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LIMITED PRINT OF AILSA CRAIG NOW FOR SALE

Last year Scottish artist Paul Hughes visited Ailsa Craig with Lord Charles. He was so inspired by his visit to the island which is a volcanic plug of an extinct volcano that he painted this magnificent portrait of the island which has been owned by the Kennedy family since 1560.

Ailsa Craig is about 10 miles off the coast of Ayrshire, accessible only by boat rides from the town of Girvan, it rises 1,000 feet out of the Irish Sea. Formerly, blue hone granite was quarried on the island and made into curling stones. Currently, quarrying operations have ceased due to an agreement between Lord Charles and the Royal Society of Protection of Birds, which has made the island a bird preserve for the more than 73,000 sea birds - including kittiwakes, gannets, razorbills, herring gulls, and the puffins which have returned since the society's rat eradication program was instituted.

The limited prints sell for **\$75.00 (USD) plus \$5.00 (USD) shipping and handing.**
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Greetings from Lord Ailsa

A Message from Ayrshire

On the 30th of March, I flew out to Hawaii to be the honored guest and to open the 30th annual Hawaiian Highland Games. After a 19-hour flight, I was met by Julie and Bill Kennedy, who drove me to our hotel where I met Kathi and Kona Gant.

After a good night's sleep, we toured some of the sites before attending a church service and a dinner in my honour. There I had the chance to meet some of the organizers and main participants of the games including the Highland dancers from Scotland and Australia.

The next day we toured Pearl Harbor where we met World War II survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor. We also enjoyed a party in the evening. The games started on Saturday with a parade at noon. Bill led the Kennedys. I took the salute. Robert Kennedy from Australia was my standard bearer with his wife Nancy marching past the reviewing stand in the parade of tartans.

It was indeed a great games and well worth the effort in getting there; it was very well organized - laid back and great to be in the sun! I then spent two weeks touring the islands, a very relaxing holiday all round. A great way to start this year's games. Next it's our AGM at Grandfather Mountain. I look forward to seeing you all there, Until then, be good and stay safe.

Remember if there is more than one Kennedy in a room, it's a party!

Lord Charles



Important Words from our Chief

Wow, what a great start to this year! There are many significant things happening as you will see as you read this edition. What I feel is the most important of all of this is not anything directly visible but what makes it all happen and that is participation. None of what you read about would be possible without the dedication and commitment of KSNA members. This stretches way beyond your Board of Governors. With a lot of these projects it is only a start. It will be the expanding support and involvement of many of you who will really help take this start into a successful year. Please consider what you can do to help make this great year possible.

We have ten life members – Robert Hawk, Glenn Kennedy, Jack Graybill, Nina Eppes, Ann Freese, Donald Grant, Henry Lewis, William Williams, Frank Kennedy and Paul Key. Thank you for this important contribution to the Society. Please note that while I list the single name of a Life Member, the membership is for family as applicable. This is a good start to this new offering.

Pay Pal is up and working. We have gotten several regular and life members through this process. This next membership renewal cycle will really give us an indication of its effect on helping people work within the Society. We will be getting ready to launch Pay Pal's next use as we venture into the world of merchandizing.



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Important Words from Our Chief continued

Our Annual meeting is an important event for us. It is a time to meet old friends, establish new relationships, and see how much we Kennedys tend to look and act alike. It is also a great opportunity to participate in the future of the KSNA. I firmly believe your input is crucial to our growth and stability. If you have the opportunity please see if it is possible for you to make the annual meeting at our starting place – Grandfather Mountain.

We have three new ventures that are areas where we are stepping out and trying ideas to help raise monies for scholarship and games operation. We are going to sell “T” shirts hopefully not only to members but the public as a whole. These should soon be available through games in your area and on our website.

We are also aligning ourselves with several vendors that are going to give a portion of their proceeds back to the Society. We have already been purchasing merchandise through them and have been well pleased. When you are interested in making purchases of merchandise consider using them and helping your Society.

Our final current venture relates to the time share that we were given. As you will also see in another article in the Gazette we are going to raffle off a week at this lovely place in the North Georgia Mountains or an equivalent RCI property. This can provide a wonderful and inexpensive vacation (it is tax deductible as well) plus help generate funds necessary to support continued Society growth.

We really need each and every member to help and support these ventures. A positive outcome can only come through your participation. We can only be as strong as you our members. As you will hear me say lots and lost – Many hands make light work. We are looking forward to a great year. Please do not be a stranger. Come visit a games where we are, or stay in touch through our social networks.

Submitted by Chris Kennedy



Social Networking 101 ... For those of us who need it!!

At the February Kennedy Society Board Meeting, the Board was informed there were really three Facebook sites for Kennedys: a group site, an open site, and an open Kennedy site developed by Nomon Kennedy.

In the interest of accuracy, I'd like to clarify the terminology (although I don't claim to be a Facebook expert – far from it!)

The Kennedy Society presence on Facebook currently consists of:

- The original Facebook group created by Shannon Kennedy: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=132408273820>
- The Facebook page that I created recently to be the official presence of the Kennedy Society on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kennedy-Society-of-North-America/177423152301239>

In addition, there's the personal "Kennedys" group created by Nomon, which is not Society-specific per se (or at least, I don't think it is - Nomon, correct me if necessary).

What's the difference between a Facebook group and a page, you ask? Well, that's a good question. According to the help information available in Facebook, a group is “a shared space where you can share personal information with a smaller subset of people with whom you interact on a more regular basis, like family, classmates or co-workers” whereas “broader movements around public affiliations and causes are better suited for Facebook Pages.” And more on pages: “Pages are for organizations, businesses, celebrities, and bands to broadcast great information in an official, public manner to people who choose to connect with them. Similar to profiles, Pages can be enhanced with applications that help the entity communicate and engage with their audiences, and capture new audiences virally through friend recommendations, News Feed stories, Facebook events, and beyond.”

Best to all, **Nina Eppes**



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Remaining Games Calendar for 2011... Please Plan to Attend!!



- 4/30.....Southern Maryland Games St. Leonard, MD
- 5/7.....Savannah, GA Games
- 5/14.....Bethabara Celtic Festival, Winston Salem NC
- 5/21.....Fair Hill, MD Games
- 5/27.....Celtic Beltane Celebration
- 5/28 & 5/29.....Alma, MI Games
- 5/27 & 5/28.....Greenville, SC Games
- 6/11 & 6/12.....Blairsville, GA Games
- 6/11.....Rhode Island Games
- 6/18 & 6/19.....Loch Lomond Santa Cruz, CA Games
- June 18Campbell, CA Games (*please confirm date for 2011*)
- 6/24 – 6/27.....Ohio Scottish Games
- 7/8 – 7/10.....Grandfather Mountain Games, NC (AGM)
- 7/29 & 7/30.....Maxwell/Glengarry, Ontario Games
- 8/12-8/14.....Fergus, Ontario Games
- 8/13-14.....Colorado Scottish Games, Highlands Ranch, CO
- 9/3 & 9/4.....Pleasanton, CA Games
- 9/10.....Ligonier, PA Games
- 9/8 – 9/11.....Longs Peak Scottish Games, Estes Park, CO
- 9/16 – 9/18.....New Hampshire Games, Loon Mountain
- 10/3.....Williamsburg, VA Games
- 10/8.....Scotland, CT Games
- 10/15 & 10/16.....Stone Mountain, GA Games
- 10/29 & 10/30.....The Meadow - Richmond VA Games

Listed above are the Highland Games at which the Kennedy Society will have a tent. Please join us at a game near you, or use traveling to one away from home as an excuse for a vacation!



Here is a picture of my grandson and some notes on his ancestry:

Fourth generation American wants to meet his relatives.

Anthony Shim Kennedy was born in Rochester NY Jan 30 2011. He is descended from John Kennedy, born in Scotland in 1848. Great grandfather Paul Alfred, born Ware Mass 1887. Grandfather Anthony J. born Brooklyn NY 1932. Father Paul A. born Baltimore MD 1961.

Proudly submitted by AJ Kennedy

Dean Kennedy, PhD, of Marina, CA married Elyssia Fraga of Marina, CA on Carmel Beach under the Pebble Beach Golf Course. Dean wore a kilt (borrowed from the California Scottish Chieftain) and his dad, Nelson Kennedy of Alton Bay, NH wore a mostly Scottish "uniform". The ceremony was performed with an 1800 Scottish ceremony Dean researched on the internet. The reception was held in the Student Union at California State University at Monterrey Bay where Dean is the Associate Director in Student Housing and Residential Life.



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KENNEDY SOCIETY OWNS A TIMESHARE VACATION!

Due to the generous donation of Bob and Claudette Davis of Williamsburg, VA, the Kennedy Society now owns a timeshare unit located in Helen, Georgia. The timeshare is located in the Loreley Condominiums in the picturesque setting of Helen, Georgia in the North Georgia Mountains. I would encourage each of you to take a look at the Loreley website: www.loreleyresort.com.

The Loreley resort itself consists of one and two bedroom units close to the town of Helen. The Kennedy Society has a two bedroom timeshare for one week in May. The unit consists of a master bedroom and a second bedroom with twin beds. The unit will accommodate six people and has a well equipped kitchen, two bathrooms, a dining area and a living

room. The resort itself has an indoor and an outdoor pool, tennis courts, game room, exercise room and a meeting room. Helen, itself, is a town with a German or Alpine theme. Located on the Chattahoochee River, Helen is loaded with fun opportunities such as rafting, dining, shopping, fishing, etc. Helen's website is: www.helenga.org. It is well known for its celebration of Oktoberfest. Helen is an excellent location to use as a "base camp" and take day trips to pan for gold in Dahlonega, Ga or enjoy the wine vineyards close by. Two hours away will put you in the Smoky Mountains.



As you may or may not know, a timeshare is really the ownership of a share of time; in our case the 19th week of the year in May. The cost of owning the timeshare is the maintenance fee which must be paid every year in order to maintain the unit. In order to fund the maintenance fee and be fair in giving this opportunity to each and every Society member, your Board of Governors has chosen to make the timeshare condo available to all in the form of a raffle. With the winning ticket, a family can choose to stay at Loreley or through the RCI condo timeshare exchange one can trade the time to go to another location of their choosing. Although a little complicated to explain here, each week is rated with a certain trading power and the winning ticket holder has a choice of a vacation location and time based on this trading power. We'll explain the raffle opportunity in more detail in another Newsletter article.

I encourage you to explore the above mentioned websites and take advantage of this vacation opportunity. Our timeshare and Society raffle are new adventures for us but will result in what I hope is great family fun!

Submitted by Chris Kennedy



THESE KENNEDYS WERE "GREEN" ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

We're sure many of you have a traditional way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. One of the best ways we've found is to celebrate the day in Savannah, Georgia. March 17 found Leo and Sandy Kennedy from Rhode Island enticing Chris and Sue Kennedy to join them for a few days of fun and frivolity! We had front row seats for the parade due to the generosity of parade veteran's Scott and Angie Kennedy, Kennedy Society members from Pooler, Georgia. Pictured here are Leo, friend Dan Ugolini, Sandy, Chris, Sue, and Scott and Angie with their three children - Will, Drew, and Ryan. Our big smiles say it all!



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KENNEDY SOCIETY RAFFLE

The Kennedy Society timeshare vacation was explained in a previous article. To review just for a moment, the Kennedy Society now owns a timeshare vacation opportunity at the Loreley Condominiums in Helen, Georgia. A family may vacation at this site or this opportunity can be exchanged for a different vacation location and time through the RCI timeshare exchange program. The maintenance fee at the Loreley Condos is the main cost to the Society for this timeshare vacation.

In order to fund the maintenance fee and be fair in giving this opportunity to each and every Society member, the Board of Governors decided to conduct a raffle and the individual with the drawn ticket will be the timeshare vacation winner.

Here's the way the raffle will work: Tickets will be available through Board members/tent conveners at all highland games where there is a Kennedy tent. Tickets will also be available from any Board member through email request.

If you are not attending many games this year, we would suggest that an email or call to the Raffle Secretary, Sue, would be the fastest way to procure tickets. Sue can be reached: kenn6633@bellsouth.net or 770-844-9916 or Sue Kennedy 6415 Barberr Hill Drive Gainesville, GA 30506.

After receiving your check she will send your raffle ticket stubs to be held for the drawing in October. Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be considered a donation to the Society and are tax deductible. Individuals selling the most number of tickets will receive a prize of \$100.00. The raffle drawing will be on Sunday at 3:00 pm at the October Stone Mountain Games in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Participants do not need to be present to win. The winning ticket holder will be notified and counseled by a KSNA representative on how to redeem their timeshare vacation. All monies will be deposited in the KSNA general account to defer the cost of the maintenance fees at the Loreley Condominium site and defer the cost of conducting the Society raffle. Any additional proceeds will benefit the Kennedy Scholarship Fund and the Kennedy Society of North America.

Our Board of Governors is excited about our new timeshare ownership and the Society raffle which will fund this opportunity. I hope each of you will support our raffle so it is a big success. As always you can reach me at: 678-313-7013 or kenn6633@bellsouth.net for all questions or comments.

Submitted by Chris Kennedy

Gathering 2014? The Scottish government has released a summary of their inquiry into the evolution of The Gathering 2009. As some of you know, it was not ultimately a financial success. On the other hand, how many of the Highland Games that we put on in the U.S. actually make money? The press release can be seen at the following link: <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/nmCentre/news/news-comm-11/cpac11-s3-004.htm>. For those of us who were lucky enough to attend The Gathering 2009, and for those who missed it and are planning to attend the next Gathering, I suggest you watch the following video to reminisce about just how incredibly special the whole event was: <http://video.stv.tv/bc/scotland-gathering-20090725-gathering-colour>.

Let's not forget the wonderful - in some cases, life-changing - experiences we had. The Scottish Government has announced that another Homecoming year will be held over the course of 2014, in honor of the 700th anniversary of Bannockburn. I've been told that this has created a flurry of internet activity amongst the international clan network, with the majority of us wondering if and where and when the next Clan Gathering will take place. To get a feel of what is being said, go to www.panalba.com, and look at the Forums.

I have heard that there is a possibility that the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs might host another Clan Convention, similar to the inaugural convention that was held in 2009 at the Scottish Parliament, just prior to The Gathering. At that time the chiefs of the Standing Council - and those of us in attendance - made a commitment to become more proactive to strengthen the relationships between the Standing Council and the worldwide clan community. We at COSCA would like to hear from you.

If you want these events to happen again, let's start talking now. I would like your permission to assure the Standing Council and the Scottish Government that if they host these events, the American Scottish community will be there to support them, with thousands more people than attended in 2009. I look forward to your responses. Thanks!

Christie Harrison, President, Council of Scottish Clans & Associations



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What's in it for me?

First of all there are friendships that are lasting and loving. I have friends all over the US, Canada, and Scotland. I have friends that share my same interests, my same joys, my same convictions, my same delights, and also my same heartaches and sorrows.

Secondly, there is a sense of family. For the Scottish people, family has always been at the forefront of their existence. Even now, the extended family or the clan remains significant in their life and culture. So it is significant for me to share this sense of family. I wear a certain tartan for a reason. I have a sense of where I've been, with whom I have shared a common past, and with whom I wish to share a future.

Thirdly, I am in it for the knowledge that is there for the taking. The magnificent amount of historical information available to me for just asking the question - What does it mean to be a Scot? What does it mean to be a Kennedy? The longer I participate in the Kennedy Society the more I realize I know so little and want to learn so much more about my heritage.

Friendships, Family, and Knowledge – these are powerful motivations for my involvement in the Kennedy Society. I am rewarded daily.

Editor's Note: In this and future issues we will be inserting the thoughts of Kennedy Society members to let you know "What's In It for Me?" being a society member. The first of these accounts was submitted by Sue Kennedy, society Secretary and wife of Chief Chris Kennedy.

DUNEDIN HIGHLAND GAMES 2011

"Delightful Dunedin" is how Dunedin is referred to if one looks the town up on the internet. Upon visiting Dunedin, it is easy to see the village-like atmosphere, it is easy to enjoy the subtropical setting and close to four miles of picturesque waterfront. Other facts one might know about Dunedin if you are familiar with the area are the Pinellas Trail (a 39 mile long bicycle and pedestrian trail that bisects the downtown of Dunedin). Some of you may know that Dunedin is the spring training home of the Toronto Blue Jays, or finally you might know that the city is also the home of Dunedin Brewery, Florida's oldest microbrewery.

But what we American Scots know Dunedin best for is their highland games. The name Dunedin comes from Dun Eideann, the Gaelic name for Edinburgh. Scottish families from Edinburgh settled the City of Dunedin in the Nineteenth century. Evidence of its Scottish heritage can be seen everywhere with city streets, neighborhoods, etc all sporting Scottish names. The local high school and middle school have competition- level pipe and drum bands and of course the city itself sports the Dunedin Pipe and Drum Corps. All of these bands were prominent at the 2011 highland games

The Dunedin game exhibits a big heart. All the elements are present- bands, vendors, attractive clan tents, and lots of visitors. We were visitors ourselves and were hosted for the weekend by Kennedy Society members, Scott and Hope Kennedy from near-by Safety Harbor, FL. During the day we welcomed two new members Sheila Kennedy from Largo, Florida and the Tom and Margaret Kennedy family from Dunedin, FL, including daughter Lorraine, son-in-law Dale, their children William and Victoria, and son Robert, daughter-in-law Kelly (a piper with the Dunedin Corps), and their daughter Addison. Tom and Margaret moved from Scotland to Dunedin 17 years ago. We had a great day as can be evidenced by the smile on Tom Kennedy's face. There goes a proud grandpa and a very proud Scot! As well he should be!





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Editor's Note: Diamond Head and Dirks...Ceilidhs that included Hula and Scottish Dance...Flower leis and aloha shirts atop the tartan kilt...all make for an unusual Scottish Game report, so interesting in fact, that we received two accounts, One from Bill Kennedy, our Deputy Chief, and one from Kathi Gant, a new member of the Kennedy Society. I have melded the two for your enjoyment.

Great Scot! Hawaii has more than one!

From Kathi: Aloha! Kona and I had the privilege of traveling to Hawaii with Lord Charles Kennedy and Julie and Bill Kennedy (Vice President/Deputy Chief) to attend the 30th Annual Hawaiian Scottish Festival 2011. For Kona and I this was our second trip to Oahu ~ the first being our honeymoon



in 1995. Bill and Julie were exceptional tour guides and were kind enough to show us the island of Oahu with Julie adding authentic Hawaiian notes. There were many highlights ~ but here are just a few. Our time was filled with flower lei's, incredible food (malasadas), beautiful vistas, and great fun! We toured Pearl Harbor and had the privilege of meeting 4 Pearl Harbor survivors who were present to talk and to sign autographs.



From Bill: The 30th annual Hawaiian Scottish Gathering and Highland Games were held April 2nd and 3rd in Ka'ipiolani Park in Waikiki, Honolulu. The Kennedys joined members of the Hawaii Scottish community on Thursday afternoon in paying tribute to Hawaii's half-Scottish Princess Ka'iulani, who died March 6, 1899 at the age of 23. The memorial ceremony was held at the chapel of the Royal Mausoleum in Nu'uano, and included a short program consisting of a brief history of the Princess, and the reading of a poem which Robert Louis Stevenson composed for the princess (they were close friends.)

From Kathi: At the memorial tribute gathering, we were greeted by an amazingly vibrant rainbow, which the locals consider to be a Hawaiian blessing. Following the tribute, the Hawaiian Scottish Association hosted a dinner honoring Lord Charles. We were entertained beautifully by both Julie singing Gaelic, and Scottish dancers from Australia and Scotland. This was followed by performances by Highland and Scottish country dancers, and concluded with the opportunity for attendees to pay respect to the Princess' tomb. For those of you who would like to read more about Princess Ka'iulani, go to the website: <http://www.aloha-hawaii.com/hawaii/princess+k>



From Bill: We then adjourned to Ka'ipiolani Community College for a dinner in the noted restaurant and banquet room operated by students of the school's Culinary Arts Program. After dinner Lord Ailsa received gifts and a flower lei (garland) from the local Scottish community. Eleven Kennedys, including Robert and Nancy Kennedy from Melbourne, Australia, attended this welcoming event.

Friday evening we attended a public Ceilidh at the lovely Willows Restaurant in Honolulu. Lord Ailsa commented that it was one of the best he'd ever attended. Highland dancers from Scotland, Canada, America and Australia performed to tunes played by Hawaii's local pipers, and Celtic entertainers played late into the evening for the enjoyment of the crowd.



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From Kathi: At the Ceilidh a grand time was had by all. One of the highlights happened at the end of the evening when several members of the pipe band and one of the violinists began to jam. Even Lord Charles was calling out suggested tunes for them to play as we all sang along and danced.

From Bill: On Saturday morning, Lord Ailsa opened the games as Honored Guest, as the entertainers, pipers, and Kennedy Society members passed in review. The Kennedys' own athlete Christopher Locke carried the banner, and Robert Kennedy was Lord Ailsa's standard bearer for the

ceremony. Christopher won 3rd place over all in the Highland athletics competition. (Go Christopher, we hope to see you compete again soon!)



Sunday was the day to welcome new Kennedy Society members! Randy Kennedy, wife Katrena, and sons Bryan and Sean joined KSNA in the morning.



Lord Charles observed the Highland dance competition, after which he and the Scottish dancers were invited to learn a traditional Hawaiian hula dance. Little did we know that the hula troupe (Halau Ka Pa Hula O Ka Lei Hulu Hiwa) teaching them was led by a Kennedy! Hula kumu (teacher) Jack McKeague and his lovely wife Betty, daughters Kahiau and Kulia joined KSNA through Jack's great, great grandmother Margaret Kennedy that same afternoon!

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In a special ceremony held in the Clan Heritage tent, Kona and Kathi Gant were recognized as members of Clan Kennedy by Lord Ailsa himself, forever more to be recognized as Kennedys and witnessed as such by the entire Clan Village. We welcome them not only as Kennedy Society members, but as Kennedys! *Ceud mile fàilte!*



From Kathi: On April 3rd, we had the amazing honor of being officially brought into the Kennedy Clan by Lord Charles. We humbly knelt before him, each of us with one hand on his Standard as we agreed to uphold the Kennedy name. Imagine our delight as the entire clan tent watched in our honor as we recited "Up the coast to Ballantrae, through the ancient kingdom of Carrick, beware the wild and mighty Kennedy's are here!". The crowd broke into cheers and applause as we rose! What an awesome feeling!

To show our appreciation, Santa Kona presented Lord Charles with a hand made kilt belt buckle entitled, "The North Pole". In the center of the buckle is the red glow of the North Pole, surrounded on the edges with engraved Christmas trees.

We consider ourselves extremely privileged to have joined this incredible family of Kennedy's. Everyone has been warm, receptive and inviting. Having the opportunity to travel with Lord Charles was an experience we will always treasure. While he ceremoniously opened the games with an authoritative flair, as you can see, he also enjoyed performing the Hula on stage with many Scottish Highland dancers (from Scotland and Australia) and myself.

Editor's Note: Your editor lived in Hawaii for two years during the Vietnam War. Here is a brief dictionary of Hawaiian terms Lord Charles may have encountered while visiting the Hawaiian Islands.

Aloha - official Hawaiian greeting, can be either hello or good bye

Mahalo - Thank you

Aloha Shirt - informal dress, a shirt usually in bright colors, flowers etc. worn for work apparel on Aloha Fridays and other occasions.

PuPu's - appetizers, snacks at parties

Poi - a purple paste dipping sauce made out of the taro root (very good with pineapple)

Mai Tai - Hawaiian tropical fruit drink made with rum. Watch out that you don't have too many. The gods will have their revenge.

Pele - The Hawaiian goddess of volcanoes, better not mess with her. She can be a wicked lady!

Keiki - Children, said with similar affection as the Scottish "wee bairns!"

Luau - Feast, similar to our Southern pig pickin, only with music and dancing (hula). The big is roasted in the ground under ti leaves.

Opu - A big belly. If you rub the big belly of a Hawaiian deity, you will have good luck.

Mele Kalikimaka - (This is one for Kona and Kathi to remember) Merry Christmas



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Loch Norman 2011 -- Scottish Weather with a Frightening Twist!

April 15, 2011... the Loch Norman Highland Games began in the normal fashion. We didn't set up due to a forecast of rain coming in; and knew the work would get done the next morning. We enjoyed the Patron's Reception and the Calling of the Clans was beautiful. Mike Frady was our representative and did a wonderful job as always!!

The next morning we awakened to rain and wind, so jeans were the dress for the day -- as was the choice of most of the Clan participants present. For the first time since I started attending Loch Norman, we got to come in the back way. A tree had fallen across Neck Road a short distance from the games entrance and traffic had to be re-routed until the fallen tree could be cleared. The wind was cool and breezy, but we were hopeful that the skies would clear. Never think that the Kennedy's will be stopped by a little mud and rain! It's about to get away...hold on to the tent!



Our Chief, Chris Kennedy, knows how to get us noticed. Chris went barefoot!! No point ruining shoes and socks in North Carolina mud!! The skies got darker and the rain came in; then it cleared up for a little while. As the Pipe Bands entered the field and began to play, the clouds above joined in with thunder, lightening, wind, and rain!! We were told that the winds were in excess of 65 mph at their highest!! We all were holding down the tent and trying not to go flying. By the time the storm passed, we were all soaked but laughing!! What's under the poncho...why a Kennedy Kilt, of course!





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Sunday had a much better beginning -- bright blue sky, sunshine, cool morning; but it warmed up quickly. It was still windy but this helped dry out the grounds. Chris had his shoes back on but now has the nickname of "The Barefoot Chief!"

The Longbow Competition for ladies was won by our own Sherry Frady!! Leland and Caitlan were winners also in the races!! If you make it to Grandfather Mt. Games, be sure to cheer them on in the competitions there too!! We met some wonderful people who will hopefully soon be joining Clan Kennedy. Time for the Closing Ceremonies came all too soon. Another Loch Norman had ended but will surely be one of the most remembered! Join us next year for the fun, the fellowship, and the laughter --- but hopefully not so much excitement from Mother Nature!! **Submitted by Lynn Grant**



The Games from The Heelan' Hound Perspective. Lynn has given you her account of the weekend from the experience of those in the Kennedy tent. Paul and I thought we would share what it was like for a vendor. On Friday, we set our tent arrangement trying our best to prepare for the "severe weather" that we knew was headed our way. We set our sales tables in a layout that could be sheltered in the best possible way from forecasted wind and rain. We limited our stock of collars to a minimum sampling and hoped that customers would understand. We put our banner inside the tent and flew no Scottish flags at the entrance. We bungeed the entrance tight for the night and enjoyed the reception and Calling of the Clans with our fellow Kennedys. On Saturday, we drove over to the games before light of day in blinding rain, and we too encountered the police roadblock and detour on muddy dirt farm roads. Our merchandise and tables had made it safely through the night. We opened to intermittent rain and wind but only saw 6 customers all day and were barely lucky enough to cover our vendor fees and gas expense. Around 11:30 am, the straight line winds came blasting through. My weather radio announced that passing winds were in excess of 65 mph. The back tent flies on the big circus tent in front of us where the dancers were blew off, lifted the stage and sent swords flying to the screams of terrified little girls. Paul and I held our front entrance closed and tent down as best we could and prayed that we would get through safely. The sun came out, but then the lake advisory winds picked up to the tune of 40 mph all afternoon, And Paul got to literally hang on the frame of the tent all afternoon to hold it in place. Straw had to be spread to fill the "lake" at the front of our tent. Sunday was as Lynn has described. Sunny skies and light winds greeted us, as well as the Loch Norman mud bog. The Rural Hill staff was out and helping us every step of the way. We know they are bound to take a whopping financial hit because of the weather and light attendance on Saturday; hopefully they will be able to recover for future games. But the crowds came out and our sales were pretty much normal for a Sunday. Vendor days are long. We expect that. But this one had way more excitement than we ever want to see in our lifetimes again. But thankfully, all in attendance



made it through the weekend without harm. Loch Norman did not have to face the tragedy of the eastern part of North Carolina. Our thoughts and prayers are with our fellow North Carolinians as they bury their love ones and recoup their lives after the horrific tornado outbreak.



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Membership Renewal Notice: This year the renewal notices will come to you in May instead of the end of June due to our Annual Meeting being at Grandfather Mountain Games this year. We would like to remind as many of you as can make it to come out this year for the Grandfather Games.

As you may know it is one of the oldest games in NC if not the oldest. Also, you can now have a lifetime membership -- one time payment and no more renewal notices!! If you are under 60 years of age, it will be \$400 and if you are 60+ years of age, it will be \$300.

We are also working on a special pin for those of you that obtain a lifetime membership. To learn more about the Grandfather Mountain games and the lifetime memberships, please go to our website www.kennedysociety.net or contact any of our officers.

Also, we will be sending out an information update sheet for our members. Some of you change addresses or emails and we only have the old information. Of course, you do not have to wait for the notices, you may send your current information and your membership renewal or lifetime membership to me and we will get it taken care of early!!

Thank you, Lynn Grant, Membership Chair.



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Honored Clan + AGM at 2011 Grandfather Mountain



This is a reminder to join us for our Annual Meeting and Society Dinner at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. The Calling of the Clans on Thursday evening and then three days of events will follow. Can't attend Thursday and Friday? That's OK, come for Saturday and Sunday. All events and ticket prices are listed at the Grandfather Mountain website: www.gmhg.org.



We particularly recommend: Thursday – Torchlight Ceremony. On Friday – all events are open, plus the Sponsors Reception will be at 6:00 at the Broyhill Inn. Saturday, all events are open. Following the Opening Ceremonies, the Kennedy Society Annual Meeting will be held in the afternoon. On Saturday evening will be the Kennedy Society Dinner at the Archer Inn in Banner Elk.

Sunday, all events are open, but members and guests are invited to join in the Parade of Tartans.

Need a Place to Stay? Check out the lodging link on the gmhg website. We might suggest Hemlock Inn, Pineola Inn, Linville River Cabins, and the Archer Inn (10% off the room rate for Kennedys). : ****Note: Rooms fill up very fast for Grandfather.**

Need Tickets? Consult the website for a 4 day advance ticket package or a sponsor's package.

If you plan on coming early, what else is there to do? Activities such as canoeing, rafting, shopping, prospecting in a gem mine, Blue Ridge Parkway exploring, Grandfather Mountain attraction, Linville Caverns, rock climbing, hiking, horseback riding, and fishing. Activities in abundance. It's a great time of year to explore our Blue Ridge Mountains..

Purpose of Annual Meeting is to discuss the Society's business and to elect officers. Purpose of Society Dinner: to have fun!

Location of Dinner: The Archer Inn 2489 Beech Mtn Pkwy Banner Elk, NC 28604. Maps will be available at the Clan tent. Time: 7:00 pm **Menu:** salad, choice of entrees, starch, vegetable, and dessert. **Entertainment** will be our own Society Bard, Jordan Cannady. Dress for the dinner is Casual Scottish Dress, kilts if you have one, and sashes for the ladies. "No tartan, no problems. You are most welcome to join us..

Price: \$25.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity). Cash bar will be available.

Reservation Deadline: June 30, 2011.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Reservations: _____ Total Money: _____



***Make check payable to: KSNA and mail to: Chris Kennedy, 6415 Barberry Hill Dr., Gainesville, GA 30506 by June 30.**



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Nominating Committee Report Kennedy Society of North America

The Nominating Committee has met and determined that in accordance with the By-laws the elected officers of the society are: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. They must be elected yearly and that the current officers are eligible and willing to carry on their duties and positions. Therefore we present the slate of officers for this year as:

President	Christopher Kennedy
Vice President	William (Bill) Kennedy Jr.
Treasurer	Glenn Kennedy
Secretary	Sue Ellen Kennedy

This coming year is the third for all officers. Any member may make written or verbal nominations at any time prior to the annual meeting. Such nominations must be accompanied by a statement indicating that the nomination is done with the permission of the nominee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Peterson, Chair Nominating Committee



PROXY VOTE ASSIGNMENT

I _____, wish to assign voting responsibility to _____ for the Kennedy Society of North America's Annual Meeting to be held in Ligonier, Pennsylvania at the Ligonier Highland Games in Idlewild Park on September 11, 2010.

Member assigning proxy vote assignment: _____ Date: _____

Proxy Vote Assignment can be assigned to Chief of Society, Vice Chief of the Society, a member of the Board of Governors, Regional Chieftain, or any member in good standing who is entitled to vote. **Please E-Mail or print proxy and send to one of the following by August 28, 2010.**

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Remembering Kennedys and Others Flowers of the Forest

Helen Florence Kennedy Truscott of Oxford, N.C., previously of Tavares, Fla., and Doylestown, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010. She was 91.

Born in Detroit, Mich., February 14, 1919 she was the daughter of the late Francis Pennington and Florence Cameron Kennedy. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles W. Truscott; and her brother, John Francis Kennedy.

Surviving are her son and spouse, C. Wesley Truscott and Carol of Medway, Mass.; daughter and spouse, Ann (Sue) Truscott Freese and Lynn of Oxford, N.C.; son, Barry D. Truscott, also of Oxford; sister, Margory K. Weston of Nashua, N.H.; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three nieces; and a nephew.

She had several careers in her long life, the last and the one from which she retired, was as a realtor in Tavares, Fla. While living in Tavares, she was a member and past president of Kin Seekers. Finding her Scottish fore fathers and mothers was a great pleasure for her.

She enjoyed flower gardening; loved all of nature, and enjoyed seeing the wild turkey, fox, and deer around her home in Oxford. Feeding the wild birds was a passion of hers, wherever she lived. Other joys for her were, playing Contract Bridge, and listening to classical music.

She had a deep and trusting faith in God. Her faith was important, and a great comfort to her. She was a devoted member of Buckingham Friends (Quaker) Meeting in Buckingham, Pa.

The family requests memorial contributions to Buckingham Friends Meeting, P.O. Box 76, Lahaska, PA 18931.

**Summer Issue: Deadline July 15 –
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Deadlines are firm. Articles need to reach
me by deadline, or will go in next issue!**

To make your Kennedy Gazette a success each issue, I also need stories/pictures from you all. Pictures, **I prefer in Jpeg format PUT IN AS AN ATTACHMENT TO AN EMAIL RATHER THAN IN THE BODY**, but if you have hard copies to send me, I can scan. Stories, preferred format is **WORD**.

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