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50th Anniversary Annual Grand Meeting!

Wow! What a celebration we had for the Kennedy Society of North America's 50th birthday party! May 20-21, 2023, at the Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival & Games in beautiful Townsend, Tennessee on the edge of the Great Smoky Mountains. This was our second year at this venue and logistics were greatly improved. Previously they had been held on the Maryville College campus about 20 miles away for about a decade, M.C. is the home of the "Scots." As Chief Carrick and I are both alumni, we have to "Toot our Horn." We had a large twenty foot by twenty foot tent, plus two adjoining ten foot by ten foot tents and the entire place was filled with Kennedys and friends. Chris and Sue Kennedy (former Chief and First Lady) provided TWO birthday cakes for all to enjoy. The larger one had a perfect re-creation of the Kennedy Clan Badge (Great job Kroger Bakery Artists!!) We also had subway sandwiches as well as snacks, soft drinks, and "wee drams."

Saturday night was the official banquet, we had 75 reservations. Dress code was "to pass your mother's inspection" and the turnout was spectacular. Awards were handed out by Chief Carrick and silent auction winners were announced. The meal was top-notch, thanks to the Hilton Hotel at the Knoxville airport. Sunday morning we convened in our tent for the AGM where the business of KSNA was efficiently and peacefully conducted.

The 50th Anniversary and Smoky Mountain Scottish festival & Games Continued...

Now for a few facts and figures about the weekend. We had folks from 18 states and 2 countries. We gained 3 new members: Casey Kennedy of Cox's Creek, Kentucky, Milan D Kennedy of Beaver Creek, Ohio, and Daniel W. Fleeman of Maryville, Tennessee. We had three former chiefs in attendance: John Flowers (Eleanor), Leo Kennedy, and Chris Kennedy (Sue.) A message from the Marquess of Ailsa was read at the banquet. The awards included the Ailsa Craig, Order of the Dolphin, and Kona Grant received the Companion of the Oak. Fiddler Brandon Kennedy entertained us both at the banquet and the games. Piper Anderson Pritchard is a recipient of the KSNA scholarship and also entertained during the games and banquet.

Everyone who attended seemed to have a great time, for which we are thankful. Weather was moderate-mid 70s with some light rain on Saturday; Sunday was sunny and nice. One sad note-our wheaten Scottie Riley crossed the Rainbow Bridge last November. We now have a black male Scottie (Via Scottie Rescue.) He is eight years old, but acts like a two year old. His name is Douglas and he is very sweet.

Aye,
Karen & Robert Kennedy
Tent Convenors.

AGM REPORT!

There were no bylaw or other such issues to be discussed at the AGM, and the meeting was purposely designed to be as streamlined as much as possible. Reports were given by Society Chief Dave Carrick and Deputy Chief Sean Carrick, as well as Treasurer Bob Davis, Membership Chair Colleen Caldwell, Newsletter Editor Samantha Dodson, and by Chieftain and District Directors pertaining to their respective areas. The nominations for the officer slate remained unchallenged, with the following re-elected: David Carrick, President/Society Chief; Sean Carrick, Vice-President/Deputy Chief; Bob Davis, Treasurer, and; Joanne Engelhardt, Secretary.

One item of note came from our CASSOC delegate, Andrew McMurtry. He will be traveling to Scotland in June, primarily to visit Kennedy castles and holdings in Carrick. In addition to supplying an article on his travels, he will also be looking at possible ways that the Kennedy Society can increase its presence in Ayrshire.

A brief reorganization meeting was held immediately following the AGM, and all positions remain the same with the exception of Scholarship. Sue Kennedy has resigned from that position after having served in that capacity for several years, and many thanks are owed to Sue for her hard work. However, it is with great pleasure that we welcome our new Scholarship Chair, Jill Stupalsky!

50th Anniversary and The Smoky Mountain Scottish Games & Festival Continued...



Chris Kennedy and Leo Kennedy
watching the fireworks!



Karen Kennedy, Sue Kennedy, Amy & David Carrick, John Flowers and Chris Kennedy



The Kennedy Society takes the field in the parade of Tartans!



Getting down to business at the AGM!

Gallabrae!

There was no rest for the weary as less than a week after the Smoky Mountain Games it was time for Gallabrae in Greenville, SC, hosted by Dave Carrick and Sean Carrick.

The parade on Friday night was once again a spectator's delight, and the weather was cool and breezy. Participating in the parade were Dave and Amy Carrick, Sean Carrick, Letitia Short and her brother Marvin, Theresa Slack, and the Palmetto Curling Club.

Saturday at Furman was much different than usual: Instead of super hot weather, it barely got above 60 degrees. However, a major bullet was dodged as the forecasted all day rain held off until about 4pm. Those who came to the tent were John and Eleanor Flowers, Lee Hedgecock, Kaci Hedgecock, Kevan Hedgecock, Robin Fox, Dallas Fox, Samantha Dodson, Megan Carrick, and Letitia Short. Also paying a visit to the tent were Beth and Tom Stoney. Beth is in Clan Campbell and is the Membership Chair for Clan Graham, and both were active with the Charleston games until moving to Linville, NC.

Once again, Gallabrae featured the 2Scots and a military salute - although the parachute jump had to be cancelled due to high winds and the closing ceremonies were also cancelled once the rain began. However, and all things considered, everything went as well as could be expected.

Submitted by: Dave Carrick



A Word of Prayer from our Chaplain

Almighty God,

Help me to realize that though I can't see the whole of my life, you can.

Help me to see how you can take the painful, the hurtful, and even the harmful, and use it for your larger purpose.

Help me to trust that setbacks can actually be preparation for where you want me to be; that it can put me in a position for the blessings you have in store for me.

Help me to choose forgiveness and love, to break the harmful cycles of hurt where they are found in my family.

Help me to trust you with the pieces of my life, may I give you all the parts of the puzzle that I don't understand.

And even when I can't feel it, help me to realize that you are always with me; I am never alone.

Help me to trust your plan, trust your promises, trust your purpose for my life, and trust that you are bigger than the problems - that you never let a hurt go wasted.

Give me the strength and the power in the challenges I face. Jesus, I give myself completely to you.

I pray this in your name, Amen.

A Message from the Chief



It is difficult to know where to begin, but let me start here: What an amazing time in Townsend for the 50th, not to mention the overall response to all of the various components that comprised the anniversary!

*First off, there were attendees from 18 states and 1 province. This included long time members such as John Flowers and Pat Moncrieff all the way to one year old Ezra Kennedy, son of Brandon and Amanda Kennedy!

*The banquet was spectacular with 75 in attendance, with many in full Highland dress. A tremendous slide show of photos taken at various events and tents was played during the social hour, compliments of Sean Carrick. Also featured at the banquet were Celtic fiddler Brandon Kennedy and piper Anderson Pritchard, one of our scholarship recipients.

*The tent was full the entire weekend, as many Kennedys came out for the Calling of the Clans on Friday, the anniversary festivities on Saturday, and the AGM and Tartan Parade on Sunday. It was reported to me by both members and vendors that anything Kennedy was gone by the end of the weekend!

*Several Ailsa Craig and Order of the Dolphin awards were given, and I was particularly honored to bestow the Society's highest award, the Companion of the Oak, to Kona Gant. He has been our Great Lakes Chieftain and is the founder of Clan Claus, and is very worthy of this award. The presentation included Kona being welcomed by those in attendance that have received the award: John Flowers, Elaine Heskett, Nina Eppes, Chris Kennedy, Sue Kennedy, and Leo Kennedy.

Much hard work was put into the 50th by the committee (Leo Kennedy, Nina Eppes, Chris and Sue Kennedy, Bob Davis, and Sean Carrick), as well as those who helped make the banquet special: Kim Hageman, centerpieces, and Megan Carrick, program. Further, many thanks to our tent conveners: Rob and Karen Kennedy.

I look forward to continuing (and completing!) my Anniversary tour at Blairsville, Ohio, Grandfather, Fergus, Loon Mountain, Laurinburg, Stone Mountain, Charleston, and Clover. It has been my pleasure to be involved with such an historic and significant milestone for the Kennedy Society!

David Carrick

Flowers of the Forest



Please join us in celebrating the lives of members and close friends that are no longer with us. Allow us to honor them and their contributions one last time.

This edition we must say farewell to Denis Reed and Joan Kennedy. Rest easy friends, until we meet again.

Joan Louise Kennedy

November 1, 1931 – April 14, 2023

Mother of Nina Eppes, Kennedy Society Northeast Region Chieftain

Joan was a proud member of the Kennedy Society of North America and served on, as well as chaired, its Scholarship Committee, which awards scholarships to students who are learning skills in the Celtic arts.

She took delight in her role as the matriarch of the Kennedy clan in New England, attending the New Hampshire Highland Games and Scottish Festival at Loon Mountain in Lincoln, NH, for over two decades.



Joan Louise Kennedy

2003

Flowers of the Forest Cont.

Joan Louise Kennedy, 91, of Chelmsford, MA, died peacefully on April 14, 2023, while in hospice care at Lowell General Hospital in Lowell, MA.

Joan was born November 1, 1931, in Cambridge, MA, to Evelyn (Davis) and Lowell Francis Kennedy. She grew up in Belmont, MA, where she attended Belmont High School, and she continued her education at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, graduating in 1953 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Landscape Architecture. While at UMass, Joan was a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority, the Landscape Architecture Club, the Outing Club, the Water Ballet team, and the Girl's Drill Team. After graduation, Joan worked as a planning engineer in the Planning Department of the City of Springfield, MA. In the fall of 1954 she met Robert Emmett Eppes, Jr., a control tower operator at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee Falls, MA, and they were married in November 1955 in Belmont, MA. Joan and Bob lived in Cambridge, MA; Dallas, TX; and Watertown, MA before settling in Chelmsford. They were active members of the Chelmsford Players drama club and the First Parish of Chelmsford Unitarian Universalist church. Joan also served on Chelmsford's Central Square Improvement Committee and was a board member for the League of Women Voters, the YWCA, and First Parish Church.

Joan and Bob had three daughters before divorcing in 1969. Joan never remarried, preferring her autonomy.

As an entrepreneurial single mother, Joan raised her girls while working in a variety of trades, including as: a distributor of Holiday Magic and Amway products; a lifeguard at a girl scout summer camp; a Color Me Beautiful consultant; an advertising sales representative at the Chelmsford Newsweekly; a school bus driver; a dish garden designer; and a receptionist and switchboard operator. In her middle age, Joan became a financial services consultant, specializing in retirement planning, asset allocation, and tax strategies. After retiring from that field, she returned to landscape design. In later years, Joan delivered newspapers for the Boston Globe and worked as a caregiver with Visiting Angels Living Assistance Services.

For most of her adult life, Joan engaged in crafting and artistic activities. She was an accomplished seamstress, making many of her own and her daughters' clothes as well as stuffed animals, Barbie doll outfits, and Wishnik troll doll outfits. She made furniture slipcovers, crocheted afghans, and painted still life and landscape pictures. Her overriding passion during her senior years was counted cross stitch, and she delighted in completing various cross stitch projects as gifts for family members as well as for her own enjoyment.

Joan was a dedicated singer and lifetime member of the choir at First Parish Church in Chelmsford. She was a member of the One Penny Opera Company, which was founded by Patricia "Pat" Brown (later Pat Moore). In 1974, Joan played Ruth, the Piratical Maid of All Work, in One Penny's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*. Joan also famously played the role of Katisha — dressed in a foam rubber fat suit — in their 1976 production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado*. She also co-founded The Music Company, a short-lived musical theater group in Chelmsford whose only production was Frank Loesser's *The Most Happy Fella* in March 1977. In her later years, Joan sang close harmony barbershop tunes with her daughters in a group they called Sibling Revelry +1.

Flowers of the Forest Cont.

One of Joan's best-loved ventures was co-founding the Patchwork Theatre, a non-profit children's theater company, with longtime friend Debbie Roy. Founded in the First Parish community hall in 1974, Patchwork produced plays and musicals ranging from Peter and the Wolf to Jesus Christ Superstar until it disbanded after its summer 1990 season. Joan served as Patchwork's producer and administrator for sixteen years.

Joan took delight in her role as the matriarch of the Scottish (not Irish) Kennedy clan in New England, attending the New Hampshire Highland Games and Scottish Festival at Loon Mountain in Lincoln, NH, for over two decades. She was a proud member of the Kennedy Society of North America and served on, as well as chaired, its Scholarship Committee, which awards scholarships to students who are learning skills in the Celtic arts.

Joan is survived by her daughters Jeannine Eppes ("Nina") of Nashua, NH (James Kauffman), Geneva ni Siobhan of Chelmsford, MA, and Jacqueline Davis ("Jackie") of Temple, NH; her younger brother, Nelson Forbes Kennedy (Judy Schultz Kennedy); her grandchildren Sean Tynan, Erin Davis, Ian Richardson, Brian Richardson, and Ellen Davis; and her great-granddaughter Mia Ricky Davis Sergeant; as well as two nieces, four nephews, seven grandnieces, two grandnephews, four great-grandnieces, and one great-grandnephew.

Joan was preceded in death by her older brother, Lowell Davis Kennedy (January 1, 1930–October 30, 2022), and by numerous cats.

A Celebration of Life is being planned for September 2, 2023, at First Parish in Chelmsford, MA. Joan's ashes will be interred in the Kennedy family plot at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, MA.



the late Lord Charles Kennedy, scholarship recipient Morgan Pell, Joan Kennedy
New Hampshire Highland Games
September 23, 2007

Flowers of the Forest Cont.

Denis Reid

...a close friend of the Kennedys 1946-2023

There is much to be said about Denis. Here are some excerpts from his obituary.

Denis was born in 1946 to Tommy and Nan Reid. He lived in Girvan Scotland his entire life. While in high school, he discovered his love of art, and was talented enough to go to art college. However he chose instead to become a Sanitary Inspector, like his great grandfather before him. In 1967 he met the love of his life, May, and they were married in 1969. Denis and May have three children: Tom, Jane, and Amanda. He was devoted to his grandchildren: Cameron, Gemma, Emily, Oliver, and Mirin.

However, it must be said that it was May who was his greatest supporter. Without May, her encouragement, her honesty, and her patience, Denis could not have participated in his many groups, and activities, and all who knew him would not have the friendship and memories that we have benefited from over the years. This includes the Kennedy Society members and the many tours on which Denis participated with Lord Charles. Denis was an honorary member of the Society and wrote many articles for the Gazette.

Some, but not all of the groups and activities that Denis supported included: Carrick Speakers Club, Scottish Burn's Circuit, Girvan Tourist Assoc. including the creation of the Lowland Gathering and Jazz Festival, the Girvan Model Boat Society, and the Carrick 800 Battle Re-enactment Society of which he was a founding member. Denis was a trained swordsman with both broadsword and rapier. Upon retirement, Denis founded his own company – Black Raven Living History working for Historic Scotland, the National Trust, the BBC, and several film companies.



Pictured Left: Denis and May

Pictured Right: Pictured here in the middle is Lady Mary, Marchioness of Ailsa, mother of our present David Kennedy, 9th Marquess of Ailsa. She is receiving homage from Denis Reid on the left, and Denis's defeated opponent on the right. The clashing of their swords was quite remarkable and our tour group was very impressed!



Denis had a particular affinity for the history of Carrick's Kennedy family. He has written several articles and is the author of a booklet "Blood Feud of the "Kennedies" (old spelling) a collection of dramatic tales brought about by the great family feud between the Kennedies of Cassillis and that of Bargany. Basically the feud had two main causes being Cassillis claim to be the elder line of the family disputed by Bargany, and the fact that at the time Cassillis supported the Catholic Mary Queen of Scots while the Bargany family were Protestant in their beliefs.

Flowers of the Forest Cont.

Through his historical research of the family, Denis became a close friend of the late Chief of Clan Kennedy Lord Charles who appointed him as his personal historian and Master of Arms.

Denis supported and accompanied Lord Charles on his LC Tours of Scotland and Ireland, doing the historical research and delivering the history to their guests on the many sites the tours visited. Through these tours Denis made many good friends in the Kennedy Society of North America, was made an honorary member, and is a proud holder of the Society's Ailsa Craig Award.

As we celebrate Denis's remarkable life, we celebrate a man of strong character, deep conviction, unforgettable charm, and wonderful wit. Below are just a few of our special memories:

May Reid, Girvan Scotland: We often reminisced of the Kennedy visits here, and he told me many stories of the tours – happy memories.

Sue Kennedy, Gainesville GA: Denis was many things, but what I remember the most about Denis was his sense of humor, the twinkle in his eye, and of course his friendship with the Kennedys.

Suzanne Canada, Christmas, Florida: One of the funniest stories was when we were down in Ballantrae on the Kennedy lands tour. The bus was full of Kennedys and the Kennedy Honor Guard members who had come to Scotland for the presentation at Culzean Castle. We stopped to tour the cemetery, and then went across the street and were looking up the hill at Ardstincher Castle. Honor Guard member Brook Smith, who has since passed away, was standing by the barbed wire fence, doing something or other. He turned around and faced Denis and the tour group. He had picked sheep's wool off of the wire fence and stuck it in his scruffy mustache and beard. I have a photo of it. Denis asked him, you know what part of the sheep they rub against the fence? And Brook said no which part? Denis said, their arse! You have a sheep's arse on your face! All of us were laughing so hard we were crying!

Frank Canada, Christmas, Florida: We were at a restaurant in Glencoe, I saw Denis standing at the counter with the owner, where upon I spotted a sign that read in bold letters high enough for all who entered to see; "CAMPBELLS NOT WELCOMED". Had I been fast enough before Denis had finished his engagement with the proprietor, my plan was to say, loud enough so that my voice would carry..."Mister Campbell, your car is ready for you out front". However Denis had stepped far enough away from the counter so the owner would not have heard me. I did tell Denis of my deviant plan to which he said to me, "Aye, Frank, we would have never made it out alive"

Lynda Kennedy, Raleigh, North Carolina: From the 2009 tour, The Gathering in Edinburgh. Dennis was our guide that morning. We had just passed the statue of Gray Friars Bobby. I asked Dennis for suggestions for a good hat shop. He took us to his favorite shop where he bought hats for his costumes. I was so thrilled and tried on several hats. I found the perfect hat and still wear it even now. I think of Dennis every time I put that hat on for a special occasion.

Chris Kennedy, Gainesville Georgia Long before Sue and I became very involved in the Kennedy Society, there was Denis. Lord Charles had mentioned that his friend Denis, would not fly under any circumstances, so we never got to meet him until we were on our first Scotland tour. My first recollection was when we were on a tour of one of the Kennedy castles, Cassillis. A sword dual was arranged with reenactors from Edinburg Castle. We had the opportunity to learn about period swords by shape and style. The instructor was Denis Reid. Throughout the entire tour Denis was there to educate, support, and squire us around.

Flowers of the Forest Cont.

One late afternoon, we were in an unlikely place, a lively pub and there was music and dancing. Marianne Heskett said she would like to dance and before any of us could rise up, there was Denis escorting her across the floor. It was easy to become a fast and everlasting friend with Denis.

On another tour, the one of Linda's hat story, Denis had volunteered to take us on a tour of Edinburgh. He took us all over the city – to places where the average visitor would not get to go. All we had to do was state an interest, and away we went with our own personal “encyclopedia”. I had asked about Masonry, and we got a tour of the first temple in Edinburgh, a history of Robbie Burns, as he related to Masonry, and a visit to some obscure shops specializing in Masonic items .I could go on and on with story after story of all the people we met and the many places Denis took us. Even after we were home, one could contact Denis and get a thorough dissertation on whatever subject you had inquired about.

It was on my visit at Lord Charles funeral that Denis and May's hearts really came to the fore. We were told not to worry about getting around, or a place to stay. They had it all under control. Frank Kennedy and myself were completely under their care. On a personal side, we learned of Denis's ancestry and Viking ties .Frank and I spent a wonderful afternoon viewing Denis in his Viking regalia and trying on helmets and breast plates and lifting unbelievable swords!

One of the last things we did was to accompany Denis to his special pub in Girvan, where we met many of his cronies and we were made official members of the Order of MAOB. I have the certificate and the whisky to prove it. I envy those souls where Denis is now, because there will always be a kind heart, a warm hand, and a good story.

From all of us: Thank you Denis for your friendship, knowledge and so many happy memories!
Denis Reid is unforgettable ...



Denis Reid and Chris Kennedy



Tour Group from 2009



The late Lord Charles
and Denis Reid

Attention Tent Conveners!!

As we begin our 50 year celebration, it is important to identify where we will have Kennedy representation at games for 2023. In particular, this is necessary to make sure that it is coordinated so that there is a 50th anniversary banner at respective tents.

There are five such banners that will be shipped to and between conveners that will temporarily replace the existing Kennedy banners used at tents. Please let Leo Kennedy hdviking@aol.com or Dave Carrick david_carrick55@yahoo.com know the name and date(s) of your game so that this can be accomplished. It will also help us accurately fill out the game schedule on the website.

If you have never convened a tent before and are interested in doing so, Dave and Leo can answer your questions and assist you.

Let's make this year as special as possible!

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Savannah Scottish Games

The Savannah Scottish Games. 6th May 2023.

Started off on Friday at a new location for our tent spot, we had some new clans beside us and it's nice to meet new people. As usual Friday is setting up the tent spot and getting as much ready for Saturday as possible then off to the Reception to meet old friends and get to know some new ones.

Saturday's weather was pretty good until the storms hit at about 3pm so we all had fun running around trying to make sure everything was in a dry place.

We had one new member sign up Nicole Meyers who is from Ludowici Ga.

Also at the tent were the McChesney family.



New member Nicole Meyers
and her husband Tod



Kennedy Tent



Pulled Pork Lunch
(thanks Michael McChesney))



Parade of Tartans

Loch Norman Highland Games

The 2023 Loch Norman Highland Games occurred April 15 & 16 at Historic Rural Hill in Huntersville NC. The Kennedy Society attended the Friday evening Patron's dinner and the calling of the Clans.

The weather was slightly erratic with some showers on Friday evening and early Saturday morning but for the most part Saturday and Sunday were beautiful. Saturday was extremely well attended and the KSNA tent was buzzing with many visitors. Samantha Dodson, Karen Kennedy, Sherry Short, KSNA Chief David and Amy Carrick were all in attendance. Saturday afternoon, David presented Deputy Chief Sean Carrick with the Order of the Dolphin.

Sunday was a much quieter day due to the potential of rain later in the day but still was well attended in the morning. KSNA participated in the Tartan Parade but unfortunately we did not get any pictures due to our dwindling numbers on Sunday.



Kennedy Tent



Kennedy Tent with Amy and David Carrick, Karen Kennedy and Sean Carrick



A happy Coo!



Sean Carrick receiving The Order of the Dolphin

Future Games

Our 50th year will have quite a busy schedule based on games that we will have a confirmed presence. All of these games and their respective links are on the KSNA website. In addition to Central Florida* earlier in January (thanks Suzanne and Frank!), this list includes:

- July 6-9, Grandfather Mountain, Samantha Dodson*
- August 6, Minnesota (St. Paul), Allison Stavrakis
- August 11-13, Fergus (ON), Lydia Kennedy*
- August 26, Quechee Scottish Games & Festival, Nina Eppes or Brian Penney
- September 15-17, Loon Mountain, Nina Eppes*
- September 16, Ligonier (PA), Colleen and Dan Caldwell
- October 7, Scotland County (NC), Dave and Amy Carrick*
- October 8, Scotland (CT), Leo Kennedy
- October 21-22, Stone Mountain, David and Irene Phelps*
- November 4, Charleston (SC), Sean and Tammy Carrick*
- November 11, Clover (SC), Sean and Tammy Carrick*

(* indicates that Society Chief Dave Carrick plans on attending)

If anyone is convening a tent that is not on this list, please contact Dave Carrick (david_carrick55@yahoo.com) so that it can be put on the website. If you would like to convene a tent (especially out West!), definitely contact Dave!!!

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.

Northeast Florida Highland Games

Tent and tables at the NEFL Games on 25th February 2023. As the weather was typical Florida weather we had quite a good number of people in attendance.

We had quite a few Kennedy's stopping by and also people who were interested in our new Banner.



Membership Updates



Colleen Caldwell Membership Chair

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP NEWS

What a wonderful time we all had at the 50th Anniversary celebration at the Smoky Mountain Games in Tennessee! I was able to meet and talk to many members for the first time and renew a lot of old acquaintances. I didn't notice until I got home and reviewed the tent sign-in sheet just how many members that I missed meeting. We had members and visitors from Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Ontario, Canada. No wonder I didn't get around to talking with everyone!

WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

New Members

Paula Velho of Longwood, FL
Rachel Pritchard of Rutherfordton, NC
Peggy Wilson of Yuma, AZ
Robyn Taylor of Johnstown, PA
Kevin Kennedy of Macomb, MI
Paula Trainor of Saulte Ste. Marie, Ontario
Debra Kelly of Jasper, AL
Nicole Blodgett of Amelia, OH
William Kennedy of Christiana, TN
James Kennedy of Webster, NY
David Kennedy of Rockford, IL
Jamie Mayes of Houston, TX
Thomas Castle of Hopkinsville, KY
Paul Kennedy of Mount Holly, NJ
Nichole Meyers of Ludowici, GA
Milan Kennedy of Beavercreek, OH
Daniel Fleeman of Maryville, TN
Casey Kennedy of Cox's Creek, KY
Marvin Short of Sunset, SC

Returning Member

Randy Peterson of Clyde, KS

New Lifetime Member

David J. Kennedy of Raleigh, NC
Sherry Short of Oxford, NC
David L. Kennedy of Rockford



Attention all Members and Tent Conveners:

Please note that I have moved! Please use my new mailing address included below to avoid mail delays. My new landline phone number is 724-849-0024; my cell phone is still 304-216-4005; email is the same caldwellkids@earthlink.net.

Attention Tent Conveners:

Tent forms have been updated for 2023 with the new membership fees and my new mailing address. Please use the new forms at your tent. Contact me if you still need the new forms.

Send any questions to:
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WANTED: Kennedy Gazette newsletters between 1990 and 2005.

Are there any long-time members out there who have saved their newsletters?

If this is you, please contact Colleen Caldwell. She would like to borrow them to scan and add to the website. There are still a few gaps between 1990 and 2005.

We are looking for these specific issues:

1991 Spring volume 15 number 1
1991 Summer volume 15 number 2
1994 Summer volume 18 number 2
1998 Fall volume 22 number 3

1999 Winter volume 23 number 4
2003 Winter volume 27 number 4
2004 ALL ISSUES

Summer Recipe!

Irish Apple Cake

This is an authentic old fashioned Irish apple cake, the kind that would be made throughout the apple harvest season all over Ireland, where every farmhouse has its own prized version of the recipe. It's delicious with or without the traditional custard sauce

Ingredients

Cake

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter at room temperature
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 3 Tbsp whole milk or cream
- 1 1/4 cups all purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp salt
- about 3 Granny Smith apples, peeled and thinly sliced. Mine weighed a little over a pound after slicing.
- confectioner's sugar for dusting

Streusel topping

- 3/4 cup all purpose flour
- 1/4 cup old fashioned rolled oats
- 6 Tbsp unsalted cold butter cut in small pieces
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar

Custard sauce

- 6 large egg yolks
- 6 Tbsp granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk ~ you can also use half and half or cream
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350F and grease a 9 inch springform pan.
2. Make the custard sauce ahead of time. Bring the milk to a simmer over medium heat. Meanwhile whisk the yolks and sugar until well combined. Drizzle a little of the hot milk into the egg mixture, whisking all the time. Drizzle a little more, then transfer that back into the pan of hot milk and continue cooking, stirring constantly, until the mixture coats the back of a spoon. Do this slowly, over medium heat, and I like to use a silicone spoon or spatula to scrape the bottom and sides of the pan as it heats. The mixture will become velvety and thickend, but it will not be as thick as pudding. It will continue to thicken as it cools, so don't overcook or it can curdle. Stir in the vanilla.
3. Pour the custard through a sieve (to catch any stray lumps) into a heat proof jar or bowl and place a piece of plastic wrap onto the surface so it won't form a skin as it cools. Put in the refrigerator until completely chilled.

Summer Recipe!

Irish Apple Cake

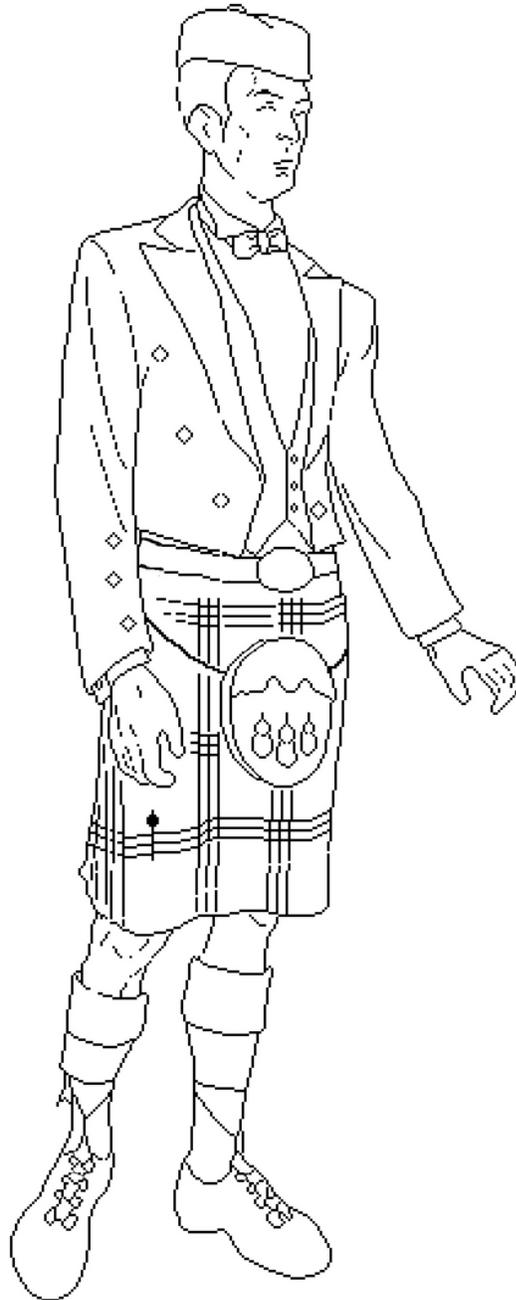
Instructions Continued:

1. Cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, one at a time.
2. Whisk together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt. Fold the dry ingredients into the butter/sugar mixture, along with the milk or cream.
3. Spoon the batter into your prepared pan, and smooth out evenly. Top with the sliced apples, and then the streusel topping. Note: no need to arrange the apples perfectly, but try to get them in an even layer.
4. Bake for about 50 minutes to an hour, until the top is lightly browned and a toothpick comes out without wet batter clinging to it.
5. Let cool a bit in the pan before removing. Dust with confectioner's sugar before serving.



Kid's Corner for the Wee Ones!!

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What does a Scotsman wear when he wants to dress up? A kilt in his clan tartan, of course! He will have a kilt pin on his kilt. On his head our Scotsman wears a Glengarry. He attaches his clan badge to his Glengarry. If he is a chief he will have feathers on his Glengarry. Our Scotsman wears a nice dress shirt, and a Prince Charlie jacket and vest with shiny silver buttons. Our Scotsman wears a kilt belt and buckle. A kilt has no pockets. Where does our Scotsman carry his wallet and keys? He carries them in his sporran. A sporran chain holds his sporran on. He wears kilt hose on his legs. Flashers hold his kilt hose up. On his feet our Scotsman wears ghillie brogues. He may have a sgian-dubh (skene do), a small knife, tucked in the top of his kilt hose. He may also wear a fly plaid, a large square piece of tartan fabric, attached at the shoulder, hanging down his back. Now our Scotsman is dressed to go out to a special event. Have a good day, Scotsman!

Fall 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 September 3rd 2023
