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Welcome to our monthly report of events and activities of our Society. We are always looking for information to share with our members, so if you have a birth or wedding or know of a special event, please send a photo along with relevant information to president@macdougall.org.

Ashby's Reflections

Mo dheagh chairdean

Tha a' bhliadhna ùr air tòiseachadh leis atharrachaidhean mòra. Rinn fios a tha Comann Chlann Dùghaill (a' Bhreatann Mhòr, Èirinn, agus an Roinn Eòrpa) ga' dhunadh sinn dubhach. Air an làmh eile, tha tòiseachadh na h-obrach air dàrna ire leasachadh agus glèidheadh Chaisteal Dhùn Ollaigh 'gar misneachadh.

My Good Friends,

The new year is bringing significant changes. It was sad to hear of the closing of our sister society, the Clan MacDougall Society (Great Britain, Eire, and Europe). President-Elect Scott MacDougald has written a short piece on this, which can be found later in this newsletter.

At the same time it was inspiring to learn that the second phase of the repair and conservation work on Dundlie Castle has begun. A number of heritage outreach projects will be carried out in parallel to repairing and conserving the Castle's physical structure, such as: archaeological recording; and collecting and transcribing stories and letters relevant to the castle's history. All aspects of the Dundlie work will be reported in our Society's various outlets. An initial brief look at the phase II launch can be found in a January 27 posting on Dundlie Museum, Castle and Grounds' Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/dundlieoban/>, or in more detail in the Dundlie, Museum, Castle and Grounds' Newsletter to which one can subscribe without charge on the Dundlie website, www.dundlie.org. If you would like to follow the castle works as they happen, keep an eye on the Dundlie Facebook page or visit the Dundlie website.

Past-President Malcolm MacDougall, who masterminded our Society's effort to raise funds to support the Dundlie Castle work will prepare a final report for the membership on this successful effort in the near future.

A number of us will be traveling to Victoria, BC, to attend the Victoria Games and to pay our respects to Fergus Macdowall of Garthland, Chief of Clan MacDowall. Scott has also written an article in this newsletter on this trip. It should be fun. We welcome any who wish to join us.

Tòmas MacCòmhghan // Thomas Ashby McCown

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New Members

Andrew Howell
Garland, TX

Mary McDougall
Vail, CO

Tents at Highland Games

Please notify our webmaster if you've signed up to host a tent at any games. We want as accurate a Games Calendar as possible. Games listed here are found on our website. We would be pleased to receive any report on a game, with photos of course.

February

13-14 The Queen Mary Scots Festival
Long Beach, CA

A Note from the Treasurer

For those of you who have paid their dues THANK YOU THANK YOU. For those of you who may have forgotten, we will be sending you a reminder via regular mail. Remember it's only your dues and contributions that make possible all the things your Clan Society is doing."

Thank you
Don MacDougall
Treasurer

The MiddTennGames

Charlotte McDowell Baker
Tennessee State Representative

The Middle Tennessee Highland Games & Celtic Festival were held Saturday, last September 12th, at Andrew Jackson's Hermitage, just 10 minutes from downtown Nashville. Although the bands were wonderful, the dancers great, and the food terrific, the company at the MacDougall/MacDowell tent was the finest event of the day. The tent was thronged with guests and eight new



Pipes and Drums



Caber Toss

members joined the Society. Athletic performances were impressive, particular that of Braidy Miller who set a new world record throw in the Masters Class for the 45 to 50 pound weight.

The Victoria Highland Games and Celtic Festival May 21-23 2016

Scott MacDougald
President-Elect

On May 21/23 a number of Society members, including Ashby and I,

March

April

2 Dunedin Highland Games
Dunedin, FL

30 Celtic Festival of Southern
Maryland St. Leonard, MD

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Membership Year

Membership Dues are on a calendar year basis ending on 31 December. Dues may be paid, or prepaid, online for one or more calendar years through Paypal at:

<http://macdougall.org/membership-information/>

Submissions

Persons wishing to submit articles, or photos, of interest to our newsletters may contact:

The Editor of The Tartan at
editor@macdougall.org

or

**The Editor of the Monthly
Newsletter**

at:

president@macdougall.org

Your Contact Information

will be in Victoria with the Chief of Clan MacDowall, Fergus Macdowall, and his family members. We will be assisting BC Regional Commissioner Garnett Macdowall at the Clan Tent for Clans MacDowall and MacDougall at the Victoria Highland Games and Celtic Festival. These Games have run annually since 1863 which makes them one of the oldest in North America. Over the past 153 years the Victoria Games have developed a reputation for excellence, especially in their Musical and Heavy Athletic events.

You are invited to join us in Victoria at:

- the Night Torchlight Opening Ceremony, and
- at the Clan Tent on Saturday and Sunday at Topaz Park, and
- to march the televised Victoria Day Parade on Monday.
- If enough of you let us know that you will be with us at Victoria we will also host a Society meeting of all of us together.



Clan Tent 2013

If you have any questions about coming to the Victoria Highland Games in May contact Scott MacDougald at email smacdou102@adl.com, writing Victoria Highland Games in the subject line of the email.

Please send your email, telephone, or postal address changes to:
records@macdougall.org

The Clan MacDougall Society (Great Britain, Eire, and Europe)



This was the front page headline of Somerled, the newsletter of the Clan MacDougall Society of Britain, Eire and Europe, announcing our Clan MacDougall Gathering at Oban in 2014.

In early January we received news of the closure of our sister Clan Society. Their Society President, John Anderson MacDougall, wrote

Over recent months, the Society has been beset and experienced depressing news from our Society principal volunteers, who have, over many years, made meaningful contributions to sustain the Society's developments.

Due to the health problems of these key volunteers who have had to retire and two of our staunch supporters who regrettably passed on, we have been unable to replace these key posts, vital to the continuing work of the Society.

This unfortunate and surprising development for our clansmen in Europe does not affect the operation of the Clan MacDougall Society of North America but we are saddened by this unhappy event. We were

consulted when the European Society was being founded and have enjoyed warm relations with its members. We understand the ongoing effort it takes to operate a Society and the challenges involved.

It is our member volunteers who operate our Society in North America and have made it strong for half a century. As we go forward our Society needs volunteers from both of our clans - Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall. If you feel there is something you would like to do, participate in, or contribute to then please let us know by dropping a line to president@macdougall.org or to any other Officer of our Society.

Flowers of the Forest

Robert A. McDougal, M.D.

Robert A. McDougal, 87, passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2015 in Indianapolis. Dr. McDougal was born 22 June 1928 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Russell Prescott McDougal and Helen Ernestine Albert McDougal. The family moved to Terre Haute, Indiana in 1944 when his father became a professor at what is now Indiana State University. Robert graduated in 1945 from Wiley High School and then attended Indiana State for his premed education, and Indiana University School of Medicine from which he received a B.S. in Physiology and Anatomy in 1949 and an M.D. in 1952.

Five years of internship and residency followed at the City Hospital of Akron, Ohio, Indian University, with the last two years at Marion County General Hospital (now Eskenazi Hospital). He met his future wife, Della Lee McCall at the Akron City Hospital while she was doing research for a Master's Degree in Hematology / Medical Technology from Bowling Green (Ohio) State University and he was a Resident. They were married 25 December 1955 by her father in the United Presbyterian Church of which he was a pastor in Bloomfield, Miskingum County, Ohio.

He was active in blood banking, having served as president of the board of the Indiana Blood Center and its Foundation, and a founding president of the West Virginia, and president of the Indiana State Association of Blood Banks; from the latter he received the "Victor Muller M.D. Award" in 1995. He had written or co-authored several medical papers. He had been on the board of the Indiana Association of Pathologists and recipient of the "Harshman Award" in 1992. He had been on the board of the Little Red Door, and of the Indiana Medical History Museum, as well as Board Secretary and a docent there.

He developed an interest in genealogy before retirement. He was a member of the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Truax family association, a national officer of the Palatines to America, the National Huguenot Society, and had been a member of SAR. He was a founding member the Clan MacDougall Society of North America and was State Representative for Indiana as well as Arizona, where he had a winter residence for some years. He represented the Society at Highland Games in both states and contributed informational articles to The Tartan, the MacDougall Society's major newsletter. Members refer to him fondly as a "real MacDougall", having MacDougall tartan drapes and upholstery in his home and delighting to take his grandchildren to Scotland and Oban.

Wallace McDowell Shelby

Wallace McDowell "Wally" Shelby of Quakertown, Pa., formerly of Summit and Chatham, N.J., passed away on July 23, 2013. He was 86 years old.

Wally was born in Orange and raised in Maplewood, N.J., where he

graduated from Columbia High School. He received his B.S. from Duke and his M.B.A. from Rutgers. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and worked as a mechanical engineer at several local companies before becoming a professor at the College of Aeronautics in Flushing, Queens.

He was active in many organizations including: the Air Force Association; the Sons of the American Revolution; the Experimental Aircraft Association; the Duke Alumni Association; the Summit First Aid Squad; Fin, Fur and Feather Trap and Skeet Club; and the Central Presbyterian Church, where he served as deacon. He was a history buff and a longtime pilot. He enjoyed woodworking, built his own airplane, and was an amateur gunsmith.

Wally joined the Clan MacDougall Society of North America in 1987 and served as our New Jersey State Representative. He was a towering figure in the Society's Mid-Atlantic Region. He hosted our Clan tent annually at the Bonnie Brae Scottish Festival and Highland Games at Liberty Corner, NJ, following which he would host a picnic at his home. Bonnie Brae was a very important game, being the only highland games in New Jersey and close to New York City.

Wally was the beloved husband of 29-and-a-half years to Simone. He was the loving father of Kenneth (wife Janet), Joseph (wife Susan), Jean Beauchamp (partner Mark), Laura (fiance Byron), and stepson, Philip Moreira (wife Cheryl). He is also survived by 13 cherished grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Alice (1982), and a brother, Albert (2011).

John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarships

MONTH/YEAR

Our Scholarship Program supports one of the key purposes of our Society. Access our website for the procedures for applying for a scholarship. 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.