



Clan MacDougall Society of North America

MONTHLY NEWS



January 2018

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 announcement or know of a special event, please send a photo along with relevant information to kyle@macdougallmn.org.

Scott's Reflections



It will soon be Burns Night, a fine annual tradition celebrating the January 25 birthday of Scotland's famous poet Robert Burns. Burns Night celebrations vary but they often include food, drink, reading and singing of Burns poems and songs. These very social evenings are celebrated widely and there may be a Burns Supper near you. Robert "Rabbie" Burns was a man with an eye for the simple things in life with the great talent to raise them to memorable verse. He famously wrote about a wee mouse he had disturbed while plowing, about the haggis fare of the common people, and about the simple memories of auld acquaintances of long ago. The works of such a man deserve to be remembered and celebrated. The Burns Supper is a very pleasant and enjoyable way to do so. For an evening to be remembered all year long, I suggest that this week you look for a Burns Supper near you.

We are now in deep winter in much of North America but our Officers are planning for warm weather activities like Society tents at Highland Games and for our Society's 53rd Annual

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We have added a [Discussion Forum](#) area to the [Members Page](#) of our website.

It is our hope that this will provide another venue for more social interaction.

- * Ask Questions
- * Make Suggestions
- * Tell Stories
- * Look for Relatives
- * Share, Share, Share!

Like all parts of the [Members Page](#), what you post to these forums will be available only to Society members and not visible to the general public. This means you will

Gathering at Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina in July. We invite you to come join us there. It is never too early to make plans.

Our Society Tent on Grandfather Mountain is staffed by Officers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Information about the Grandfather Mountain Games is on their web site <http://www.gmhg.org/> Here is a brief listing of events you may wish to attend with us in this beautiful part of North Carolina:

Thursday July 5 - on Grandfather Mountain, Games Opening Ceremonies in the evening

Friday July 6 - at Eseedal Lodge in Linville NC, Society meetings open to members in the afternoon followed by a gathering before our Annual Founders Dinner in the evening

Saturday July 7 - on Grandfather Mountain, Highland Games during the day.

Sunday July 8 - on Grandfather Mountain, Highland Games and Parade of the Clans

On a much sadder note, we lament the recent passing of our friend and our Society's Past President, John "Jack" Kane. Those of us who knew Jack will always remember his warm friendliness to us, and to everyone, from the very first time you met him. We are preparing an article about Jack and his work within the Society for The Tartan newsletter. We will miss him and we send our condolences to his family who will miss him even more.

*Cuimhnich air na daoine o'n d'fhàinig thu.
Remember the men from which you came.*

Scott MacDougald
President

John "Jack" Kent Kane II

1934 - 2017



On December 16, 2017 our Past President and Past Society Genealogist John "Jack" Kane of Yorktown, Virginia passed away. He is survived by his wife Nancy and their three sons and five grandchildren. Jack was very active in the Scottish

have to login to use the feature. If you do not yet have a login and password, just fill out the form you will see when trying to access a [Members Page](#) feature and our Webmaster will get you set up.

As a new feature, the [Forums](#) are pretty empty right now. We are counting on you to help solve this by participating as much as you can. The more the [Forums](#) are used, the more fun they'll get. We can't wait to see what's on your mind!

Join the Member Section

Did you know that in addition to our usual, public [Facebook](#) page, we also have a "[Members Section](#)" page?

This is where we do things like meeting live streams and other items only available to our members.

To be invited to our new [Members Section](#), send the email address associated with your Facebook account to kyle@macdougallmn.org.

New Members

Sarah McDowell
Richmond, VA

Lara Whitley
Keller, TX

Douglas Jennings
Hallowell, ME

Gregory Romanchek
Lake Forest, IL

Dean Romanchek
Lake Forest, IL

Thomas Romanchek
Lake Forest, IL

Brenda Csonka
Forest Park, IL

Karen Young
Milton, FL

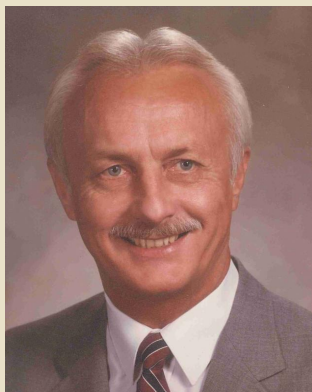
Jessica McDougald
Alpharetta, GA

Catherine McDougal
Deerwood, MN

Community and in many organizations. His memorial service at the historic Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg was attended by a very large group of friends and family who came to remember and to honor him. Jack's warm and friendly ways will always be remembered by all of us who knew and worked with him. We will miss him. We will be presenting an article in our April edition of The Tartan newsletter about Jack and his work within the Society.

John Bollum MacDougall

1930-2017



Proud Scotsman, LTC (Ret) John Bollum MacDougall died peacefully in Mankato, MN at the age of 87 on November 13, 2017. LTC MacDougall was a 1948 graduate of Redwood Falls (MN) High School and a 25 year veteran. His distinguished military career included service in Korea (where he earned the Purple Heart) and Vietnam. (see link under "Flowers of the Forest to see other commendations)

John is survived by his three children: Alec, Edith Anderson, and Eric and two sisters: Margaret Carasik and Mary Brown.

Central Florida Games Recap

By Beverley Mundt

The amazing 2018 Winter Springs Scottish Highland Games are over for another year. My son Brad and I are already thinking about the 2019 Games and how we can add innovative ways to promote Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall. We implemented one of our ideas, "The MacDougall Yearbook", and it is working out great. Included in it are photos of the Northern Lights over Dunollie Castle and downtown Oban covered in snow, sent to us by our good friend John MacPherson who lives in Oban Scotland.

Deborah Pentenburg
Lewis Center, OH

Marcia Caron
Eden Prairie, MN

Douglas McDougall
Deep Haven, MN

Janet Dorr
Greeley, CO

Gayle MacDougall
Midland, ON

A hearty welcome to each of you!

Games

ScotsFestival & International Highland Games XXV

Feb. 17-18, 2018. 9 am - 6 pm

Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA.

Aboard and along side the Scottish ship Queen Mary docked in long Beach.

www.queenmary.com

Flowers of the Forest

We are always sorry to learn of the loss of our members. We offer sincere sympathy to their loved ones.

[John "Jack" Kane II](#)
Yorktown, VA

[Jean Lawrence](#)
Ogden, UT

[LTC John Bollum MacDougall](#)
Elysian, MN

Volunteers

For our members who would like to become more involved in any of our Society activities and support your clan, you may click on this link to obtain our [Volunteer Form](#). We look forward to your help. You may also contact any of our Officers and Representatives listed on our web site at www.macdougall.org or send an email to us at president@macdougall.org to discuss your interests. Thank you for your support.

John A. McDougall



Beverley and Brad Mundt

We had returning MacDougalls, MacDowells, and Associated Families stopping in the tent to say Hello. We loved seeing them and were very pleased that they made the effort to come by to see us. We had eighteen new additions to our email list of people seeking more Clan information.

The challenges of the cold weather were met head-on early Saturday morning and as the sun rose, so did the attendance. The Clan MacDougall Society tent had an excellent location on one of the busiest intersections in the Clan tents section. Bryan Stewart's excellent coordination and orchestration skills make this large job look easy. He added approximately fifteen new Clans this year.

Brad proudly carried the MacDougall Tartan Flag in the opening ceremony on Saturday and I stayed with the tent as the crowd started arriving early.

There were abundant food vendors and we chose a delicious brunch of Haggis and Eggs which the vendor sold out of early. The mid-afternoon snack was Scones covered with fresh strawberries and homemade whipped cream. Our good friend Gemma Briggs came by the tent to show us her "Best Piper of the Day" award she won at the Games. Saturday evening found the lakeside hills covered with blanket wrapped music lovers enjoying the sounds of the bands Rathkeltair, Albannach, and Off Kilter.

Sunday morning I carried the MacDougall Tartan flag and participated in the "Kirkin' of the Tartans". There were fewer participants than last year as the cooler weather kept some in their tents. Later in the day I was joined in the parade by our good friend Mimi Leroy-Marler (our Florida Representative who hosts the MacDougall tent in Dunedin). We also had a visit from another good friend Carol Johnson who hosts the Sponsors Tent. It was a good day with lots of fun and laughter.

The Games had amazingly talented participants in so many games to watch: Caber, Hammer Sheaf, Stone, Weight toss. Bagpipe and Highland Dance competitions keep your feet tapping. You need to come early and stay late. We are looking forward to even bigger Highland Games in 2019 and multiple new MacDougall, MacDowell and Associated Family friends.

Memorial Scholarships

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 costs, are accepted year-round and are greatly appreciated by the Society and recipients. The Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions to its endeavors may be tax deductible in the U.S.

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twitter.com/Clan_MacDougall

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, photos, or items of interest to our newsletters may contact:

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Gemma Briggs stopped to show us her Piper of the Day Award she won. With her were brother Eric and friend Sam.