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In Tribute To Our Beloved High Commissioner



How much we whose lives have been enriched by membership in the Clan MacDougall Society owe to John Walton McDougall. It is impossible to separate the Society from its first president and the man whose enthusiasm, persistence, judgement and personality were foundational to its conception and growth.

Welcoming members to the then new Society in the first issue of *The Tartan* (Fall, 1965), John W. quoted the following from an article entitled, What Is a Scot?: "The Scot is, of course, the world's greatest paradox, noted equally for his hardheaded down-to-earth common sense and his unblushing, indeed entirely determined, sentimentality." John noted that "... such a combination of traits ... would lend much to the success and enjoyment of a society such as ours." John possessed more than this combination of common sense and romantic sensibility. There was in his contact with others a genuineness which was both a caring and a sharing. One left from a meeting with John W. feeling that one was worth more than he or she had thought and that life was more fun than had been previously realized.

These traits and the great devotion to Clan MacDougall were the basis for the fast friendship which existed between our late Chief and John. In June of 1970, Madam MacDougall of MacDougall appointed John W. McDougall High Commissioner. *The Tartan* (Fall, 1970) reported that Madam MacDougall "... Had bestowed the honor with deep respect, affection, and gratitude for the superb work our president had done in organizing and in welding our Society together."

With affection, with gratitude, with celebration for his life which he so generously shared with us we pay tribute to our fellow clansman, friend and our beloved High Commissioner.

John was born December 26, 1900 in New York City — one of a matched set of twins. His parents were Scottish Canadians.



His paternal grandparents had emigrated to Ontario from Caverton, Roxboroughshire, Scotland. At an early age, John and his twin brother, A. Wylie, were introduced to the kilt which they wore bravely to Sunday school in New Orleans where the two boys grew up. (see *The Tartan*, Spring 1981). John graduated from Upper Canada College in Toronto. In 1937, he started the John McDougall Company in Nashville, Tennessee. Specializing in sheet metal fabrication, this firm was to construct the gleaming skin of the giant EPCOT sphere.

Involved as he was in this growing business, John found time for civic and social service. He was a past president of the Nashville Chapter of the English Speaking Union, president of the Nashville Sailing Association, and president of the National Distributors'

Council. Our High Commissioner was well known in American Scottish circles. He was an Honorary Vice President of the Grand Father Mountain Games and responsible for the Tartan Ball — one of the game's outstanding features.

In Nashville, on May twenty-eighth, a graveside service was held for John Walton McDougall. At the close of this service, the notes of the lament faded away as the piper departed from those assembled. What is there to say to John's wife, Elizabeth, or to his children Alistair, John and Wylie? What is there to say except we share in a sense of loss; yes, and that this also is what clanship is about — a belonging and a bond which does not sever. We are part and parcel of a continuum which now we know and which shall be known again. Perhaps, in final analysis, this clanship is about a common quest. Perhaps it is about finding a new joy and an old faith in this life which John showed could be truly worth living and then, as have our ancestors, to follow the piper home.

From The Clan Family

REMEMBERING THE ANNABELLA — This summer Prince Edward Islanders remembered the Annabella which, in 1770, brought two hundred immigrants from Scotland to their shores. When the Annabella arrived at what was then a wilderness coast, the passengers were rowed ashore in a snowstorm which worsened as the night went on. The ship slipped her anchor and was lost along with most of the much needed supplies. The immigrants would have starved that winter had it not been for friendly Indians and French fishermen. In last summer's re-enactment, thirty-eight tartan flags were carried in the parade honoring the Scots of the Annabella — including the tartan of the MacDougalls.

A SCOTTISH VENTURE — Mel McDougal and his wife Nyla have opened a store, The Celtic Heir, in Nevada City, CA. They are retailing tartan and Scottish attire. Also featured are gift items from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Cornwall, and England. Their telephone number is 916-265-5597, and their address is 300 Spring Street, Nevada City, CA 95959.

PROUD TO WEAR THE KILT — When Douglas Michael MacDougall of Bristol, Maine, graduated this past June from Choate Rosemary Hall he was proud enough of his heritage to wear the kilt! Douglas has reason to be proud of himself as well. He graduated with honors in computer science and will be attending Boston University on a full academic scholarship. Douglas is the son of Michael Douglas MacDougall who, in turn, comes from a line of Cape Breton pioneers. Interestingly, one of Douglas's classmates will be another descendant of Cape Breton MacDougalls — Lt. Col. Glen MacDougall.

LESSON IN COURAGE — Three years ago Michael Dean MacDougall, son of Mel and Nyla McDougal was in a motorcycle accident. His back was broken in three places, and he has been in a wheelchair ever since. Michael has been involving himself in promoting sporting events and activities for those who, like himself, have been the victim of accidents. His own record shows this young clansman's courage. Playing tennis from his wheelchair he holds a U. S. Open Tennis Title. In the U. S. Disabled Ski Championship held at Mt. Hood, Michael took the gold in the giant slalom and a silver medal in the slalom. This achievement has earned him a place on the U. S. Disabled Ski Team which will compete in the 1992 Olympics! We think that the old Lords of Lorn would be proud.

THE WEE BAIRNS — Born to John Kent (the III) and Cynthia Kane on August 20 is **Kathryn Barnett Kane**. Kathryn weighed six pounds and nine ounces and is the granddaughter of Jack and Nancy Kane. Nancy says that Kathryn is exquisite. John and Denise MacDougall are equally proud parents of a lad with a name which rings with our heritage — **Alexander Iain MacDougall**. Alexander was born July 19th.

Virginia Scottish Games

Regional Commissioner Dan MacDougall has sent a lively and detailed account of the Virginia Scottish Games which began with heavy rain, three inches of mud, and a collapsed tent (sound familiar?). To help Dan in all this mess comes Donald Campbell with metal pins to replace the snapped plastic pegs. Dan notes that this coming of the Campbells proved to be a good omen. The next day, Sunday, was a beautiful day. For instance, Dan lost his kilt pin, and someone returned it. Of course, he had already bought a new one so now he has two on his kilt. Then Alex Beaton stopped by and he and Society member Ralph Ghormely got to telling stories. With the assistance of Carol and Gordon MacDougall and family along with flags provided by Alan Miles MacDougall, the Clan made a grand appearance in the parade. Everything turned out to be a great success.

The high point for Dan, a Scottish fiddling enthusiast, was the chance to present two trophies — the John Angus MacDougall Memorial Trophy (in memory of his father) which went to fiddler Kathy Palmer and the Clan MacDougall Trophy for best set which went to Jon Frecke, the U. S. Scottish Fiddling Champion.

As Dan was packing up and saying goodbye to those who had helped — Peter Clepper, DeWitt Paterson, and Ralph Ghormley — Ian Duncan, the games piper came by. "Dan," he said, "we won't forget that Clan MacDougall was the first tent to welcome us and offer us a drink."

Buaidh Latha — Victory Day In Cape Breton

Over one hundred clanspeople joined in celebration of the lives of MacDougall pioneers in Cape Breton. The day — Victory Day — was July 24th and the place was the MacDougall cairn on the homestead of Lachlan MacDougall. Lachlan came to Broad Cove Banks in Cape Breton in 1898, and from that grand land beside the sea has spread his lines across Canada and the United States. Besides the ceremony at the cairn, the celebration included Celtic music from members of the well known Rankin Family, piping by George Ingraham and Bill MacDougall, and a delicious sit-down dinner. Special recognition was given to Lauchie MacDougall whose efforts and vision had much to do with the erection of the cairn and the founding of a MacDougall Day in Cape Breton.

Flowers of the Forest

Our sympathy to the family of Martha Christene MacDougall who passed away in Inverness, Cape Breton, August 14, 1991. Her six children who include Malcolm, our new Regional Commissioner for the Atlantic Provinces and John A., who has been an active supporter of the Society and contributors to *The Tartan* are testimonies to their mother's achievement.

We are sorry that we failed to carry word of the death of Grace G. Paterson of Savannah, TN. Our sympathy to Mildred F. Paterson and family.

The Clan family extends its sincere condolences to John G. MacDougall of Jamesburg, NJ, on the loss of his wife Irene R. MacDougall who passed away January 13, 1991.



Douglas Michael MacDougall about to receive his honor diploma (see News from the Clan Family)



John H. MacDougall, President of the Antigonish Chapter and Charles MacDougall, Past President, welcome Douglas Ian MacDougall to the celebration of MacDougall Day in Antigonish. Douglas comes from Skye and was in Antigonish as a member of the visiting shinty team.

News From Our Chapter in Antigonish

On July 11th, a large number of clanspeople and friends assembled at the MacDougall cairn in Antigonish to celebrate the annual Clan MacDougall Day. Susan Cameron piped to their places about the cairn standard bearers Shirley and Carrell MacDougall along with Natasha Farrell and Christine Martel who carried the MacDougall banner. The Reverend Martin MacDougall offered the invocation and Mary MacDougall Falt offered a Gaelic welcome. Chapter President John MacDougall paid tribute to Clan family forebears who with courage and faith established new homes in the Antigonish area. "This cairn," he said, "is here to symbolize their dreams, dedication of purpose, and hard work as they helped to build our nation."

D. Charles MacDougall received the Duine-Cinnndh award as the outstanding clansperson of the year. Charles is the founder of the Chapter in Antigonish. His love of the Clan, his efforts and his guidance have been inspirational. The Reverend Angus MacDougall, pastor of Saint John the Baptist Parish in New Glasgow, also received citation on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination.

Following greetings from the Antigonish Highland Society presented by Chief of the Clans Martin MacDougall, clanspeople and their guests from across Canada and from the United States gathered at the John Paul Center for lunch, entertainment and the sharing of clanship. (Our thanks to Mary MacDougall Falt for this news and the above picture.)

Anne McDowell — She Dared To Be Different

by Jack McDowell

Anne Elizabeth McDowell — born June 23, 1826, in Smyrna, Delaware — was the eldest of the three children of Mary Bassett, of Wilmington, and William McDowell, member of a distinguished Delaware family of cabinetmakers. While Anne Elizabeth was still a child the family moved to Pennsylvania.

Little is known of Miss McDowell's early years, but in her twenties she became stimulated by feminist issues. As a result, early in 1855 she formed a weekly newspaper in Philadelphia, the *Women's Advocate*. The paper employed only women typesetters and printers, and they were paid the same wages earned by men in similar positions.

Several other eastern papers were being published by women, but McDowell's was remarkable for the times because it was produced exclusively by the joint-stock capital and energies of females, and it devoted itself to the elevation of female workers.

McDowell's editorials did not emphasize equal rights for women but concerned themselves with the wider training and employment of females in all professions. McDowell had little interest in complete social reform, and her columns were open to those who were against — as well as for — woman suffrage.

McDowell declared that "*Woman's Advocate* ... would not clamor for the political rights of women." Instead, it would emphasize a women's prerogative "... to live and to use all means within her reach and capacity to make a living."

The paper was widely read and was endorsed by such partisans as Susan B. Anthony. However, like many early specialized publications, it became too great a financial drain, and around 1860 McDowell was forced to give it up and direct her energies elsewhere. Until 1871 she was women's department editor of the *Philadelphia Sunday Dispatch*, after which she worked enthusiastically in a similar capacity with the *Philadelphia Sunday Republic*.

In 1884 McDowell created a sickness and death benefit plan for the employees of John Wanamaker's department store. She later formed the McDowell Free Library for that store's female employees.

On September 30, 1901, at age seventy-five, Anne Elizabeth McDowell died of paralysis, believing to the end that all women should be at liberty to choose any occupation they desired. She was buried in Drexel Hills, Pennsylvania.

Charleston Scottish Games

Howard MacDougall

Fall temperatures arrived a few days early and attracted an estimated 5,000 visitors to Charleston's 20th annual Scottish Games and Highland Gathering on Saturday, September 21st.

Temperatures hovered around the mid-70s after several weeks in the high 90s when the Scottish Society of Charleston hosted the games for the second consecutive year at Boone Hall Plantation, one of the area's most picturesque antebellum attractions.

Howard and Marge MacDougall again hosted the Clan MacDougall tent and were joined in the Parade of Tartans by Bob and Irene Stancik of Goose Creek, SC. Irene keeps busy at the annual games directing the Scottish country dancing activities.

Roberta MacDougall Brown of Wilmington, NC, enrolled as a member of the Society, and Albert McMullin of Lawrenceville, GA, near Atlanta, was named piper of the day. The piper of the day trophy was presented in memory of the late Howard A. and Myrtle E. MacDougall.

President's Report

It has been a time of grief for Clan Macdougall and our Society. In a little over a year we have lost our thirtieth Chief, our Society's President, and our High Commissioner. There is bereavement in our ranks, but I find no despair. From the Provinces of Canada and from across the United States, there comes the conviction that to honor best the memory of our past leaders we should follow their example and their inspiration. We can labor on no more fitting memorial than to continue to build the Society which they envisioned and gave from. We are attempting to do just this.

Under the chairmanship of our secretary-treasurer, John McDowell Moore, an ad hoc committee is analyzing our financial condition and our possible financial resources. Having done this "homework," it will be the mission of this committee to make recommendations to the president and the Board of Directors and through them to the membership at large. Serving on this committee are Past President John A. McDougall and Directors G. Simms McDowell, III, and Malcolm Macdougall.

Of equal importance to this financial review is the increase of our network of communication and Clan representation across our two countries (an area, incidentally, roughly 245 times the size of Scotland). Building on the organization already in place, the directors are in the process of appointing Regional Commissioners who will encourage and facilitate the activities of our Clan Society within fourteen regions.

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As vital as a system of representation is, the effectiveness of these newly appointed commissioners will be curtailed without proper backup in the form of provided materials, programs, and support. In order to develop and maintain such a back-up, Director Jack Kane has been appointed to chair a task force which we are calling the Out-Reach Committee. If the name is not original than at least it is descriptive. The regional commissioners will act as advisors to this committee thus assuring an ongoing collaboration between the Society and its representatives in the field.

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From Dunollie

We congratulate Walter Macdougall as the new president of the Clan MacDougall Society in United States and Canada and wish Nancy Van Valkenburgh success as the new Editor of *The Tartan*. We would also like to send encouragement to all those who are working hard both as Regional Commissioners, as committee members and as individuals in the service of the Clan MacDougall Society. We would support you all in the encouragement of the Youth and Heritage Committees and their activities as well as in the recruitment of new members generally.

We are grateful, indeed, for the generous work of your late President George McDougall and High Commissioner John W. McDougall in past years.

Morag MacDougall of MacDougall and Family

From The Genealogist

On Saturday, February 16, officers from the Clan MacDougall Society and officials from the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library, the City of Moultrie, and Colquitt County, Georgia joined in opening the Clan MacDougall Archival and Genealogical Collection. Clan MacDougall was represented by John A. McDougall, Acting President, John McDowell Moore, Secretary/Treasurer, Jack Kane, Clan Genealogist, and our respective wives. Each of the Clan officers made a brief presentation to a filled auditorium. After the MacDougall presentation, The Scottish Highlands Society of Highlands, North Carolina presented a seminar on "Clans & Their Tartans." The event was well attended by interested people from at least six different states and Scotland. In the evening, a dutch-treat supper and Ceilidh was held at the Embers Restaurant in Moultrie. Much fun was had by all! ... I don't know how it happened, but somehow I got the job of Master of Ceremonies.

On Sunday morning, February 17, a Kirkin O' the Tartan was held at the First Presbyterian Church.

In summary, the Odom Library officials couldn't have been more welcoming and gracious to us. Each officer was presented with a ceramic magnolia blossom to remind us of our visit.

For those members interested in doing genealogical research, I enthusiastically recommend contacting the Odom Library. The Library staff is most helpful in assisting you with your endeavors. The Library address is: The Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library, P. O. Box 1110, Moultrie, GA; Tel. 912/985-6540.

On another subject, while reproducing our genealogical records for the Library, I noted that many of our records are very sketchy and incomplete. In order to improve the situation, I have included a genealogical data sheet with the Tartan which should be filled out and returned to me with as much complete information as possible, particularly in regard to dates, places, and full names.

For those members who have submitted genealogical information pedigree charts, descent tables, genealogies, etc.) in addition to that on the application form, your material either has been reproduced or is being reproduced for submission to the Library. It is anticipated that record reproduction will be completed by the end of the year.



Youth Page

Attention Parents and Youths

This is a very exciting *Tartan* newsletter for those of us working with the newly formed Youth Support Committee. On this page you will find a number of NEW OPPORTUNITIES being offered to the youths of Clan MacDougall Society. These new youth orientated features range from an essay contest to international pen pals from youths serving on a committee to being part of a regular *Tartan* column. Parents and youths do not miss these opportunities. Please read this issue's youth section carefully and take advantage of these opportunities.

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* Enter Now *

Scholarships To Be Awarded Through Essay Contest

It is our pleasure to announce that scholarships totalling \$300 will be awarded to finalists in the upcoming Clan MacDougall Society Youth Essay Contest. These scholarships have generously been made available through private donations and will be presented in memory of Society Founder John W. MacDougall, past president George A. MacDougall and author Dr. Arthur R. Macdougall. Our present intent is to award four scholarships, two in each of the following age categories: (1) 13 years and under and (2) 14-18 years old. If you wish to enter please read instructions below thoroughly and carefully.

1. You must be a member or the son or daughter of a member in good standing (i.e. dues paid current) of Clan MacDougall Society.
2. You may enter only one neatly printed or typed essay of a maximum of 400 words in length.
3. Essay must be your original work.
4. Theme of essay must be one of the following:
 - What my Scottish heritage means to me
 - The importance of youths in Clan MacDougall
5. Essay entries must include the following information: your name, address, phone number, date of birth, name of member parent(s) and essay's title. (Note: Age group will be determined based on your age as of December 31, 1991).
6. Essay must be received by Malcolm Macdougall no later than February 15, 1992.
7. Finalists will be notified by April 15, 1992 and scholarships will be presented at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in July. (Note: winners need not be present to receive their scholarship which will be in the form of a U. S. Savings Bond). *Tartan* Editors reserve the right to publish any submitted essay in *The Tartan* without notice or compensation.

Now get writing and enter!

Send In Your Personal Bests

That's right — we want to hear about your participation at Scottish games across the country. Whatever you participated in: athletic, music, dance, craft or other competition, let us know what the event was and how you did.

We would like to make this "Personal Bests" column a regular feature in the Youth Section of *The Tartan*. To accomplish this we need your support. If you are 21 years old or younger please send in your accomplishments from this summer's Scottish games. Then on an ongoing basis let us know when you participate in a competition or activity and how you did.

How will this column work? You must be the son or daughter of a Clan MacDougall Society member. The competition/activity must be part of an officially sanctioned Scottish games or event. When you write the youth editor (Malcolm Macdougall), please provide the following information: (1) your name, (2) age at time of event, (3) date of birth, (4) name of Scottish game/event, (5) competition or activity you participated in, (6) your outcome in event.

Remember you don't have to set records or win an activity to write us. We think it's great just to have you participating and representing Clan MacDougall! (We welcome photos with your letters — please have name and address on back of photo if you wish it returned.)

Scottish Pen Pals

This is a new feature of the Clan MacDougall Society being introduced by the Youth Support Committee. We are very excited about the opportunities provided to us through "Scottish Pen Pals." We hope you will find this feature as exciting as we do.

The Youth Support Committee is currently evaluating two types of Pen Pal situations: (1) writing to fellow American and Canadian Society members (domestic), (2) writing to Scottish pen pals (international).

You may wish to have one or multiple pen pals. The key is that you contact the youth editor so we can kick this program off.

To participate contact Malcolm Macdougall and provide the following: (1) your name, (2) address, (3) phone number, (4) gender-male/female, (5) age, (6) a list of your interests, hobbies, etc., (7) the type of pen pal you wish to have (i.e. American, Canadian, Scottish), (8) a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE — to help speed up processing). This opportunity is open to all members of Clan MacDougall Society and their children. Please apply only if you really want to be a good pen pal!

Youths May Serve On New Society Committee

The future of our Clan Society is dependent on our youths — period! To this end President Walter Macdougall and the Society Directors have established a committee on Youth Support. This committee will become the cornerstone of a program designed to identify and meet the needs of our Society's youths. The program's goals will include entertaining, enlightening and encouraging Society youths as they prepare to accept the responsibilities of Clan MacDougall and adulthood.

At present the members of this committee could only be described as adults with youthful enthusiasm. We would like to change this, and with your help we can. Youth members (21 years old or younger) interested in serving on this Youth Support Committee should submit resumes to Malcolm Macdougall. Current committee members will nominate potential representatives from those resumes submitted. The nominees will be listed in the next *Tartan* so as to allow all youth members to vote for their representatives to this special committee.

Send your resume to Malcolm by January 15, 1992. This resume should contain the following information: (1) your name, (2) address, (3) phone number, (4) current year in school and (5) your qualifications for serving on the committee. Qualifications include such things as grades in school, activities you participate in, organizations to which you belong, leadership positions held, achievements, etc.

The resume should be neatly printed or typed and no more than one page in length. Good resumes generally list information in the same order as 1 through 5 above. Qualifications should be listed most recent or most important first. Good luck!

Closely associated with this out-reach effort is the goal of increasing our Society's membership. Family memberships make it difficult to give exact figures, but our present membership is approximately 1,000. As we all know from looking in the nearest phone book (or next nearest), our present membership represents only a small fraction of members of our Clan family living in Canada and the United States. It is equally obvious that more members mean greater financial resources with which to provide services. But membership numbers mean more than that. It is a measure of how well we are accomplishing this sharing in heritage and belonging which is our primary purpose.

Two years ago Director Malcolm Macdougall conducted a survey seeking the membership's feeling about what they wanted to see in *The Tartan*. Predominating among the write-in suggestions was the call for a greater focus on our youth. In response to these suggestions was the Youth Page which in this issue bears evidence of the expansion of our youth programs. Malcolm is now chairing our new Committee on Youth Support which promises to unite the efforts of clanspeople in both our two countries with those in Scotland and elsewhere in a network of family activity and sharing.

Speaking of networking and the forming of connections, we have another activity which gives rise to equal excitement. This is the Heritage Committee which is being organized under Pauleena MacDougall as its chair. Pauleena is presently working on her doctorage in anthropology and history. She has expertise in oral history and folklore research, and thus brings to us just the combination of skills and interests we need. From the northernmost tip of Cape Breton to the southlands of United States and westward across two nations spreads the web of our heritage in stories, music, customs, and folk wisdom — threads which also cross the ocean to the islands and the glens of our ancestral home. This treasure we intend to preserve and to share.

We have made a start, but we all know what is the crucial ingredient in all these beginnings — it is the participation of the membership! I am reminded of the beacons which were erected upon the battlements of Dunstafnage (and probably Dunollie) and upon the high watching places. In our mind's eye we can see them flare in the night spreading the call, sending the word. That is what we need now — only the fire must be that of our interest and our spirit.

Below you will find the listing of our new committee chairpersons. Contact them if you want to be a part of these programs. Send them your suggestions, your experiences, your encouragements. The great promise in these efforts will not come to flowering without you.

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I am delighted to report that Nancy Van Valkenburgh has agreed to be our new *Tartan* Editor. Nancy has done a great job as our Book Editor and brings to her new post a high proficiency in language, dedication to high quality, and a willingness to serve

the Clan. Thank you Nancy! Thanks also to Malcolm Macdougall who will stay on as Youth Editor.

We all deeply regret that Howard MacDougall has found it necessary to resign as a society director. During the years that Howard was editor of *The Tartan*, he brought to our newsletter his standards as a professional. As a director, he could always be relied upon for his contributions from a clear and level mind. Fortunately for us, Howard will be available for advice and, as his report in this issue indicates, able to continue representing the Clan.

In all the above, I have left out a most important part of our service to Society members. Our Genealogist, Jack Kane, deserves special notice for his work in systematizing (computerizing) our genealogical records. When this task has been completed, we shall be in a position to tie in with other genealogical data-bases as well as establishing our own system of retrievable family records. In order to do this, we need as accurate data as possible from all our members. You will find in this issue a genealogical form. Regardless of what information you may have provided to the Society in the past, I urge you to fill this out and return it to our genealogist.

Lastly, but in no way least, there is the service of Past President John A. McDougall and our Secretary-Treasurer John McDowell Moore. Their dedication and service this past year has been in the highest tradition of the Clan.

It is a privilege and joy to serve our Chief and you as president of this Society. I wish that I were free to spend all my time and energy in this capacity; however, I do pledge every effort possible. May God keep your household!

Slainte Mhor,
Walter M. Macdougall



Three McDowell lasses and their mothers at the Society dinner party. (Front) Charlotte, Courtney, and Jean. (Back) Elsa and Pam McDowell.



27th Annual Meeting

by Sibyl McDougald Wilkinson

When I was asked to report on our recent meeting, I was overcome with the feeling that I would be unable to convey to the clan members, the happiness, sadness, love and finally glory that was to make up the 36th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

On Friday afternoon, July 12, our general meeting was held at the Pavilion Building of Eseeola Lodge, following the Board of Directors meeting. We were all saddened by the loss of our leaders, High Commissioner John Walton McDougall, whose labor of love, determination, zeal, and great ability founded our society, and President George McDougall, a devoted and capable leader whose dignity commanded respect of all.

John A. McDougall, who presided at our meeting, announced that Walter MacDougall had been elected as new president of our clan. Walter is well known to all members for his hard work and contributions as a writer and educator. His knowledge of "MacDougall Country" in Scotland is unsurpassed. To use an expression often used by our late commissioner, our clan is "in good shape" in the hands of President Walter MacDougall!

Following the meeting was the MacDougall cocktail and dinner party at the lodge. Harvey Ritch and the Pipe Band again entertained us, and we were piped in to dinner by Harvey. This year for the first time, Simms McDowell III gave the stirring "Ode to a Haggis." He did an outstanding job of it as his father before him had done for so many years. To me, this clan dinner is the best part of the weekend. It gives all who attend, both regulars and newcomers, that sense of permanence and kinship that has made Clan MacDougall great since the days of Somerled.

The Tartan Ball on Saturday evening was well attended as always by our members, all dressed in their finest Scottish attire.

The games at McRae Meadows this year were held under beautiful skies and enjoyed by all. This was the first year for the GMHG to announce that each year a Clan Flag of Excellence would be presented to the Clan showing the most pride in their clan dress. I wish every clan member around the world could have seen our kilted men in this Parade of Tartans. They marched with such precision and pride as if a great tribute to our fallen leaders. What glory when it was announced that Clan MacDougall was the winner! Next year our clan will carry this flag at the front of the clan parade.

So ended the 27th meeting of Clan MacDougall which had started with a whisper of sadness but ended with that great feeling of love for each other and the emotional gratification of knowing we are "The Best!"



Maxwell MacDougall, Regional Commissioner-Ontario and John MacDougall, Past President of the Ontario Chapter at Grandfather Mountain.



The joy of getting together — Society President Walter MacDougall, Edward MacDowell, President of Heartland Chapter, and Stephen Millett, Regional Commissioner of the Heartland Region.



Pauleena and Shirley MacDougall ready to represent the Clan and Society at the Maine Highland Games. A grand day and an event which proved the perfect place for family reunions. Pauleena's family numbered seven while the extended family of Walter Macdougall were thirty-one including members from Utah and Nevada.

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