

# The Kennedy Gazette

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*Editor's Note: What better time of the year than this holiday season to highlight the birth of a baby, not just one, but two, with proud grandfathers in Scotland and Canada.*



### THE STORK'S PRECIOUS BUNDLES HAVE BEEN DELIVERED!

Angus James  
Kennedy Cadell



was born on October 1, 2012 to our Lady Rosemary Kennedy Cadell and her husband, Nicko Cadell. He weighed 8 lbs and 5oz at birth. Lady Rosemary says

he is a really good baby and is sleeping well at 4 hours at a time. In these pictures Angus James is a month old (he is a healthy 10 lbs now) and is posing in a family picture with his proud parents. Best wishes from your Kennedy cousins in North America!



Paul and Karen Kennedy of Mansfield, Ontario are pleased to announce the birth of their 3rd son, John Cameron Kennedy, on the 7th of May, 2012 in Alliston, Ontario. He weighed 7 lbs 1 oz at birth. He is the new playmate for his brothers, Alexander Joseph and William Angus. The proud grandparents are John A. and Mary Kennedy of Alliston and Neil and Norma Peters of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. This is the 18th grandchild for John and Mary.



## Lord Charles Sends His Greetings

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As always, it was fantastic to see so many Kennedys at The 40th Stone Mountain Games.

I did indeed have a great 10 days in the States, first visiting my younger daughter, Lady Alicia in New York city, then on to Atlanta for the remainder of my trip.

I would like to thank all who helped me get around including Frank Kennedy and Chris for producing a buggy which I could not have done without. I also had the greatest of pleasure in presenting Ann and Paul and Mary Elaine with the Companion of The Oak for the outstanding work they have done for the society. Well Done to you all.

The dates for The 2014 Gathering have changed to the end of June and it will now be held at Bannockburn. Sadly, at the moment, I do not have any more details. However, I will in the next month be working on a tour taking in Northern Ireland, Culzean, The Gathering, and parts of Scotland. Once I have more information, I will send the details to Chris and Sue.

Lady Rosemary and Angus are doing well and I am looking forward to seeing them all at Christmas. So until my next visit next May have a great Christmas and New Year.

**Lord Charles**



## Important Words from our Chief

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I normally end with some statement similar to what I am going to start with this time. I do not know if the beginning is more important than the end. We are your society; it is neither me nor the BOG nor is it anyone who does a tent, it all of us. Your input and support are our future. Let us hear from you. **We can't do it if we don't know!**

I have a pet project that I would like to launch and am looking for volunteers to take it on as a project. I would like to see the KSNA develop a Kennedy quiz that would run in some social media system for fun, education and prizes. Beyond that I have no firm thoughts and would be really excited about having a small group put this whole program together. How difficult should it

be; should it be a split program for kids and adults; how easy should it be to research the questions; what references should be used; what should it be called; where should it be promoted? It is yours to run with. Please let me know of your interest. It would great to have it off the ground by Spring. **Help, help.**

What a busy and exciting year this has been! Lord Charles has been able to come back several times this year; we have gained more new members than any time since I have been involved; we have done more games; we have revised the bylaws; we are in a better financial position than the last three years; we have run some successful fund raisers through our "T" shirt and glass sales. The list could continue and you will see several more in other parts of the Gazette. We are making progress and need to congratulate ourselves. Yet, we cannot rest on our laurels. We have a lot of growth to do and change yet to get through. If you are around me for very long, I will corner you and talk to you about my vision and goals for the Kennedy Society. I believe because of two major factors we have to change our structure and the way we communicate with each other.

The first thing that will affect us are the changes in our society. We are becoming more cost conscious, somewhat less mobile, and have a higher level of communication systems available to each of us. We as a Society are trying to seek systems that will reach younger members, who will be our future. This means a difference in what and how we do things because of family age and structure. So development of communication tools and systems becomes more important.

I also believe that the financial situation we are in now and for some time will add to this need for a different system. It is not that it is not being considered; we are not sitting still. We have a young man and several volunteers who are willing to begin the work on these communication projects. This is an area where I am not strong and I am glad there are members who can pick up on this. I have not been as supportive as I should in helping the chair and have vowed to do more as part of my goals for this year.

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A second portion of this change is that we need to develop a more grass roots approach to communication with each other. We are going to examine the addition a more local form of representation, the district representative, that would be able to reach out more quickly and personally to local members to involve in events and do more on a local level. We would like to test run it this year to see if this concept will work. One of my favorite statements is “many hands make light work.”

The second factor is that we, the KSNA, are spread out and diverse. This raises a situation of membership retention. We can add as many new members as we like but if we cannot keep them, all our efforts are for naught. About half our members are not in a position to come to games. Their only source of contact is the Gazette and as I have previously stated this is of concern to me and I am thankful for the loyalty of those whom we never see. We have attempted to broaden the material in the Gazette to include more topics but I still believe that this is only one part of what we should be doing. As you will see in the AGM minutes (posted on the Kennedy website), we are going to use our Chieftains to reach out to those whose membership in their regions has lapsed and see what we can learn to make us more viable. I need to get off my soap box now. I love this Society so much and want to do all that I can to help make it the best it can possibly be.

I want to close by thanking you all for your belief in and continued support of me as your Chief/President by electing me for another term. I will endeavor to do all that I can to measure up to your expectations. I must say that it is not me alone by any stretch of the imagination. There are many great volunteers out there helping in many ways to make this society what it is. I sincerely appreciate the dedication you have shown. May this Holiday season bring you joy, peace and prosperity. **Sláinte. Chris Kennedy**



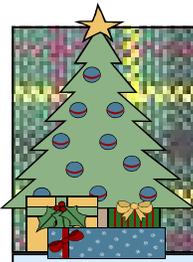
**KENNEDY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA  
GIVES THREE  
“COMPANION OF THE OAK” AWARDS  
AT AGM DINNER**



It is with great pleasure that President/Chief Chris Kennedy presented and Lord Ailsa bestowed the Companion of the Oak award to three very deserving members of the Kennedy Society. The Companion of the Oak is awarded to those individuals who have rendered exceptional service to the Kennedy Society of North America over an extended period of time.

The awards were presented at the Kennedy Society Annual Meeting Dinner. Those individuals receiving the prestigious award were Marianne Elaine Heskett of Mankato, Kansas; and Paul and Ann Blackmore Key of Misenheimer, North Carolina.

Congratulations to you and thank you for your dedication and service!



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## Sandy...a whole new series of firsts.

Moving to New York has brought many firsts - my first deep-fried Oreo cookie, my first time living in what feels like a movie set, my first time saying 'cell phone', 'gas station' and 'subway' (for both lunch and getting about town) and my first hurricane.

Having never lived in a hurricane zone before, I approached the whole thing with a mixture of genuine intrigue and severe inexperience. Despite being glued to the many weather channel warnings and listening with undivided attention to any conversations about the approaching storm, my preparation planning included a bottle of wine and a box of cereal. A lot of the locals I spoke to reassured me that it wouldn't amount to much more than some wind and light rain so I merrily skipped into the onset of Sandy armed with nothing more than an umbrella and a couple of candles.

It soon became apparent that my urban survival skills needed an extreme make-over. The power cut in my building at 8.40 pm on Monday night and as the winds picked up we also lost cell signal. I headed to bed early and spent much of the night covering beneath my duvet in the corner of my bed furthest away from the window.

The next morning shed light on some pretty severe destruction with mass flooding, fallen trees, buildings missing large chunks of exterior walls, power-outages across most of downtown Manhattan and a lot of shaken people. From what I later learnt the extent of the damage in my area was nothing compared to other places, especially Staten Island where people not only lost their homes but also loved ones. My thoughts and prayers go out to those families.

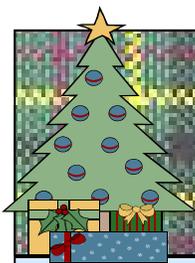
The destruction and power outage brought water, food and gas shortages. By Thursday afternoon millions of people in downtown Manhattan were already days into living very different lifestyles. There seemed to be a daily morning migration to uptown in search of hot food, water and free electrical sockets to charge cell phones. And a late afternoon retreat to darkened downtown where it was important to be indoors before sunset - thousands of people safely tucked into candle lit apartments away from lootings and nocturnal opportunists.

ConEd released news that power would be restored over the weekend to most homes in my areas but by Thursday evening I'd pretty much had it - I was cold, un-showered, hungry and getting a bit scared. Plus I'd pretty much covered my apartment in dropped candle wax so it was time to admit defeat and pull out. After a tearful phone call home to my sister (Lady Rosemary), I called Chris and Sue Kennedy who instantly helped put together a rescue plan for me. Sue kindly checked flights and within hours I was on a plane out of the cold and heading to sunny Atlanta and into the warm and welcoming arms of Sue.

Sue collected a bedraggled and slightly smelly blonde Scot on Friday afternoon and by Sunday afternoon she and Chris dropped a well rested, washed and restored blonde Scot back to the airport ready to take on more of what one of the greatest cities in the world has to offer.

Sandy sadly brought a lot of destruction and heartache to many, many families. For the Kennedy's, it brought us even closer. Thank you Sue and Chris for being my guardian angels.

Lady Alicia



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Dr. Donald Kennedy

## A little Kennedy history and humor

When we were in Canada, Jean Kennedy Campbell graciously gave me a book, *Diseases of the Skin*, written by her 4<sup>th</sup> great grandfather – Dr. Donald Kennedy. Dr. Kennedy was probably a fairly typical physician of his time relying on home remedies. He came to Roxbury, MA from Scotland around 1848 and set up practice. By 1854 he had expanded to add a medicine manufacturing business as well. He was quite successful and developed many medical remedies ranging from Hair Grow; Scattering Liniment for dissolving “strumuous swellings”; Salt-Rheum Ointment for inflammatory skin diseases; to Prairie Weed for the cure of bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, and consumption (tuberculosis) and finally Medical Discovery which cured “every kind of humor from the common pimple to the worst Cancer expected.” To this day there is money to be made from Dr. Kennedy in that the bottles he used for his medicines bring in the hundreds of dollars. This little book makes for fascinating reading and is just another part of our glorious and interesting past. Here are a couple of excerpts from it.

“Scrofula, Cancer & Lupus: ... While musing on this subject I fell asleep and dreamed that I was inside a human body; every viscera was as large as a good-sized chamber. I walked all through the heart, saw the cause of its beating; walked through the liver and from there to the lungs ... I saw many things that were entirely new to me: among other things, that the blood did not get its red color from

the oxygen of the atmosphere, but from a small stream that flowed into it and turned it red; but the most wonderful thing of all was what we call life itself, the vital spark ... Life, as I saw it was a clear, transparent, silvery cloud or atmosphere around the body.

The body was enveloped in this; the body was fed by this; and the health of the body depended upon how much of this electrical cloud it could absorb or consume. This cloud set the heart in motion by its pressure...Cancer is a mass from whatever cause is stagnant, or the animal life of the body does not penetrate. That grows larger by attracting to it

particles of the same nature as itself; that it may remain in this state for months and even years, without any inconvenience, only the horrid idea that you have a Cancer... She took several bottles of my Scattering Liniment; applied with her hand to the breast, and moistened a piece of flannel with the Liniment, laid it on the breast every night. Some few months afterwards, her husband called to see me, with the happy information that the Scattering Liniment and 13 bottles of Medical Discovery had caused the disappearance of every sign of it; that the breast was in a natural condition...

Dyspepsia – Indigestion: This has got to be a fashionable disease, probably from its genteel sounding name, as Bronchitis has been for every sore throat ever since the death of President Harrison. Dyspepsia may arise from two causes, - a cold or hot state of the general system. Dyspepsia from a cold state is caused by a cold, clammy state of the stomach and want of life and vitality during the process of digestion ...gasses which are raised are cold and heavy, and remain in the stomach, whereas in good digestion the gases are warm and ethereal and are mixed with the circulation and

evaporate through the pores... Overheat in the stomach is caused by a hot vapor or steam which arises from the lower bowels; and instead of escaping with the perspiration, is, as it were condensed or intensified around the stomach... Dyspepsia

is slow in its progress, and generally very little attention is paid to the first stages of it. The first symptom is a sour and windy stomach, and a heaviness after eating; in a course of a year or two, the appetite is very uncertain...At this stage the coating of the stomach is now full of small ulcers; the system does not get its proper nourishment... When you get to this condition, you have not a moment to lose; fly to Kennedy’s Medical Discovery as your only relief. I wish now to put you on your guard; do not expect to be cured too soon, do not expect that a disease of years can be cured in a few weeks. You must begin with small doses... gradually increasing the dose as your stomach will bear it... Take it every night when you go to bed, and sleep off all bad feelings: your mind and body will be renovated, your eyes will lose that transparent glare... your wife and children will not dread to see you coming home... Then tell all your friends what Kennedy’s Medical Discovery has done for you. “

With Thanksgiving round the corner I thought we should know of Medical Discovery for our “cold Dyspepsia”. I could go on and on as I really find this quite enjoying. He is sometimes far off and sometimes right on with his assessment and diagnosis of diseases and ailments. It is his visions and trips to visit with other mediums that make for some of the most enjoyable parts. Please, if you have bits of family history, share them with us all. I believe it is important to share our past with our extended family.



Submitted by Chris Kennedy



**2013 ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE SMOKY MOUNTAIN GAMES MAY 17-19 2013  
AT MARYVILLE COLLEGE, MARYVILLE, TN  
IT'S THE KENNEDY SOCIETY'S 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!!!**

The Smoky Mountain Games are held on the campus of Maryville College located in Maryville, TN. We are honored clan and therefore will have a double tent with plenty of room to play!

**Lodging: Games Headquarters Host Hotel - Hilton Knoxville Airport \*\*\*Special Rate for the Games  
2001 Alcoa Highway, Alcoa, Tennessee 37701-3163 (865) 970-4300 or (800) 774-1500**

Since it is our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we will have a special display of memorabilia and a genealogy chart which will "boggle" your mind. Annual Meeting Dinner is planned with Colin Grant Adams providing the entertainment

**\*\*Plan now to attend and participate in the celebration.**

**(CNN)** -- Bobby Hogg, the last native speaker of a dialect originating from a remote fishing village in northern Scotland, has died -- and so has the dialect he spoke.

The death of the 92-year-old retired engineer means that the Scots dialect known as Cromarty fisherfolk is now consigned to a collection of brief, distorted audio clips.

It is the first unique dialect to be lost in Scotland, according to Robert Millar, a reader in linguistics at the School of Language and Literature at Aberdeen University.

"Usually minority dialects end up blending in with standard English to form a hybrid. However, this is a completely distinct dialect which has become extinct," he said.

Cromarty fisher folk appears to be the only descendant from the Germanic linguistic world in which no "wh" pronunciation existed, Millar said.

"The loss of Cromarty is symptomatic of a greater, general decline in the use of the Scots language," according to Director of Scottish Language Dictionaries Chris Robinson. "This should be a wake-up call to save other struggling dialects."



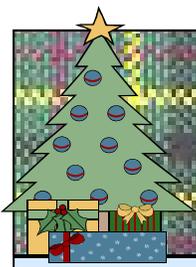
**NEW LADIES T-SHIRT IS NOW AVAILABLE!!!**

New ladies t-shirt, introduced at the Stone Mountain games, is available through the website merchandising page and by contacting:

Sue Kennedy at: [kenn6633@bellsouth.net](mailto:kenn6633@bellsouth.net)  
or phone: 770-533-1529

**Sizes available are S M L XL and 2X Price: \$18.00 each**

Titled: *Dangerous and Delightful* with thistles weaving above, it is sure to be a good seller!



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## Remembering Kennedys and Others Flowers of the Forest

### Ms Jean Campbell from Toronto, Ontario receives Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Award for outstanding community service

A resident of Scarborough-Agincourt for 82 years, Kennedy Society Canadian member Jean Campbell has given a lifetime of community service which was recognized with the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Award for outstanding community service. Jean is a graduate of the University of Toronto, and Toronto East General Hospital's Registered and Public Health nursing programs. She worked in the Scarborough schools, neighborhoods, emergency rooms and intensive care units for over 30 years. She is a 7th generation descendent of David and Mary Thomson, original settlers of Scarborough. She has given service to the Knox Presbyterian Church as an Explorer leader and teacher, as a volunteer for the Red Cross, and as a lead co-ordinator of local blood banks. She has served as co-chairman of school reunions, as curator of school library archives, official school mascot of Kennedy Public School and the library resource center is named in her honor. She is the first woman to be named chair of the board of governors of Centennial College in Ontario. She has Served as president of the Agincourt Rotary Club, where she was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship for community contributions. She continues to give her time to the candidate of her choice in every municipal, provincial and federal election. She was the loyal wife to Kenneth Campbell for 43 years until his passing in 2000, is a dedicated mother of four children and attentive grandmother to twelve grandchildren!

We applaud you, Jean, for your life of service. You make fellow Kennedys very proud!



### KENNEDY, Dorothea Louise (Whitfield)

Passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on April 4, 2012 in Spokane, WA. She was 85. Dorothea was born on July 5, 1926 in Avon, Idaho to Ruby and Harry Whitfield and was the second of their five children (Eleanor, Dorothea, Charles, Barbara, and Joann). She was descended from the earliest settlers of Spokane.

Dorothea was raised in Spokane and attended Moran Prairie Elementary and Lewis and Clark High School. Eager to make her own way in the world, she left home at age 15 and worked as a nanny on Rockwood Blvd, attending high school at night. At age 19, she married John Sidney Kennedy, on February 28, 1946 as he was just beginning a 20-year career in the U.S. Navy.

The couple was stationed at naval air stations in Seattle, WA; Moffit Field, CA; Barber's Point, HI; Iwakuni and Tokyo, Japan. They had two children: a son, Gordon Edward and a daughter, Nancy Dee. After Sid retired, they settled in San Lorenzo, CA where she focused on raising their children and pursuing the hobbies she enjoyed so much: sewing, crocheting, needlework, reading, and building fabulous dollhouses with Sid which were extraordinary works of art.

At age 44 she returned to school to follow her passion and became a licensed vocational nurse, graduating third highest in her class. She worked at San Leandro Memorial Hospital in California before illness forced her to retire. Her life became a struggle fighting a battle with arthritis which eventually took down her lower legs, but a more determined woman you have never seen as she became a familiar sight zipping around on her little scooter. Although she was supposed to be careful of her fragile health, she was constantly on the go with all of her hobbies. At age 80 she and Sid moved back to Spokane.

The loves of her life were her husband, children, grandchildren, sisters and brother. Dorothea will be dearly missed by all who have known her. She is preceded in death by her son, Gordon Kennedy and sister, Eleanor Kenyon, who passed away only five days prior. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Sid Kennedy, daughter, Nancy Heidi, son-in-law, Carl Heidi, grandsons - Erik Heidi, Morgan Heidi, and Kristopher Heidi; granddaughter, Rachel Bianca, sister and brother-in-law Barbara and Dan Hoagland of Spokane; sister and brother-in-law Leann and Dick Bastian of Spokane; and brother and sister-in-law Charles and Shirley Whitfield of Westland, Michigan.

## LORD CHARLES HARD AT WORK FINALIZING DETAILS FOR KENNEDY 2014 TOUR TO SCOTLAND



Because Scottish 2014 Gathering planners are still finalizing details of the Gathering, Lord Charles is having to revise his tour dates and plans for the Kennedy Tour. However, he extends his warmest invitation for Kennedys to join him on his exciting 2014 tour of Scotland and



Ireland, staying in the best of accommodation and taking in major points of historical and Kennedy family interest en route. The tour will include the great "2014 HOMECOMING GATHERING" at Bannockburn in addition to such highlights as sightseeing and afternoon tea in Edinburgh, travel to Dundee from where you will visit the ship



"Discovery" and also the home of golf at St. Andrews. The tour will move on to Inverness through picturesque Pitlochry with visits at Edradour (Scotland's smallest distillery), a memorable visit to Culloden, Nessie spotting on Loch Ness, a noteworthy visit to Tullibardine Distillery.



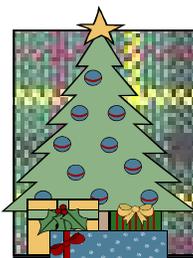
A tour of Ayrshire will include a visit to Burns Cottage in Alloway, touring various Kennedy Castles in Carrick, the former Kennedy stronghold in Ballantrae and a grand gala evening at Culzean Castle.



Irish destinations on the tour include sailing across the Irish Sea to Larne; Carrickfergus, the Giant's Causeway, Londonderry And Belfast.



**COSTS:** For the whole tour cost are currently estimated at £2750.00 per person based on two people sharing but does not include air fare. **This is currently a rough tour still in the planning stage and itinerary and costs may be subject to change.**



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## SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2013

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 is April 1, 2013.

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

\*\*The applicant must be recommended by a Kennedy Society member.

\*\* Send the application to the Scholarship Committee in care of: Mr. Chris Kennedy, 6415 Barberry Hill Drive, Gainesville, GA 30506. Email: [kenn6633@bellsouth.net](mailto:kenn6633@bellsouth.net) Please feel free to contact Chris with any other questions.



## DIARY OF ARVEL BIRD'S TRIP TO SCOTLAND

One of the newest members to Kennedy Clan of North America, Arvel Bird, recently returned from his most recent trip to Scotland. He and tour promoter, Celtic Force, teamed up to provide an exciting itinerary for him, his wife, Kimberly Kelley, and 15 fans who used the time to explore specific areas of his Scottish ancestral homeland, including the Culzean (pronounced "Culeen") Castle in County Carrick. Arvel's heritage, of course, is Scottish on his father's side and American Indian on his mother's. Family genealogy revealed he was descended from the Kennedys of Ayrshire in southwestern Scotland; specifically, the last known Kennedy to emigrate to North America, was

James Kennedy from Kilmarnock.

"During a trip a few years ago to perform at the Celtic Connection festival in Glasgow, I took the opportunity to visit Kilmarnock. Although I was aware that the Kennedys had come from that area, but I knew nothing of the ancestral castle."

"Due to time constraints, I wasn't able to visit Culloden, so I bought the book, *Culloden Tales*, by Hugh Allison. Hugh Allison would later become a tour guide for my October Scotland tour."

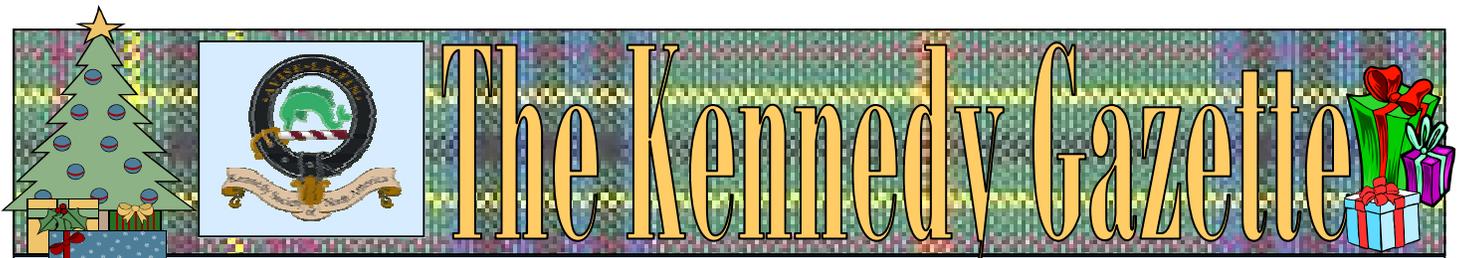
"The day after we arrived, the group and I were treated to a tour of the Culzean Castle in Maybole, Carrick where I discovered that the Kennedys are one of Scotland's oldest families and trace their ancestry to Robert the Bruce. Culzean Castle was their principal seat from 1759, the castle and its landscape reflected the family's status and aspirations. Over the centuries, the original medieval tower house was transformed into one of the grandest country houses in Carrick."

In the Spring of 2011, Arvel was gifted a book by Donovan Murray, *Bannock Burn*. Having long been fascinated by the Jacobites and their struggles similar to the Native Americans, he wondered if there were any Kennedy's at the Battle of Culloden, the last battle of the Jacobite uprising in 1746. As he discovered, there were some Clan Kennedy members fighting that day at Culloden. They were among the Glen Gary and the Keppoch fighting on the front line and were among those held back by boggy ground and eventually retreated.

Some Kennedy men lost their lives at Culloden. Others were taken prisoners or surrendered in May 1746. Some prisoners were pardoned but others, like 13 year old Angus Kennedy, were sent to the West Indies. Archibald Kennedy, a jeweler's apprentice from Edinburgh who fought with the Jacobite artillery was executed in November 1746. Of all the Kennedy men involved, the names of 41 individuals who fought with the Jacobites are recorded.

*Editor's note: Thanks to this great, and unsolicited, account of his discovery of the places of his Kennedy heritage. Shown at left, Arvel enjoys the Scottish favorite, Haggis. More about this fascinating Kennedy member can be found on his Website: [www.arvelbird.com](http://www.arvelbird.com)*





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## Sept. 1-2 2012 Pleasanton, California

This Labor Day weekend marks the Caledonian Club's 147 Scottish Highland Games. Founded in 1866, this event has become one of the largest in North America. It was particularly special to us as we were one of the honored clans this year. Hosting the Kennedy tent were Michael and Paula Kennedy with special guests Chris and Sue Kennedy from Gainesville, Georgia.

We were very lucky this year to have mild weather, meaning temperatures in the upper 80s to low 90s. It can often be well over 100F at this event. Several years ago, I purchased a portable battery operated misting system, which kept the tent cooler and even drew people in. It helped because this year we were facing the sun.

Due to the attendance of a number of Kennedys this year was a huge success, my best in fact. 5 people joined with 20 guest register signatures. One new member, Russell Kennedy even offered to help with future events. We were surprised by the turnout and a little overwhelmed. Thanks to the support and direction of our Clan Chief and his wife Sue, it all went exceptionally well.

A number of visitors were inquiring about our retired Chief Sid Kennedy. We were sad to report his wife Dorothea passed away. But Sid is doing well and plans to host the Kennedy tent in Spokane, Washington soon.

Some of the new members wanted to buy a kilt or Glengarry to start their wardrobe. While Chris, Sue and Paula watched the tent, I went off with several of them to purchase their outfit or at least get them started. Many people are shocked at the cost of Scottish attire. In closing, the new members are Russell Kennedy, Mark Kennedy, Dave Holmes Sr. and Dave Holmes Jr, Mary (Kathy) Dobelbower and Deb Halford. We look forward to their return next year. **Submitted by Michael Kennedy, Chieftain Western Region**



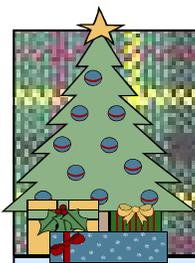
The Scottish Highland Games in Ligonier, PA were held a couple of weeks later than has been tradition. Still held at Idlewild Park in Ligonier, the grounds are a great place for a games in the Laurel Highlands east of Pittsburgh. The clan village is tucked into a very Scottish feeling setting in the woods at the edge of the park.

Besides the games, there are the usual vendors, including our own Heelan' Hound, selling wonderful Scottish themed foods, clothing, and lots of other great stuff. We understand the national championship for harpists was held on the grounds at these games. In addition to all the great bagpipers, dancers, and lots of other music, there is also a dog show featuring Scottish breeds. The Ligonier games always have lots of well behaved doggy visitors that most definitely enhance a day at the games.

The Kennedy Society booth was hosted by Cynde Kennedy and her husband, Midwest Chieftain John Snodgrass. Throughout the sometimes showery day, there was a fairly steady stream of visitors. Claire Kennedy and Avril Williams from Maryland were familiar faces who stopped in and visited for awhile. Another unexpected surprise was a visit from Linda and Glenn Kennedy from Raleigh, NC. Along with the many folks who stopped by to say hello and maybe ask a few questions about the Kennedys, six people signed our register expressing possible interest in joining the Society. All in all, not a bad day at all!



**Cynde Kennedy**



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**The 37<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Highland Games** were held at Loon Mountain in Lincoln, NH on September 21-23, 2012. The Kennedy tent was hosted by Northeast U.S. Chieftain Nina Eppes, Nina's mom Joan Kennedy, and Nina's sister Geneva ni Seobhan, with occasional assistance from Nina's nieces Erin and Ellie Davis and nephews Sean Tynan, Brian Richardson, and Ian Richardson. The weather was great all three days – mostly sunny and generally seasonable temperatures (not too hot or cold). The bridge to Loon Mountain that had been damaged during the remains of Hurricane Irene last year was largely repaired. The Kennedy tent was in a good location in the Clan Village, at a high-traffic intersection, so we received a good number of visitors. Jordan Cannady stopped by, as he usually does, and serenaded us and passers-by with his songs. We received three membership renewals and signed up three new members!



(Photos of the new members are attached.) Also, the 2012 recipient of the Lady Mary Burns Kennedy Scholarship Award, Jacob Henderson, stopped by the tent (photo attached). In the Clan Parade on Saturday (which is limited to 4 marchers per clan, except for the honored clan), marched an all-female Kennedy contingent consisting of Nina Eppes, Geneva ni Seobhan, Ellie Davis, and newly-signed KSNA member Mary Jo LaFreniere. All in all, it was a successful weekend for the Kennedy Society in New Hampshire!

**Nina Eppes**

## I finally got a chance to host a Kennedy tent at the McPherson, Kansas

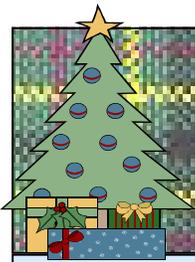
**games.** This attachment is not be best picture, but hope it works. This is a nice game, with a torch ceremony on Friday night along with a pulled pork meal for clan participants. Saturday and Sunday were a little cool and windy, but nice days in general. I spent a lot of time stamping kids passports, explaining that Kennedy was Scottish, etc. A number of people stopped by to admire our castles. I passed out information to three tentative members. One young lady came by who was thrilled to find a Kennedy tent right next to the dance tent where she was performing. She was from the Dallas, TX area. One young lady from Wichita, KS was excited that she had recently discovered that she was related to the "earl". The third packet of information I gave to a young man from Nebraska who had Kennedy friends from Nashville, and he planned to pass the information on to them. I made several new friends, and was pleased to spread the word about the Kennedy Clan in Kansas.

**Elaine Heskett**



## The Kennedy Society of North America was one of the 19 Scottish Clans present for the first Allison Woods Highland Games!

Allison Woods is a beautiful area located in Northern Iredell County just north of Statesville on Highway 21. Chief Chris Kennedy was present for this inaugural game, along with Ann & Paul Key, and tent conveners Lynn Grant and Curtis Burrow. We spoke with many of the visitors that told us it was their first time to ever attend a Scottish Highland Game. Friday night had a bar-b-que chicken dinner followed by wonderful music by *Thistle-down Tinkers*, *Maidens IV*, and *Stirling Bridge*. One of our favorite pipers from Loch Norman is part of Stirling Bridge, Andrea Jones. As the music came to a close, we gathered near the bonfire for the Calling of the Clans. Curtis Burrow represented the Kennedys in the torch lighting. The history of Allison Woods is a worthy Scottish read!! Their Clan, MacAlister, was the honored clan for this first game. We wish the Allison Woods Foundation much good fortune in future Highland Games and we encourage all Kennedy's to plan to attend whenever possible. **Submitted by Lynn Grant and Curtis Burrow**



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## STONE MOUNTAIN GAMES OCTOBER 19-21 2012

The Stone Mountain games are always a well-run game; they are always a popular game with many thousands of people attending, finally one will find "something at the games for every age."

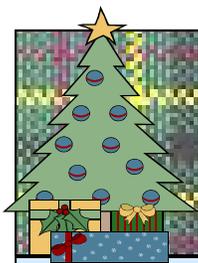
This year was no exception for the Stone Mountain games, but in addition to high marks for the committee and their 300 volunteers, it was Stone Mountain's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Many of the former guests of honor (17 to be exact) were back for another visit. Among these honored guests was our own Lord Ailsa, hereditary Chief of Clan Kennedy.

Many people came by the tent to welcome Lord Charles back to the States. Our tent was filled with members and visitors alike the entire weekend. We were particularly pleased to welcome three new members: Marcus and Jo Ann Engelhardt from Des Moines, Iowa, Edward Norwood from Sharpsburg, GA, and Gwen Kennedy from Ellenwood, GA.

The Annual Meeting was held on Saturday and the minutes of that meeting can be found on the Kennedy Society website in the "members area". Highlights of the meeting included a by-law revision reducing the term of the President/Chief and the Vice President/Deputy Chief to a four year term, which will take effect in 2014.

Another highlight was Lord Charles giving us the details of the upcoming 2014 tour. Please note that the tour dates will be changing due to the fact that the tour will no longer center around Stirling Castle but around the commemoration of the Battle of Bannockburn. Latest information will come as soon as it is available.





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We Kennedys tried something new this year at Stone Mountain – we sponsored the Atlanta Curling club exhibition in a tent located adjacent to ours. We had the history of curling with its roots in Scotland and information about the curling stones being made from the blue hone granite from Ailsa Craig. Ailsa Craig is the island off the coast of Kennedy country in southwestern Scotland.

Ailsa Craig belongs to Lord Charles and is the island from which he takes his name – Lord Ailsa. Many people stopped by to see their first curling stone – up close and personal – and visit with Jeff Williams and his staff from the Atlanta Curling Club.



Saturday night found us at the Norcross Station Café having dinner and listening as the talented Jordan Cannady from Rhode Island entertained us. The highpoint of the evening came when Lord Charles awarded three “Companion of the Oak” awards to Elaine Heskett from Mankato, KS; and Paul and Ann Blackmore Key from Misenheimer, NC. The Companion of the Oak is the highest award that can be earned in the Kennedy Society. It is awarded for outstanding and remarkable service to the Kennedy Society over an extended period of years. Congratulations to you three!



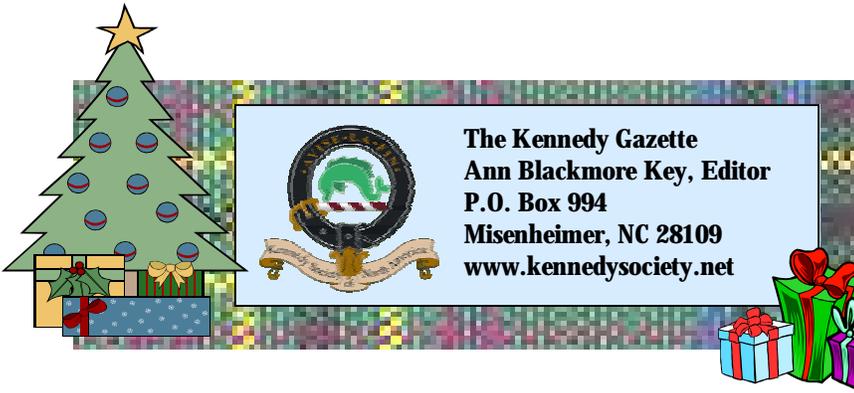
Stone Mountain was a good game for us – good weather – good friends – good times. Isn't that what it's all about? **Submitted by Sue Kennedy**



*Grandparents deserve to brag once in a while. Pictured at right is Paul's grandson, Will Allen, proudly displaying the Kennedy collar that Papa Paul helped him make for his Golden Retriever, Carli.*

*We don't know whether this task will qualify Will for a Boy Scout merit badge or if Will is in training for the next generation of Heelan' Hound!!*





**GAMES CALENDAR- First Half of 2013**



- January 19-20 Orlando, FL Games – Frank and Suzanne Canada
- February 2 Sarasota, FL Games – Neil and Janet Brussard
- February 23 Jacksonville, FL Games – Chris and Sue Kennedy
- April 13 Dunedin, Florida Games – Scott and Hope Kennedy
- April 19-21 Loch Norman Games, NC – Lynn Grant and Curtis Burrows
- April 27 Southern Maryland Celtic Festival – Avril Williams and Claire Kennedy
- May 17-19 Smoky Mountain Games - ANNUAL MEETING AND KENNEDY SOCIETY 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Maryville, TN – Nomon and Nancy Kennedy
- May 18 Fair Hill Maryland Games – Claire Kennedy and Avril Williams
- May 24 -26 Greenville, SC Games – Gene and Linda Kennedy
- May 31-June 1-2 Glasgow, Ky Games –John and Denise Cannady

**Upcoming Issues for 2013**

- April 2013 - Spring/Pre AGM**
- August 2013 - Summer Issue**
- November 2013 - Fall/Holiday Issue**

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