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From the Chiefs

It's such a wonderful time of year. We have so many different varieties of mushrooms growing, we have spent hours trying to identify them all. It is also the annual measuring of the Ailsa Craig Onion, which was won by Mathew Rae this year. I came in a close second. The Ailsa Craig Onion Growers Society is very popular in Ayr, with a large number entering the competition each year.

My birthday trip around Scotland was a great success this year. We started in Edinburgh and in seven days we visited over 26 historic sites and drove over 1500 miles. We saw such amazing places, including Duart Castle on Mull, Dunvegan on Skye, Discovery Point at Dundee, complete with a Burns lunch in a marquee on the stables green at Cassillis. The Maypole Pipe Band with fiddlers played, despite the rain, and even my mother, The Marchioness, braved the weather and welcomed us all.

Marie, Elaine and I ventured on to Thurso and the Orkney Islands where we spent three very entertaining days before heading to Stornoway via Ullapool.

My birthday went very well with a barbeque in the stable green with a roaring log fire that lasted



mas and Great New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2007!

Warmest Wishes—Lord Charles

While we look to the coming holidays we have much to be thankful for. As a veteran and

for days. My daughters did a wonderful job cooking and playing hostesses for about 100 people. I am very proud of them.

There are so many people to thank. Special thanks to Vicki Hagen for the hand-sewn tapestry of Culzean, which is hanging on the wall in my office, along with Elaine's rainbow. Nina's waterproof was very useful on the tour and is serving me well at home.

I would like to thank all the members of the Society for their kind wishes and presents, and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Next year's tour will be based in Dublin from June 2-9, taking day tours to places of interest. For those who wish a longer tour, we will continue over to the Borders and South West Scotland.

Her Ladyship, Chief, and family wish you all a fantastic Christ-

patriot I would like to thank all those who have served and are serving in the name of freedom. We have numerous Kennedy family members that have served in battles throughout the world. I wish to take this opportunity to salute you all. We should remember the past. Remember 9-11 and December 7, and pray "Please God, not on my soil."

On Sunday, December 7th, 1941 the Japanese launched a surprise attack against the U.S. forces stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. By planning this attack on a Sunday, the Japanese commander Admiral Nagumo, hoped to catch the entire fleet in port. As luck would have it, the aircraft carriers and one of the Battleships were not in port.

In spite of the latest intelligence reports about the missing aircraft carriers (his most important targets), Admiral Nagumo decided to continue the attack with his force of six carriers and 423 aircraft. Beginning at 0600 hours his first wave consisted of 183 fighters and torpedo bombers

Kennedys Worth Singing About



Karen Kennedy has been working with the Social Security Administration for the last year on a long-term temp project. Karen is part of a team that is automating WORD decisional documents by turning them in to templates/macros in WORD. If you know anything about data, computers, IT, etc., you know that Karen's task is a detailed one.

Karen's team, Findings Integrated Templates—or FIT—has been working diligently

and Karen has won four individual awards for her efforts.

- The Social Security Administration's 2006 Commissioner's Team Award, given in recognition of successful and expeditious development of FIT to improve the quality of Administrative Law Judge decisions.
- Lockheed Martin-2006 Office of Disability Systems Technical Area Awards, in recognition of developing the SSA Findings Integrated Templates.
- American Council for Technology—2006 Inter-governmental Solutions Award. Awarded from a cross-section of federal, state, and local government agencies.
- Associate Commissioner's Citation—Office of Disability Systems—as a team award for the Document General System/Findings Integrated Templates Team.

Congratulations to Karen for all her hard work and efforts!

"Every line of strength in American history is a line colored with Scottish blood."

President Woodrow Wilson

Show your support of the Kennedy Society of North America by attending and/or hosting a Kennedy Society tent at your local Highland Games.

Upcoming Games & Festivals

Following are the games coming to your area soon. Please come out and show your support OR offer to become a games representative in your area by contacting Nomon Kennedy.

October 21-22—Stone Mountain Highland Games—Stone Mountain, GA

There are no games scheduled (with a Kennedy presence) for

November or December.

For direct links to all the games, please visit the Games Calendar page at our web site—<http://www.kennedysociety.org/calendar/games.htm>.

The above games are games/festivals at which a Kennedy Society tent will be manned.

As a reminder: The AGM will be held in 2007 at the New Hampshire Highland Games in September. Lord Ailsa plans to attend these games. You are encouraged to book accommodations early. The games site contains links to area hotels, lodges, etc. The website is www.nhscot.org. If you don't have internet, write to: Nina Eppes—31 Norma Drive—Nashua, NH—03062.

Fàilte to all our New Members

Please help us welcome our new members to the Kennedy Society.

Nancy Morse—Plymouth, MA
Nancy is a Kennedy through her mother and is interested in genealogy. She signed up at the New Hampshire Highland

Games.



What is the Kennedy Society of North America?

The Kennedy Society was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in 1973. We number several hundred active members and their families, and we are growing steadily. We have members in 31 U.S. states and two provinces in Canada, as well as in Great Britain, Germany, and Brazil.

We are incorporated as a non-profit social and historical organization interested in the Celtic peoples, particularly the Scots, Scots-Irish, and the Irish Kennedys (however spelled) and their descendants who came to America. The basic family names are **Kennedy**, **Canaday**, **Carrick**, **Cassillis**, and **Cassell** or **Cassels**. We also welcome those of our family who are descended from the branches named **Ulrich**, **MacUlric**, or **MacWalrich**, who basically are Highlanders. (The Kennedys of Lochaber and the North are descended from Ulric Kennedy,

who fled from Ayrshire and settled in Lochaber before later moving on.)

The Kennedy Society is one of participation. We award scholarships yearly for the study of Highland dancing, piping, and other Celtic arts. Also, we offer the opportunity to join with others of this great family to socialize, research, and record the stories, names, and places of our history so that others might be able to find their roots, and so that this priceless history will not be lost.

Our Society enjoys the patronage of the Most Honourable, the Marquess of Ailsa, Earl of Cassillis, who is the hereditary Chief of Kennedy.

The crest-badge with the dolphin encircled by the buckle and strap identifies followers of the Chief of Kennedy.

We of the Kennedy Society are proud wearers of the badge. We invite all persons who are of Kennedy descent to join the Kennedy Society.



"In youth we run into difficulties, in old age difficulties run into us."

Josh Billings

We Will Always Remember . . .

In remembrance of the fifth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks, the Atlanta Braves held a "9/11 Remembrance" ceremony at Turner Field on September 11, 2006 designed to salute police, firefighters, and military personnel, and to honor those who died in the attacks.

The website for major league baseball said, "Before Army National Guard members from Dobbins Air Force base staged a Blackhawk helicopters flyover at the conclusion of the National Anthem, Metro Atlanta police officers and firefighters gathered in a diamond around the infield dirt. At the same time, military personnel unfurled a flag in center field. Service men and women took their spots on the field to the symbolic sound provided by the Atholl Highland Pipes and Drums (AHPD) team, which played "Amazing Grace" and "Taps" after a moment of silence. The ceremony itself was a reminder of how our world changed in 2001, as the band had to remove dirks and sgian dubhs (long knives worn at the waist and small knives worn in the wooly socks) from their attire for the performance.

Bobby Harwell, husband of Karyl Kennedy Harwell, is a member of the Atholl band. In a roundabout way, Bobby's involvement with the Atholls is a result of his marriage. He and his wife were introduced

on Valentine's Day in 2000 when he began working for the same engineering and environmental consulting firm. A friendship developed between Karyl and Bobby over the next three years, which resulted in a proposal.

Karyl informs, "My 'UncaJim' plays the large bass drum with the AHPD and through that connection I was more or less adopted by the Atholls many years back. When Bobby and I got engaged, I asked him to wear a kilt for our wedding ceremony since the AHPD would be performing in full dress. Though hesitant at first, for the ceremony both he and UncaJim wore Bonnie Prince Charlies. Wonder of wonders...he found he liked the way the kilt fit him. I figured it was probably due to his mother's Murray blood which, by the way, is the name of the Scottish clan that sponsors the AHPD."

The Atholls can be found all over the Southeast at highland games, opening ceremonies, weddings, funerals, horse races and a myriad of parades. Their community spirit has extended as far as Edinburgh, Scotland, where they joined 10,000 others in the 2005 *Pipefest* in order to raise monies for the Marie Curie Cancer Fund. *Glengarries* (hats) off to Bobby for his ongoing participation in the human endeavor and remembering our heroes!



Bobby Harwell on the big screen at the Atlanta Braves baseball game commemorating 9-11.

State Games Representatives



So many States—so few volunteers. Volunteer to host in your State.

Below are your state games representatives. If you are interested in hosting the games in your state, please contact Chief Nomon Kennedy.

Arizona

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Trey and Mary Kennedy
marymillsken-
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If your e-mail address is not listed, please send it ASAP to Nomon or Nina. Thank you!

Young Kennedys at the Games

This year at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, the Kennedy's had some young representation. Harrison Zane Huff, the seven-year-old son of Larry Huff and Suzanne Kennedy Huff, put on his running shoes to participate in the Kilted Quarter Mile Race. Although he didn't place, he finished and gave it a good try. Harrison, who is in 2nd grade

at Trinity Chapel Academy in Powder Springs, Georgia also takes piano, painting, and Taekwondo.

Also, representing the Kennedy Clan in the Children's Events was Leland Short of North Carolina, whose Grandmother was a Kennedy. Leland was also honored with the responsibility of carrying one of the Ken-

nedys flags in the Parade of Tartans and did a very good job.

The families of both Harrison and Leland expressed how much they felt welcomed and a good time was had by all.

Submitted by: Suzanne Kennedy Huff



L to R: Scholarship Co-Chairs, Nelson Kennedy and Joan Kennedy; Chieftain Nina Eppes; and Games Rep Leo Kennedy

Games Updates

This year, the **New Hampshire Highland Games** returned to their original location at Loon Mountain Ski Area, after spending the last three years in a different — and inferior, in most peoples' minds — location at a fairground near Concord, NH.

The weather on Friday was beautiful — unfortunately, the

same could not be said for Saturday and Sunday! We had 15 sign-ins on the guest register, including 5 current members, and one new member on Sunday. Southern New England Games Rep Leo Kennedy, Northern New England Games Rep Patrick Kennedy, and Nina Eppes, marched in the clan parade at 11:00 am. Naturally it started to rain steadily while we were on the parade ground.

Nina's brother-in-law, Rick Davis, competed in the open harp competition

Everyone was very happy to be back at Loon Mountain, although it was a real shame that the weather was so uncooperative for the Games' return to its home location. Let's hope we have better weather there next year for the Kennedy Society AGM!!

Flowers of the Forest

Phyllis S. Kennedy, 86, widow of Alexander F. Kennedy, passed away on September 17, 2006. She was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, having lived there until the age of 33. She was a life member of the Eastern Star, Beatrice Chapter, and Amananth Minery, Glasgow, Scotland. The devoted wife immigrated to New York in 1953 to join her Scottish husband, who had arrived a few months earlier.

Mrs. Kennedy adjusted to the American lifestyle, but still cooked all things Scottish. She was beside herself watching people eat corn, because in Scotland corn was food for pigs. One aspect of American culture Phyllis adored, was dancing to big band music of the Glenn Miller era.

For over 30 years she had been an active member of the St. Andrews Society of Atlanta and has been

very active with the Stone Mountain Scottish Highland Games. She is survived by her children, Mrs. Phyllis Anne Cross, Mr. Alexander Graham Kennedy (former Chieftain), Mrs. Heather Joy Mobley, and Mr. Roger Stuart Kennedy; 15 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Funeral services were held at Patter-son Funeral Home in Atlanta, GA.



“I hate women because they always know where things are.”

James Thurber

Ancient Tartan (contributed by John A. Kennedy CD, FSA Scot—Chieftain—Canada)

I found an interesting bit of information on our Ancient Tartan found in the “The Septs of Scottish Tartans” published in Scotland in 1950.

It reads:

The tartan seems to have been first worn by the Kennedy families in

the Lochaber district. The design has been accepted by the Kennedy’s in Carrick, many of whom adopted it in the eighteenth century as an emblem of the Jacobite sympathies. The single red strip is scarlet and the two fine lines are crimson. Manufacturers, to save themselves the troubles, have been accustomed to this variation in the

design and fail to mark this distinction.

It is noteworthy that the tartan bears little resemblance to any other Lochaber design of that ancient date.

The weavers code is as below.

R	G	B	BK	B	BK	B	BK	B	G	CR	G	CR	G	Y	G	BK
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which struck at the fleet in Pearl Harbor and the airfields in Hickam, Kaneohe, and Ewa.

When it was over, the U.S. losses were:

- Casualties
- USA: 218 KIA, 364 WIA.
- USN: 2,008 KIA, 710 WIA.
- USMC: 109 KIA, 69 WIA.
- Civilians: 68 KIA, 35 WIA.
- TOTAL: 2,403 KIA, 1,178 WIA.

Battleships

- USS Arizona (BB-39)
- USS Oklahoma (BB-37)
- USS California (BB-44)

- USS West Virginia (BB-48)
- USS Nevada - (BB-36)
- USS Pennsylvania (BB-38)
- USS Maryland (BB-46)
- USS Tennessee (BB-43)
- USS Utah (AG-16)

Cruisers

- USS New Orleans (CA-32)
- USS San Francisco (CA38)
- USS Detroit (CL-8)
- USS Raleigh (CL-7)
- USS Helena (CL-50)
- USS Honolulu (CL-48)

Destroyers

- USS Downes (DD-375)
- USS Cassin - (DD-372)
- USS Shaw (DD-373)
- USS Helm (DD-388)

Minesweeper

- USS Ogala (CM-4)

Seaplane Tender

- USS Curtiss (AV-4)

Repair Ship

- USS Vestal (AR-4)

Harbor Tug

- USS Sotoyomo (YT-9)

Aircraft

- 188 Aircraft destroyed (92 USN and 92 U.S. Army Air Corps.)

It is my great hope that at this very special time of year, we thank those brave men and women who have allowed us to celebrate in any manner we should choose.

Chief Nomon Kennedy



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Updates, cont'd.

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Kennedy Scholarships

Now is the time to look for 2007 summer/fall workshops for those interested in learning about the Scottish Arts, such as: fiddle, harp, bagpipes, dance, drums, and language arts.

The Kennedy Society of North America, grants scholarships to members of the Kennedy Society, their children, or grandchildren to pursue these endeavors. The grants are for tuition only, and are for short-term programs, not year long lessons.

The instructor and workshop must be a

certified workshop/class. Deadlines for application for scholarship is April 1, 2007. For further information, please go the Kennedy website at www.kennedysociety.com.

Lauren Kennedy joins the Philly Pops Orchestra, conducted by Peter Nero, for their Holiday POPS concert. Concert dates are December 13, 15-16, and 18-23 in Verizon Hall at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Philadelphia. You can purchase tickets at www.phillypops.com.

From the Kennedy Society Board of Governors, Chieftains, Vice Chieftains, Scholarship Committee, and all those who serve your Kennedy Society, we wish you the happiest, safest, and most prosperous of holiday seasons!

