS	£	US \$
CTS		1000.00	PO Box Renewal		
Conclave Challenge	505.00	4583.00	Telephone		
Subscriptions	1186.46	700.00	Stamps/Printing	621.53	
Donations	1578.43	1176.39	Secretarial	35.00	
Project MAOL	10.00	50.00	Graeme	6186.24	
Publications	60.00	374.00	Utilities	100.00	
Transfer from US account	4568.18		Clan Gathering	1100.00	
Clan Gathering		5409.00	Miscellaneous	329.00	*500.00
Miscellaneous	513.10 <i>Clan Goods</i>	5.00			
			Transfer to UK account		7000.00
Totals	8421.17	7888.39		8371.77	7500.00
Difference	49.40	388.39			
Opening bank balances	9482.62	9483.00			
Excess of outgoings/income	49.40	388.39			
Closing bank balances	9532.02	9871.39			

* *Booklets / Website design*

Average exchange rate for transfers UK \$ account: \$1.53 to £1

News from the Clan Around the World

New President Down Under

Following the retirement of their long-serving President, June Danks, the Clan MacMillan Society of Australia has elected Kaye O'Reilly to succeed her. Kaye gave her first report to the society's last AGM as follows:

We at The Clan MacMillan Society of Australia have been very fortunate indeed to have had June Danks as our President for the last 17 years. As a foundation member of the Society (1985) June has always been very involved in every aspect of our group. It is with sadness we see her resign her position of President, but we are gladdened she has remained as the Trustee of the **Clan MacMillan International Centre (CMIC)**. They are big shoes to fill but if I can be half the President June was I'll be happy.

Changes to the committee are President: Kaye O'Reilly; Vice President: Vacant; Treasurer: Mick McMillan; Committee member: Janice Brooks. Mick would welcome someone to take on the role of Editor

My tenure began with the AGM held in August at Soroptimist House in South Yarra. It was disappointing that only 6 people attended, one of whom was our speaker Beryl O'Gorman; she spoke on 'Netting your Irish Ancestors'. Those in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the day, which began with a 'bring your own' lunch. Anyone who wants a copy of Beryl's notes can email me.

On Saturday the 17th October, I along with Myrna and Jan manned a table at the VAFHO Family History Expo in Seymour. The event was well attended and a lot of interest was shown in our display.

In December we were sorry to hear of the passing of our dear friend and Clan member June Senior. All our members will know of the contribution June has made to



**Ross Underwood, Janice Brooks, Kaye O'Reilly, Myrna Robertson
at the Australia Day Parade 2016**

The Clan MacMillan Society of Australia since it's inception.

CMSA members met up again for the Australia Day People's March in Melbourne. We actually take part in the march. The meeting point was in Swanston Street between Lonsdale and Little Bourke Streets.

Proudly carrying the Banner for MacMillan we set off behind the Scots Of Victoria Group with the Town Crier at our backs. As it was my first time in the march I was amazed by the thousands of people lining up to watch the spectacular. We had a bird's eye view of the Lord Mayor's party as the parade stopped for a short while in front of the Town Hall. We waved and were waved at as we went past St Paul's Cathedral and Federation Square. There wasn't an inch of space between the people lined up on Princes Bridge. It was the Town Crier at my back that kept me going past the Arts Centre in St Kilda

Road up to Anzac Avenue in the Domain Parklands where the parade ended. It was with delight our group walked up to the shade of the wonderful pineapple pines around the Marquis of Linlithgow Memorial where we shared a lamington on the lawns.

FUTURE CMSA EVENTS:

Kirkin' O' the Tartan

Sunday 3rd July 2016. [11.00am]
Scots Church, Melbourne.

Make sure that you BYO Lunch, because, as always, there'll be some entertainment in the Upper Hall.

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 28th August 2016. South Yarra.

Our AGM will again be held at Soroptimist House, 383 Toorak Rd., South Yarra from noon till 4 p.m. So bring your lunch and meet your fellow Clan members. Tea & Coffee will be provided.

Chief to attend Highland Games at Inverness (UK)

George will be at the MacMillan table in the Clan Village at the Inverness Highland Games on Saturday 16th July. These games, at the Bught Park, are the only ones in Scotland attended by more than one or two local clans, and this year up to 20 clans belonging to the Association of Highland Clans & Societies [AHCS] will be in the big tent kindly provided by Highland Council. The AGM of the AHCS will be held at 5.00pm in nearby Eden Court Theatre, and as part of the weekend-long Inverness Gala, the Clan Tent will become the venue on Saturday evening for a ceilidh with some great live bands.

Pacific Branch USA:

3-4 September 2016:
Pleasanton Highland Games, CA.

8-9 October 2016:
Seaside Highland Games
at Ventura, CA.

North Central States Branch

9 July 2016:
Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games at Eagan, MN.

9-10 September 2016:
Southwest Missouri Highland Games at Buffalo, MO.

Flowers of the Forest

Elizabeth MacMillan Heath
30 January 1923 - 2 June 2016.

Elizabeth Heath was the daughter of James Lewis MacMillan of Lochiel, Glengarry Co., ON. She was a half-sister of Elsie MacMillan, and a first cousin of Hazel Huckvale and Mary Beaton. Like her sister and cousins, Elizabeth took a great interest in the clan, which has been passed on to her children, to whom we extend our sympathies.

Joan Wilkerson Mackenzie
24 January 1924 - 2 May 2016.

Widow of Malcolm Macmillan Mackenzie. She hosted many a tea-party for Macmillans in Glenurquhart.

The Chief at the Loch Norman Highland Games: April 2016



Above: Games field at Loch Norman.

George stayed with Carol Morris in Maryville TN before travelling down to Loch Norman. He's pictured left with Carol at the UT Gardens, and right in Jig & Reel Celtic music pub in Knoxville TN - with some of Carol's kin.



Left: Appalachian Branch tent at the games, with display material using graphics supplied by Mike McMillen of the North Central States Branch.

Right: George meets McMillan descendant Karen Allen.



Below: Local musicians entertain the clan at the dinner in George's honour organised by the Appalachian Branch.





Above: The Appalachian Branch and guests in front of their tent at Loch Norman.



**Left:
Chief George recites
Robert Burns "Address to
the Haggis" - with a little
help from his friends.**



**Right:
George taps Mark
McMillan, the Vice
President of the Texas
Branch of Clan
MacMillan, with the
White Wand of Justice,
during his investiture into
the CTS.**

Below: Chief George, as this year's Honoured Guest at Loch Norman, closes the games on Sunday afternoon.



Our Motto In A Broader Context

George MacMillan

'Miseris succurrere disco' - 'I am learning to help the unfortunate' (Virgil, Aeneid, Book I, 630).

This is the second half of a Latin hexameter line (a metre modelled on that of Homer's *Odyssey* - a saga in twenty-four books describing the adventures of the 'resourceful' Odysseus, known to Romans as Ulysses, on his way home after the ten-year siege and ultimate sack of Troy).

Publius Virgilius Maro (the 'knock-kneed') had the idea of a twelve-book saga describing the parallel adventures of the 'dutiful' Aeneas, who miraculously survived Troy's sack and eventually founded Virgil's adopted home, the city of Rome. When Virgil was thirty-nine, Rome, after centuries of almost incessant conflict, was at last enjoying peace and prosperity, thanks largely to Julius Caesar's great-nephew and adopted heir 'Gaius Octavius' (63 BC - 14 AD) who became 'Gaius Juliyus Caesar Octavianus' as a consequence of his adoption, and was further dubbed 'Augustus' (the august) by his grateful subjects. (What a set of names! The Kaiser, the Czars and two of our calendar months originate in them). According to Virgil, Augustus himself could count the dutiful Aeneas among his ancestors.

Throughout its violent history Rome probably had no more menacing an enemy than the powerful trading city of Carthage on the north coast of Africa in what is now Tunisia. Hannibal, a genius of a general with a personal grudge against Rome, inflicted three crushing defeats on Rome in three years (218, 217 and 216 BC) but Rome bounced back, taking Carthage in 202 and totally destroying it in 146 BC. These facts, coupled with Virgil's poetic sensitivity, led him to open his epic poem with a romantic, and ultimately tragic encounter between the future founder of Rome and the foundress of Carthage, Queen Dido.

In the course of his wanderings Aeneas is shipwrecked and washed up on the coast near Carthage. In a bedraggled state he's welcomed by Dido into her well-established palace, where she gives him a long lecture on her own unfortunate experiences. Her wicked brother, Pygmalion, had driven her out of Sidon (now in Lebanon). She had wandered as a refugee till she pitched up at Carthage. 'So', she concluded, 'Being myself no stranger to trouble, I am learning to support the unfortunate'.

For a while the relationship blossoms then the gods remind Aeneas that his job is to found Rome. Being 'dutiful', he sails off without saying goodbye. His last sight as he looks landward is of smoke rising from Dido's suicidal bonfire.

From our point of view, Virgil himself is of more than passing interest.

We all stand a good chance of containing Gaelic blood. Places like Argyll and Galloway, from which many of us hail, have Gael incorporated in their very names. County Galway in Ireland, is, I suspect, another tell-tale name. As the loose association of

Celtic tribes worked their migrant way westward, the Gaels left their traces all over the place - Galatia, in Asia Minor, (to whose inhabitants St. Paul wrote one of his best letters), Galicia, in northern Spain, and, most extensive of all, Gaul. We always think of Gaul as roughly coterminous with France; but, in fact, it was much bigger. What's now the Lombardy plain in Northern Italy was known to Romans as 'Gaul on this side of the Alps'. That was Virgil's place of birth. So he too could well have been a Gael, or a bit of one.

While Rome itself was reasonably stable by the time he started writing (about 40 BC), peace had not yet broken out elsewhere. So there was a refugee problem of which Virgil, with his provincial connections, would have been aware, although other Romans might not have been.

The epic poem called the *Aeneid* was the last of his published works. The earliest was a collection of ten shorter poems entitled the *Eclogues* ('Selected poems'). Many of these were, at first glance, pastoral - nymphs and shepherds in an idyllic landscape: indeed they were closely modelled on the *Idylls* ('Snapshots?') of Theocritus of Alexandria. One, however, (the fourth) is commonly known as the 'Messianic' eclogue because it hails the imminent arrival of a Golden Age and has uncanny parallels with Isaiah's prediction of a virgin (or young woman) giving birth to a child in whose time the new age would dawn. Perhaps because it was published no more than forty years before the birth of Christ, Virgil acquired the status of an honorary saint in mediaeval times.

The opening lines of the first Eclogue look pastoral enough. They're addressed by a passing shepherd with his struggling flock to a colleague at the road's side, who probably represents Virgil himself, now safe and writing poetry in Rome - 'Tityrus, you lie at ease under a spreading beech practising a woodland air on your slender reed'.

The next three words come as a big shock - 'Nos patriam fugimus' - 'We are fleeing the land of our fathers'. So it's not just a pastoral scene after all: it could well be a sharp reminder to his influential Roman friends of the plight of his northern relatives.

Unlike many Romans, who cultivated the stiff upper lip advocated by the Stoics, Virgil was known as a man of feeling - an attribute more often, perhaps, found in Gaels. This eclogue and the Dido episode in the *Aeneid* certainly suggest he felt keenly for refugees of all kinds. Perhaps 'Miseris succurrere disco' ought to be rendered as 'I'm learning to rescue refugees'.

It's sometimes been suggested that, since Clan Macmillan has such a 'caring' motto, we ought to create a fund to dispense to caring charities. I'm not sure about that, because it would remove from donors the choice of the charity to be benefited. Rather, let each Macmillan choose the charity to which he/she is inspired to give time, energy or money. It warmed my heart to hear that a Baxter is currently looking after refugees in Jordan.

More News from the Clan Around the World

New Zealand Society On Parade

*Extracted from the CMSNZ
Newsletter for April 2016:*

1 January 2016

146th Waipu Highland Games

To that person who did the "rain dance" instead of the Highland Fling - you are not popular with us! The inclement weather; it was really a tropical storm across Northland, dampened but did not extinguish spirits, although it curtailed the outdoor events so there is no clan on parade today. The Waipu Caledonian Society reported: "OK Its Raining !! Gates are open, NO Entry Fee. We still have Piping Dancing, Drumming and Fiddling competitions on indoors. For safety reasons the Heavy Weight competition is cancelled. Cafes, Bars and Souvenir Stalls still open for business in the Barn. The Ceilidh is still on tonight; buy your tickets (\$10) at the secretary's office."

30 January 2016

152nd Turakina Highland Games

A good day was had by all at the 152nd Turakina Highland Games with eighteen clan tents, as well as Scottish and food stalls. An excellent attendance by Clan MacMillan members included Avon McMillan from Auckland, Duncan McMillan from Upper Hutt with Christine Binns from Wellington, Don McMillan from Whanganui, Robert & Betty McMillan and their son Robbie, Eileen & Doug Bolitho, all from Levin, and Marilyn and myself from Waikanae.



Clan MacMillan Tent at the Turakina Highland Games

There were several other supporters who participated with members in the clan march led by a combined pipe band at lunchtime, the longest I have ever seen at Turakina. We handed out several application forms and gave away information sheets including two for the Sept of Brown.

We were very busy from 8.30 until well after lunch when as usual, the pipe bands drew the crowds around the circle and away from the stalls and clan tents. We also received some more books from Don McMillan for the clan book library. These will be added gradually to the library and appear with a synopsis in future issues of the newsletter.

Jim McMillan

13 February 2016

23rd Paeroa Highland Games & Tattoo

After a damp Games Day at Auckland and the cancellation of the Clan Tents at Waipu, the weather was kind to us at Paeroa and thankfully not as hot as the thirty degrees they had on the Friday. Again this year they had the commercial operators among the Clan Tents resulting in us being somewhat isolated. Perhaps a smaller crowd this year. We received the usual enquiries with one promising lead to be followed up. Kirsty Bell-Hunter and Avon McMillan looked after our Tent. Kirsty was in the U.S. recently to attend her brother's wedding and also seized the opportunity to attend the Appalachian Highland Games.

Avon McMillan

Clan MacMillan: A New History by Graeme M. Mackenzie

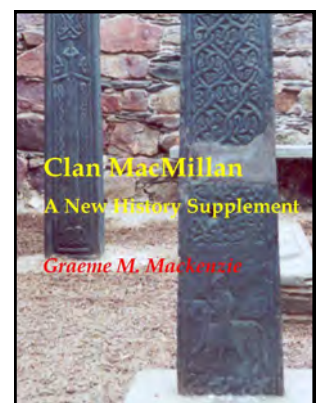


A chronological account of the clan from the early 1100s to the 21st century. The 197 pages (201 in the Special Edition) include 9 maps, 11 family trees, & 109 photos.

Appendices cover Sept & Related Names, Spellings of the Surname, the Motto, Heraldry, Symbols etc.

Standard Edition is black & white inside with colour covers. Special Edition is all colour. Supplement has more detailed accounts of some subjects with references, and lists of clan members in Scotland to 18th century.

Standard Edition and Supplement both available for personal callers at the Clan MacMillan Centre, Finlaystone.



Prices & availability by post: Standard Edition of the New History is £20 UK or \$35 US. Supplement is £15 UK or \$25 US. Both bought together for £30 UK or \$55 US. The Special Edition (all-colour) is £50 UK or \$80 US. The Special Edition and Supplement together will be £60 UK or \$95 US.

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Payment in US\$: Cheques etc. made out to Highland Roots USA and sent to: Highland Roots USA, 331 Royal Oaks Drive, Maryville, TN 37801, USA.

Clan MacMillan's 'Community of the Tonsured Servant' (CTS)

CTS was founded in 1995: Supporting the Clan MacMillan International Centre (CMIC) at Finlaystone, Scotland, and providing educational materials and events for Clan MacMillan and Sept members around the world.



There were five CTS Candidates invested at the Loch Norman Highland Games in conjunction with the Appalachian Branch Clan MacMillan Gathering, Huntersville, NC, USA, 15 to 17 April. L to R; **Blanche McMillan, Abbot CTS**, Burlington, ON, Canada; **Chief George MacMillan, CTS**, Finlaystone Estate, Scotland; **William B. McMillan, CTS**, Rock Hill, SC, USA; **Daniel "Dan" K. Woodruff, CTS**, Williamston, SC, USA; **Sherilyn H. Woodruff, CTS**, Williamston, SC, USA; **Mark McMillan, CTS**, Cedar Park, TX, USA; **Rev. Murray McMillan, CTS**, Coshocton, OH, USA. Dan and Sherilyn Woodruff joined at the time of the Benbecula Gathering in Scotland in 2014, but were unable to be there. So it was a pleasure to invest them with the others at the Investiture Service in the Loch Norman Cultural Center, Sunday afternoon, 17 April at 4:30. Thank you to you all for your support of Clan MacMillan and CTS.

CTS also thanks the President of the MacMillan Appalachian Branch, **Chip Terrell IV, CTS**, for donating a US flag to be used in our CTS Investiture Services. The next time it will be carried, will be at the Clan MacMillan Society of North America (CMSNA) Gathering in Belfast, ME, USA on the weekend of 29 June to 3 July, 2017. It will be hosted by the President of CMSNA **Jane Strauss, CTS**. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

News of CTS Members: Congratulations to Sarah Turner and **Logan Bell, CTS** who were married in Greensboro, NC, USA on 10 October 2015. Logan is a son of **Robert and Susan Bell, both CTS**. Robert is a Past President of the Appalachian Branch of Clan MacMillan.

Sadly, Elizabeth (MacMillan) Heath, mother of **Anne (Heath) Neuman, Almoner CTS**, and **Margaret (Heath) Taylor CTS**, passed away on 2 June 2016 in Weston, ON, Canada at the age of 93. She grew up in Glengarry County, ON, Canada.

Grants by CTS to Clan MacMillan International Centre (CMIC) In June 2016, CTS granted \$1,000.00US which brings the total CTS Grants to CMIC to \$43,143.00US since 1996 averaging \$2,157.15US per year for 20 years.



Attendees at the Clan MacMillan Appalachian Branch, CTS Service, Loch Norman Highland Games, NC, USA 17 April 2016

CTS has also set up two Tribute Investment Funds and welcomes donations:

(1) The Rev. Canon A. Malcolm and Sally MacMillan Tribute Endowment Fund: Established March 2003. Sally, Malcolm's wife, died 1 March 1999 and "Father Mac" died 9 September 2008.

(2) The Jane MacMillan Tribute Fund: Established 15 June 2005. Jane, was the wife of George, Chief of Clan MacMillan, and died of cancer on 27 June 2005 at age 74 years. It is a fitting way to remember her tireless work, wisdom and friendship and her founding of the Clan MacMillan International Centre in 1991.

We thank you for your tremendous support over the last 20 years.

For further information about CTS memberships, Donations, Tribute/Endowment Funds, Bequests or Memorial Gifts, contact Blanche McMillan, phone: 905-637-3395 or e-mail: jbmcmillan@sympatico.ca

For more information about Clan MacMillan's CTS, please go to www.clanmacmillan.org/CTS.htm

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