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LADY ROSEMARY'S VISIT TO THE STONE MOUNTAIN GAMES

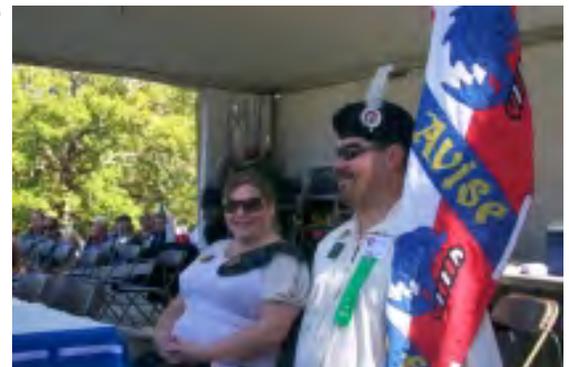
The Kennedys gathered, once again, at the base of Georgia's Stone Mountain. We were blessed with perfect weather and a very enthusiastic crowd. The Kennedy tent was filled with loads of members, visitors, and delicious goodies at the snack table. We had gathered at the Mountain to celebrate our heritage and to visit with our special guest, Lady Rosemary Kennedy, Lord Charles' eldest daughter. This was Lady



Rosemary's second trip to the States as she and her sister, Alicia had attended the Grandfather Mountain Games when they were teenagers. Lady Rosemary, all grown up now, with a husband of her own, executed her duties like a pro as she "meeted and greeted" through the weekend. She greeted the crowd from the podium at the opening ceremonies accompanied

by her standard bearer Mountain Region Chieftain, Randy Peterson. Lady Rosemary reviewed the clans during the tartan parade and posed for many, many, MANY pictures!! At one point I heard her say,

"I am so impressed with the size of the crowd and their enthusiasm"! Highlights at the Kennedy tent included visiting with our new member, Elijah Canady and his family, Santa Kona Gant's visit with our Kennedy children, the Kennedy tent serenade by the Atholl Highlander Band, the raffle drawing on the Society timeshare won by Karyl and Bobby Harwell, and Carver Kennedy sharing his genealogy knowledge with many tent visitors.



We all had a fabulous time at "the rock" and the Board voted to return to Stone Mountain for our 2012 Annual Meeting. **Submitted by Sue Kennedy**



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Chris and I wanted to thank each of you for your wonderful support at the games this past weekend. Thank you to all who attended the Saturday night dinner and a special thank you to the Harwell's for hosting, Thank you to all our hosts and hostesses who "manned" the registration table for their shifts. Thanks to all who helped set upon Friday and Saturday and take down on Sunday. Thank you to Santa Kona and brother Harry for bringing such joy to our children and

for stepping up when an extra pair of hands were needed. Thanks to Carver for his genealogy table and wealth of knowledge. A personal

thank you to Ann and Lynn for bringing our five grandchildren (they were so cute!) Thank you to Suzanne Huff and her family for our childrens' game. Finally, thank you to all for our bountiful snack table. It looked great! For those who do not know, the Kennedys came in second for best clan tent! Next year the Kennedys will be getting that first place trophy!

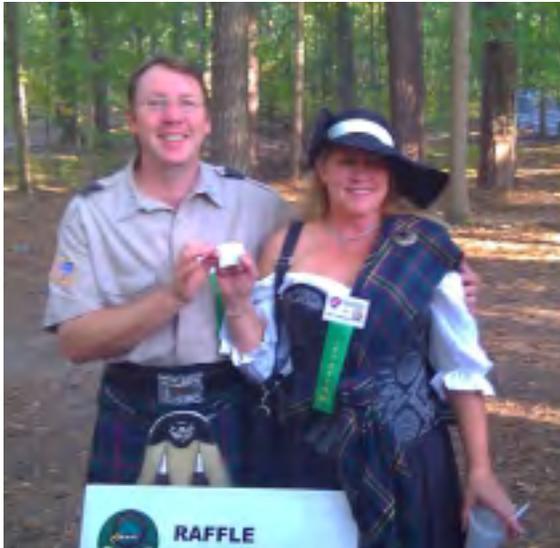




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TIMESHARE RAFFLE HELD AT STONE MOUNTAIN GAMES

On Sunday, at 3:00 pm the Kennedy Society's raffle drawing was held at the Kennedy tent during the Stone Mountain Games. We are pleased to announce the winners of the drawing were Bobby and Karyl Harwell from Snellville Georgia. Karyl and Bobby have picked their RCI Exchange Vacation, and are planning a vacation in the Bahamas to celebrate their 9th anniversary. They were so excited to win the drawing and even more excited to be going to the Bahamas in April. Bon Voyage Bobby and Karyl!

New members Elijah and Kelley Canady from Snellville, GA are greeted by Chief Chris Kennedy.



Important Words from our Chief

It is hard to believe that another year has come around and that I am halfway through my term. I cannot begin to explain how much this honor has met to me. I am so blessed to have met and worked with so many wonderful people and serve as your President/Chief. We are in the midst of many projects and although off to good starts, there is much to do before it is known if they will come to total fruition. I probably have not told all of you who have given of your time and talent thank you as much and as often as I should.

If you are around me very much you know that one of my favorite mantras is the old cliché "many hands make light work." There are many ways that one could contribute to our continued growth besides being directly involved in games or on the Board of Governors.

Because of our changing world, economy and methods of communication, I firmly believe that our future is the involvement of many people participating at a local level. I urge as you plan for the New Year to help the KSNA.

Please contact your regional Chieftain, a committee member, or me; there is not a task or project, or level of help too small. I am serious about contact. I want to get to know as many of you as I possibly can. If you don't contact me, don't be surprised if you get a call from me. I really want to know what your vision is for the KSNA. Your continued physical and financial support remains the cogs that make this whole wonderful Kennedy thing possible.

This newsletter is later than usual getting out because our newsletter Editor, Ann, had a knee replacement which prevented her from meeting normal deadlines, so I send word on her behalf that her recovery is coming along smoothly and also send this belated greeting: "May the joy and wonder of this holiday season be with you all the year through. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Chris Kennedy



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Games Calendar for 2012... Please Plan to Attend!!

LORD CHARLES WILL BE ATTENDING THE LOCH NORMAN GAMES

April 20, 21, 22 2012

For many of us, the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games held in Huntersville, NC is the beginning of the games season. We, Kennedys, are particularly excited to be attending the Loch Norman Games as Lord Charles will be with us and the Kennedys will be honored clan! So we hope many of you will turn out to greet the Chief and spend some time visiting in the Kennedy tent. Let's make a great impression by turning out for the weekend and show the other clans how **WILD AND MIGHTY THE KENNEDYS CAN BE!**



Lynn Grant and Curtis Burrow, tent convenors, have asked that Mike Frady be our representative at the Calling of the Clans.

If you need additional information, please see the Loch Norman website: ruralhillscottishfestivals.net or contact our Loch Norman tent convenors: Lynn Grant: mylin919@yahoo.com or Curtis Burrow: caburrow@peoplepc.com. See you there!

Other Games on the Kennedy Schedule

- January 14-15 Orlando Games - Chris and Sue Kennedy
- February 4 Sarasota Games – Scott and Hope Kennedy
- February 26 Jacksonville Games – Chris and Sue Kennedy
- March 2-3 Ft. Lauderdale Games – David Kennedy and Paige Varney
- April 21-22 Loch Norman Games – Lynn Grant and Curtis Burrows
- April 21 Dunedin Florida – Scott and Hope Kennedy
- April 28 Southern Maryland Celtic Festival – Avril Williams and Claire Kennedy
- May 4-6 Clarksburg WV – Avril Williams and Claire Kennedy
- May 5 Savannah Games – Chris and Sue Kennedy
- May 18-20 Smoky Mountain Games Maryville TN – Nomon and Nancy Kennedy
- May 19 Fair Hill Maryland Games – Claire Kennedy and Avril Williams
- May 25 -26 Greenville Games – Gene and Linda Kennedy
- June 1-3 Glasgow KY Games – Joel and Bethany Cassells
- June Rhode Island Games date tbd – Please refer to website for 2012 dates when listed- Leo Kennedy

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2012

**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 applications is April 1, 2012.

**To apply: fill out the scholarship application which can be found on our website at: kennedysociety.org.

**Each applicant must be recommended by a Kennedy Society member.

** Send the application to the Scholarship Committee in care of: Mr. Chris Kennedy, 6415 Barberrry Hill Drive, Gainesville, GA 30506

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions.



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FERGUS HIGHLAND GAMES

Aug 12-14, 2011

The Fergus Games motto is "Scotland....Without the Air-fare" and it was certainly true – for all the essential elements were there. Elements such as the clan tents to the highland games, the vendor booths to the featured author, Diana Gabaldon; the renowned Scottish-Canadian tenor, John McDermott; to the best of the pipes and drums. In addition one must include a tattoo on Friday night and our own Kennedy, Anne Thomason (Lorne and Christine's granddaughter), coming in first in the highland dancing competition! Ah yes, it was a "bonnie brow" day!

Chris and I were joined at the tent by Kennedy Society members Lorne and Christine Thomason and Jean Campbell. We had been communicating by email for several years but this day, at last, we could put a name with a face! Many memories were exchanged about the Kennedys in Canada. Scrapbooks, old letters, newspaper articles, and old copies of the Kennedy Gazette were shared. In between visiting with everyone, we welcomed new members: Forrest Kennedy from Trenton, Ontario and Peter McTeague and Michele Kennedy-McTeague from Haliburton, Ontario. Michele is Christine's and Jean's niece.

The visiting did not stop at the end of the day as many of us went on to dinner at the Breadalbane Inn in Fergus. Good company, good meal, good day.....a recipe for success I would say! **Submitted by Sue Kennedy**

Dear Kennedy Clan,

Thank you for the generous scholarship. It will certainly help me with my future dance endeavors. It was great to see Chris and Sue Kennedy at the Fergus Highland Games. I am proud to be associated with such a supportive and conscientious clan.

*Much appreciation, **Anne Thomason***





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New Hampshire Highland Games report for the Kennedy Gazette



The New Hampshire Highland Games were held September 16, 17, and 18, 2011. The situation was interesting this year in that the remains of Hurricane Irene blew through New England just under three weeks before, and the flooding that resulted washed out a number of roads and bridges in Vermont and New Hampshire, including the bridge to the Loon



Mountain Ski Area where the New Hampshire Highland Games are held! Fortunately, the organizers were able to arrange for a temporary pedestrian bridge to be put in place in time for the Games, and there was a back entrance that vehicles could use (via another bridge that, fortunately, had NOT been washed out), so the Games went on as scheduled. They went very well! The weather on Saturday and Sunday was just beautiful; sunny, not humid, temperatures in the mid- to upper 60s (although Sunday morning started out a bit overcast and chilly). We signed up one new member, had two renewals, and sold four raffle tickets and three t-shirts.

On Saturday evening, my family hosted an informal ceilidh at the condo where we were staying. Entertainment was provided by several family members and friends, including "Sibling Revelry +1" (sisters Nina Eppes, Jackie Davis, and Geneva niSeobhan and their mom Joan Kennedy) and the incomparable Jordan Cannady. Other KSNA members who attended included Northeast Vice Chieftain Leo Kennedy and his wife Sandy, and Ian Kennedy from California/Prince Edward Island.

Once again, a good time was had by all at the New Hampshire Highland Games!

- *Nina Eppes, Northeast Chieftain*

Dear Sir and Madam at The Kennedy Society,

Thank you very much for awarding me the generous Kennedy Society Scholarship, which helped me go to NAAPD camp this July. Camp was fun and went well; it a real pleasure to work on my bagpiping in such a great learning environment. I learned lots of new tunes, such as: The Battle of Waternish, The King's Taxes and others. My favorite instructor this year was Ed Neigh, a wonderful teacher, and I was in his classes both weeks. When not in class, my fellow campers and I spent a lot of time jamming on our pipes and some time just hanging out and relaxing. It was a great time both learning a lot and spending time with friends from all over the country. And, while at camp, I competed at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and placing 2nd in the Grade 2 Piping 6/8 March as well as being awarded an "Above Grade Level". That was quite an accomplishment in such a large group of competitors. Thank you again!

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The Meadow Celtic Festival and Highland Games - October 29th and 30th

The Richmond, VA Meadow Highland Games and Celtic festival was held on Oct 29th and 30th and almost became a winter festival. The weather was rainy, windy and a wind chill factor of 32. But it did not deter the Kennedy's from manning the tent for most of the day Saturday. Sunday turned out to be just the opposite with a lot of sun, light winds and temperatures in the middle 50's. It was a great day for a festival and a very successful one for the Kennedy Society of North America with four new members added to the rolls



John (Jack) Cassel from Richmond VA, Isabel Carter from Henrico, VA, Adrien Kanaday Poulos from Richmond, VA, and Bernice Kennedy Groves from Haddock VA. Tent sponsors Bill Kennedy, Terry Kennedy, Chris Kennedy and Sue Kennedy were delighted with the turnout of over 20 Kennedy's plus people stopping by to get information. Bill and Terry will host next year's Richmond games and are planning on doing a double tent so they will be looking for a lot of support in hosting and there are benefits in doing so. Richmond will be the main Scottish Festival with two others in the Virginia area where the Kennedy Society of North America will be present. Kennedys in attendance: Leo Kennedy, Paul and Ann Key, Avril Williams, Claire Kennedy, Glenn and Lynda Kennedy, Bill and Terry Kennedy, Wil Philips with grandchildren Catherine and Hunter, Heather Philips, Bob and Claudette Davis, and Chris and Sue Kennedy.

Editor's note: We were lucky enough to have a wee chat with 84 year young Isabel Carter (center lower right) who was born in Ayr, but lived as a child in Girvan, the small fishing village a short distance from Ailsa Craig.

Isabel moved to Girvan as a toddler aged two. As a child, she played around the war memorial, watched the fishing boats unload, and could always be found hanging out at the schoolhouse. Her family moved to England so that her father could find work during the depression years. She was married during the war within the safe confines of the local bomb shelter. The shelter had to be built with pick and shovel to the depth of six feet. She emigrated to the U.S. in 1946 where her husband served at Air Force duty stations in Maryland, New Mexico, Eglin AFB, Japan and back to England.

Her grandfather was David Ramsey Bone, her grandmother Mary Kennedy. Mary's father was Thomas Kennedy.

Isabel lives today in Richmond. She attended the games with her grandson. **Submitted by Ann Blackmore Key**





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Remembering Kennedys and Others Flowers of the Forest

Al'Frances Kennedy Rowlett

Coeburn, VA - Al'Frances Kennedy Rowlett, age 93, passed away Monday, Oct 31, 2011 in Bristol, VA. She was born on Caney Ridge in Dickenson County, near Coeburn, VA. She was the daughter of the late Estle E. and Crada Kennedy. Al'Frances was preceeded in death by her husband, Herbert G. Rowlett; siblings, K. Kipling Kennedy, O'Hara Kennedy, Mattie Jeanne Martin and Janis Wiggin and Estle Kennedy, Jr. Al'Frances was a graduate of Clintwood High School and attended Bluefield Business College in Bluefield, VA. After college she was employed by Piggly Wiggly offices and the First National Bank in Norton, VA. She taught a Sunday School Class at Rugsby Freewill Baptist Church on Caney Ridge and did substitute teaching in Dickenson Co. Schools. Al'Frances loved to travel and had many interests. She was a life-time member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and a member of Historical Society of Southwest Virginia and The Kennedy Society of North America.

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Because we are taking the Heelan' Hound on another trip west this summer, I will have to publish according to when I am off the road to be able to print and mail.

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