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THE KENNEDY GAZETTE

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FALL 2007

Honored Clan of NH Highland Games

For the first time in its history, the Kennedy Society of North America held its annual general meeting (AGM) at a location other than Grandfather Mountain. The Northeast Region was honored that the KSNA chose to hold its AGM at the New Hampshire Highland Games, which took place at Loon Mountain Ski Resort, Lincoln, NH, on September 21-23, 2007. In addition, Clan Kennedy was selected as the Honored Clan of the Games, and Lord Ailsa was invited to be the Chieftain of the Games.

Almost 60 Kennedy Society members marched in the clan parade preceding the Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, Sept. 22, making this one of the largest Honored Clan showings I can remember in 15 years of attending the NH Highland Games!

Mike Frady, newly-appointed Vice Chieftain of the Southeast Region, served as Lord Ailsa's standard bearer, in which capacity he bravely stepped forward to defend Lord Charles from the Historic Highlanders (a reenactment group) when they rushed the

stage in mock rage after having been "accidentally" left out of the clan roll call, a traditional joke of the NH Games.

On the evening of Saturday, Sept. 22, we held an outdoor dinner and ceilidh at the condo resort where my family was staying. Fortunately, the weather more or less cooperated - there was a brief shower just as the dinner part of the evening was winding down, but it passed quickly and we were able to continue with the ceilidh portion of the evening, which featured our many musically-talented Society members.

The ceilidh opened with singer/songwriter Oen Kennedy performing a praise ballad in honor of the Kennedys that he wrote especially for the occasion (that he had only finished composing just the night before).

Eleven new Society members signed up during the weekend, a record! My thanks to everyone who attended and who made the weekend a resounding success!

*Nina Eppes,
Chieftain, Northeastern Region*

*Left to right,
Bill Kennedy,
Nina Eppes,
Chris Kennedy,
John Kennedy
fall in line for
the Parade of
Clans at Loon
Mt., New
Hampshire,
Highland
Games.*

*—More NH
pictures in
Winter issue!*





From the Chief

Fellow Clansmen,

I must warn you to never, I said **never**, attend one of those so-called AGM things. If excitement bores you, if great talent unnerves you, if meeting new family members scares you, don't show up.

Seeing a grown man on his knees (west coast Mike) begging to be pardoned all the while receiving a feather in his bonnet, may not be for you. If hearing your Clan Chief serenaded to by a duo (Leo & Rich) with a new version of an old song, "*What do you do with a drunken Chieftain*" is too frightening, don't think of attending one.

The Kennedy Society of N.A. came off Grandfather Mountain with a SPLASH. This was a historical AGM. Loon Mt. gave us our first AGM off GFM *and* a record number of Kennedys attending an AGM. There were well over 100 Kennedys at the Saturday evening event. Nina, Joan and crew (and I mean crew) did the Kennedys well. We have so much talent in our younger folks and I tell you

I am so honored to know them and to be in the same family. We also had a record number of new members to join KSNA.

Prepare yourself for the 2008 AGM in Fergus, Canada. John will soon be posting the details on the web site. I also want to notify you that in July 2009, the International Gathering of the Clans will be held in Scotland. This should be a wonderful event. There are plans for a group flight over to Scotland. We will certainly let you know the details as they become available.

We are offering a beautiful writing pen that has the Kennedy Tartan wrapped around it with the Membership Crest front & center. These pens are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00. They are currently available through myself or Sue Kennedy, our Membership Chair. They would make great gifts.

Thanks to all of you that have worked so hard this year. The work is showing, we are growing. To those of you that feel you have so little time—you help when you drop by the tent and offer your friendship. This is an effort by all of us. What you feel is, a little means a lot.

God Bless each of you and may you have peace ahead.

—Nomon



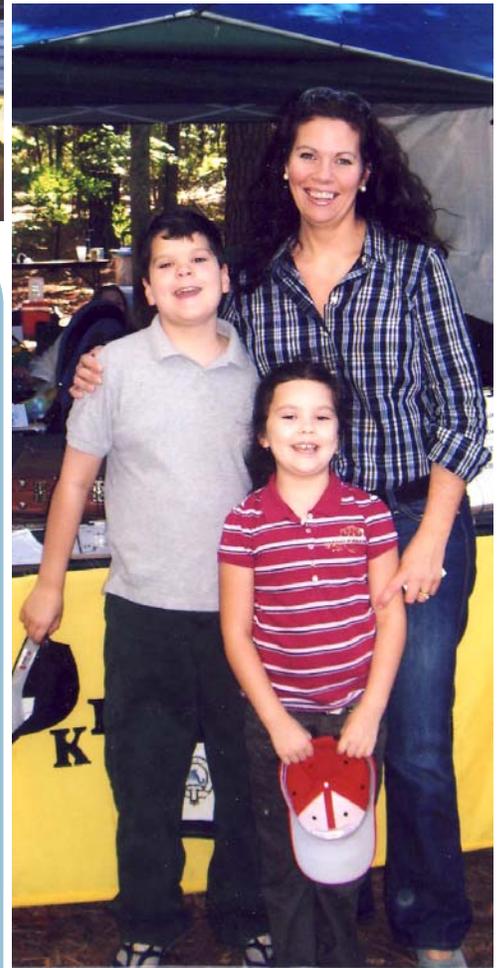
Left, Lord Charles, Morgan Pell, & Joan Kennedy, scholarship committee chair, in the Kennedy tent at the New Hampshire Highland Games. Morgan is one of the 2007 Kennedy Society scholarship recipients. The other recipient is Olivia Creighton, who will be profiled in the next issue of the Gazette. Congratulations Morgan and Olivia!

Above, Chief Nomon and Lord Charles get the party rolling at the Kennedy dinner and ceilidh in Lincoln, NH on Sept. 23, 2007.



Left, newlyweds Joel and Cassandra Henry at Stone Mt. Games. Joel is a long-standing member of KSNA and accomplished piper.

Below, top to bottom, Kelli, Reed, and Caitlin Pirkle joined the Kennedy Society at Stone Mt. Welcome!



Stone Mountain, GA Games '07

The Kennedys were one of over 100 clans and societies present at the Stone Mountain games in October 2007.

Our tent was staffed by Chris and Sue Kennedy, Ed and Laura Kennedy Pittman with daughter Carly, and Martha and Carver Kennedy.

Chief Nomon Kennedy and his wife Nancy were also in attendance, and were kept busy seeing old friends and meeting new Kennedys.

Clan Chief Lord Ailsa, Charles Kennedy, came over from Scotland to support the Games, participating in the Games ceremonies, and attracting great interest from visitors to the tent.

We had many members come by to visit and help, including the Paul Keys, Joel Henry and his new wife Cassandra, Dick Kennedy, who has recovered from his serious illness of last year, the Harwells including 'Bobby the Bagpiper,' several members of Chris Kennedy's family, and numerous others.

The weather was excellent both days, cool in the mornings and warm in the afternoon, and *no rain*. Visitors were very interested in learning about Scottish Clans, whether they themselves had Scot-

tish ancestors, and if so, to which Clan did they belong?

We were kept busy answering guests' questions. Some were sent to us by other Clans as we seemed to have more genealogy information reference books and information on Scotland.

Two new members joined, and we gave out a number of applications to people who expressed an interest in joining. Several of these were avid about their new-found "Kennedy Connection" so I believe we will see more new members soon.

Some visitors were attracted to our tent by our banner which lists the various spellings of Kennedy, especially ones beginning with "C". They were walking by and saw the banner and came in to learn more. They did not know that their names, Cassels, Cassell, Canaday and Canady, were part of the Kennedy Clan and were very excited to find this link in their ancestry.

Chief Nomon hosted an informal bar-b-que Saturday night for Lord Ailsa, members and family.

Carver and Martha Kennedy

PASSPORT REMINDER

The 2008 Kennedy Society AGM will be held at the Fergus, Canada, Highland Games. Keep abreast of the passport requirements for U.S. citizens traveling to Canada at

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html

As of late 2007, passports are required for travel by air to Canada. A passport may be required by next summer for travel by land or sea to Canada. Check at your post office.

Kennedy Gathering at Loch Hartwell Games, GA

The Loch Hartwell Games, Oct. 6, 2007, have reduced from previous years to a one-day event with a Friday Golf tournament. There were 20 clans represented at this well-attended games, which is held on a large farm with rolling hills and meadows.

We were busy all day, and a number of Kennedy Society members attended and helped with tent activities, including Chris (Chieftain) and Sue (Membership Chair) Kennedy, and Paul Key. Our tent was in our familiar location under large oak trees that we have used in previous year, and the weather was clear and mild.

We had many more visitors to the tent than in previous years, and signed up two new members to the society.

We copied Dan Kennedy's idea from the Utah Games and mailed flyers to non-member Kennedy and Canaday names in the local phone book. We believe that may have helped our attendance, and plan to do this again next year.

Visitors from other clans came by to ask genealogy questions and to talk about local and Scottish history. One was even a Carrick!

Our tent apparently had some information on Clans and genealogy that others did not, and they sent people to us. Martha and I attended the Sponsors Reception Friday night at the local Country Club, a good opportunity to meet other clans and the organizers.

A dozen Kennedys marched in the "Gathering of the Clans" opening ceremony on Saturday, led by Chris Kennedy.

Carver and Martha Kennedy

Note from the Editor: Such a busy summer, we don't have the space to share all of the great news and pictures and articles received. Look for these and more party pictures from the AGM in the Winter '08 issue!



Charleston, SC Games and News

Mike & Sherry Frady hosted the Kennedy tent at the Charleston, SC games in September. The return of the Kennedys to the games was a successful one. We had 14 visitors and gained ONE NEW MEMBER!

Her name is **Katharine Hendrix** from Greenville, SC—**WELCOME Katharine!** Mike & Sherry attended the Loon Mt., NH Games, and what an event it was! Mike was standard bearer for Lord Charles and thoroughly enjoyed it. He also did a good job of defending Lord Charles from an attack by renegade highlanders, and Caitlin danced the night away with Chief Mike at the Games dinner dance.

In other news, Mike & Sherry helped host another Kilt Night at Tir Na Nog (Scots) Irish Pub in Raleigh, NC with the band that helped start it all, ALBAN-NACH! There was a solid Kennedy presence as well at this event!

Mike & Sherry will be helping their church put on a Veterans Day tribute on Sunday, 11 Nov. with a Scottish flair. There will be a piper and Mike & Sherry will act as the color guard representing their S.A.M.S. Post 1775, where Mike is

Vice-Commander.

All in all, the year has been a great one for the NC chieftains, and we look forward to next year and the Gathering in '09.

So until next time we thank all members, both old & new, for their Love, support and Friendship. We wish each and everyone a Blessed Holiday Season. MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*Mike & Sherry Frady,
NC Vice-Chieftains*



Sherry and Lord Charles at the NH Games

Ligonier, PA Games and Midwest Activities

Fall brought quite a bit of activity to the Midwest Region! The Highland Games at Ligonier PA. Held on September 8th saw the return of the Kennedys represented by John Snodgrass, Cynde Kennedy, Julie Kennedy and myself, and Ann and Paul Keys accompanied by their lovely Labrador Retriever Nealy.

During the day we had many current members sign in at the tent and we welcomed new members **Clinton Knupp** and **James and Sheila Friedline!** Also, welcome back to **Paul and Gene Marie Kliner** who live less than a mile from me in Ohio! We marched in the Clan Parade with 18 members and had quite a lot to talk about in the unseasonably sweltering heat.

New member, Clint Knupp happens to be a weapons smith specializing in swords and daggers. This young gentleman attended the games accompanied by his lovely friend Jessica, both dressed in the Kennedy Tartan. More to come of his story along with some information on the "North American Longbow Association" in the next edition of the *Kennedy Gazette*.

Thanks to all who came out to the Ligonier Games, we will be back next year. If anyone wishes to assist in hosting, please contact John Snodgrass or myself.

During our AGM at the Loon Mountain NH Games, I was reappointed as Chieftain for the Midwest by our Society Chief. Also appointed were John Snodgrass of Ohio as Vice Chieftain for the Midwest, and Julie Ken-

nedy as editor of the Kennedy Gazette. Many thanks to Mary Mills Kennedy for the OUTSTANDING job she did as both Gazette editor and Secretary for the Kennedy Society during 2006-2007. We hope to see her talents again in the future!

KSNA members attending "A Taste of Scotland" in Akron, OH, on October 27, 2007 were Cynde Kennedy, John Snodgrass, Julie Kennedy and myself. This event was a fund raiser for our local Highland Dance group, the "Tigh na Creige" dancers. Children's highland athletic games were also held, and my children Erin (9), and Reid (6), brought home 5 awards.

Erin won first place in the Caber Toss and Golf, and Reid received first place awards in Sheaf Toss and Golf and a second place ribbon in Caber Toss. The only picture from the event to run in the Akron Beacon Journal (much to the chagrin of about 40 dancers) was of Erin tossing the caber! Nevertheless, the event was very successful in both fund raising and sharing Scottish-American traditions with the local folks of Akron.

If you would like to host a tent at an event in the Midwest, please contact John or myself and we'll reserve the tent kit for you. We'd also like to hear about your graduations, marriages, achievements or military service. Have a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Bill Kennedy



Left, at Ligonier, PA, new Vice-Chieftan John Snodgrass, Clint Knupp, Jessica, and Bill Kennedy; Ann, Paul, and Nealy Key at center; Cynde Kennedy and her husband John Snodgrass at right. See more pictures from the Midwestern region in the winter issue!

Mary, Marchioness of Ailsa;

Born May 3, 1916; Died August 17, 2007.

The long life of Mary, Marchioness of Ailsa, who has died aged 91, was inextricably bound up with Culzean Castle, the Kennedy family seat until the house and its contents were handed over to the National Trust for Scotland in 1945.

Lady Ailsa was one of the last members of the Kennedy family to live at Culzean, which dominates the South Ayrshire coastline, along with her late husband the 7th Marquess, Archibald David Kennedy. She lived in Ayrshire for most of her life, latterly at Cassillis.

One of Scotland's most visited stately homes, Culzean had a heritage that was zealously guarded by Lady Ailsa following her husband's death in 1994. A slender lady with an aristocratic air, she was particularly forceful in the face of several controversial alterations to the castle's collection of furniture and pictures.

Lady Ailsa always proclaimed: "I am proud of being a Kennedy", the family of which she was a member for more than half a century. Born Mary Burn in 1916, the youngest of eight children, she never knew her father John, who was killed in France towards the end of the Great War. At the Duchess School in Alnwick, young Mary excelled on the sports field and led a happy but frugal home life with her widowed mother.

During the Second World War, she ran the office for the land girls under Sir John Craster. She later joined the then WVS to look after soldiers' welfare and, following training in London, was posted to Germany in the late 1940s, where she spent two happy years. Not wishing to leave her mother, she turned down a post in Hong Kong.

Thereafter, Mary was posted to Strathpeffer in the Highlands to supervise the welfare of soldiers' families. At a New Year's Eve Ball she met David Kennedy, then Earl of Cassillis, who was learning estate management on the Fairbairn Estate. They married in 1954, nine years after his uncle, the 5th Marquess, had gifted Culzean Castle to the National Trust, for which her husband

later worked at Inverewe Gardens in Wester Ross.

Initially living there, they soon moved to the new wing at Culzean Castle, and from there to Cassillis, where Mary restored the neglected house and gardens - known as The Jungle - a project which benefited from her love of nature.

The marriage produced two sons, the 8th Marquess, Archibald Angus Charles Kennedy (born 1956), and his brother Lord David Thomas Kennedy (born 1958), and also one daughter, Lady Elizabeth Helen Kennedy (born 1955). The 5th Marquess died in 1956, and within a day of completing his first year as the 6th Marquess, Angus Kennedy died in 1957. Thus Mary became Marchioness of Ailsa and her husband the 7th Marquess.

These were busy and enjoyable years. The top floor of Culzean had been gifted to General Dwight Eisenhower as a thank you from the people of Scotland for his wartime service and Lady Ailsa acted as hostess to the former President on at least one occasion.

Known locally as "the Marchioness", Lady Ailsa's vibrant personality meant she was much in demand for speaking engagements. The Ayrshire Hospice was close to her heart, while she was also appointed an Honorary Commandant of the Girls Venture Corps, an Honorary President of Turnberry Ladies Golf Club, and an Honorary President of Ayr Choral Union. Herself a gifted musician, she was an accomplished pianist with a fine singing voice.

Lady Ailsa shared President Eisenhower's dedication to Maybole, enthusiastically supporting celebrations in Sep-

tember 2005 to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the handing over of Culzean Castle. At the 1945 VE Day celebrations in a marquee on the castle lawn, she led off the dancing in grand fashion.

The 7th Marquis died on their 40th wedding anniversary in 1994. Lady Ailsa is survived by her daughter, two sons, and two grand-daughters, Lady Rosemary and Lady Alicia.

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Estes Park, Colorado Games Report

The Estes Park 2007 games in September was a wonderful event. We had nine Kennedys march in the parade through Estes on Saturday morning, (plus one Kennedy-owned puppy.)

Brian Kassay, son of KSNA games representative Sarah Kassay, played tunes on the bagpipes as many visitors and members stop by the Kennedy tent to say hello.

Two new members joined. Mary Miller, one of the new members, donated a wonderful addi-

tion to our clan tent display, a Kennedy clan crest plaque given in memory of her parents, who acquired it in Scotland.

She thought that they would appreciate it being displayed at our tent. Thank you, Mary!

Twelve-year old Ellen Kassay performed in the Irish Step Dancing competition with over 400 other participants.

We are thrilled to announce that Ellen won four medals, two first place, one second, and

one third place.

Ellen has been dancing Irish step for four years, and is a regular competitor at Estes Park. Ellen's grandfather, Thomas Kennedy, emigrated to America from Uddingston Scotland in 1953.

Even though Ellen is not named "Kennedy" she is obviously as gifted as the bloodline suggests.

*Randy Peterson
Colorado Games
Representative*

Randy with new members



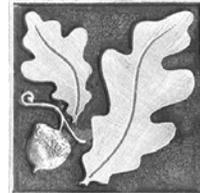
*“Take time
to remember
the past,
it has helped us
become
who we are.”*



Above, lining up for the clan parade at the Estes Park, CO, Highland Games, September 2007; right, the many Kennedys in attendance.

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New KSNA Members

***The Kennedy Society welcomes
the following new members:***

Charles Scribner	Birmingham, Alabama
Glenn Kennedy	San Diego, California
Mary Kennedy	Lafayette, Colorado
Rana Kennedy	Greeley, Colorado
Mary Miller	Colorado Springs, Colorado
James Kennedy	Fraser, Colorado
Tom/Betty Ann Flanagan	New Milford, Connecticut
Vivian Kay Kennedy	New Milford, Connecticut
Nannette Payne	Cumming, Georgia
Carrie Slayton	Athens, Georgia
Don Canady	Lavonia, Georgia
Kelli Pirkle	Gainesville, Georgia
Charles Kennedy	Westford, Massachusetts
Cynthia Sam	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Betsy Kennedy	Bolton, Massachusetts
Scott Kennedy	Swampscott, Massachusetts
Kathryn Kennedy	Colora, Maryland
Nicola Drew	North Yarmouth, Maine
James Friedline	Litchfield, Michigan
Mary Lynn Grant	Charlotte, North Carolina
Sandra Ross	Fayetteville, North Carolina
George/Carla Kennedy	Linville, North Carolina
Michael Tew	High Point, North Carolina
Lynn Robinson	Banner Elk, North Carolina
Valerie Fitchett	Whitefield, New Hampshire
Paul Klimer	North Canton, Ohio
Clinton Knupp	Rector, Pennsylvania
Jordan Cannady	Cranston, Rhode Island
Katherine Hendrix	Charleston, South Carolina
David Carrick	Greer, South Carolina
William D Kennedy	Hampton, Virginia
John Kennedy	Norfolk, Virginia
George Silver	Stowe, Vermont

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Deadline for submissions:

Winter: January 31

Spring: April 30

Summer: July 31

Autumn: October 31

Teaching Award Winner

KSNA member Jackie Davis has been selected as the Middle School Teacher of the Year for the New Hampshire Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

This award honors a middle school physical education educator 'who has brought expertise and credibility to the field through exemplary teaching at this level.'

There was some uncertainty about the nomination, which was made by a friend and colleague. Jackie does not have a P.E. degree, nor is she certified by the state to teach P.E., as she teaches at a Waldorf school which does not require this.

At first, the association indicated that they could not recognize non-traditional teachers, but later changed their mind and gave her the recognition—they must have

been impressed by your good work, Jackie!

She reports, "I'm pleased to be recognized by my peers and am most likely the first Waldorf school movement teacher to be acknowledged in the mainstream."

Jackie has been accepted in the Master of Education program at Harvard, and will be attending in '08 - '09. Congratulations!

