



January 2015

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 BillLeroy@aol.com or president@macdougall.org. For more information, please check our website at www.MacDougall.org.

Malcolm's Meanderings -- Notes from our President

"I am proud to be a MacDougall!"

We've all heard or said that, but recently it was declared forcefully in a brief message on my cell phone. It was from John MacDougall Davis, whom I'd been trying to contact after his annual membership was renewed.



What makes that renewal so special is that John MacDougall Davis is nearly 101 years of age.

We're honored that Mr. Davis remains a member. (I might be a child of the Sixties, but old school enough to refer to him as "Mr.") He is distinguished not only for his longevity and loyalty, but for a life well lived, like other members we feature in our newsletters.

The article about him is the result of a lead from Treasurer Don MacDougall and information graciously provided by John M. Davis, Jr., known to family as Mac, and Mac's sister, Margaret Philbrick.

The resulting article is briefer than it could or should have been, but still contributes to an unusually long edition of the e-newsletter. I hope you find it interesting.

Yours Aye,

Malcolm MacDougall
President

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New Members

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Update: Members responding generously to the Dunollie Castle Conservation Campaign

We will provide special progress reports on our Castle fund drive as well as the actual site work. The early fundraising results are exceptional. Our members should be very proud that we are making great progress toward our goal.

- We still have a ways to go, but donations and pledges now total \$19,965, or approximately 80% of our \$25,000 goal.
- 97 donors have participated through January 12, less than three months into the nine-month campaign.

Join the Celebration!
Mark Your Calendar!



- Donors represent 29 states, D.C., four Canadian provinces...and Australia!
- Major donations have of course boosted the early success, but here's proof that every contribution helps: 65% of individual donations have been for \$100 or less.

We're getting close, but we need more than the current 15% of our membership to participate. Although our campaign extends until July, typically the toughest part of any fundraising campaign is said to be the final push. Please consider. We will be recognizing all contributors.

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

Begin Travel Planning!

Plan to join the big gathering to celebrate our Society's

50th Anniversary!

Make 2015 the year you visit the Clan MacDougall gathering at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in beautiful Linville, North Carolina. It's where our Society was founded 50 years ago this July.

Join your fellow clansfolk for festivities, fun, camaraderie and reminiscing. Keep watching for more details and reservation forms.

Friday, July 10

Brief Annual General Meeting
Founders Reception & Dinner

Saturday, July 11

Celebrations on the Mountain
Feast of Porky Campbell BBQ
Special Anniversary Evening

Sunday, July 12

Celebrations on the Mountain
Special Clan Recognition

Watch for details, but plan now!

Meet Centenarian Member John MacDougall Davis:

Lawyer, community leader, family patriarch, man of principle, member of Clan MacDougall Society

The story of John MacDougall Davis is best summed up in his own words: "A life is worth living when it is dedicated to the service of others." Mr. Davis, a current and long-time member of Clan MacDougall Society, is nearing 101 years of age and has certainly lived a life worth living.

Until age 70, he was a distinguished lawyer, a founding partner of the prestigious firm of Davis Wright Tremaine, which now has 500 lawyers and offices in nine major cities from New York to Shanghai.

Back in 1944, the young lawyer wrote down some thoughts that reflected his vision, goals and values. Through the years, his "Aims" became guiding principles for him and his firm, and are ones that later generations of leaders would do well to emulate. And he has always been passionate about his MacDougall heritage.

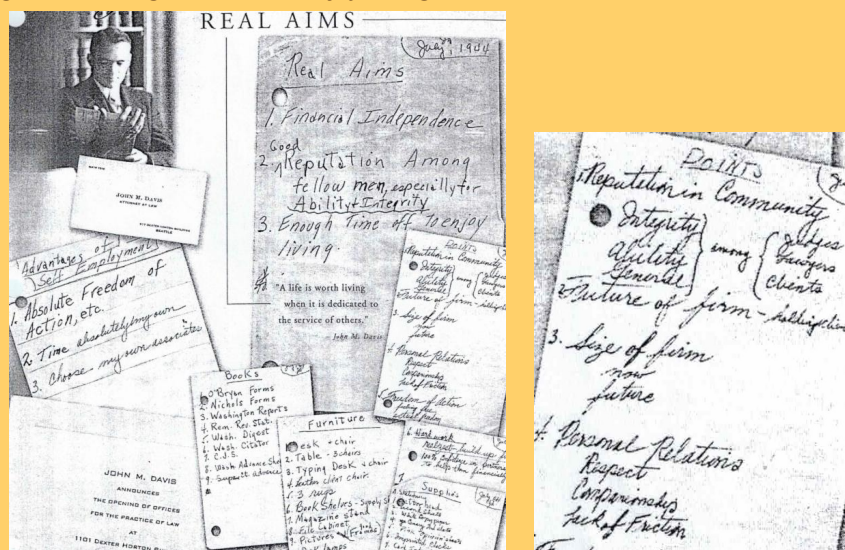


Showing their colors: A picture from a family gathering on Mercer Island, Washington in 2013, showing John MacDougall Davis in the red hat and MacDougall necktie. Note the MacDougall tartan in other ties and scarves.

Mr. Davis is a descendant of Donald MacDougall (1770-1819) and Jane Stuart, emigrants to Ontario in 1817 from the colony of MacDougalls who lived on the south side of Loch Tay, a few miles west of Kenmore, Scotland. Perhaps in the

spirit of peace among clans, Donald's son Alexander married Christy Campbell. One of their 10 children, John Calvin MacDougall, and his wife had four children, one of whom married David T. Davis. They were the parents of John MacDougall Davis and eventually settled in Seattle.

John MacDougall Davis was an eagle scout, graduated with a BA from the University of Washington where he played varsity golf, began his working life as a banker, then attended law school at the University of Washington. He began practicing law in 1941 and within a few years formulated his "Aims" or goals and his "Points" -- what business planners today would call strategies. His original jotted but well-thought out lists are shown below. Note the recurring emphasis on Integrity, Reputation, Respect... and, in a refreshing nod to the need for balance, a goal of "enough time off to enjoy living."



Mr. Davis has been a leader, director and trustee of more for-profit and not-for-profit organizations than we could possibly list here, serving his community in many, many capacities. He has enjoyed the out-of-doors, climbing mountains, fishing, hiking, working the land as a gentleman farmer and following his many academic interests. He and his late wife, Ruth, after raising and educating their six children, traveled extensively, including to the UK, where they explored John's roots in Scotland.

He has been a proud member of our Society for many years.

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 here and on our website.

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

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.

Scholarship Winner

John A. MacDougall Memorial Scholarship

A letter of gratitude from Maria Taylor

Thank you so much for selecting me as the recipient of a 2014 John A. McDougall Scholarship. Highland dancing has been an important part of my life for more than a decade, ever since I began learning the Fling in my first dance teacher's basement at the age of 9. And I've stuck with it through high school, college, and beyond.

I went to college at Alma, a Scottish school in central Michigan, with two major goals. One was getting my English degree. The other was intensive Highland dance training through Alma's Scottish Arts program, with the ambition of qualifying for the U.S. National Championship, where the best dancers from around the country compete every year for the title of U.S. Champion. I qualified my first year at Alma, and have now for five consecutive years. Currently, I am ranked 8th out of all the senior division Highland dancers in the US.



Although competing and performing is my focus in Highland dance right now, I've also been working on my professional certifications in preparation for the day when I trade in my place on the dance platform for the teacher's seat or judge's chair. I hold a teacher's diploma with the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing and recently passed the Judge's exam. I have yet to judge my first competition, as Highland by-laws disallow judging while still a competitive dancer. In the future, though, when I'm no longer dancing myself, I plan to start a dance studio of my own, as well as adjudicate at competitions and championships.

Outside the Highland dance world, I work as assistant editor for Michigan History magazine, which focuses on the people and events of the state's past. As well as reviewing books and editing manuscripts submitted by our authors, I also write my own articles, both for Michigan History and other publications. Last year, I wrote a piece for *The Highlander* magazine about using Highland performances with popular Scottish musicians, such as Alasdair Fraser, to boost interest in Scottish arts among children and young adults.

Thanks again for your support of my Scottish endeavors. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

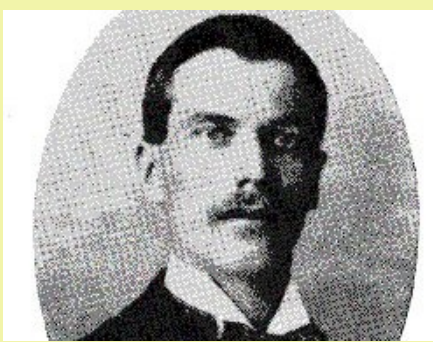
Best regards,
Maria Taylor

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.

Famous MacDougalls

Dr. Duncan "Om" MacDougall

Dr. Duncan "Om" MacDougall (c. 1866 - October 15, 1920) was an early 20th century physician in Haverhill, Massachusetts who sought to measure the mass purportedly lost by a human body when the soul departed the body upon death.



In 1901, MacDougall weighed six patients while they were in the process of dying from tuberculosis in an old age home. It was relatively easy to determine when death was only a few hours away, and at this point the entire bed was placed on an industrial-sized scale which was apparently sensitive to the gram. He took his results (a varying amount of perceived mass loss in most of the six cases) to support his hypothesis that the soul had mass, and when the soul departed the body, so did this mass. The determination of the soul weighing 21 grams was based on the average loss of mass in the six patients within moments after death.

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

Famous Scots

