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In life, if you are intelligent, you are admired. If you are wealthy, you are envied. If you are powerful, you are feared. But if you're blessed with a good heart, you are remembered, always. It's not about the wealth, power, and intellect, but the LEGACY in life behind those people you've touched. John Kennedy touched many of his fellow Kennedy members and he will be remembered...

In loving memory we dedicate this issue of the Gazette to our former Canadian Chieftain, John A. Kennedy, who passed away in April of this year.

John was made a Chieftain when Don Cannady was president. The first time I met him was at Grandfather Mt. at the AGM when I became President. I remember his kind & sweet spirit from the beginning. His sense of humor was always on the top burner. He loved life and his family. He talked about his children very often. Our visit with him at the Fergus Games was the highlight of his career. He just couldn't believe Lord Charles had attended. When we all arrived he was almost in tears with joy. His passing was a great loss for The KSNA. He has been a friend and I miss his emails and phone calls.

- Nomon Kennedy, past KSNA Chief

I have such fond memories of meeting John at the New Hampshire Highland Games in 2007 and then seeing him again at Estes Park in 2009. He was warm, witty, and wonderful, and is sorely missed.

- Nina Eppes, Northeast Region Chieftain

At the dinner in Fergus, I vividly remember John proudly watching his granddaughters dancing. His family was very precious to him.

- Ann Key, past KSNA Secretary, Gazette editor, and Chief First Lady

It has always been hard for me to decide where to begin when thinking or speaking about John Kennedy but it inevitably starts with "the most." I do not think I have ever met his equivalent. He is a cut above us all and a figure well worth striving to attain his being. I could cite example after example of experiences we had in his presence. Going back to older traditions, if you were a woman, you didn't have to wonder if he would open or hold a door for you; you knew he would, before anything was said or it was needed. If you asked a question, you knew there was total deliberation and consideration put into his answer. Without apple polishing, he made you feel special but at the same time totally equal and comfortable. When he dressed for a game he wore a button-down shirt with Kennedy tartan for epaulets. Not showy mind you but like they were supposed to be there. This world and the Kennedy Society is a better place for his having been a part of it. Saint Peter has a new friend.

- Chris Kennedy, past KSNA Chief



John standing next to his Canadian Air Force Veteran remembrance stone

A GAELIC FAREWELL

May the road rise
up to meet you,
May the wind
always be at
your back.
May the sun shine
warm upon your
face.
May the rain fall
softly upon your
fields until we
meet again,
And may God
hold you in the
hollow of his hand.



In Loving Memory of

John Angus KENNEDY

December 22, 1929
~ April 9, 2017



John Angus Kennedy of Alliston, Ontario, left us peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family on April 9th, 2017. John was in his 88th year. Born in Inverness, Cape Breton, the home of his heart.

He was the son of the late Angus Leo and Janet Isabel (Jessie) (nee Gillis-MacIsaac) Kennedy. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary (nee Beaton) and his eight children, Mark Kennedy, Elaine (Phil) Goddard, Adele (Dan) La Fond, Lydia Kennedy, Carl Kennedy, Joyce (Bruce) Creighton, Diane (Ray) Bradshaw, Paul (Karen) Kennedy. He is survived by his sister Jessie (Bernie) Cameron. He is predeceased by his family members: Leo, Margaret, Christina (John) MacLean, Donald (Pauline) Kennedy, Leona (John) Shaw, Belle (John Alex) Smith, Mary (Jack) MacIsaac, Neilena (Charles) MacArthur, John (Annie Belle) MacIsaac, and Daniel (D.M.) MacIsaac. He will be dearly missed by his 18 grandchildren: Justin, Curtis, Devin and Graham Goddard; Gregory, Brian, Christopher (Amy) and Taylor La Fond; Selena and Weston Doner; Olivia, Orrin and Odin Creighton; Cameron and Gillian Bradshaw; Alexander, William and John Kennedy; and great-grandson, Fox La Fond, his many nieces and nephews and family friend, Neil Arsenaault.

In his youth, he was a member of the Inverness Pipe Band as a drummer. He joined the New Glasgow Police

Department where he became County Constable and later Provincial Constable. In 1959 he joined the RCAF as an Air Force Policeman. He remained a Military Policeman until he retired from the Military in 1980. During his time in the service, he spent four years in Europe with the NATO Forces. In 1976/77 he served a tour with the UN Forces in the Middle East. After leaving the military, John was employed with McDonnell Douglas Canada Ltd. as Chief of Security. He retired from the company in 1990.

John was a Life Member of the Knights of Columbus and an active Life Member of the Royal Canadian Legion. He spent many years enjoying highland games as the Canadian Chieftain of The Kennedy Society of North America. He was proud of his Scottish roots and his Cape Breton heritage. John always loved a good fiddle tune and the skirl of the bagpipes.

He was passionate about war history, genealogy, birds, wildlife and the great outdoors. He loved a good ceilidh and was well known as a great dancer. He was a giving, generous man with a huge heart that always put his family first.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted for Stella Maris Catholic Church of Inverness, Nova Scotia entrusted with John Thomas Funeral Home, Alliston, Ontario.



2017 KENNEDY AGM REPORT



The Rhode Island Games were the host of the 2017 Kennedy AGM. With some great New England weather, a large gathering of Kennedys occurred at the Washington County Fairgrounds in June. The host hotel, the Best Western, did a great job and we were very satisfied.

Several of us visited the fairgrounds and met the clan organizer, Sally. My friend Mike, who also was the one running the games, joined us and assisted both Friday and Saturday with whatever we needed. Friday evening we met at the hotel for a small dinner, with hamburgers, hot dogs and sausage and peppers. The food was great and we had enough to save some for our late arrivals.

Saturday morning, we all departed, some earlier than others, to set up the Kennedy tent. Much to our surprise, the tent provided by Mike was an 18' x 18' with a back and partial side panel. Included were even chairs! We set up quickly and were soon ready to meet with Kennedys traveling to the games. Kennedy members arrived from Nebraska, Illinois, Maryland and South Carolina, to mention a few states. About 35 members attended and with the great weather and great location we all had a banner day. We welcomed a new member, Cindy Baker from Connecticut.

The AGM meeting was held in a new building (with air condition) and we were very comfortable. The current slate of officers were reelected; motions were approved to

allow up to \$100 for tent conveners' registration costs for a one year trial period, and scholarship recipients cannot be award if they received them the previous year. The 3 year renewal for out of country members was approved. The review of the Bylaws governing the KSNA was to have been done by this year, but have been extended for one more year.

After the games concluded, a rapid takedown of the Kennedy tent occurred and we retired to the hotel to get cleaned up for the dinner. Fat Bellys restaurant was our host for the evening and it went well. A shot of scotch was offered for our departed members and the food was filling. Jordan Canady provided entertainment for the evening, with songs, music and some horrible jokes. Okay, they were not too bad. At the dinner, Jordan was awarded the Ailsa Craig Award for all of his help at Kennedy Society events over the years and for exemplary service to the Society. This makes him the 42nd recipient of this award over the years.

We all departed that evening to our hotels and got some much needed rest. I was glad that several of the Kennedy members stayed and visited Rhode Island and New England for a few days longer, enjoying the great weather.

Next year's location will be announced soon, plans are being reviewed right now.



Jordan Cannady and Leo Kennedy



Lynn Grant and Amy Carrick



Tent Gathering



A MESSAGE FROM LORD AILSA

I always look forward to the time around the summer solstice. Here on the West Coast of Scotland we enjoy long light evenings followed some of the most wonderful sunsets. The house and garden look out across the Forth of Clyde over Arran and the Mull of Kintyre. Walking a little way over the field to the left of the garden brings Ailsa Craig into view.

The Boswell Book Festival at Dumfries House was once again very well attended, with some great biography writers giving some very illuminating talks. Simon Sebag Montefiore was excellent in discussion about his book on the Romanov dynasty, which I am currently thoroughly enjoying. Jeremy Musson's talk about Robert Adam included Culzean and the Earls of Cassillis, I highly recommend his book, "Robert Adam. Country House Design, Decoration & the Art of Elegance".

Anne has recovered well from her broken arm and is now able to drive and enjoy spending time in the garden.

On the vehicle front I have added a nice 1952 Bentley Mk.6, and a 1964 Norton Atlas to my collection. The Bentley has been sitting in a shed for 30 years but is in surprisingly good order, however the leather seats are very dry and will need much feeding and the carpets and headcloth have all but rotted away. The Norton Atlas is a club racing bike and is in superb order and goes like stink!



Anne and I had several days touring the north west coast of Scotland with our 1934 Rolls Royce in the most splendid weather. We traveled up as far as Poolewe and stayed in some super hotels and guest houses. Arisaig

House near Mallaig has to be the best. On our way down we took the ferry to Islay where we visited many of the famous Single Malt distilleries..... we now have a few more bottles in the cellar.

Our daughter Kitty has moved to a different publisher in London and is enjoying settling in, as well as more pay and less working hours along with greater responsibility.

Archie has now graduated from York University and is about to start an internship with the David Swirner Gallery on Grafton Street in London followed by a spell in the valuations department in Sotheby's London office.

The Royal Highland Show was a great success again but I must say it was a great relief to be able to turn up as an ordinary visitor again now that my period as President is over. However it was lovely to meet old friends again and see some of the most wonderful prizewinning breeding stock in the country.

The Maybole 500 celebration year has been a great success. At the end of March we had a night time Lantern Walk where all the school children made lanterns and paraded down the High Street accompanied by the pipe band to the playing fields where there was a massive bonfire and firework display. I am told there is some good footage on U Tube. In June there was a Jousting Tournament put on by the Historic Scotland Jousting Team. I took along our family shield with the coat of arms last used at the Eglington Tournament in 1830. Later in June Anne and I once again transported the Gala King and Queen down the High street in the Rolls Royce and had the pleasure of crowning them on the dais at the Gala. The following day the outdoor ecumenical service at Crossraguel Abbey had to be cut short because of a spell of violent weather.



Also this month I was asked to go to the Scottish Borders to judge crops of winter barley for the St. Boswells show. This involved visiting

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A MESSAGE FROM LORD AILSA

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seventeen farms in the area and assessing which I felt had been given the best management and would give the greatest overall return. It was not an easy job, all the crops looked very good, four stood out as being superior and I had to look for tiny differences to choose a first second and third. I tried to have the show organizer allow a highly commended prize for the fourth place because there was really nothing between them.

Tommy our gamekeeper is busy with the young pheasant chicks in the rearing sheds. They are doing well, and should be released to the pens in the woods in the next four or five weeks. Our bookings are fairly full for the coming season with some interesting teams of new guns taking days.

On the farm we are moving ever closer to harvesting our first ever crop of hybrid rye for our local anaerobic digester near Girvan. In fact by the time you read this I hope it will all be harvested and ensiled. The cereal harvest looks promising and we should begin harvesting the barley and wheat in August.

Our new shop development, Kirklands House and Garden, in the village of Kirkoswald has had a very successful spring and early summer trading period and our tenants there Rebecca and Vivian seem very pleased with the way the project turned out.

I hope you all have a fun filled and enjoyable summer.

Ailsa



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

What a busy few months it has been. We have set up many tents at games and have had several new members join us – welcome to you all! The month of July is kind of a lull for us where there are few games that we set up at. It is time to check the tent kits and make sure you have all the materials needed for the fall set ups. If you are not sponsoring a tent, check and see where a Kennedy tent will be – we would love to have visits from members, new and old.

Sandy and I traveled to Scotland in April and had the great trip we expected. Travel from Boston to Dublin and to Glasgow was good, with only one delay. We traveled to Ayr and stayed at a local B&B for the first evening. The next morning we traveled to see Dunure Castle. The day was great weather and we spent time at the park to see the ruins and enjoy the day. A short trip from there found us at Morriston where we had the opportunity to meet Lord Ailsa and Lady Anne as well as Lady Kitty. We had a wonderful lunch visit and tour of some of the property, including some very nice cars and motorcycles.

A very short drive was taken later that afternoon to Culzean, where we stayed for two evenings. The staff assisted us in every way and we certainly appreciated their assistance. We were there on Good Friday, taking part in an Easter chocolate bunny search. This involved a 3 and a half hour search for “hidden” clues. We ended up walking over many acres of the property, seeing parts that we most likely would not have seen. To end the afternoon, we met with Denis and May Reid. What a great time, talking for a while and taking some short tours, ending with a visit to Lord Charles grave. We certainly want to thank Lord Ailsa and Lady Anne, Denis and May for making our trip a delight.

We traveled to Edinburgh for a few more evenings stay, enjoying Easter mass at St Giles Cathedral. We enjoyed a few days of touring the area (we had not been there since 2007) and visited Rosslyn Chapel and the town of Rosslyn for a day. We finished the trip with a tour of one of



the underground vaults. In all, the whole trip was wonderful and we certainly enjoyed each moment of it.

The Kennedy Society raffle, with framed photos donated by Karen Kennedy, went well. It was used as a fund raiser to assist the scholarships offered by us. My congratulations go out to the two winners this year.

Please remember to pick up some of the Challenge Coins we are selling, with Culzean on the 2016 and Cassillis for 2017. The proceeds assist us in the Scholarships. They are available online and at the Kennedy Tents.

There are many games coming up – please try to attend one and visit the Kennedy tents. The games are: Quechee VT Games Aug 26, Pleasanton CA Games Sept 2 and 3, NH Games Sept 14-17, Charleston SC Sept 16, Scotland CT Oct 8, Stone Mountain Oct. 21-22, and Richmond Games Oct 28-29.

We hope you all enjoy the summer and be safe.

Leo and Sandy Kennedy



KENNEDY SOCIETY AWARDS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

As part of the mission of the Kennedy Society of North America, it is our goal to further the study of Scottish arts and culture among our youth. Thus the Society created the Lady Mary Burn (our hereditary Chief's mother) scholarship award. This award has been presented over the years to dancers, drummers, pipers, and harpists.

This year the scholarship committee selected two worthy candidates to receive our Kennedy scholarships – Autumn

Giacchina from Clearwater FL and Henry Marshall from Dunedin FL. We know you will enjoy your week at the Ohio Scottish Arts School and wish you both much success in your future dance studies.

Your names will be placed on a perpetual plaque that is displayed at our national meeting each year.

Congratulations Autumn and Henry!



2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

Reminders were sent out by email during the first week of May. If this news is a surprise to you, then you may need to update your email contact information with the Kennedy Society. The second renewal reminders were sent out by mail in July. Please send dues and updates to me, Colleen Caldwell, KSNM Membership Chair at 2115 Pierpont South Estates Morgantown, WV 26508 or caldwellkids@earthlink.net.

Also new this year is a 3-year renewal option for \$60 U.S dollars. This amount will be available to pay on the website's PayPal menu very soon. By choosing to renew for 3 years at a time you receive a small discount. Of course, the better deal is still the Lifetime membership!

Thank you to all who renewed already. It has been a pleasure getting to know you.

Colleen





MYRTLE BEACH HIGHLAND GAMES MARCH 24-25, 2017

The second annual Myrtle Beach Highland Games was March 24-25, 2017. This was the first year the Kennedy Society had a tent present. Our tent location was perfect as we could watch the athletics and then from the other direction see the children's area. The weather was wonderful – little cloudy with a sea breeze but temperatures in the low 70's!!

The Athletic competition included a women's division. It was interesting to watch the style of all these athletes, male and female. The field had a large screen so all could see the action no matter where you sat.

The Opening Ceremonies had the Songs of the Nations sung by Carolina Master Chorale. They were very good!! We had many visitors at our tent saying they did not even know games like this existed!! The Director of Games, Todd Cartner, made sure publicity was wide spread so all could know about the games. The location was across from the Market Common area for those of you that are familiar with this part of Myrtle Beach.

Next year the Games will be on March 24 & 25, 2018. Saturday and Sunday, so make your plans ahead and come out to this new game. It gives you another reason or excuse to go to the beach!!

Mary Lynn Grant & Curtis Burrow, Tent Conveners



Curtis Burrow manning the KSNA tent



RETIREMENT CEREMONY FOR MR. MICHAEL E. KENNEDY

Michael E. Kennedy, Kennedy Society member, is retiring as the Deputy Program Manager for Technology and Standards for the Information Sharing Environment, joining the Information Sharing Environment in November 2011 and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence in 2006.

Mr. Kennedy graduated from the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Texas followed by the U.S. Naval Academy in 1979. In active duty, he earned qualifications as a Surface Warfare Officer and Naval Aviator, with a subspecialty in Computer Technology and Science. Following active duty, Mr. Kennedy served 19 years in the Naval Reserve as an Intelligence Officer. He had several active duty, mobilization, and command tours, culminating as the Commander of Reserve Intelligence Area Midwest followed by retirement in June 2009. In his civilian service career, Mr. Kennedy served with the Naval Oceanographic Office, U S Central Command, US Southern Command, and the National Air and Space Intelligence Center. He served as the Chief of Information and Technology for the Director of National Intelligence and as the Director of Intelink.



Mike Kennedy, on left, is congratulated by his brother, Frank Kennedy, on right

We, as fellow Kennedy Society members, congratulate Mike on his very successful career, and wish him and his wife, Coco, a joyful, rewarding, and satisfying retirement.





LOCH NORMAN HIGHLAND GAMES APRIL 7-9, 2017

The Loch Norman Highland Games got off to a windy start on Friday April 7th. We were able to do the basic set up of the tent but that was all. The Calling that evening was different as they used led lights instead of the torches due to the high winds.

Saturday morning gave us a cool start but without the winds!! The weekend turned out to be beautiful!! Sunny with a few clouds and little breezes to cool you down. Loch Norman added the Women's Athletics this year – these women are amazing!!

The Kennedy Tent had a lot of visitors: Isabell Carter from VA with her family came and she brought us homemade cookies that were delicious. Thank you Isabell!! Chris and Sue Kennedy brought one of our newer members with them Alice Bryan. The tent was overflowing as usual but the sun made it comfortable to be just outside of the tent. We welcome two new members: John Olsen-Kennedy, and Stephen Hendrix. It was interesting to talk with them and learn their Kennedy connections.

The Loch Norman Youth Band came by the tent and played for us – one of their members was a scholarship

recipient last year. They were competing this year for the first time too. We need to encourage our youth in all of this as they will be the ones to take over someday and they need to know we need them and appreciate them. Andrea Jones is the teacher for this group and she has done an excellent job with them!

Sunday brought more sunshine and little breezes. The day was gorgeous again and then it was time to say goodbye to everyone. Thank you to everyone that came out and a special thank you to Tom, Sean, and Nick for their help all weekend.

Next year will be Loch Norman's 25th year and should be an excellent game, if you can plan to join us!!

Mary Lynn Grant and Curtis Burrow, Tent Conveners



John Olsen-Kennedy



Stephen Hendrix

OLD ORCHARD BEACH SCOTTISH FESTIVAL JUNE 3, 2017

Old Orchard Beach Maine is a lovely village with an old amusement park located right on the ocean. Located south of Portland, it is an old New England village, founded about 1650. The amusement park was built in the early 1900's and still functions today. Starting last year, they decided to hold a Scottish festival with Clan set up and demonstrations of Highland events, not to mention some great food and music. We met Friday evening at a local Scottish Pub and insured that the scotch was good, as well as the food. Saturday was a day of sun and clouds but the rain held off. This year we set up a Kennedy tent using my tent kit and were assisted by Nine Eppes, the Northeast Regional Chieftain and Jim Kauffman. The event area is very active and we met and took in a new member, Jacqueline Kennedy, from Naples Maine. The music of Charlie Zahm and Albannach was heard over the events all day. The one day event was well worth the trip for me, making new friends and seeing some of my long standing friends. Saturday evening continued and a large fire was held on the beach as well as good music at the Scottish pub. Sunday turned out to be a great day weather wise and my return trip was shortened by just over an hour – I am looking forward to this event next year!

Leo Kennedy



Leo Kennedy and new member, Jacqueline Kennedy



SMOKY MOUNTAIN SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & GAMES MAY 20-21, 2017

The 2017 Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games celebration was held on the campus of Maryville College for the 7th year (previous games were held in Gatlinburg TN). Maryville College, founded in 1819, by Scots-Irish Presbyterians is a liberal arts college of around 1100 students. Our sports teams are the Scots. It was warm on Saturday, May 20th, about 90 degrees, but rainy on Sunday morning and cooler.

Regular attendees at our Kennedy tent included David and Amy Carrick from South Carolina, former Chiefs and First Ladies Chris and Sue Kennedy and Paul and Ann Key, members Brian Kennedy, Alice Bryan, and yours truly Karen and Rob Kennedy – tent conveners. Joining as a new Kennedy member was Daniel Crosby, wife Sophie, and Daniel Jr. of Madisonville Tennessee. Several others asked for information and thought they might join. Unofficial member Riley, our wheaten Scottie, was there too and enjoyed bites of haggis, meat pies, and shepherd's pie.

Several folks bought our new challenge coins and t-shirts. Most of both days our tent was very active and many non-Kennedy friends stopped to visit, eat snacks, and quench their thirsts. We had many good display items on the Kennedy clan, Culzean Castle, and our late, beloved leader, Lord Charles.

All in all, it was a very successful and exciting weekend. We were able to re-new acquaintances and make new friends.

Robert and Karen Kennedy
Tent Conveners



ANNE ROBERTSON KENNEDY

SCOTTISH COALITION USA - NATIONAL TARTAN DAY AWARDEE 2017

At the annual Tartan Day Reception on Capitol Hill, in Washington, DC on April 5th, the Scottish Coalition, USA once again presented it's Annual Tartan Day Award to a worthy recipient from the Scottish-American Community. This year the award was presented to Ms. Anne Robertson Kennedy, President of the Living Legacy of Scotland, Inc., a nonprofit charitable and educational organization, which is one of the seven component member organizations of the Scottish Coalition, USA.

Ms. Kennedy is a member of COSCA and of the Clan Donnachaidh and the Kennedy Society of North America. She has long been active in the Scottish American community, since emigrating to the USA from Scotland in the 1970s.

In 2000 she decided to start an organization called The Living Legacy of Scotland that would promote and educate people in the US about all the Scots who have made great contributions, including many inventions which we use to this day. For example: John Baird transmitted the first television picture from London to Glasgow, Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, Adam Smith, the economist, John Muir, the father of the modern conservation movement, Andrew Carnegie, industrialist and philanthropist, and Alexander Fleming, who discovered penicillin.

The Living Legacy of Scotland holds events to celebrate these great Scots and Scottish Americans and their contributions to humanity.

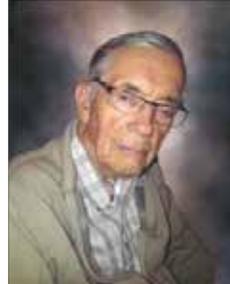




FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

NORMON KENNEDY

BRAMPTON, ONTARIO
MAY 22, 1931 – JUNE 21, 2016
He will be dearly missed by many family and friends



PRIVATE DUSTIN KENNEDY

CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

We are proud to announce that Michele Kennedy's son, Dustin Kennedy, is now a member of the Canadian Armed Forces. Attached is a picture of Private Dustin Kennedy with his wife, Ivy and Michele in her Kennedy tartan at his graduation service in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec last month. Congratulations Dustin!



GREENVILLE GAMES

MAY 27, 2017



The Greenville games were held again on the Saturday before Memorial Day, with a parade downtown on Friday night. There was a good crowd along the streets for the parade, and the games were well attended on what became a fairly warm day. Attending the games and hanging at the Kennedy tent were: Dave, Amy and Megan Carrick; David and Irene Phelps; Chris and Sue Kennedy; John and Eleanor Flowers; Teresa Slack; Grace

Short; Ed Norwood; Samantha Dodson; Nicole LiJoi; Ann and Paul Key; Gene Kennedy; Christine Robinson, and: Karen Kennedy. The games once again had a flyover, paratroopers, and the Royal Fusiliers, along with various military personnel in tribute to Memorial day. According to the games' staff, clan attendance was at an all-time high and an outer row of tents will be required should more clans wish to attend. We want to give a big welcome to new Kennedy Society member, Kenneth Cassell from Simpsonville, SC. Hope to see you next Memorial day weekend!

Dave and Amy Carrick
Tent Conveners



SAVANNAH SCOTTISH GAMES

MAY 6, 2017



Saturday in Savannah was all about celebrating Scottish traditions at the 41st annual Savannah Scottish Games.

Between 3,000 - 4,000 people, including more than 40 Scottish clans, crowded Bethesda Academy to participate in an outdoor cultural event that featured athletic competitions, traditional dancing, entertainment, Scottish food and ale, Celtic art, clothing and jewelry.

The Savannah games, which is the fourth oldest Scottish Games in the Southeast, is an ongoing opportunity to keep old traditions alive, said Faye McDonald, event co-organizer.

“When they would have these competitions, families would come,” she said. “Clans would come and meet and greet each other. And vendors decided to come because they saw people would be there.”

The sounds of bagpipes rang throughout the festival as people cheered on kilt-sporting athletes as they participated in the Caber Toss, Sheaf Toss, Scottish Hammer Throw, Open Stone Put and other games.

The clans were situated around the athletic field which allowed us Kennedys a great view of all the competitions. We were delighted to welcome Dot Hope as a new Society member. We also enjoyed visiting with Society members Bill Towler and the family of Mike and Tammy McChesney with their twin boys, Camden and Sean.

The weather was delightfully cool for a Saturday in May in Savannah and we relished every minute of it. A great day to celebrate our Kennedy heritage!

David and Irene Phelps
Tent Conveners

Assisted by Chris and
Sue Kennedy



Tent Conveners David and Irene Phelps



One of our favorite Savannah families - Michael and Tammy McChesney and Camden and Sean



New member Dot Hope from Florida



even General Oglethorpe was there



KENNEDY SOCIETY TO CELEBRATE ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE NH HIGHLAND GAMES SUBMITTED BY NINA EPPES, NORTHEAST CHIEFTAIN

September 2017 marks the 25th anniversary (and 26th year) of a Kennedy Society clan tent at the New Hampshire Highland Games and Festival (<https://nhscot.org/>), and it also marks the 25th anniversary (and 26th year) of my own family—Kennedy/Eppes/Davis—hosting that clan tent! We hope other Kennedys will come help us celebrate this momentous anniversary on September 15, 16, and/or 17!

Here are some pictures through the years:



September 1992: Year One!

As you can see, the tent was quite rudimentary. © Pictured: Lowell Kennedy (Nina's uncle) and, behind the table, Erin Davis (Nina's niece)



September 1993

L-R: Joan Kennedy (Nina's mom), Nina Eppes (looking oddly serious, but I think it was from squinting at the sun ☺)



September 1994

New tent! You can see we also acquired more tent materials. L-R: Joan Kennedy, Nina Eppes



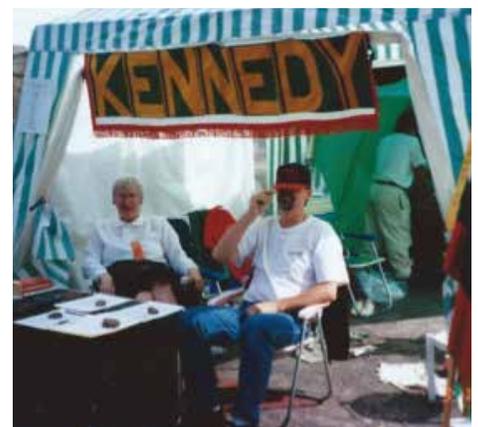
September 1995

L-R: Joan Kennedy, Nina Eppes
Joan is showing off an embroidered Kennedy badge that she did.



September 1996

L-R: Nina Eppes, Joan Kennedy



September 1997

L-R: Joan Kennedy, Gary Richardson (Nina's sister Geneva's husband at the time)

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September 1998

L-R: Geneva ni Seobhàn (Nina's sister), Joan Kennedy, Nina Eppes

PHOTOGRAPHIC GAP

(Either pictures weren't taken for a few years or scanned/digital images are on CDs that I haven't been able to locate, unfortunately)



September 2004

L-R: Joan Kennedy, Leo Kennedy, Nina Eppes



September 2007

Kennedy was the Honored Clan that year, and multitudes of Kennedys (many in my own extended family) turned out!



September 2008

L-R: Joan Kennedy, Leo Kennedy, Nina Eppes



September 2009

L-R: Joan Kennedy, Leo Kennedy, Judy Kennedy (Nina's aunt), Nelson Kennedy (Nina's uncle), Sandy Kennedy (Leo's wife), Jackie Davis (Nina's sister), Erin Davis (Jackie's daughter)



September 2011

The bridge to Loon Mountain was damaged by the raging Pemigewasset River during Hurricane Irene a few weeks earlier.



September 2012

New member Brian Penney and family Brian now hosts a Kennedy tent at the Quechee games in Quechee, VT (and also has another daughter).



September 2013

Ellie Davis (Nina's niece)

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September 2014

L-R: Nina Eppes, Ann Key, Paul Key, Geneva ni Seobhàn



September 2015

Leo and Sandy Kennedy surrounded by Nina Eppes and her family (sisters, nieces, and nephews)



September 2016: Year 25!

L-R: Geneva ni Seobhàn, Nina Eppes, Jackie Davis

REMEMBERING JOHN ANGUS KENNEDY

DECEMBER 22, 1929 - APRIL 9, 2017



9/12/09 Parade: John Kennedy, Lord Charles, and Chris and Sue Kennedy



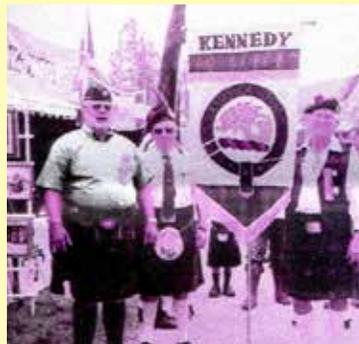
Chieftains Bill Kennedy, Nina Eppes, Chris Kennedy, and John Kennedy



AGM at Grandfather



9/12/09 KSNA Dinner: John receiving his Companion of the Oak



Chief Nomon Kennedy, John A. Kennedy, and Carver Kennedy



Karen Kennedy, John A. Kennedy, and Chris Robinson

John Kennedy touched many of his fellow Kennedy members and he will be remembered...



KENNEDY TENT CONVENER TRAINING 101 AUGUST 12-13, 2017 HUNTERSVILLE, NC

The Kennedy Society is pleased to announce our first formal tent convener training to be held in August in Huntersville, NC. As of now we have 18 participants in the program, plus the trainers – Lynn Grant and Sue Kennedy. We will explore Kennedy history, septs, tartans, castles, etc. We will also delve in to the history and organization of the Kennedy Society. The participants will be learning set up and configuration of a tent, tent decoration, tent etiquette, how to relate to a tent visitor and methods of changing the tent visitor in to a Kennedy Society member.

In addition conveners will role play the registration process, beginning with how to register a new member and ending with instructions on mailing memberships to the membership chair and monies to the treasurer.

Finally, we will delve in to all facets of a Highland Game so the conveners will feel comfortable with such aspects as Flowers of the Forest, Kirkin of the Tartan, and Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

[Sound interesting? Wish to brush up on your convener skills?](#)

We still have vacancies if you wish to join us.

Contact: Lynn Grant- mylyn919@yahoo.com or Sue Kennedy – kenn6633@bellsouth.net.

Pictured here are new and old tent conveners from the KSNA regions.





WHERE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE WILL BE A KENNEDY TENT AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2017

August 26: Quechee Games
Hartford, VT

Sept 2-3: Pleasanton Scottish Games
Pleasanton, CA

Sept 7-10: Longs Peak Scottish Games
Estes Park, CO

Sept 16: Charleston Scottish Games
Boone Hall Plantation, Mt Pleasant, SC

Sept 15-17: New Hampshire Highland Games
Loon Mtn., Lincoln, NH

Sept 16-17: Edgewater Celtic Harvest Festival
Edgewater, CO

Oct 8: Scotland Connecticut Highland Games
Scotland, CT

Oct 21-22: Stone Mtn Highland Games
Stone Mtn., GA

Oct 28-29: Central Virginia Scottish Games
Richmond, VA

Nov 4-5: Moab Scottish Games
Moab, Utah

Nov 17-18: Mt Dora Scottish Games
Mt Dora, FL

NEW ITEM FOR SALE ON KENNEDY WEBSITE KENNEDY WRAP/SCARF

A Kennedy Wrap/Scarf was created with photos of the Kennedy castles (by Karen Kennedy). The wrap is 27" x 72". This wrap can also be used as a table runner at Games!

A portion of the sales of each wrap will go to the Kennedy Society. The wrap can be ordered from the Clan Kennedy website. The wraps are \$53.00 (including shipping).

In order to meet a minimum order requirement for printing the wraps, we ask that you please place your order by August 31. The bulk order will be placed at that time and within 2 weeks you will have your wrap.





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