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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Dunollie Gathering
- Remembering John "Jack" Kane II
- Annual Gathering at Grandfather Mountain

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From Our President

Our Officers have been planning for warm weather activities like Society tents at Highland Games and for our Society's 53rd Annual Gathering in July at Grandfather Mountain in western North Carolina. When we first attended in 1965 we were the fourth clan tent on the MacRae Meadows site but since then clan participation has spectacularly grown to over 100 Sponsoring Clans and Society Tents ringing the perimeter of the games field. Information about the Grandfather Mountain Games is on their web site <http://www.gmhg.org/>

For half a century our Annual Founders Dinner at Eseeola Lodge has been the centerpiece of our July Gatherings. This year, as reported in our e-newsletter in March, the Eseeola Lodge has instituted a policy change to host only members' events there. This news came to us suddenly when we tried to renew our 2018 Founders Dinner booking there. Since we are not members we have had to move our Annual Founders Dinner and meetings to a new location. Here is how I explained our ensuing actions to readers of our E-newsletter in March.

The staff of Eseeola Lodge has graciously assisted our Past President Malcolm MacDougall and his wife Judy who heads our Hospitality Committee to find a new venue which is nearby and suitable to our needs. For our Friday Events we have chosen Whispering Waters Farm, a scenic country location with a view of Grandfather Mountain. The address is 274 Shulls Mill Rd, Boone, NC 28607-5388 and their web site is whisperingwatersevents.com/

Whispering Waters Farm is on Highway 105 and is 11 miles north of our previous venue of Eseeola Lodge in Linville. For those familiar with the area it's 6 miles north of Seven Devils, or 3 minutes north of Foscoe on the east side of Highway 105. It's on the same Shulls Rd as the nearby Hound Ears Club.

Come enjoy the weekend with us. On Friday afternoon July 13 you are welcome to come to observe our Board of Directors Meeting, participate in our Annual General Meeting of members, enjoy our Social Reception and Annual Founders Dinner, and then stay for the entertainment. Here is a link to our Registration Form for you to come enjoy our Annual Founders Dinner at Whispering Waters Farm.

[2018 Dinner Registration Form](#)

Our traditional events on Saturday and Sunday are unaffected by our move to Whispering Waters Farm for Friday afternoon. Our Society Tents on Grandfather Mountain will be staffed by Society Officers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 13-15.



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From Our President (cont)

In this issue of The Tartan we have included a Registration Form for our Annual Founders Dinner as well as a hyperlink to it. I invite you to come join us in July. It is never too early to make plans.

Because this will be the only issue of The Tartan before this year's July 13-15 Gathering at Grandfather Mountain we are including a listing of our scheduled events that you may wish to attend with us in this beautiful part of western North Carolina. On Thursday evening July 12 before our Society weekend events officially start, several of us will gather before dusk at our Society Tent at MacRae Meadows on the mountain to watch the Opening Ceremonies and impressive Torchlight display. I hope to meet some of you there.

In this issue we will tell you about Past President, John "Jack" Kane, and his legacy as our Society Genealogist but above all we will always remember him for his warmth and friendliness to everyone.

Scott MacDougall
President

Kyle Jones
President-Elect

Dunollie Gathering

International MacDougall Clan Gathering

Hosted by Dunollie Museum, Castle & Grounds

Tuesday 30th July – Sunday 4th August 2019

After the success of the 2014 event, Dunollie, the Seat of the Clan MacDougall, is very proud to be hosting the next International Gathering in 2019.

The team, which includes Madam Morag MacDougall, is working on bringing together a week of engaging events to celebrate the fascinating heritage of this ancient Clan. This will include a wide programme of activities for all ages.



Dunollie Gathering (cont)

Registration

Registration for the event is due to launch on **Monday 30th April 2018** via Eventbrite.

Please Note: Registration for the event is limited. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so please make sure you book on or as close to the release date to avoid disappointment.

The registration prices will be as follows:

Adults: £45

Under 16's*: £15

Under 5's*: Free

**(please note we do also have limited numbers allocated for children's tickets)*

The registration ticket will include:

- A welcome pack and welcome reception
- Colour programme with details of all activities and interesting facts and articles.
 - Priority booking for all activities
- Entry to Dunollie Museum Castle & Ground for the duration
 - Farewell address and refreshments

If you do not manage to get a registration, there will be the opportunity to sign on for activities after the priority booking has been released.

Make sure to sign up to Worldwide Clan MacDougall at www.dunollie.org/worldwideclan to hear about updates via Mailchimp newsletters as they are announced.

For any enquires regarding the International Gathering, please contact gathering@dunollie.org

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Opportunities for Volunteers

It takes a wide range of skills to run our Society well and we want to tell you about some of them where opportunities are available for volunteers. To participate in any of them send us an email at president@macdougall.org and we will contact you to discuss your interests. You may also review other Society activities listed our Volunteer Form at

<http://macdougall.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/MembershipVolunteerForm-rev09-2015.pdf> We look forward to your help.

Committees

We have several committees performing key tasks behind the scenes.

Our **Awards Committee** helps us recognize members for their excellence within the Society with Awards presented once a year. The duties do not take a lot of time but are important to us. If you are interested you can learn by participating with our existing Awards Committee members. Here are the duties:

- Working with a small Committee to choose candidates for annual award recognition.
- Preparing the award(s) for presentation once a year.

Editors and Writers

If you would like to write for our newsletters or for our web site about any of the wide range of subjects of interest to our members we would like to hear from you. We have opportunities ranging from graphic designer to writer to Assistant Editor to Editor. Contact us and we will discuss your interests.

Special Projects

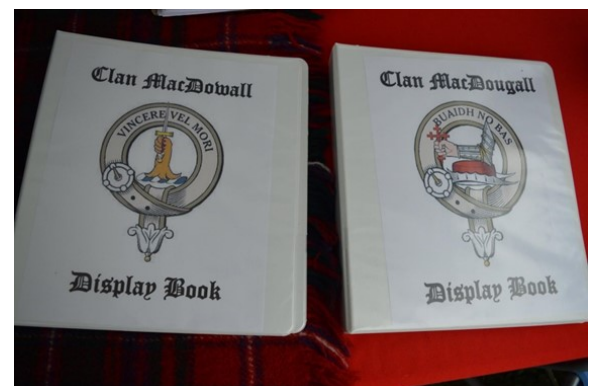
We have opportunities to use our skills in many fields. One the stated purposes of our Society is to support the heritage and culture of our Clans MacDougall and MacDowall and of Scotland. This includes music, dance, language and much more.

- For example we are seeking someone to write about the music of our ancestors and explain their harps, pipes, and other musical instruments.

Our Society is also dedicated to preserving and passing on our history.

- For example we are seeking someone with skills in Latin and French to review and compile historical references to our clans which are recorded in medieval texts which we have accumulated.

These special projects create material for our web pages, newsletters, books, and DVDs as well as preserving it for future generations.



Opportunities for Volunteers (cont)

Clan Tents

We post Games and events we are attending on our web page at <http://macdougall.org/games-calendar/> but there are many events in 2018 where our Clans MacDougall and MacDowall are not represented. Some of these are listed below.

If you can who can represent us, or know someone who can, at any of the following events please contact us at President@macdougall.org

CANADA in 2018	
Here are some of the Highland Games and Events without a member volunteer to represent our clans.	
Province	LOCATION & APPROXIMATE DATES
Alberta	Red Deer June 23, Edmonton June 24 & July 14-15, Okotoks July 28, Calgary Sept. 1, Canmore Sept. 1-2.
British Columbia	Coquitlam June 16
Manitoba	Selkirk June 23
Ontario	Kingston May 26 & July 28, Cobourg June 15-16, Uxbridge July 28, Maxville Aug. 3-4,
Nova Scotia	Halifax June 26-July 2, Antigonish July 6-8, Bible Hill Sept. 8-9
New Brunswick	Fredericton July 26-28
Quebec	Verdun Aug. 5
Saskatchewan	Regina May 19-20



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Opportunities for Volunteers (cont)

United States in 2018

Here are some of the Highland Games and Events without a member volunteer to represent our clans. There are many others.

One of many web sites listing Highland Games and Events taking place in the United States is at:

www.scottishbanner.com/calendar/category/usa/

STATE	LOCATION & APPROXIMATE DATES
Alaska	Palmer June 30
Arizona	Flagstaff July 21-22, Prescott Sept. 14-16, Tucson Nov. 2-4
Colorado	Colorado Springs June 15-17, Edgewater Aug. 4-6
Connecticut	Scotland Oct. 7
Illinois	Chatham May 19, Itasca (Chicago) June 15-16
Indiana	Columbus Sept. 8-9, Indianapolis Oct. 13
Kansas	Wichita Apr. 23-24
Kentucky	Glasgow June 1-3, Eminence Sept. 15
Missouri	Washington April 8-10, Chesterfield Sept. 28-29
Montana	Hamilton Aug. 18
New Hampshire	Lincoln Sept. 21-23
New Jersey	Toms River July 14
New Mexico	Aztec Oct. 6-7
New York	Dundee July 14, Ithaca Aug. 11, Liverpool Aug. 11, Amherst Aug. 18-19, Old Westbury Aug. 25, Altamont Sept. 1-2
Oklahoma	Yukon Apr. 27-29, Tulsa Sept. 14-16
Oregon	Coo's Bay Apr. 22, Eugene May 26
Rhode Island	Richmond June 9
Utah	Salt Lake City June 8-10, Payson June 13-14, Lehi June 8-10, Moab Nov. 2-4
Vermont	Quechee Aug. 26
Washington State	Enumclaw July 28-29, Ferndale June 3-5, Kelso Sept. 8-9, Mount Vernon July 14-15, Prosser June 16, Spokane Aug 4, Tacoma June 23
Wisconsin	Milwaukee June 3, Waukesha Aug 31-Sept. 2

John “Jack” Kane II

1934 - 2017

On December 16, 2017 our Society’s Past President and Past Genealogist John “Jack” Kane of Yorktown, Virginia passed away. He is survived by his wife Nancy, their three sons, and five grandchildren. Jack grew up in the St. Davids-Radnor area of suburban Philadelphia and graduated from Washington and Lee University in 1956 with a degree in geology. In September 1956 he married Nancy Claire Baumes before entering the United States Marine Corps and serving in the Pacific. After graduate studies in Virginia, Jack became a licenced professional geologist with a special interest in hydrology.

Jack was very active in the Scottish Community and was a member of several Scottish Societies. A very large group of his friends attended his memorial service to remember and to honor him at the historic Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg. Jack’s warm and friendly ways will always be remembered by all of us who knew him. Jack’s obituary is available at <https://wydaily.com/obits/2017/12/26/obits-john-kent-jack-kane-ii/>

Jack and Nancy joined our Society in 1984 and quickly became friends with many members. He served as our Society Genealogist from 1989 to 1994, as President from 1994 to 1997, and as a member of our Board of Directors for many years. During his Presidency the Society began to use more computer technology. We started up our website with our first Forum page on the then young internet and we began to use the computer to organize genealogical records and to create our newsletter.

One of Jack’s passions was his abiding interest in Genealogy and in helping others to learn to research their own families. As Society Genealogist his regular column in The Tartan newsletter was full of practical information. Jack gave good advice on Genealogy. Here is part of what he told his readers in the Spring of 1989 issue:

How to Get Started

- Tracing your family history can be fun and can teach you about your family



John “Jack” Kane II



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John “Jack” Kane II (cont)

and its role in the growth of America. It will be easier if you take these simple steps:

- Draw up a family tree chart.
- Talk or write to members of your family, particularly the older ones, and ask them about your ancestors so that you can take your chart as far back as possible. Listen to them and don't be impatient.
- Consult letters, family bibles, birth and marriage certificates, military records and other family papers for information.
- Keep in mind that you might have a horse thief or two lurking in your past. But don't let fear of what you might find stop your search. As the National Genealogical Society points out in one of its pamphlets, “You are not responsible for your ancestors. We all have some who did unpleasant things.” ...

It was Jack who established our links with the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Museum in Moultrie, Georgia soon after it opened. This connection was the subject of an article in the June 2017 issue of The Tartan. In February 1991 through Jack's efforts it became the home of our Clan MacDougall Archival and Genealogical Collection and our archive to preserve and protect papers created before digital technology arrived. The Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Museum now carries archival and genealogical information for 120 Scottish Clans and genealogical groups including such things as the past issues of our newsletter, The Tartan, and much more.

Long after he had retired from his Presidency, Jack was there to remind us that genealogy is important work for us because it is important to our members. Our current support for genealogy on our web site is part of his legacy to our Society. We think he would be pleased.

Scott MacDougald
President

New Genealogical Support Pages

For a Society, genealogy and its data is a subject which requires much time and care to manage properly. Spurred on behind the scenes the Society has been working on ways to make our archival information more available to our members while protecting its privacy and security. The passing of Jack Kane, our Past President and Society Genealogist, comes at a time when our Society is launching new web pages dedicated to members researching their genealogy. A few years ago we expanded our Genealogy Committee and asked its members to determine how the Society could offer greater assistance with genealogy research. As a result of their efforts we have now created two web pages in the Members Section of our web site at <http://macdougall.org/members/> which we are dedicating to Genealogy.

For several years our Society Genealogists have provided members with advice and guidance on how to do their own genealogy research. The expansion of this support has been identified as an important benefit of membership - if we could offer it. Now we have created a web page at <http://macdougall.org/forums/> called Discussion Forums. Among these Forums is a Genealogy Forum for our members to share information or post queries among themselves.

To access the Discussion Forum page you will need to login with your Society Member Password.

1. If you do not yet have your Member Password contact our webmaster by email at webmaster@macdougall.org and identify yourself as a current member of the Society by providing your contact information.
2. Our webmaster will send you a personal password to access our Members Sections, including the Discussion Forum for Genealogy
3. Other Forums concern other subjects of interest to our members such as the 2019 Gathering in Oban and other topics.
4. Your Member Password allows access to all Members pages on our website including Castles, Gaelic etc. many of which are under construction.

We have also begun to make our data more accessible for members' inquiries. Our second new web page, called Archive Requests, is a Members page to post private genealogical inquiries to the Society about data that may be in our Archival Records. Full instructions are shown on the Archive Requests page after it is opened with a Member Password. Each member inquiry will be answered by email but the response will not contain copies of documents or information which is protected by the usual privacy considerations and normal restrictions which apply to genealogical data. This data may be helpful to some members doing research but we do have limited amounts of it.

Our genealogical work has been the work of many people but it is also the legacy of Past President Jack Kane. For that reason in his memory we have decided to name our digital archive the John "Jack" Kane Digital Archive. We know he would be pleased that we have created it.



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Annual MacDougall Society Gathering

At Grandfather Mountain Games

July 12-15, 2018

We will gather again at the Grandfather Mountain Games to celebrate our Scottish, and more specifically our MacDougall/MacDowall, heritage. This has been a tradition since the founding of our Society in 1965 and we hope as many members can join us as possible.

Our program begins on Friday July 13 but on Thursday evening July 12 some of us will gather at our Society Tent on MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain to watch the Torchlight Opening Ceremony at dusk. You are welcome to join us there; bring a jacket for the cool evening air.

Our Society events for our weekend include:

Friday July 13

Society meetings in the afternoon at our new location

Whispering Waters Farm at 274 Shulls Mill Rd, Boone, NC 28607-5388

- 2:30 pm Society Board of Directors Meeting open for members to observe
 - 4:30 pm Annual General Meeting of the membership
- Followed by a
 - 5:30 pm Reception with cash bar and piper
 - 6:30 pm Founders Dinner followed by entertainment

Those who plan to attend the Friday 5:30pm Reception and 6:30pm Annual Founders Dinner should complete the reservation form included in this issue and return it to the Society.

Saturday July 14 and Sunday July 15

Our Society Tent on Grandfather Mountain will be staffed by Society Officers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 13-15. Information about the Grandfather Mountain Games is on their web site at <http://www.gmhg.org/>

Come join us at our Society Tent at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain for weekend activities including:

Saturday July 14 - On Grandfather Mountain, Highland Games during the day.

Sunday July 15 - On Grandfather Mountain, Highland Games and Parade of the Clans

Founders Dinner Reservation Form



Friday, July 13, 2018. Reception at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Whispering Waters Farm

274 Shulls Mill Rd, Boone, NC 28607-5388

To help with planning, please complete and return this form as soon as possible.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number (_____) _____ Email _____

_____ Number attending dinner (\$45.00 each)

_____ Total remitted

Send your completed form with check payable to Clan MacDougall Society to:

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