



Newsletter of the American Clan Gregor Society



Volume XX, Issue III

Winter 2014



Inside this issue:

From The Desk...Con't	2
ACGSUS.ORG	3
Wanted, Scholarships, Snippets	4
Holiday Treats	5
Greetings and Humor	6

Newsletter Editor

Lori Connery
E-Mail: newsletter-editor@acgsus.org

**For more Clan information
please visit our website at:
<http://www.acgsus.org/>**



*The views and opinions
expressed in any of the articles
within this publication are not
necessarily the views or opinions
of the ACGS.*

From The Desk Of The Chieftain (Submitted by Lois Ann Garlitz)

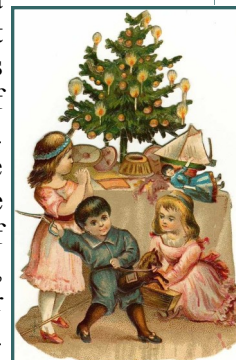
Members of the American Clan Gregor Society participated in two exciting and historic Gatherings this year – one in Scotland in July and one in St. Louis in November.

Much of the Scotland Gathering was covered in a previous newsletter. I did mention during my report for ACGS at the AGM with MacGregors present from ten other geographic locations around the world, that after 6 years of pursuing it, ACGS as a society, has been granted a corporate coat of arms by the Lord Lyon of Scotland. Sir Malcolm, as our hereditary Chief and patron was presented with an ACGS badge of office (medallion) similar to the one which had been presented by ACGS to his father and grandfather before him, as a token of our respect and appreciation for his service to all MacGregors.



Because our ACGS Gathering this year was held later than usual due to various other events in St. Louis, our arrival day was bit on the cool side. As I am writing this, snow has fallen for the first time in Utah Valley where I live and the TV newscasters say winter has arrived in other parts of our country.

Despite the lighter numbers of member attendees this year, compared with those held on the Atlantic coastal plain, much was accomplished toward society business. The proposals for changes to our Bylaws were approved at the Annual General Meeting. We are grateful for efforts of the Bylaws Review Committee members who remained active for the full two years until their work was completed. There was a chancellor, a past chieftain, a current treasurer, a trustee, a past treasurer, a government compliance officer, and a future chieftain, as members of this committee, all with skills and understanding of governance who looked and planned thoughtfully toward our future. Several items within the older bylaws were more appropriate to move into a Policy and Procedure manual. The physical year moves to the calendar year, which should facilitate recognizing the real cost of Gatherings. We will now have fewer voting members on our Council, as it was becoming unwieldy to gather 24 Council members together for teleconference meetings between annual Gathering to conduct business. Applicants to join our society now need trace their lineage back to



(Continued on page 2)



The Desk of....Con't.



(Continued from page 1)

1870; no longer to 1850, considering that a number of genealogically helpful records were destroyed during the American Civil War. You can now read our 2014 bylaws on our website at <http://www.acgsus.org/documents/ACGSBylaws2014AGM.pdf>



In addition to the Bylaws Review Committee being retired, two other committees were retired – the Long Range Planning Committee – which could easily be reestablished in a few years as needed, and the Archives and Record Management Committee which had consisted of the Librarian and the Registrar. The guidelines and duties for that committee will now be found in the Policy and Procedure Manual for those two positions.

A new IT Committee met for the first time during our Gathering and reports useful progress to define our society's IT needs for right now as well as our future. This committee consists of the Webmaster, the Assistant Chieftain and the Treasurer.

Ten students received educational assistance this past year, for which we are grateful.

Our tour, arranged by Maggie Sanderfield was very informative, beginning at the Third Baptist Church for our memorial service and luncheon. The Cathedral Basilica of St Louis is a very magnificent Catholic Church decorated extensively with small mosaics and is over 100 years old. A statue of Robert Burns had been chosen for the placing of our memorial wreath. The bus tour continued through Forest Park, which had been the site of the 1904 World's Fair, and just before returning to the hotel, a VIP tour of the Budweiser factory.

Many thanks to Keith Gregg, Chairman of our Gathering Committee this year, Jeanne Lehr as local chairman, and Margaret Sanderfield as tour chairman.

Best regards to you all and best wishes for the upcoming Holidays,
Lois Ann Garlitz





ACGSUS.ORG

(by Randy Walker – RDC)



This year will mark the 105th year of the existence of our Society. For most of those 105 years the Society conducted business in many ways just as it did at the beginning in 1909. Now we all live in the age of technology. This is technology that changes at a rapid rate, even as we use it.

How many of us still sit down and spend the time to write a letter in the traditional manner? Not many according to the research that has been conducted on the subject. Most of us have access to a computer and we use e-mail as a timely manner of communication with friends and family.

Think about it. Most of us use the Internet as a first place to search for and obtain information about almost anything of interest. We locate the appropriate Website and in many cases spend a lot of time shopping, “surfing” and just looking for information that we have an interest in.



Two years ago our Society recognized that we needed to make better use of the technology that was available to us via the Internet. Our Website was reorganized and a lot of additional content that should be of interest to Society members and the public at large was added to the Website. We even obtained a new address on the web...acgsus.org

Just what will you find at acgsus.org if you decide to visit? There is the Home Page of course where the purpose for ACGS is stated and you will also find some additional information of importance to members, such as information about the 2014 Gathering.

You will also find the following links:

1. About us – A short introduction to Clan Gregor and ACGS.
2. Our Tartan – Written by Sir Malcolm MacGregor in 2012.
3. Flowers of The Forest – Information about Society members and family who have passed away during the year.
4. Distinguished MacGregor Descendants – Information and photos for individuals who are “MacGregors” and have made significant contributions to the Nation.
5. The MacGregor DNA Project – Information on the DNA Project and how to participate should you want to do so.
6. Society Newsletter – You can read it online or print it out, as you prefer.
7. Membership Information with additional links to Eligibility Requirements, Fees and Dues, Application Procedures, Membership Worksheet, and Septs and Family Names of Clan Gregor.
8. Events – Information about where ACGS will have a presence around the country during the year.
9. Photo Albums – Photos of various events that are submitted to the Webmaster by State Deputy Chieftains and others.
10. Chieftains Blog – A suggested Reading List, messages from the Chieftain and other information of interest.
11. Resources – Information about the various Society Scholarships.
12. Clan Gregor Society Archives – Information about where the American Clan Gregor and Clan Gregor Scotland Archives are located.
13. The names of our current elected and appointed officers.
14. The names of our current State Deputy Chieftains.
15. ACGS Bylaws.
16. Proposed Bylaw Changes.
17. Online Store – A place to pay your dues online via Pay Pal.
18. Contact Us – A form to contact the Chieftain or Registrar if you are seeking additional information on ACGS or want to submit suggestions etc.
19. A form for contacting the Registrar.
20. Clan Gregor TV – Some very good YouTube videos such as: MacGregors gathering at the International Gathering in 2014. The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. An Interview with our Chief, Sir Malcolm MacGregor in 2009. The Highland Clans (MacGregor), Episodes 1-3, the story of Clan Gregor.



If you have not visited our website of late we encourage you to do so. So far it has been very successful. We are getting a substantial number of inquiries about membership in ACGS.

If you have any suggestions as to additional content that you think might be of interest please send you suggestions to the Webmaster for consideration.



Wanted: (Submitted by Lois Ann Garlitz)



****Searching for a Librarian**

One of our quite valuable assets as a lineage-based, historical preservation society is our archives, currently housed in the Langsdale Library's Special Collections at the University of Baltimore. The position of ACGS Librarian, our liaison with Special Collections, is currently vacant and the Council is searching for member volunteer to fill that vital role. Because of its location and the expectation that our Librarian will visit these archives from time-to-time, it is suggested that a new Librarian live within easy driving distance of Baltimore. If you would like more detail, please contact Lois Ann Garlitz loisann@burgoyne.com

****Searching for a Newsletter Editor**

After many years of providing the layout/graphics design (editing) of our newsletter Lori Connery has decided it's time to step down and allow another member the joy and fun of taking on this responsibility. This current publication will be her final issue. With that said we need to find someone who is willing and has capacity to begin in this exciting role for our March 2015 issue! If you would like more detail, please contact Lois Ann Garlitz loisann@burgoyne.com

****New Bylaws were approved J**

You can now read them on our website... under the Council tab
<http://www.acgsus.org/documents/ACGSBylaws2014AGM.pdf>

****Our recently appointed yearbook editor is Elizabeth Magruder Joiner.** Please send her your favorite photos from the St. Louis Gathering and other ACGS events during the year. Her copy deadline is 28 Feb 2015, and you can send it to her mailing address: 170 Ginger Quill Circle, Biltmore Lake, NC 28715. However, in this day and age, digital submissions are much more useful to her. I encourage you to use her email address emjoiner62@gmail.com Elizabeth remains our Historian for this year also. Would you send news of births, deaths, and marriages to the email address above.



Educational Assistance Scholarships! (Submitted by Richard M. Greer)



This is a call to all MacGregors to let them know that educational assistance scholarships are available for the school year beginning in the fall of 2015. This educational assistance is for any MacGregor or lineal MacGregor who is attending any post secondary accredited institution. The institution can be a two-year college, a four-year college or university, or a vocational or trade school. Application information is available on the ACGS website. The deadline for submitting applications is April 1st. For additional information feel free to contact Dr. Richard M. Greer, scholarship committee chair at richard.greer@wku.edu



Snippets From St. Louis Gathering 2014 (Submitted by Don Donnelly)



I was thankful and impressed that we could deal with several contentious issues so well. My back and neck still hurt thinking about all those glass pieces on the ceiling of that cathedral. And most of all, that may be the first time in history that the bus got back on time! Thanks to all for a wonderful weekend.



Holiday Treats!

Sticky Sultana Pudding



A super-speedy fruit sponge that's cooked in the microwave and ready in just 10 minutes!
Serve with hot custard or golden syrup!

Ingredients:

- 100g butter, plus extra for the basin
- 200g plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 85g light muscovado sugar
- 100g sultanas
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 tbsp milk
- golden syrup and custard, to serve

Method:

1. Butter a small microwave-proof pudding basin. In a separate bowl, rub the butter into the flour and baking powder, then stir in the sugar and sultanas. Gradually add the eggs and milk to make a wet cake mixture.
2. Spoon into the basin and make a deep hollow in the centre with the back of the spoon. Cover the basin with cling film, pierce with the tip of a knife and microwave on High for 4½-5 mins until well risen and firm to the touch.
3. Carefully turn the pud out onto a plate and spoon over a generous amount of syrup. Slice and serve with custard.



Holiday Treats!

Selkirk Bannock



Serve this Scottish classic with plenty of butter. If you have any leftover, toast it for breakfast or use for a bread & butter pudding!



Ingredients:

- 7g sachet fast-action yeast
- 1 tsp caster sugar
- 500g strong white flour
- 140g unsalted butter, or half butter, half lard, melted and cooled
- 450g sultanas
- 50g light brown sugar
- milk for glazing

Method:

1. In a large bowl, mix the yeast and caster sugar with 250ml warm water. Let it stand for 10 mins until the mixture becomes frothy. Tip in the flour and 125g of butter and mix to form a smooth, soft dough. Knead for 5 mins, then put the mixture back in the bowl. Cover with oiled cling film and allow the mix to rise, in a warm place, until doubled in size.
2. Knock back the dough by kneading it lightly for 1 min, then add the sultanas and brown sugar, kneading them in well. Grease a deep 23cm round cake tin with the rest of the butter. Shape the dough into a round and place in the tin. Allow the dough to rise for 30 mins or until it has doubled in size.
3. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Brush the Bannock with a little milk to glaze, then bake for 45-50 mins until risen and browned. The bread should sound hollow when removed from the tin and the base is tapped. If the bread colours too quickly, but is not quite cooked, you can cover it with foil and check after 5 mins more. Cool in the tin for 10 mins, then remove from the tin and finish cooling on a wire rack.



“ARDCHOILLE”
 NEWSLETTER OF
 THE AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY
 KEITH D. GREGT
 12578 RASBECK ROAD
 WOLCOTT, NY 14590-9749
 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

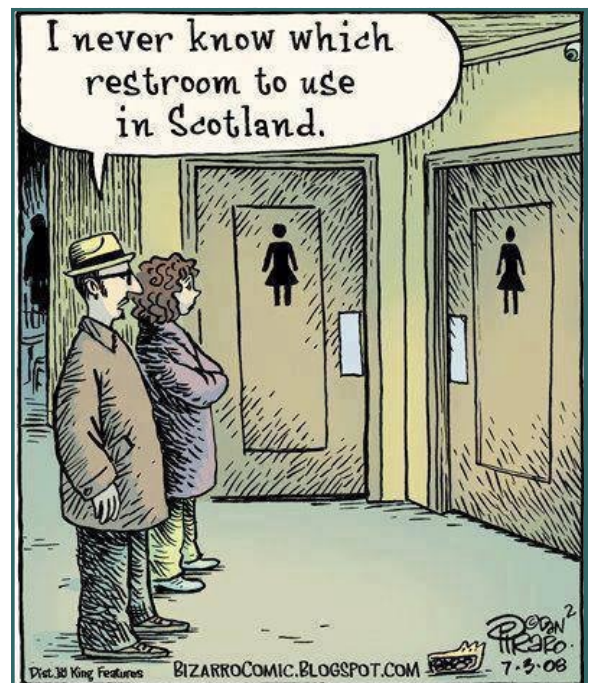


Greetings & Humor



*Seasons
 Greetings!
 I wish you a
 Very Merry
 Christmas and
 a joyous New
 Years
 Celebration!*

Lori Connery



(Submitted by Bruce Whyte)