
Spring 2025

KENNEDY GAZETTE



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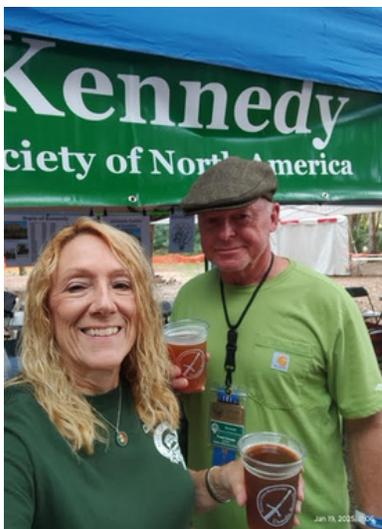
Central Florida Scottish Highland Games Winter Springs, Florida

Our games were well attended and everybody had a great time, even though rain on Sunday dampened attendance quite a bit. We didn't get any new members, though several were interested and were emailed information after the games. A half a dozen or so current members stopped by to visit.

Captain Frank Canada and the Titusville Fire Department (Kennedy) Honor Guard, in their Kennedy weathered tartan, joined forces again with the Orlando International Airport Honor Guard led by Danielle Shearer, to present another memorable opening ceremony. The official toast was presented to the honored guest of this year's games, followed by inspection of the troops.

Frank is in the planning stages of something special for the 2026 games, since he will be retiring from the fire department next year. He is looking for someone else in the fire department to take over his duties as captain of the guard.

We are also actively looking for a person or persons willing to take over the Kennedy tent at these games, the largest in Florida.



Frank and Suzanne Canada



Slightly damp Kennedy Piper
Matthew Hutchinson and Frank

A Message from the Chief



2025 is shaping up to be a fantastic year! As I sit at my desk pondering the last year as Chief, I am reminded that the Kennedy Society is like any other family. We pull together when any of us is in need. The outpouring of prayers and notes from our membership for Tammy and myself has been both humbling and encouraging. Tammy is improving but will have lifelong issues due to the location of the tumor.

I am still out of work but the job market in my professional area is ramping up hiring very rapidly. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you all.

The KSNA will be represented this Spring at the Loch Norman Highland Games, Savannah

Scottish Games, Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival, Gallabrae, Georgia Mountain Scottish Festival and West Virginia Wild and Wonderful Celtic Festival and Highland Games. Make sure to stop by the KSNA tent and say hello (and maybe a wee dram)! I will be convening the KSNA tent at Loch Norman in Huntersville NC the weekend of April 12th, so if you are the Charlotte neighborhood I would love to see long term friends and make some new ones! This year's AGM will be held at the Middle Tennessee Highland Games the weekend of September 6 th and 7 th at Sanders Ferry Park in Hendersonville TN.

Stay tuned for some POTENTIAL great news on a special guest! The Board is working tirelessly to make this year's AGM a fantastic event!

Up the Coast!
Avisé la fin!
Sean Carrick



A Message from David Carrick Chief First Class, Retired

2025 Kennedy Society AGM Information



Please join us at the 2025 Kennedy Society AGM, which will be held September 6-7 at the MIDDLE TENNESSEE HIGHLAND GAMES, 513 Sanders Ferry Rd., Hendersonville, TN, 37075. Our hosts will be Bill and Melissa Kennedy.

GAME INFO: Ticket and game related info can be found at the MTHG website.
<https://www.midtenngames.com/>

HOTEL INFO: Although there are a few hotel options listed on the MTHG website, Kennedy Society members are encouraged to stay at the Hyatt Place of Nashville/Hendersonville, 330 E. Main St., Hendersonville, TN, 37075, which is about 15 minutes from Sanders Ferry Park and about 5 minutes from the restaurant for the Saturday night dinner. A limited number of rooms are blocked off (\$145 + tax per night) for Thursday through Sunday, so book early! Rooms can be reserved via <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/BNAZH/G-MIDT>.

Simply enter your selected dates for your stay (rooms are blocked from September 4-8 to accommodate different schedules) and it will automatically populate the discounted group pricing and room availability. Additionally, you may call Hyatt Reservations at 1 (800) 323-7249 and mention Middle Tennessee Highland Games and/or the group code: G-MIDT.

SATURDAY EVENING DINNER: Demos Restaurant, 161 Indian Lake Blvd., Hendersonville, TN, 37075. According to the restaurant, attendees will be able to order directly from the menu. If this changes, more information will be forthcoming.

We hope to see you in the Music City in September. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Carrick at david_carrick55@yahoo.com.

Hyatt Place seems to be the best place to stay, only about 15-20 minutes to the game site and about 5 minutes to the dinner on Saturday night.

OFFICIAL BALLOT AND PROXY BALLOT

2025 KENNEDY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA AGM ELECTION OF OFFICERS

I, David Carrick, in my capacity as Chairman of the Society Nominating Committee, do hereby put forth this slate of officers for election for 2025-2026. Additional nominations can be made at the AGM prior to the election.

President PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Sean Carrick, Fort Mill, SC

Vice President PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Samantha Dodson, Hendersonville, NC

Treasurer PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Rick Hageman, Spruce Pine, NC

Secretary PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE

Nina Eppes, Nashua, NH

Each nominee has given permission for his or her names to be entered on the election ballot.

PROXY ASSIGNMENT

I _____, not being able to attend the 2023 KSNA election, wish to cast my vote by Proxy. I understand that my vote (one ballot per membership family) will be counted with all ballots cast in person at the Kennedy Society of North America's Annual Meeting to be held at the Middle Tennessee Highland Games in Hendersonville, TN games on September 6-7, 2025.

Member signature assigning proxy : _____ Date _____

I give my proxy permission to vote on my behalf for other business that may be conducted at the September 6-7, 2025 annual general membership meeting to (PICK ONE):

David Carrick, Chief First Class Retired

Colleen Caldwell, Membership Chair

Leo Kennedy, Southern New England Chieftain

These names have been chosen as the proxy can only be assigned to someone that will be in attendance at the AGM.

Please return this signed form by August 31, 2025 to:

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Or scan and send to by August 31, 2025: david_carrick55@yahoo.com

Did You Know?

Area: 78,789 sq km (30,420 sq miles) including the islands. About twice the size of the Netherlands and almost the same size as South Carolina in the US. Scotland counts 787 islands from which around 130 are inhabited.

Size: Scotland measures 441 km (274 miles) from north to south. From east to west it varies from 38.8 km to 248 km. The overall coastline including the islands is 10,000 km! (69% of the total UK coastline)



<https://www.scotlandinfo.eu/scotland-facts-and-figures/>

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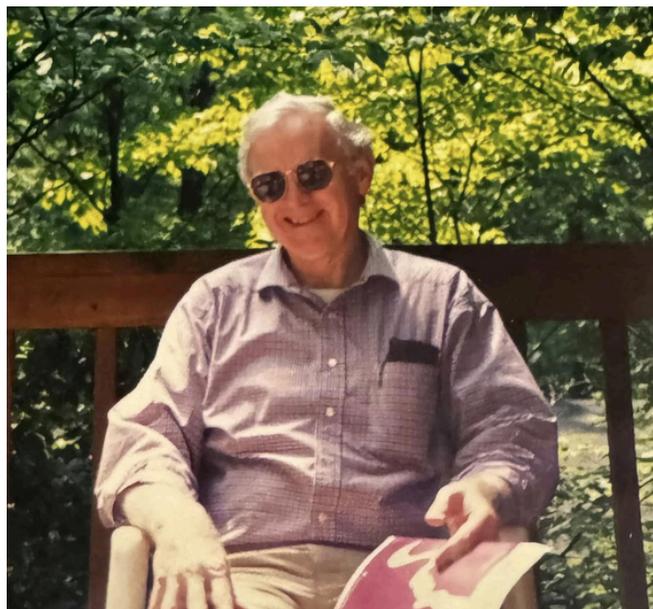


Chris Kennedy
District Director,
Georgia

Flowers of the Forest



Sadly, we were recently notified of the passing of Gerald "Jerry" Neil Carrick. He was born March 16, 1936, in Sacramento, CA to Olive and Alvin Carrick. Jerry passed away on February 7, 2025, at the age of 88. Jerry is survived by his wife of 62 years, Alice Funkhouser Carrick and his three children, Sean, David and Amy as well as 12 grandchildren. Jerry is also survived by his brother, Phil Huskey. Jerry was a devoted and loving husband, father, brother and grandfather. Professionally, Jerry was a civil engineer whose career spanned over 40 years with both Bethlehem Steel and the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers. Jerry was a quiet, kind and loving man that lived out his faith in his Lord Jesus Christ with perseverance and love. Sola scriptura, solus Christus, sola fide, sola gratia and soli Deo gloria. Scripture alone through Christ alone by faith alone through grace alone to the glory of God alone.



Flowers of the Forest Continued...

Marlene A. (Costa) Kennedy, 88, passed away Sunday, February 9, 2025. She was the wife of the late Leo F. Kennedy. Born in Burrillville, she was a daughter of the late William and Leafy (LaRose) Costa.

Marlene was a medical aid for 25 years at St. Aloysius Home and worked as a clerk at Apex before retiring. She loved making puzzles, gardening, baking, and making candy with her friends. She was a member of Theo's Group and enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She is survived by her longtime friend and companion A. Ed Horn. She was the mother of Leo F. Kennedy, III of Greenville and Lori J. Furtado of Danielson, CT. She was the sister of Jean Smith, Cyril Costa and the late Leafy Lavendier and William Costa. She is survived by her 2 grandchildren Jessica Rucki and William Furtado.

Visitation was held Friday, February 14, 2025 from 9:30-10:30am in the Tucker-Quinn Funeral Chapel of Patrick Quinn Funerals & Cremations, 643 Putnam Pike, Greenville. Her funeral followed in St. Philip Church, Greenville at 11am. The burial was held in the Greenville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Hope Health Hospice and Palliative Care, 1085 North Main St., Providence, RI 02904 are appreciated.



Flowers of the Forest Continued...

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Ed Kennedy, a truly remarkable individual who touched the lives of many with his generous heart-led ways. Ed was a beloved member of the Slow Food Denver family, known for his boundless energy and passion for making the world a better place. As a jack of all trades, he brought joy and inspiration to everyone he met.

Ed played a pivotal role in our Seed to Plate program, where he ignited a love for gardening and sustainable eating in children. His enthusiasm for food, its origins, and its cultivation was infectious, and he changed the lives of all he touched through his teachings. Children adored him, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations.

In 2020, Ed joined our Board of Directors, where he led with creativity and deep knowledge of food justice and farming. His unwavering support for Slow Food Denver over the years has been invaluable, and we are committed to honoring his memory by continuing the work he was so passionate about.

Just as he gave his all to the Slow Food Denver community, through his work at Hay Camp, Ed was committed to healing the land and cultivating the soil into a regenerative farm. Not only did he welcome bees, plants, pollinators, and microbes, but he gathered his friends and loved ones into the fold to celebrate the beauty and abundance of the ecosystem.

In lieu of flowers, Ed's family kindly requests that donations be made to Slow Food Denver, ensuring that his vision and dedication to sustainable food practices live on. Please make [donations in Ed's name here](#).

Thank you, Ed, for your years of friendship, support, and inspiration. You are deeply missed, but your spirit will forever be a guiding light in our community.



Future Games

Including the 1 games that have already occurred, the Kennedy Society will be represented at 25 games this year. Upcoming games for the few months are:

Loch Norman Highland Games, 4/12 & 4/13, Huntersville, NC , Sean Carrick
Savannah Scottish Games, 5/3,Savannah, GA, David and Irene Phelps
Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival, 5/17& 5/18,Townsend, TN,
Rob & Karen Kennedy, Dave & Amy Carrick
Gallabrae, 5/23 & 5/24, Greenville, SC, Dave & Amy Carrick
Georgia Mountain Scottish Festival, 6/7 & 6/8, Hiawassee, GA, David and Irene Phelps
West Virginia Wild and Wonderful Celtic Festival and Highland Games, 6/21,
Beverly, WV, Colleen & Dan Caldwell
Grandfather Mountain, 7/10,7/11,7/12, &7/13 Linville, NC, Samantha Dodson,
Rick & Kim Hageman
Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland, 7/19, St Paul, MN, Allison Lares
Glengarry Highland Games, 8/1 & 8/2, Maxville, Ontario, Janet Kennedy
Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games, 8/8, 8/9 &8/10,Fergus, ON, Canada,
Lydia Kennedy

Many games are more than one day. The website only allows for one date to be listed, so the Saturday date is the default listing. The respective game's link will identify the actual dates.

DUES REMINDER

Did you know that you can pay in-person at events where Kennedy Society of North America members host a tent? Check our Events Calendar on the website for locations.

Credit card payments can be made on the website by responding to the automatic email reminder. If that link has expired, or you don't receive one, email me at caldwellkids@earthlink.net.

Paying your dues with a check? Send it to the address below. Please let me know if you are sending a personal check in the mail so that I can watch for it.

Colleen Caldwell
KSNA Membership
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Membership dues are \$35 for one year, payable to Kennedy Society of North America.

Membership Updates



Colleen Caldwell Membership Chair

SPRING MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Spring is in the air and the cold weather is mostly behind us. The sunshine makes me yearn to get outside! However, I am starting out my season at an indoor event with a Kennedy table at the April 5th Tartan Day sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society of Pittsburgh. This is a new experience for me since I have only attended this event as a spectator. I felt like it was time to give back a little. Wish me luck!

Not surprisingly, nearly all of the 2025 event calendar for the Kennedy Society is still ahead of us. The website lists each event where one of our volunteers plans to set up a tent in the clan village. Check the details to see if it is an indoor or outdoor event.

Maybe consider hosting your own Kennedy tent if you have a favorite event that is not on the list!

Scottish festivals have it all—live music, sports, food, and shopping! Every event is unique. Check out our calendar and get outdoors to a good Scottish event near you!

Colleen Kennedy Caldwell
Membership

Welcome these New Members:

Heather Redd of Clarksville, TN
Kirk Canaday of Alpharetta, GA
Toni Delong of Edgewater, FL

New Lifetime Member:

Duane Kennedy of Ash Grove, MO

HOW TO FIND THE DATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES:

- Sign in on the website using the email address and password for your account
- Click on the circle in the upper right-hand corner of the page to open My Profile
- Scroll all the way down to see your information
- Your next renewal date is below the Profile Photo
- Click on the circle again to Sign Out
- Contact me if you have any questions



SummerRecipe

Cock-a-leekie traybake with croutons

INGREDIENTS

- Ingredients
- 8 free-range chicken thighs
- 2 large carrots, chopped
- 2 large leeks, sliced in half lengthways
- 2 fennel bulbs, sliced into 1cm pieces
- 3 clementines or easy peelers, 2 cut into slices, 2 juiced
- 200ml white wine or chicken stock
- Grated zest and juice 1 lemon
- 2 tbsp wholegrain mustard
- 5 tbsp olive oil
- Bunch fresh thyme
- 2 large pieces sourdough, torn



Instructions

- Heat the oven to 220°C/200°C fan/gas 7. In a large roasting tin, mix the chicken, veg and clementine slices.
- Mix the wine or stock with the clementine and lemon juice, mustard and 2 tbsp of the oil, then pour over the chicken. Tuck thyme sprigs under the chicken, season and roast for 35 minutes or until cooked through.
- Meanwhile, mix the bread with the remaining oil and the lemon zest and season well. Transfer to a baking tray and cook in the oven for 10-15 minutes, while the chicken is cooking, until crispy and toasted.
- Discard the thyme and serve the chicken sprinkled with croutons.

Nutrition

Calories: 519kcal | Carbohydrates: 20.8g | Protein: 38.9g | Fat: 25.1g | Saturated Fat: 4.8g | Sodium: 0.9g | Fiber: 9g | Sugar: 8.2g

<https://www.deliciousmagazine.co.uk/recipes/cock-a-leekie-traybake/>

Kid's Corner for the Wee Ones!!

Scottish Terrier Dog



Scottish Terrier Dog

The Scottish terrier is an alert and feisty breed of Highland terrier known for its prominent and bushy brows and mustache, which give it a scowling expression. The dog's long, bristly coat is usually solid black, but brindle, wheaten (pale yellowish brown), gray, and grizzled coats are also possible. The more a Scottie's coat is trimmed, the softer and lighter it gets. The velvety ears are small and pricked. The eyes are wide-set, alert looking, and nearly black. The tail is about 7 inches (18 centimeters) long and is carried nearly erect, sometimes with a slight curve. The adult Scottish terrier stands 9–10 inches (23–25 centimeters) tall and weighs 18–22 pounds (8–10 kilograms). The breed is usually described as strong and plucky.

Summer Edition

It's never too early to start preparing for our next edition. Due to recent changes in formatting it's taken a while to get everything put together nicely for you. Please remember that the deadline for the next edition will be June 1st, 2024
