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Welcome to our monthly report to you of happenings in our Society. We are always looking for information about YOU, so if you have a birth or wedding or special event, please send us a photo and information to president@macdougall.org. For more information, please check our website at www.MacDougall.org.

Malcolm's Meanderings -- Notes from our President

Greetings,

Last month we shared the story of centenarian John MacDougall Davis, who recently renewed his Society membership. This month, recognizing this is our 50th Anniversary year, we share a historic photo showing the seven-year old girl who sparked an introduction that led to the formation of the Society in 1965. You might recall reading about Patti Leonard and seeing her as an adult in last June's e-newsletter under Famous MacDougalls.



Speaking of famous clansfolk, we're past due on featuring some of the many Famous MacDowalls who have made their mark in the Society or the greater world. The MacDowalls represent an integral and especially strong membership in our Society. That is an acknowledgement of our historical alliance and interconnections despite distinct heritages and hereditary chiefs.

One famous contemporary MacDowall is our Chief Fergus MacDowall of Garthland. This month we feature an impassioned message that he asked us to publish, calling on clansfolk to support the Dundlie Castle Conservation Fund Drive which continues until July.

Lastly, think Spring, think Highland Games. We're hoping to fill our games schedule with more of our people volunteering to host Clan MacDougall tents at events in their areas. Our season actually got an early jump-start this past weekend when Board Member Darleen Weisz handled our presence at ScotsFestival, a unique annual celebration aboard the Queen Mary, permanently moored as a hotel in Long Beach.

If you know of games in your area in which we should be participating, please contact us. Otherwise, please stay warm.

Yours Aye,

Malcolm MacDougall
President

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New Members

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Four months down, just over four to go:
 Castle Conservation Campaign at 85% of goal.
 Chief Fergus issues special appeal to MacDowalls.

A seven-year old girl
 inspires

The Society's first-ever fundraising campaign on behalf of Dunollie Castle conservation has been exceptional. Numerous members have joined the campaign with generous gifts large and small, pushing us close to our \$25,000 goal. Many of our MacDowall members have shared generously in that effort. Chief Fergus has asked to share this important letter as we enter the last half of the fund drive.

Dear MacDowall Clansmen,

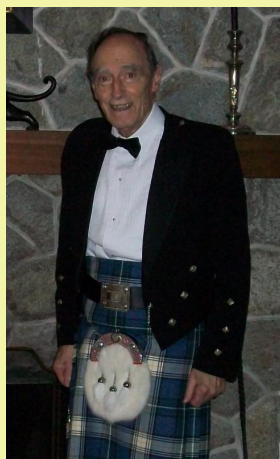
We have received a call from the Chief of the MacDougalls to help support the consolidation of their ruinous Dunollie Castle at Oban, Argyll, Scotland. This desperate need cannot be ignored by MacDougall clansfolk and their extended kinsmen and associates.

The Castle's site and stones are historically paramount among the seats of Scottish Chiefs, and served the MacDougall Kings of the Western Isles and their predecessors even before their Norse fortification of Dunstaffnage which, since 1309, has been maintained under the living resident guardianship of others! Long before that, however, Dunollie was the hub commanding the trade between ancient Albany and the Isles including Ireland. Now the Scottish Government's Historic Scotland will continue repair work through 2016 only if and when they receive £100,000 to match their funds for it.

I believe that it is an incumbent duty of Clan MacDowall, as compeers of the Clan MacDougall and as beneficiaries of their hospitality at all gatherings, to contribute to this Conservation Campaign. I therefore encourage those of our Name to make a kind donation to the 2014-15 Dunollie Castle Conservation Campaign of the Clan MacDougall Society of North America, for which I thank you and extend to you the grateful thanks of Clan Chief Morag MacDougall of MacDougall and Dunollie.

Fergus MacDowall of Garthland

[Members may make a one-time contribution or pledge via our website www.macdougall.org or by using this [Donation Form](#).]



It's a wonderful story, all the more fascinating because it's true. At supper in a lodge tucked in the mountains of North Carolina in July, 1964, young Patti Leonard was excited to notice some other people wearing the same MacDougall tartan that her family was wearing. With unabashed enthusiasm, she set fate in motion by going over to their table to meet them. She then introduced them to her family, including her grandmother Margaret McDougal Leonard. The gentlemen she introduced were Wylie and John McDougall. They all had a good time, and agreed to meet again. The next morning she posed for a photo with the twin brothers. One thing led to another over the next year, culminating in a first official meeting of 19 members of the newly formed Clan MacDougall Society in a tent on Grandfather Mountain, July 10, 1965.

You can hear more of that story first-hand from Patti this July at that same Eseeola Lodge. She will join us as a special guest for the annual Founders Dinner on Friday evening, July 10, 2015 as we celebrate, to the day, our 50th Anniversary.

MacDougall Tents at Highland Games

Please notify us if you've signed up to host a tent at any games! We want to begin filling our Games Calendar. The games listed here are found on our website.

FEBRUARY



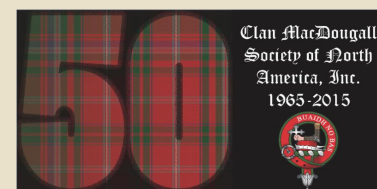
This year's events for Clan MacDougall began at the ScotsFestival & Highland Games this past weekend aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA. Why Scottish games aboard an iconic passenger liner? Construction began on the Queen Mary 84 years ago in the quaint seaside town of Clydebank, Scotland. Now the ship's heritage is celebrated through the two-day festival honoring Scottish culture.

MARCH

APRIL

25 - Southern Maryland Celtic Festival & Highland Gathering
- St Leonard, MD (Near Prince Frederick & Solomons)

MAY



**Plan now to join
the celebration of our
50th Anniversary
July 10 - 12, 2015
Grandfather Mountain**

- 2 - North Central West Virginia Highland Games & Celtic Festival
 - Clarksburg, WV (Near Charleston)
- 9 - Frederick Celtic Festival
 - Frederick, MD
- 16 - Fair Hill Colonial Highland Gathering
 - Fair Hill, MD (Near Wilmington, DE)

JUNE

- 6 - Bonnie Brae Scottish Festival and Games
 - Liberty Corner, NJ (Near Newark)

JULY

- 10-12 - Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
& Society 50th Anniversary Celebration
 - Linville, NC

Highland Games

Linville, North Carolina

Watch for details, but plan now!

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER!

It doesn't have to be the extraordinary for others to be interested. We're always looking for information about YOU to share with your fellow members, so if you have a birth or wedding or special event, please send us a photo and information to BillLeroy@ad.com.

John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Winner

Asia Ann McDougale-Stamey

Though Asia Ann McDougale-Stamey of Coden, Alabama, never knew her grandfather McDougale because he died before she was born, his pride in his Scottish ancestry influenced his family and thereby his granddaughter's desire to know more about Scotland and Scottish culture.

Ann was invited by her school, Pace University of New York City, to participate in The National Society of Leadership and Success. During the course of study, she attended broadcast symposiums with leaders such as Dr. Stephen Covey, Jack Canfield, Harvey MacKay and Alan Dershowitz. In addition to that she attended peer group sessions and completed the program with great success.

At Pace, Ann was a member of Pi Gamma Mu, the international social science honor society.

Ann applied for the John A. McDougall Scholarship to pursue a rigorous academic postgraduate study in business at the University of Edinburgh College of Humanities and Social Sciences where she could also study Scottish tradition and better understand her family's history.

Her future goal is to be an entrepreneur and to establish a charity foundation.

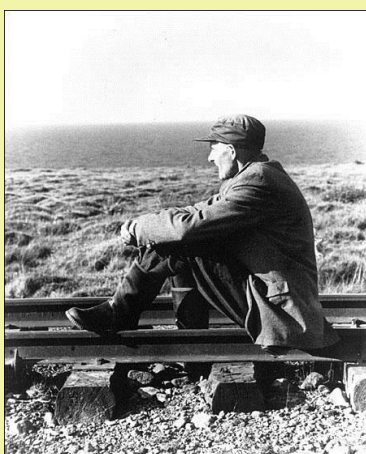
Our Scholarship Program supports one of the key purposes of our Society. Donations to our Scholarship Fund help defray the costs, are accepted year-round and are greatly appreciated by the Society and recipients. The Society is a 501(c)(3) organization and contributions to its endeavors may be tax deductible in the U.S.

Interesting MacDougalls

Laughie McDougall - Farmer, Weather Analyst

Though some may not believe him or his role to be considered famous, Laughie is still commemorated for the service he provided to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador for over thirty years.

Born in 1896, Laughie was a farmer at Wreck House on the southwest coast of the island, and was contracted by the Newfoundland railway to judge wind conditions, and contact Port aux Basques when he felt it was unsafe for trains to travel through the area. He became an enduring part of the local history of Newfoundland railway operations.



[NOTE: The above data came from an Internet search for MacDougalls of interest. If you have any suggestions of MacDougalls or MacDowalls that you would like to see featured here, please let us know.]

Famous Scots

