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## In the Celtic Spotlight

**Not Exactly in the “Land of Oz,” but so Enchanting... Lady Rosemary’s Wedding**  
( Her letter to all of the Kennedys)

Dear All: As most of you know Nicko and I got married on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August at St Paul’s Church in Knightsbridge, London, followed by a lovely reception at Nicko’s father’s house in Brook Green. We had an amazing day. Caledonian Club just off Belgrave Square, where my 2 bridesmaids, Lady Alicia and Laura Jordan Bambach, helped me to stay my nerves and prepare for the day ahead. It started with a big family breakfast of good Scottish fayre and having arranged for the hair and makeup girl to join us there at 10 am, my big day began. Being the bride I was 1<sup>st</sup> in to the seat and 2 hours later Kerry the H&M girl had transformed me in to a beautiful bride all be it I is was still in jeans and t-shirt but wearing the family tiara and my mane of hair looking very pretty and for the 1<sup>st</sup> time well



controlled (vat loads of hair spray had been used) and it was only noon! So after pacing the room for a while and watching Laura start with her hair I decided I would go and get some lunch for everyone. So off I went to the super-market still wearing the tiara, wandered around picked up some sandwiches and no one batted an eyelid. Oh, how the other half live!



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Having finally got in to my wedding dress, for those of you who are interested in such things, it was pale ivory with a simple A line skirt and a lace fishtail of about 2 foot all darted with diamanté that laced up the back, I did however stray away from tradition when it came to the shoes. I had found the most amazing pair of pillar box red patent shoes which I fell in love with, and which only just peeked out from under the dress when I walked.

The ceremony kicked off at 3 pm, being that which is traditional, I walked down the aisle on Lord Ailsa's arm at 10 past, to the beautiful music of "*I Was Glad*" by H Parry. The ceremony seemed to fly by but Fr. Alan Gyle, the vicar of St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, who is also my boss, was very good and guided Nicko and me through without a hitch. Having worked for the church for almost a year I was very touched to see how many of the parish turned up to see us marry and was very surprised to count how many members of the cloth came to witness our marriage, it was almost a state wedding with 11 clergy present!

Now to the reception. We had arranged for an old London route master bus to take all the guests to the reception which was 15 minutes away from the church. Mr. Christopher Cadell, Nicko's father, had very generously offered to play host to the reception and opened up his house on Brook Green to our friends and families, and in total we were a party of 87 guests. After arriving at Brook Green, we had a glass of champers together and then I didn't see Nicko again until the speeches - 4 hours later . . . Perfect preparation for a happy marriage!

Our first dance was the Gay Gordon's (Nicko hates dancing unless it's in the kitchen and no one is watching) and he only stood on my dress 3 times! We had hired a ceilidh band to play and one of my lasting memories of the night

was doing *Strip the Willow* with Fr. Alan, Lady Alicia and the curate Fr. Richard Coles, pointing out to all the English where and who they were meant to be dancing with. All in all it was great fun.

Top marks have to be handed to my father who throughout the whole day and days leading up to had been a huge support and his speech a very touching welcome to Nicko, I couldn't have done it without him, he did me and the clan proud. Thank you Daddy, I love you.

On a personal note Nicko and would like to sincerely thank you all for your kind and thoughtful gift which we put towards a newlyweds' massage on our amazing honeymoon in the Maldives. We look forward to seeing you all in 2011 at the next Kennedy clan gathering.

Love to you all  
Rosie & Nicko Kennedy - Cadell



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## Greetings from Lord Ailsa

### A Message from Ayrshire

Good day from Bonnie Scotland where it is very wet and windy. The clocks are back to winter time and a snowy and cold winter has been forecast. My trips to The States have been somewhat interesting this year... starting with my 1st Burns Supper in January where Bill Kennedy had arranged for me to take part in a Supper near Cleveland, Ohio. It was great fun meeting people who once came from towns near Ayr, Troon, and Girvan, in fact it was much more fun than the ones I attend here. So, a big thanks to Bill. Then it was The Savannah games. This time the volcanic ash delayed me getting to the States. However, Shannon Kennedy rose to the occasion and got me to the games on time, including the Mary Hill Games. September came the AGM, at Ligonier, and despite the hard work of John and Cynde, I must say I was somewhat disappointed with the turnout. I have attended 15 AGMs, and this was by far the smallest. Hopefully 2011 will be better. My thanks go to John Snodgrass who put on a great show and an excellent dinner. It was then on to Loon Mountain where Nina and family entertained us in great style. So, in all, not a bad year.

2011 brings Hawaii in March and our Kennedy Society AGM at Grandfather Mountain in July. I hope to see as many of you as possible. In the meantime my I wish you all A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## Important Words from our Chief

Well my first term as President/Chief is now history and thanks to you I have another. The bylaws are limited to 5 years of service but election must take place every year. I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the belief in and support of me that I have received this year and thank you for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve you. I want to take a few moments to relate a couple of things that have transpired this year and hopefully will have major impact on the growth of the KNSA into the future.

Although not yet finalized by the Government, we have applied for and hopefully will receive 501-C3 status. This move to a non-profit charity status should open up the way for us to grow financially and begin to realize more of our dreams for education, scholarship and membership. You should be able to hear the cheers when the approval comes.

Another very important thing that we have done this year is to create a lifetime membership opportunity. After examining many other societies we decided to do two things. The offering of lifetime will be for those members who are under 60 years of age at \$400 and those over 60 years \$300. Only the initial \$25 will be available as dues and the rest will be invested in a separate interest bearing account that should allow for an equivalent dues income as if the individual paid every year. We are excited by this offering.

Lord Charles has asked us to look into the Irish side of the Kennedy Clan since a major number have gone back and forth. Carver Kennedy is researching that part of our ancestry. Look forward to more information.

One of the questions raised at the Board of Governors meeting this year was "what's in it for me?" I would urge you to let me know what you find in the KNSA for you. I cannot tell you how much you all and this Society mean to me; I get so excited I can barely stand myself. But this may be a great forum for looking at ideas and ways to help us grow even better. You are the society, and what we do, we do for you. Help us do it better.

I cannot close without doing two things. I must thank all the dedicated people who have been instrumental in making this the largest growth year we have had since I have been a member. It is the dedication of many people who have made this possible. We have had a great year and created many wonderful lasting memories. Thank you all. As this year winds down, let us wind up and get ready to enjoy the special holiday season. To steal a quote from our leader; we are not here to pillage, but to party. Lift a glass, send a toast, sing a song, dance along. May this season be the best ever for you and yours.



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**Here's to the Patron Saint of Scotland....St. Andrew. May we use the feast of St. Andrew, celebrated on 30 November each year, as an occasion to eat traditional Scottish foods, enjoy the fiddle and the pipes, and to raise a wee small dram of scotch whisky in toast... Slainte!**

ST. ANDREWS DAY is the feast of Saint Andrew, celebrated on 30 November each year. Saint Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and St. Andrew's Day is Scotland's official national day, although Burn's Night is more widely observed. In 2006, the Scottish Parliament passed the St. Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Act 2007, which designated the Day as an official bank holiday.

Very little is really known about St. Andrew himself. He was thought to have been a fisherman in Galilee (now part of Israel), along with his elder brother Simon Peter (Saint Peter). Both became followers (apostles) of Jesus Christ, and were among the early founders of the Christian religion.



St. Andrew is said to have been responsible for spreading the tenets of the Christian religion through Asia Minor and Greece. Tradition suggests that St. Andrew was put to death by the Romans in Patras, Southern Greece by being pinned to a cross (crucified). The diagonal shape of this cross is said to be the basis for the Cross of St. Andrew which appears on the Scottish Flag.

St. Andrew's bones were entombed, and around 300 years later were moved by Emperor Constantine (the Great) to his new capital Constantinople (now Istanbul in Turkey). Legend suggests that a Greek Monk (although others describe him as an Irish assistant of St. Columba) called St. Rule who was warned in a dream that St. Andrew's remains were to be moved and was directed by an angel to take those of the remains which he could to the "ends of the earth" for safe-keeping. St. Rule dutifully followed these directions, removing a tooth, an arm bone, a kneecap and some fingers from St. Andrew's tomb and transporting these as far away as he could. Scotland was close to the extremities of the known world at that time and it was here that St. Rule was shipwrecked with his precious cargo. St. Rule is said to have come ashore at a Pictish settlement on the East Coast of Scotland and this later became St. Andrews. Thus, the association of St. Andrew with Scotland was said to have begun.

Perhaps more likely than the tale of St. Rule's journey is that Acca, the Bishop of Hexham, who was a renown collector of relics, brought the relics of St. Andrew to St. Andrews in 733. There certainly seems to have been a religious centre at St. Andrews at that time, either founded by St. Rule in the 6th century or by a Pictish King, Ungus, who reigned from 731-761.

Whichever tale is true, the relics were placed in a specially constructed chapel. This chapel was replaced by the Cathedral of St. Andrews in 1160, and St. Andrews became the religious capital of Scotland and a great centre for Medieval pilgrims who came to view the relics.

It is not known what happened to the relics of St. Andrew which were stored in St. Andrews Cathedral, although it is most likely that these were destroyed during the Scottish Reformation. The Protestant cause, propounded by Knox, Wishart and others, won out over Roman Catholicism during the Reformation and the "idolatry of Catholicism", that is the Saints, relics, decoration of churches, were expunged during the process of converting the Roman Catholic churches of Scotland to the harsh simplicity of Knox's brand of Calvinism.

The place where these relics were kept within the Cathedral at St. Andrews is now marked by a plaque, amongst the ruins, for visitors to see. The larger part of St. Andrew's remains were stolen from Constantinople in 1210 and are now to be found in Amalfi in Southern Italy. In 1879 the Archbishop of Amalfi sent a small piece of the Saint's shoulder blade to the re-established Roman Catholic community in Scotland.

In 1969, Gordon Gray, leader of the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland was in Rome to be appointed the first Scottish Cardinal since the Reformation. Pope Paul VI gave him further relics of St. Andrew with the words "Saint Peter gives you his brother". These are now displayed in a reliquary in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Edinburgh.

Source: Wikipedia and The School of Geo Sciences at the University of Edinburgh



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## REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR...KEEP AMERICA ALERT

*Editor's Note: As December 7 nears, shortly before the 69th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, it is particularly fitting that we publish this account of the attack, and of the U.S. entry into World War II. I called Spokane, Washington on November 11, Veteran's Day, to speak with Sid Kennedy, a Kennedy Society member who lived through the attack. Here is his story.*

Kennedy Society member, **John S. (Sid) Kennedy**, (who was the 33rd person to become a member of the Kennedy Society and who formerly served as a west coast chieftain) is also a Naval veteran of World War II, who was reared in Spokane, Washington. He was a Seaman 2nd Class in the U.S. Navy on December 7, 1941. He had passed the exams for Seaman 3rd Class and would attain that rank in January 1942.



Sid was stationed on the windward side of Oahu at Kaneohe Naval Air Station, where his job was handling boats and motor crafts. At the time of the attack, he was in the safest place on the base, a concrete block building that housed the base's sick bay. When asked if there was any advance warning of the attack, he replied that all sorts of buzz had been prevalent for at least two weeks preceding the attack. The base captain had called the personnel together for a briefing to say that the U.S. would probably enter the war without even firing a shot. Sid vividly recalls that Kaneohe was attacked by the incoming Japanese planes

even before Pearl Harbor. Bombs rained upon the base just around dawn. As soon as he was released from sick bay, Kennedy served for 30 days with a company of Marines, stationed in a fox hole at the edge of the base, manning a machine gun. He served out World War II, and for a total of 20 years in the U.S. Navy. Ironically, at the 17-year mark he was sent to the American Embassy in Tokyo, where he served as small plane advisor to the Japanese.



Sid's career after the Navy, was in maintenance for two appliance companies on the west coast. As part of his district, his work took him back to Hawaii and also to Alaska. Visits to Hawaii included many trips to the Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor. Although he would like to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. as some of his buddies have done, he has not been able to travel by air to the memorial.

Sid Kennedy and his wife of 65 years, Dorothea, live in Spokane, Washington. Their daughter, Marcy Heldt, is employed at Gonzaga University. Sid is an active member of the Lilac City Chapter of Pearl Harbor Survivors, an organization of veterans who meet monthly to honor their motto: **"Remember Pearl Harbor. Keep America Alert."** According to a story in a Spokane senior's publication, the youngest member of the group is 84, the oldest is over 90. The chapter is dedicated to educating today's youth as to the grim realities of war. Believing that the history of Pearl Harbor is being diluted to school children, the group makes visits such as the one made recently to a Spokane area school to share the events of the attack. The group also marches in a Torchlight Arm Forces Parade each May in Spokane. And every year, the crowd rises to its feet as the veterans march past. The monthly meetings are not only about reliving the war. The survivors have become good friends. They rehash the war and their careers after the war, joke and tease and tell stories about their grandchildren. Sid recounts how his grandson can earn \$75 refereeing a soccer game...it took him a week to earn that much! The numbers of the Pearl Harbor Survivors chapter are dwindling. It is thoughts of friendship, not war, that fill their conversations these days. Comradship with others who shared the same experiences on December 7, 1941 is what matters to the members. Sid Kennedy agrees, "There's no other group like it. We have something that no other group has."



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## WORLD WAR II AVIATRIX AMONG VETERANS HONORED

*Editor's Note: It was just a coincidence (but are there really any coincidences?) that I received an email from Kennedy Society member Thelma Miller of Norwalk, Ohio asking if she could send me some material for the Gazette. Little did I know until I received it, how fitting her story would be to include at the same time as that of Sid Kennedy's World War II experience. Read and be as proud of her service as you are of Sid's.*

In March of this year, 87 year old Thelma K. Miller, was one of 200 women who received the highest civilian honor given by Congress for her efforts in flying airplanes during World War II. Thelma was a WASP (Women Airforce Service Pilot). Her duties during the war involved flight testing repaired aircraft.

The WASPs were the first women to serve as pilots and fly military aircraft for the U.S. Army Airforce. They served from September 1942 until Dec. 20, 1944. 25,000 women applied for the Women's Flying Training Detachment. 1830 were accepted and 1074 graduated from the training program. The WASP were stationed at 120 airbases in the United States. They flew 78 different types of aircraft. They flew 60 million miles of operation flights. 38 died while flying in the service.

Inspired by Amelia Earhart and other female flying aces of the 1930's, Thelma started learning to fly at age 16, before she graduated from high school. She didn't tell her parents

though, fearing that they would think it too dangerous a pastime and would keep her from going aloft. However, her folks accepted her passion for flight.

Thelma had close calls in the line of duty, including the time when the flaps on her plane malfunctioned during a landing and she had to throttle over high tension wires in the last second. Testing repaired aircraft was "exactly a choice assignment," Thelma recalls, "but you took what you got, you did what you were told."

Their dedication to their country included paying their own way to Sweetwater, Texas for training at Avenger Field; collecting funds to bury those among their ranks (who although they died in service to their country, were considered civilians and accorded no military honors); and at war's end had to pay their own bus fare home.

At the Congressional award ceremony, more than 100 women traveled to Washington. Many wore their blue WASP uniforms, carried old black and white photos taken during the war, and joined in singing "Off We Go Into The Wild Blue Yonder," the Air Force anthem.

Tom Brokaw, former television anchor and author of "The Greatest Generation" praised the women, saying, "The generations that followed them owe them a debt of gratitude." Thelma included a note with her story to say that the award was a recognition given to the WASP as a group, not an individual honor.

Sources: *Norwalk Reflector, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Milwaukee Journal*





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Lord Ailsa, John Snodgrass, and Cynde Kennedy at 2010 Burns Dinner

Once again, the Robert Burns Celebration near Cleveland Ohio is coming up!  
**January 15th 2011**

**Scottish Heritage Association of Northeast Ohio  
Burns Dinner**

Croatian Lodge, 3490 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, Ohio 44095

The Music Makers will play for dancing.

**\$40.00 per person**

There will also be 3 Area Pipe Bands, The Heather Belles and RSCD Dancers.

For reservations contact: **Scott Duncan (440) 392-2308**

## Hawaii Games in April 2011

I had the privilege to attend the Hawaiian Scottish Games last April and found out how strongly the Celtic heart beats in the Islands! Next April is their 30th Annual Celebration and our Chief has been invited as "Honoured Guest". We had two new members join this year from Hawaii, Susan Locke and Alice and Walter Herring! Susan's son is a mighty athlete and wished to wear our tartan during the heavy Highland competition!

We are planning to arrive March 31<sup>st</sup> and stay for a week. There is a packaged tour arranged by Sue Kennedy (deadline for the tour deposit is December 4); or you may wish to make your own travel arrangements.

Since Julie and I have family in Hawaii, we will be attending the Scottish Games associated events only, from March 31-April 4<sup>th</sup>.

There are many cost effective deals to be had on the online travel sites such as **travelocity.com** and **priceline.com**. We will be staying close to Queen Kapiolani Park where the games are held as we did this year.

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Merry Christmas, I hope to see you all next year! **Bill Kennedy, Deputy Chief**

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**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDARS NOW  
TO ATTEND THE  
KENNEDY AGM AT THE  
GRANDFATHER HIGHLAND  
GAMES IN JULY OF 2011!**

**WHEN:** July 7- July 10, 2011      **WHERE:** at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain near Linville, NC

**WHAT WILL WE DO?** Attend one of the best highland games in the country with all kinds of highland events, music, dancing, and plenty of vendors! The Kennedy Society will hold their Annual Meeting on Saturday afternoon, July 9 and then that evening have a celebration with a dinner and some fine entertainment.

**WHAT ABOUT MY KIDS?** Bring them! The games will have activities for children such as kilned races, wrestling, tug of war, arts and crafts, etc.

**WHAT ELSE IS IN THE AREA IF WE WANT TO MAKE A WEEK OF IT?** All sorts of outdoor activities such as hiking, caving, fishing, and canoeing are available. Don't forget to visit Grandfather Mountain itself and experience the swinging bridge! Also there is great shopping for Mom!

**WHEN CAN I FIND OUT MORE DETAILS?** The next newsletter will give more specifics such as lodging, ticket sales, and dinner reservations. The Grandfather Mountain Games site is: [gmhg.org](http://gmhg.org). Check it out!



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## Remembering Kennedys and Others

### Flowers of the Forest

*Submitted by Shannon Kennedy  
in memory of her grandfather.*



**Francis B. Kennedy Jr., "Frank",** 85, died November 10 in Annapolis, Maryland from complications resulting from myelodysplastic syndrome. He was born Dec. 26, 1924, in Biloxi, Miss., to the late Francis B. Kennedy Sr. and Clough Stalling Kennedy, and graduated from Biloxi High School in 1942. He attended Tulane University in New Orleans, La. and Northwestern University in Chicago, Ill. before being commissioned into the U.S. Navy. Lieutenant Kennedy served in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters during World War II. At the war's end, he volunteered to extend his active service to participate in Operation CROSSROADS at the Bikini Atoll. He returned to Biloxi, MS in 1946 for a short period working with the Kennedy Brothers Engine Company. Later, he was employed by Eastern Airlines in New Orleans, La., where he met and married Vivian Delia Herrin of Seminary, Miss. in 1948. In 1950, he rejoined the now Kennedy-Morris Company of Biloxi as vice president. In 1959, he returned to New Orleans to establish his own business, the Albatross Shipping Company. He made Biloxi, Miss. his home again from 1985 to 1994, when he retired and moved to Encinitas, Calif., where he served on

numerous boards of several volunteer organizations.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Vivian Kennedy, who died in 1981; and his late wife, Joy Ruppert McCarter Kennedy of Laguna Beach, Calif., whom he married in 1983. He is survived by two sons, Lt. Col. Frank B. Kennedy III (USMC Ret.) and Capt. Michael Elliott Kennedy (USN Ret.); daughter, Joycelynn Irene Kennedy; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. The family requests that memorials be made to Warriors and Quiet Waters Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1165, Bozeman, MT 59771-1165.

My grandfather was a man of many stories, and he was most certainly a man whose company was very enjoyable because of this. He felt comfortable starting up a conversation with just about anyone and on just about any topic, whether the person he was speaking to could relate to him or not. I learned more about my own father and his childhood by listening to the stories of my grandfather, including stories about my father and his dog BoBo, a companion not even my mother had heard mentioned from my father's mouth before.

One of my greatest memories of my grandfather was our 2 weeks visit to Scotland for the Clan Gathering in Edinburgh, 2009. I am sure that many were amazed by my 84 year-old grandfather's stamina and pristine memory as we traveled across the beautiful country accompanied by our tour guide Dennis and his accounts of various historical events which took place at the sights we visited. While some were amazed, I was proud to see this man, my grandfather, keep up with the rest of us as we walked these places, and then later to whatever pub we would end our day of travel at, to recount the facts that our tour guide fed us during our journey. My last conversation with my grandfather was on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. We spoke about many things

during the hours we had together, including the trip we took to Scotland. He talked with me about God, and I am comforted now to know more about the peace he found with his God, the peace I know he found by the words we shared together.

Frank Kennedy Jr. was most undoubtedly an incredible man, most notably for his love of life and his ability to hold on to life so tightly. He always seemed to have a miraculous ability to heal himself, whether it be from a common cold, or a bone breaking fall. He showed us how age could be defied in many ways, and was truly an inspiration to many. Now that he has passed, there will certainly be a sizeable emptiness in the hearts of those who knew him. It is my hope however, that we may recognize that while those we love may leave us in their mortality, they are never far away. Their spirit is forever with us, they live through us and they continue to live through the generations that follow. Frank Kennedy Jr. lives in our hearts and in our memories, and this holds true for all of us and for all those we have ever loved and lost. My prayer is that we honor not only his life, but life itself, and more importantly, the living of it fully.



Picture above is from Frank's last trip to Scotland on Lord Charles tour in 2009. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the entire family.



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## CYNDE KENNEDY, JOHN SNODGRASS AND DAUGHTER CHELSEA TOUR KENNEDY COUNTRY



In June, this past summer, Cynde Kennedy, husband John Snodgrass, and their daughter, Chelsea spent two weeks exploring Ireland and Scotland. Of course, exploring Kennedy and Snodgrass country in Ayrshire was the highlight of the trip. The town of Irvine was explored one nice day as John has researched a bit and found that there once was a Snodgrass village nearby. They concluded that the old village is now a golf course which they never found. But Irvine was very interesting.

During their short week in Ayr, Cynde, John and Chelsea spent a lot of time exploring and visited three castles of Kennedy heritage. Of course, the beautiful Culzean was one of those stops and they enjoyed a wonderful tour

of the castle. The grounds and gardens at Culzean are also fabulous. The ruins at Dunure also proved fascinating and a visit to Castle Kennedy rounded out the week. Castle Kennedy also has wonderful gardens and breathtaking surroundings.

The family was able to meet up with Lord Charles Kennedy for dinner one evening. Having spent time at several Scottish games events back home visiting with Lord Charles, it was nice to complete the circle and spend time on his "home turf". During their travels through Ayrshire they couldn't help but notice good old Ailsa Craig and of course many pictures were taken there. The week also included a stop at the Robert Burns garden in Alloway as well as several meals at a terrific French style bistro called The Beresford which was just down the road from their BnB in Ayr. Leaving was hard and the family is ready to go back whenever the opportunity comes calling!



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## SCHOLARSHIPS\*\* ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Greetings from the Scholarship Committee. As the new scholarship chair, I know I have some very big shoes to fill and I plan on operating on the high standards Joan Kennedy has set. One of my first goals is to set up a fund raising committee and seek suggestions on ways to raise enough monies to give out 5 scholarships per year at in the amount of \$1,000.00. As soon as we acquire our 501c.3 from the IRS, I would like to set up an online shopping site so that Kennedy Society of North America items can be purchased and the proceeds will go into the scholarship fund. Along with the 502c.3 tax exempt donations can be made to the fund. Having worked with other organizations, I know that there are grants that we will be able to apply for and we will pursue them. If anyone has an interest in working with the committee or has suggestions of fund raising please feel free to contact me.

**\*\*The Kennedy Society awards annual scholarships to students of Celtic arts such as dance, pipes, drums, harp, fiddle and language arts.**

**\*\*The deadline for scholarships applications is April 1, 2011.**

**\*\*To apply: fill out the scholarship application which can be found on our website at: [kennedysociety.org](http://kennedysociety.org).**

**\*\* Send the application to the Scholarship Chair:**

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF ELEPHANTS... DARRICK THOMSON AND LEK CHAILERT

Darrick Thomson, son of Kennedy Society members Christine and Lorne Thomson, and a 1981 graduate of St. Andrews College in South Carolina, and his new wife, Lek Chailert, of Chiangmai, Thailand are dedicating their lives to elephant welfare. Darrick and his wife travel the world to educate various world leaders and others about the plight of elephants in Lek's home country of Thailand. She is the founder of the Elephant Nature Park, a sanctuary and rehabilitation centre for abused elephants.

Lek founded the sanctuary in 1995 to raise awareness of the abuse and poor treatment of elephants trained to perform in the tourism industry in Thailand and try to improve the treatment and conditions of these 'gentle giants'. In 2005 she was selected as a Hero of Asia by TIME magazine.

Three generations ago (100 years), there were about 100,000 elephants in Thailand. Today there are 3,000. Senseless killings and abuse in the name of tourism, explain for this drastic decline.

Darrick and Lek believe that through education and an increase in

natural sanctuaries – they can help protect and preserve the existing population of this national symbol.

Elephant Nature Foundation is a non-profit organization which advocates and acts on behalf of the rights of Asian elephants in Thailand. Their mission is to increase awareness about the plight of the endangered Asian elephant, educate locals on the humane treatment of their elephants, and to provide sanctuary for rescued elephants in the nature park. The park, which is a showpiece project, provides a safe home to rescued elephants who were previously abused and neglected. The park's newest endeavor, the Surin Project, provides a more natural, less stressful and more sustainable alternative to street begging and circus shows.

Elephant Haven is a jungle retreat regularly visited by elephants. Far from human encroachment, the visit allows the elephants to relax in their natural environment. Darrin and Lek believe that through education, raised awareness and working together, it is possible to make a difference in the lives of Asian elephants, not only in Thailand, but throughout the world.



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**News from John A. Kennedy in Canada:** This note is to announce that my younger brother Donald Kennedy, Inverness, Cape Breton passed away on the 3 July 2010. He was a former member of the Society. Also on 9 Sept 2010 William Angus Kennedy was born at Stevensons Memorial Hospital in Alliston, Ontario to Paul and his wife Karen. It is our 17th grandchild. Best regards. **John A. Kennedy**

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**Just the kind of friend to have...Janet M. Kennedy** (Raleigh, NC) was thrilled to learn that she won a trip to Scotland! The raffle was sponsored by the Williamsburg Scottish Games and Janet bought her ticket while at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games last July. She did not use it to run off to Scotland, however, (what were you thinking, Janet?!) but traded in the travel credit on a cruise for herself and 8 friends! "I just wanted to treat some of my friends who were at the GMHG with me last summer and this was the best travel value." Janet swears that a trip to Scotland is in her future.



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## 2010 LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES AND AGM

The 52nd annual Ligonier Highland Games was a spectacular event. We were pleased not only to have our own Lord Charles in attendance but the honored guest was W. David H. Sellar, Esquire, The Right Honorable Lord Lyon King of Arms and Queen Elizabeth II'd Chief Herald of Scotland. Lord Lyon's office dates back 800 years and he is the holder of the oldest heraldic office in existence with powers dating back to the 16th century. His office maintains the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland.



One of the real highlights was seeing old friends, and the one that stands out was Paul Kliner, past treasurer for fifteen years of the Kennedy Society of North America. Yes, he was there in the beginning and we owe him many thanks for getting us started on a strong economic footing way back when.



Prior to the games, Cynde and I sent out postcards to Kennedys in the greater Pittsburgh area and we had two new members to sign up as a result, Thomas Kennedy and family; and Brett James Kennedy, both of Pittsburg.



The Ligonier Highland Games have always been a great gathering place for pipe bands and this year was no exception with twenty-three bands in competition. Bands from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Ontario competed along with many other competition venues with hundreds of performers.

The thing that makes Ligonier such a special event is the setting, located in the Pennsylvania highlands, one hour east of Pittsburgh in the wooded setting of Idlewild Park, an amusement park which closes after Labor Day and leaves the park available for the games.

The Society held its AGM in the tent during the afternoon. Later, the evening was spent at the Ligonier Inn for a delicious buffet and the fellowship of good friends, including a birthday celebration for Lord Charles and special recognition for hard work done by our board members..



Our special guests at the dinner were members of Clan Claus, with tartan that you would expect, it very much resembled the jolly old elf and his wife!



*Submitted by John Snodgrass and Cynde Kennedy*





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## New Hampshire Highland Games, Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH September 17, 18, and 19, 2010



New member MaryLou Kennedy Almonte with Society Chief Chris Kennedy

MaryLou Kennedy Almonte of Charlestown, Rhode Island and Patricia Kennedy Corlin of Strafford, New Hampshire. And also welcomed Carole and Richmond Cargill.

The Kennedys were well represented at this year's New Hampshire Highland Games. Lord Charles was in attendance, as were Kennedy Society President/Chief Chris Kennedy, Secretary Sue Kennedy, Northeast U.S. Vice Chieftain Leo Kennedy and his wife Sandy, Northeast U.S. Regional Chieftain Nina Eppes (tent host), outgoing Scholarship Chair Joan Kennedy, and Society Bard Jordan Cannady and his wife Irene.

Twenty people signed the guest register, including four current members in addition to the above, with several more indicating interest in joining the Kennedy Society. We signed up two new members —



New members Carole and Richmond Cargill enjoy time with Lord Charles



Lord Charles presents feather to new Chieftain Leo Kennedy

In addition, Stuart Cassells (pictured middle left) of Glasgow, Scotland, who is the lead piper in the fantastic "bag rock" band The Red Hot Chili Pipers (who made their second appearance at the NH Highland Games), visited the tent and expressed interest in joining! (Stuart has a Web site at: [www.stuartcassells.com](http://www.stuartcassells.com))

The weather was quite good for all three days of the Games — sunny, for the most part, with seasonable New England fall temperatures, i.e., sometimes a bit chilly. At least it did not rain during the Games! (It did rain quite heavily the day before, Thursday, but the rain had stopped by Friday morning, the first day of the Games.) On Friday evening, Lord Charles, Chris, Sue, Leo, Sandy, Jordan, Irene, Nina, and Joan had an enjoyable dinner at the Woodstock Station restaurant in North Woodstock, NH.



Stuart Cassells of Glasgow, Scotland, lead piper in Red Hot Chili Peppers "bag-rock"



Lord Ailsa dubs Sarah Bishop Honorary member of Kennedy Society

On Saturday, there was a buffet dinner and ceilidh at the condo at the Alpine Village Resort (North Woodstock, NH) where Nina and her family stayed. This was the same location as the outdoor dinner and ceilidh attended by many Kennedys at the 2007 NH Highland Games when Kennedy was the Honored Clan. This event was on a significantly smaller scale and held indoors (because, baby, it was cold outside!), but it was no less enjoyable. The excellent food was again prepared by longtime Kennedy Society friend Sarah Bishop. In appreciation for Sarah's efforts, Lord Ailsa inducted her as the first official Honorary Member of the Kennedy Society of North America, appropriately "dubbing" her with a kitchen knife.

After dinner, Chris Kennedy presented awards of appreciation to Vice Chieftain Leo, retiring Scholarship Committee member Nelson Kennedy, and retiring Scholarship Committee Chair Joan Kennedy.



Chris thanks Joan Kennedy for her excellent service as Scholarship chair

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Then the musical festivities began! We were graced with the instrumental talents of: Ellie Davis (Nina's 16-year-old niece) on fiddle, Ellie's friend Zach Adinolfi (also 16) on Celtic harp (an extraordinarily gifted player!), Jordan Cannady on guitar, Richmond Cargill (Jordan's performing partner) on bodhran, Brian Richardson (Nina's 16-year-old nephew) on guitar. Vocal offerings were also performed by: Ellie, Jordan, Richmond, Brian's friend Frankie, Sue Kennedy, Chris Hoffman (son of a friend of Nina's from Clan Munroe who also attended), and Geneva ni Seobhan (Nina's sister/Brian's mother). Of course there were some sing-alongs as well. A good time was had by all!

On Sunday, Ellie Davis and Zach Adinolfi were privileged to be the youngest members of a "Fiddle Jam" held that afternoon. The other participants were members of some of the musical groups who performed at the Games during the weekend, and it was presided over by renowned Canadian fiddler Roy Johnstone, who is also a neighbor in Nova Scotia of KSNA member Ian Kennedy.

Also on Sunday, Lord Ailsa presented Leo Kennedy with his vice-chieftain's feather (because Lord Ailsa didn't have it with him Saturday night). At dinner that evening, Lord Ailsa also made Jordan Canady's performing partner, Richmond Cargill, and Richmond's wife, Honorary Members of the Kennedy Society because of their longtime friendship and support. It was a great weekend in New Hampshire for the Kennedys! *Submitted by Nina Eppes*



## Stone Mountain Highland Games — October 16 and 17

Ed Pittman and Carver Kennedy went to the Games site on Friday afternoon, set up Ed's walled tent behind the one provided by the Games, unloaded and set up tables, and installed our usual large white Kennedy banner with various spellings of Kennedy including



ones that start with a "C". We have found this banner attracts visitors who don't know the alternate spellings are "Kennedy". The weather was forecast to be warm and sunny both days of the weekend, and this proved to be correct, with morning lows in the high 40's and highs in the afternoon about 78-80. This was a great improvement from last year when it was rainy, windy and cold. The Games official opening was at 12:00 noon with the ceremony having one representative from each Clan. We had a number of members come by the tent to visit and help on both Saturday and Sunday, including Paul and Ann Key, the Newsletter Editor. A number brought friends and relatives, including children, so we had a busy tent most of the weekend. We also had a number of visitors from other Clans whom we had met in previous years at various Games who stopped by to renew friendships. We also had Games attendees come by who wanted to learn more about Scot history and genealogy, but were not Kennedy-related; we helped those we could. We signed in

only tent attendees who were Kennedy-related or had friends and relatives who were. We had six visitors we signed-in each day and we gave most of these information about the Society and Clan and membership applications. Sign-in visitors were from GA, SC, TN, FL and AR. We also had one visitor who was interested in the Irish side of the Clan and its genealogy, a group from which we are interested in obtaining more members. We had refreshments for visitors, thanks to Sue Kennedy, Laura Kennedy Pittman, Martha Kennedy, Karyl K. Harwell (Scotch Eggs!) and several others who brought everything from beef stew to snacks, dips, cookies, cake and doughnuts. We also had soft drinks for visitors, and single-malt Scotch available for those who needed an energy pick-up to get through the rest of the day. Attendance appeared to be smaller than previous years. There were a number of activities in Atlanta the same weekend including an air show featuring the Navy Blue Angels, 2 college football games, and concerts, which probably diluted the attendance. Saturday seemed to have more attendees. Sunday's Gathering of the Clans" was held at 1:00, crowds were good, but began to thin out about 4:00 P.M. **EVALUATION OF GAME:** As usual, these Games were well organized and conducted. There were approximately 90 Clan Tents plus many vendors and Scottish Societies. This is one of the largest Games in the Southeast, and attracts a large crowd from several states; we should continue to provide a Kennedy tent every year. Of the visitors this year I believe we may obtain 3-5 new members, although none signed up on-site. *Submitted by Carver Kennedy*





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Bill Kennedy stopped by with camera just long enough to catch us unaware of the fact that our pictures were about to be taken at our Heelan' Hound sales tent.



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To make your Kennedy Gazette a success each issue, I also need stories/pictures from you all. Pictures, I prefer in Jpeg format, but if you have hard copies to send me, I can scan. Stories, preferred format is Word.

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Weather was very warm, crowds were good, and sales kept us busy all day. The only down side, from our perspective, is that the main "model" of our tartan dog clothing, Neilley, our Black Lab, was unable to attend. The fair-grounds has a canine non-gratis

policy so she was boarded at Santana Golden Retriever's farm, whose family gave us a cordial "buckeye" welcome.



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