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Fellow Member of Clan MacDougall Builds Home and Goodwill South of the Border

July 26, 2003, 23 missionary team members gathered to start their trip to Piedras Negras, Mexico. The team was comprised of members from Wavery, Edgewood, and Robinson Presbyterian Churches and were working through the Constructores Para Cristo program, among them was Clan MacDougall. After a long and interesting plane flight, a few mix-ups, a couple of delays, lost tools and a warning ticket by the Texas State troopers for speeding, we arrived in Mexico. Our work was to build a house for a needy family who didn't have one.

Constructores Para Cristo was started several years ago when missionaries saw the way that the people were living in this small border town. Most of the people didn't want to leave Mexico, they just wanted a job. There are several industries in the area but the rate of pay is extremely low. Most of the people in the "Neighborhoods" literally live in cardboard shacks, many without running water and electricity. Both are available but expensive to hook up. Many do the hookup themselves and there are always fires.

It was our job to build a three room house ready for electrical and water hook-up. We had 4½ days to accomplish the project. Each day we started work at 7:30 a.m and worked till 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. We took a siesta and started working again at 3:30 p.m. till 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. The daily temperatures were in the 100's by 11:00 a.m. and usually started out about 82-85 degrees. It's one thing to talk about such poor living conditions and quiet another to actually see them. It only made us more determined to succeed.



James McDowell, PA State Rep, far left in kilt, standing with the other members of the mission team for Piedras Negras.

It got a little hairy toward the end of Thursday. We were in the middle of the last full day we would have to work and we were very much behind schedule. It was nobody's fault, but the product of circumstance & we decided to work late. We cut back on our siesta and worked later into the night. Some might think that cutting into a siesta is a little price to pay. But believe me, when you are working in temperatures of 121 degrees, no shade, and high humidity, your strength simply leaves you. You start making mistakes and your judgement starts to waver. So even though we shortened our siesta, we couldn't ignore it. However, the extra time worked and with an extra few hours on Friday, we finished the house, number 390 for Constructores Para Cristo. I must admit, it feels good to get a human being out of a shack that I personally wouldn't store anything in, and get them into a well constructed house.

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The Editor's Desk

by Pat McDougal

The Tartan is being mailed to you as a combined 4th and 5th issue for 2003. We wish for all of you a great and wonderful New Year.

What words fill the blanks?

III. We twa hae run about the braes,
And pou'd the gowans fine,
But we've wander'd monie a weary fit
Sin' _____.

Thanksgiving or should I say thanks giving is when the family is together, this holiday and all holidays, to give thanks. This McDougal Family has much for which to be thankful. Jim, my husband, has been diagnosed with cancer the second time and is now in remission.

Life is fragile, we are given today and hope for tomorrow. Sin' Auld Lang Syne

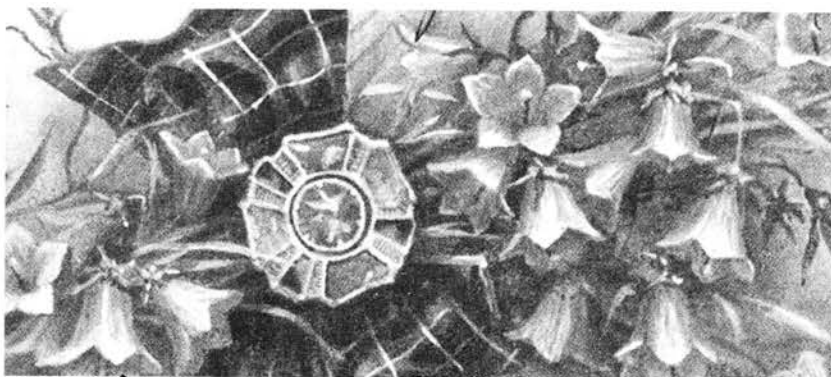
Yours aye,
Pat



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Kilt for sale, modern colors. For information contact:

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Phone: 219-465-1002



Flowers of the Forest

*Please accept our expression of sympathy
at the loss of your loved one...*



To the memory of Lindsay McDougall, Isle of Jura

We sadly found ourselves revisiting Jura just a month after this year's Regatta to attend the funeral of **Lindsay McDougall**, Commodore of the Jura Regatta. He died suddenly on the 4th of September 2003 at the age of 54. Although a sad occasion, the people of Jura know how to arrange a good 'send off, and if Lindsay had been there (other than in spirit), he would have thoroughly enjoyed it himself. A celebration of the life and times of a real character, who loved the land where he now lies.

The Isle of Jura has long been renowned for its connection with the MacDougall's, to the extent that the wee bay, which separates the Isle of Islay from Jura, is known as McDougall's Bay. Lindsay was loved by the few remaining Dhiurachs and was a long time chairman of the Jura Regatta and the famous Jura Folk Festival. With the passing of Lindsay McDougall means the last McDougall of Jura has now gone.

His early childhood was spent in Craighouse till he went to secondary school in Dunoon. He trained as an electrician and lived in Greenock where he had a family. He was a very active member of the Glasgow Jura Association. He spent all his family holidays on his beloved island and had recently returned to the island to set up his own business.

He participated in all social events on the island and was a committee member of the Jura Regatta for 18 years of which 14 were as Commodore.

He enjoyed helping others, had a great sense of humour, loved dancing & was ever willing to sing a song or tell a joke. He will be greatly missed.

This is a brief summary of his life. He died 3 days before 4 of the Jura youngsters (including our 2 sons) were going to take part in the Glasgow Half Marathon so they decided to run in his memory and to date have raised over £1000 which his family would like to go to Jura Charities.

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There were two extremely memorable moments among a very memorable experience. The first was on Thursday morning. The roof panels arrived about 9:00 a.m. and we had to put them together in place. Once we had laid them out on the top of the walls they had to be connected with four bolts per panel. I was asked to do this task with two others. It was while I was on the roof securing it that I was really struck by the poverty and how easily people could fall into despair. I could see about 5 miles in all directions. Everywhere I looked I saw shacks, sprinkled in every once in a while, was one of the CPC homes. It was the shacks that got to me. Some were no more than old scrap lumber collected from the banks of the Rio Grande. Others were constructed out of shipping pallets covered with cardboard boxes broken up. They leaned and moved in the breeze. It was only about a week away from the rainy season and I couldn't help wonder what would happen to these homes. Some of the houses were no larger than 12'x12' with as many as six people living in them. Two wires coming from the wires buried in the dirt of the street provided the electricity for a radio and some light. Almost everyone had an outdoor bathtub, built of concrete block and stucco, in their front yard. It would be easy to despair but these people don't, they are just like you and me. They're just poor. They have the same dreams, joys, hopes and pains as any one of us. They laugh just as hard and cry over the same things as we do. They love their children and hope for a better future for them. They are brave.

The other memorable moment was actually a series of moments over the entire week. It was all of the people who would show up to watch, or who would stop to talk. Some would stop and help one of us with something heavy. They would all smile, make the sign of the cross, and thank us. They thanked us even though we weren't building for them, but for another. It was like they realized that without us building this house for this family, that their turn would not come. Even though the choice of recipients is done by lottery, these people have a deep-rooted belief in destiny. They are simply waiting their turn. With each house built their turn is getting closer.

People say that experiences like this one are life altering, and that it can change your whole perspective on life and the life you are living. I can tell you from experience, they are right.

James McDowell is the Pennsylvania State Representative. He lives in Pittsburgh with his wife Jan and his daughter Mallori. James teaches Architecture and Engineering Design at the High School level, and Jan is the manager of an antique dealership. Mallori is a Junior at Allegheny College in Meadville, PA, her major is environmental science. 🍷

Editor's note: Thank you, James for your dedication to a project such as this - Also for representing all the Clan with your labor in Mexico, and Pennsylvania.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by A. Wylie McDougall



I am honored to serve you as President of Clan Mac Society. I hope that I am worthy and that our Society will continue to flourish as it has with the able leadership we have had in the past.

In that most of you don't know me, I thought I would tell you a little bit about myself. Debbie, my wife of 40 years, and I live in Nashville, Tennessee. We have three children, all married, and six grandchildren, soon to be seven.

I have been a member of Clan MacDougall since its inception. My father, John W. McDougall, was not only one of the original founders but also the society's first President. My uncle, and namesake, A. Wylie McDougall, also was an original founder and was the *Tartan's* first editor.

My Dad and Uncle were first generation Americans. Their parents were Canadians and their Grandparents were Scottish immigrants. Stories of MacDougall and Scottish history went from generation to generation in our family. I can remember as a young boy listening to my Grandmother McDougall tell the story of the Broach of Lorn and Robert The Bruce.

Our MacDougall and Scottish culture and history was a passion with my Dad and Uncle. I remember how hard they worked getting our society started and then finding members. I feel honored and duty-bound to follow in their footsteps.

I have had the good fortune to visit Oban, Scotland and our Chief on two occasions. My first visit was about fifty years ago as a teenager. I was with my parents, my Uncle, Aunt, brother and sister. The Chief at that time was Madam MacDougall, our present Chief Morag's aunt. We were invited to MacDougall House for tea. My second visit came some twenty years ago. My wife and I went to London to visit our daughter, Heather, who was a student at London University. The three of us spent a long weekend in Oban. Coline MacDougall was the Chief at that time. Once again we were invited to MacDougall and treated like family. We were shown Dunollie, our castle, the grounds and met Coline's two sisters, Jean and Hope.

What an awesome experience it is to look west from Dunollie Castle and see the rugged Scottish coast line and the beautiful Scottish Isles. Walking the ground, I really connected with my heritage. To me it was an eerie sensation, knowing that I was standing on the same spot where generations of my ancestors had lived, fought, and died. I would encourage anyone with a MacDougall heritage to go to Oban and get that "feeling."

While I am an American, first and foremost, I am immensely proud of my Scottish blood and my MacDougall heritage. I am proud of my MacDougall Tartan. I will always get "goose bumps" when I hear a bagpiper.

I am looking forward to working with our excellent group of officers and board members. I trust that between us we will carry on the tradition. I hope that in my tenure as President I will get to meet many of you. I want to thank all the volunteers at the many games who "spread the word." I encourage all MacDougall's, McDowell's and other members of our society to join us next July at our annual meeting at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina.

I can only describe our meeting, cocktail party, dinner and time spent together at the games as special, very special.

A. Wylie McDougall
President CMSNA



EIGHTY?

*You've got
to be kidding!*

**Sibyl McDougald
Wilkinson**
celebrated
her Eightieth Birthday
Sunday, September 7, 2003.



New Arizona State Representative

Howard W. MacDougall has been appointed the new State Representative for Arizona. Here's what Howard has to say about himself:

I was born in Philadelphia, PA, July 26, 1929 and raised in southern New Jersey. I retired in July 1990 as executive news editor of the *Evening Post* newspaper in Charleston, South Carolina.

My first exposure to Highland games occurred at the Charleston Highland Games in 1976. I was hooked, and joined the Society shortly thereafter. In 1979 my wife Marjorie and I took our seven-year-old granddaughter to the International Gathering of the Clans in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, where we had the privilege of meeting Madam Coline MacDougall of MacDougall, Chief of the Clan, who was an honored guest at the gathering. From 1981 through 1991, Marge and I hosted the Clan tent at the Charleston Games. In 1981 we received the A. Wylie McDougall Memorial award at the annual Society meeting at Grandfather Mountain. I also am a life member and a former director of the Charleston Scottish Society. From 1984 to 1989, Marge and I were co-editors of *The Tartan*, and I served as a director of the Society. In 1996 we had the good fortune to visit Oban and meet with Jean and Hope MacDougall and Jean's husband, Dr. Stephen Hadfield, at Dunollie House.

We have three children and four grandchildren. Our oldest son, David, is webmaster for the Society's web page. I could fill up another page talking about my children and grandchildren, but this about covers our interesting Society adventures. We look forward to establishing a cadre of clansmen in Arizona to man Clan tents at next year's gatherings in Tucson, Mesa, and Flagstaff.

Members in Arizona can look forward to Howard's and Marge's leadership. Howard's e-mail address is hmacdou@msn.com.



KINGS IN THE WEST in 2nd. edition.

As you know, we have been selling Bill MacDougall's wonderful new clan history, "*Kings in the West...and Beyond The Sea*," for the past two years - with all proceeds going to the "Gylen Castle Repair Fund" in Oban, Scotland. I am pleased to announce that the first edition of 500 books has completely sold out. We have ordered a 2nd. edition and those books are now in my home and ready for immediate delivery. You can email an indication of interest to me at: macmendon@juno.com, or send me a check for \$16.50 (including postage is US.) made out to the "Gylen Castle Repair Fund" (be sure to include your address) here at: 18 Teresa Dr., Mendon, MA. 01756. Thank you for your support.

Dick MacDougal, Past Pres.
Chairman, Gylen Castle
Repair Fund, NA.

Auld MacDougall Supports Auld Castle

By Louise MacDougall

The descendants of Donald and Sarah McDougall of the Isle of Tiree, Scotland and the County of Bruce, Ontario Canada made use of a recent family event to support the MacDougall Society and the Gylen Castle Restoration Project.

To their knowledge, the oldest living member of their branch of the MacDougall clan, is Malcolm MacDougall of Victoria, BC, Canada. In honour of his 93rd Birthday in Sept., 2002, members of the family across Canada chipped in a total of \$300.00 in the form of cash donations, membership purchases, and sales of the book "Kings in the West" (the profits of which go to the Gylen Restoration).

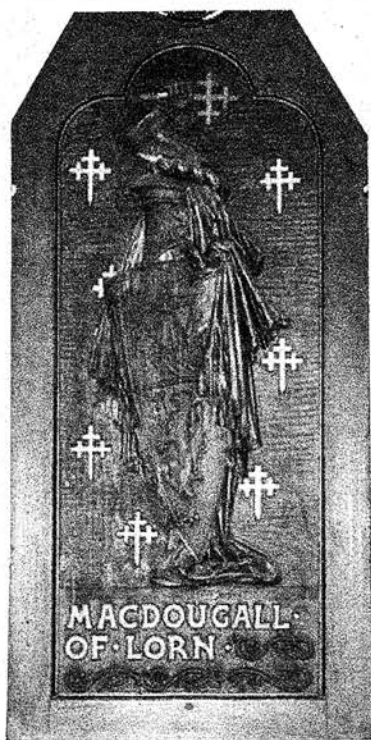
Framed certificates of membership in the MacDougall Society were presented to Malcolm and his sister, Mary (MacDougall) Neuls who is 91.

Helping to restore an extremely old MacDougall Castle seemed to be an appropriate way to honour a very old MacDougall clansman. 🍷

(Anyone who thinks they may belong to this branch of the MacDougalls is encourage to contact Louise MacDougall skypatch@shaw.ca who is writing their history.)



Canadian MacDougalls support Gylen



Left: As seen in St. Conan's Kirk, eight chairs with carved crests in dark Spanish Chesnut; dedicated to chief's who owned lands in the area.

Photo by D. Todd McDougal

Book Review...

from *The Family Tree* publication



Somerled and the Emergence of Gaelic Scotland

John Marsden has written a new biography of Somerled.

Somerled is a historical figure and thus some actual records of his life exist. Marsden uses these to present a very readable biography of a remarkable man who molded his age to his ambition, and left a huge legacy. Seamas Mac Thomas in *The Royal Clans of Scotland* credits six clans with direct descent from Somerled. Even the Royal Stewart house has a link (through a heiress).

The best place to find this British publication is at a vendor at a Games. Many independent bookstores can order it, and it is well worth the trouble of acquisition. 🍷

Tuckwell Press, ISBN 1-86232-101-9) Biography.

West Gore NS "Gathering of the Clan"

In Vol. 37 #4 of *The Tartan*, "Flower of the Forest" told of the death of Ruth Armstrong of Quebec, the sister of Paul MacDougall. Ruth died in Alberta and wanted to be buried in West Gore. Her ashes were taken to the family burial plot on June 28 of this year. Paul states this also resulted in a family reunion of cousins that many of his group had never met. The ladies also have a sister Mabel MacDougall Crocket who is 99. All of these wonderful people are members of Clan MacDougall Society. ☘



First Row: Marita McDougall Greenough age, 94, Mary McDougall age 104.

Second Row: Dominic Bucciarelli, Barbara (Hazel) McDougall, Wanda Bucciarelli, son-in-law, wife and daughter of Paul MacDougall, Quebec Rep.



The games in Montreal Aug. 3, 2003. Pictured left is Paul MacDougall with June (Duncanson) Campbell from Windsor, Nova Scotia. Her husband, Bob Campbell is very active in (Campbell) Clan affairs in Ontario and Quebec, and the author of some excellent books on Scottish history in Canada. They live in Ottawa, ON. ☘

Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival

by Walter Ruby

The Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival was rather small compared to G'father and Stone Mtn. However, it was well thought out with adequate staff and facilities. Danny Potter did a dandy job. The festival was held on the compound of Sycamore Shoals State Park. Clan tents were on either side of a wide greenway and numbered about 28. This included Welsh and Irish tents.

Entertainment was almost continual from wandering warriors to historical displays in the old fort, to musicians, and sheep-duck herding. The music included Clan Andrumma, The Tarriers, The Border Collies, Rathkeltair, and Fire in the Kitchen. The physical arrangement was such that each area was distinct so



that the observers at any event did not block the view of others. Vendors were few but appeared to be of good quality. Harvey Rich was probably the largest and best stocked. The bookstore of Weems and Sons was excellent. The food vendors were perhaps a slight hold up since there were only two for real food and one for cookies, pastries, etc. Unfortunately, I decided to take a nap before the ceildh and missed it! I hear that the music and dancing were great. I recommend that the Clan continue to participate in this event and in particular want to praise the participation of Betty Eliason, a new member, who came early and stayed late. Mad Max did not show, although everyone seemed to expect him. ☘

Clan MacDougall History To Be Highlighted At Regional Meeting

Highlights of Clan MacDougalls' proud history, dating back almost a millennium, will be featured at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the Clan MacDougall Society in Alexandria, Virginia, the weekend of December 6, 2003.

All members of the Society are invited to the two-day meeting (a third day is optional) which will start with a ceilidh December 5 and include participation in the Scottish Christmas Walk through Old Town Alexandria December 6. After the Walk -- an informal parade including dozens of clans, pipe bands, and other groups -- MacDougall participants will enjoy a lunch together.

Informal workshops will follow dealing with Clan MacDougall history and genealogy to which some of the Society's leading scholars from around the country will contribute. A third workshop will focus on cultural matters such as the Gaelic language and how to acquire and wear Clan apparel.

Applications and a brochure are available from Jeanne MacDougall, 3304 Gentle Court, Alexandria, VA 22310-2265.
E-mail: mingary@Verizon.com ☎

The Mid-Atlantic Region
of the
Clan MacDougall Society
of North America

Requests your presence at a
Regional Gathering
to coincide with the
Campagna Center's annual

Scottish
Christmas Walk

Held the weekend of
December 6, 2003
at
Alexandria, Virginia

RSVP
By November 13



Registration Form

YES! I/we plan to attend:

Friday:

☐ Informal Ceilidh

Saturday:

☐ St. Andrew's Service

☐ Scottish Walk Parade

☐ Clan Luncheon

☐ Workshops

☐ Dinner (make a reservation for me/us!)

Sunday:

☐ Breakfast

☐ Excursion into DC (on my own)

Registration Fee

(covers all listed activities except
Dinner, Breakfast, and Excursion)

Number in my party: _____

Individual fee (\$25 after Oct. 1, _____

or \$20 before Oct. 1) × _____

Total enclosed: _____

\$ _____

Names (for nametags):

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c/o Jeanne MacDougall
3304 Gentle Court
Alexandria, Virginia 22310

☎ After Nov. 13, call 703-329-8828 or
e-mail mingary@verizon.net

International Gathering Oban 2004 "Somerled News" UK Clan MacDougall Society

The Society is determined to launch an attractive four-day Gathering in Oban for clansfolks. Our principals are presently negotiating with various authorities in Oban to confirm the core venues for the planned attraction. The HQ Hotel is confirmed and we are preparing various packages to give clansfolk a choice.

These packages being planned and costed will include accommodations on a B/B basis, tours, receptions, dinner dance and other attractions.

Clansfolk will be informed of these packages and will be sent registration forms and full details. The Society is seeking small grants and sponsorships to offset the cost of the event and in doing so make our delegate package cost more effective. Any member of clansfolk that can assist us with this endeavor please contact us. Sponsors can capitalize on this support by developing with the Society marketing relationship projects. Details on request. Until we finalize the core venues we cannot commit to final dates but we are presently focusing on 25th to the 30th of August 2004. Please watch for further news.

Also noted in the same publication. Robert Brown has been invited to give directorial advice on "Somerled" a theatrical production of music, song and dance. This will be a key attraction during the International Gathering. Robert's experience and direction will enhance the Somerled production with modern visual effects bringing this historical story into modern times. ©



Robert Brown

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