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Kennedy 'Bonniest Knees' at Glasgow, KY

As Chris and I were driving through the Kentucky hills, I was struck with what a beautiful area it is. The landscape is dotted with farms and small ponds, with barns and green pastures. The Glasgow Games are held in a picturesque setting, located about 12 miles South of the town of Glasgow Kentucky, in Barren River Lake State Park. Saturday was a simply stunning day – about 75 degrees with a moderate breeze.

Adding to the simply perfect day, was our own Lord Charles who was “Chief of the Games”. Lord Charles has been to the Glasgow Games four times in the past and he is one of their favorite visiting Chiefs. On Friday there was a parade in

his honor and he made several speeches throughout the weekend. The ladies at the Games were particularly pleased when Lord Charles cheered them on in the haggis toss. Then we in turn cheered Lord Charles to a victory in the “bonny knees” contest. Needless to say, he represented the Society with distinction!

We signed up three new members, visited with old friends, made new ones, and generally had a great time. We will be back!

Respectfully submitted,
Chris and Sue Kennedy

Below, Glasgow KY 2009 KSNA tent.



From the Chief



The Kennedy Society is headed for a super year. The Board of Governors are laying out and designing plans that will shore up the KSNA as a well-run machine. There will be bylaw changes to be voted on at the AGM. A Policy & Procedure Manual is being developed to create consistency in operations. The minutes of the Spring BOG meeting is posted on our web site in the members section.

I will not be seeking the Presidential seat due to my own self-imposed term limit. One of my goals when I volunteered to be President will be completed with this second change to the Bylaws. My objective has been to give the general membership greater influence and opportunities for influence within KSNA. In the past four years we have come from total disarray to a point where the society can very well run on its own.

I am so proud and honored to have worked with some of the most dedicated and determined folks in the world. I have been so richly blest with a staff of volunteers that are second to none. From Chieftains, Vice-Chieftains, Committee Chairs and members to Game Host and Tent Watchers THANK YOU. It was really you that did the follow up the work that made us GREAT.

2009 has thus far been a trying year for Nan and I, as our health has prevented us from attending any games. I closed my business on Dec.31st which had more than just a financial influence in our lives. We have had great emotional support from our KSNA family. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Nan & I are on the edge of our sofa looking forward to the Estes Park AGM. We are

planning a touring drive of probably seven days to get there, with probably another seven to return home. I hope to have a complete itinerary by July at Grandfather Mountain.

Lord Ailsa was the Honored Guest as well as Clan Kennedy the Honored Clan at The Glasgow, KY games. Lorette Kennedy who passed was honored as well. Lorette was a member of KSNA and served on the Board of Directors for the Glasgow Games. She was born in Scotland and leaves her family and hundreds of friends with memories of a lovely Scottish Lady.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT A GAME

Your President, Nomon R. Kennedy Jr.

Here is the current slate of candidates for elected positions in the Kennedy Society of North America, to be voted on at the AGM in September:

President (formerly known as Chief): Christopher Kennedy
Vice President (formerly known as Vice Chief): William Kennedy, Jr. (currently Midwest Chieftain)
Secretary: Sue Kennedy
Treasurer: Laura Kennedy Pittman

Please everyone, keep Gene Kliner of N Canton, OH in your thoughts and prayers as she struggles with health issues. Gene is the wife of Paul Kliner, our past KSNA Treasurer.

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to keep up with the latest news and activities.

KSNA 2009 Celtic Arts Scholarships

The Kennedy Society of North America Annual Scholarships are awarded to students of the Celtic Arts, for study of dance, pipes, drums, harp, fiddle, and language arts. Qualifications: Plan to attend a certified workshop/class/camp of instruction. For more information and application, see www.kennedysociety.org

The following Scots were awarded Scholarships in Highland Dance this year: **Gillian Bradshaw, Port Carling, Ontario; Olivia Creighton, Alliston, Ontario; and Jean Stein, South Elgin, Illinois.**

There were six wonderful applicants but, unfortunately only funds enough for three applicants. Our Scholarship Fund needs donations! Please contribute as much as you can to help keep Scottish Arts alive and kicking! Checks may be mailed to:

Laura Pittman
Treasurer, Kennedy Society of North America
1715 Kellogg Springs Drive
Dunwoody GA 30338

Watch for results and pictures of awardees on our web site.
— Joan Kennedy, Scholarship Committee

Sybalsky Memorial Scholarship

While my husband John was in New York visiting with family, he suffered a fatal heart attack and died suddenly, on May 25, 2009. As you can imagine this has been quite a shock to me and our family. A scholarship has been set up in memory of John.

I request donations to be made to the John Sybalsky Memorial Fund, c/o The Callerlab Foundation, 200 SW 30th Street, Suite 104, Topeka, KS 66611. 785-783-3665

Please note on your check that your donation is for the John Sybalsky Memorial Fund.

A memorial and dance will take place in in California in the near future. www.sybalsky.com has links to his obituaries.

— Jill Sybalsky

(Our deepest sympathies to you and your family from the Kennedy Society. — Editor.)

David Kennedy Recognized by American Airlines

Pilot **David Kennedy** of Rockford, Illinois, nephew of **Joan Kennedy**, was recently awarded American Airlines' "Spirit of American" award in honor of his volunteer work flying helicopters for the Law Enforcement Aviation Coalition, in support police agencies.



David is also a part-time Rockford Park District police officer and a volunteer driver for the Rock River Valley Blood Center.

Only 1 percent of the airlines' more than 10,000 pilots earn this honor, and David is receiving it for the second time. The first time was when, as a new officer, he landed a plane in Pittsburgh, PA, after the pilot was incapacitated by a seizure. Congratulations, David!

Shopping for a Kilt?

Member **Glenn Kennedy** of Virginia would like to share with members the site he used to order his new kilt, which he will wear at The Gathering. He is very pleased with his kilt and recommends www.scotweb.co.uk to all.



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The Kennedy Society of North America will have a tent there and would encourage you to come by for a visit. The Kennedys are an old Scottish Clan, rich in history and lore. Plan to join us for the day and meet some new "family"

Questions Contact:

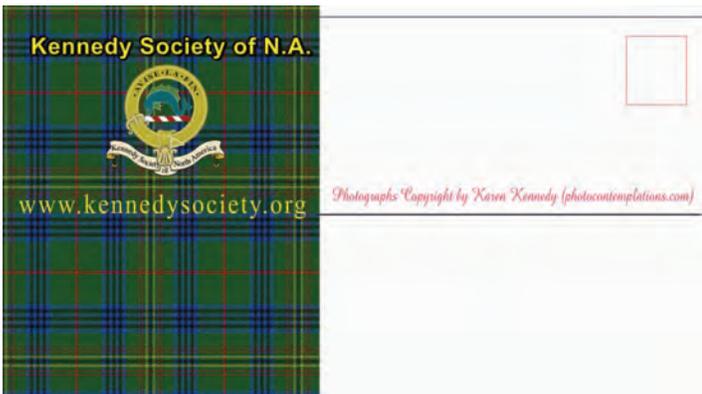


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Questions Contact:



These lovely invitation postcards feature photos by Karen Kennedy and save you postage! —Available on the Society web site.

Colorado Preparations: News from Chieftain Randy

Greetings from Colorado,

Home of the Long's Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival and KSNA AGM 2009!

Anybody arriving at by air should contact me if they need shuttle service. Bill and Chris will rent vans as well as my self being able to pick up anybody. We just need arrival schedules and times and destinations. Also let us know if you need to make arrangements to return to the airport on Monday.

It is best to choose a la carte the things you want to do at the games instead of getting the Benefactors' Pass. (This pass gets you into a lot of functions, but not ones that we will not be doing as a clan.) The KSNA schedule of activities will go something like this:

Friday Sept 11th : The Festival field is open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Opening ceremonies begin at noon, when we will march on the field with our banner. There is a Clan Gathering buffet at the Holiday Inn Junior Ballroom from 5:00—7:00 PM with band Gobs O'Phun, cost is \$30 per person. This is not a Kennedy function and is optional, but it is convenient to get something to eat before the Tattoo, which is from 7:30 to about 9:30 PM.

Lord Ailsa will be brought into the arena in either a horse-drawn carriage or an antique car, and introduced to the crowd. Then he will sit in a special section with the rest of our clan. **We need to know in advance how many of you will be at this event so that we reserve the right amount of seats.** The Tattoo costs \$25.

Then there is a ceilidh on Friday night at the Holiday Inn and Estes Park Conference Center from 10:30 PM to 2 AM, open to all ages. Cost is \$25. Featured band is The Town Pants. This is an optional activity, w/ cash bar.

Saturday Sept. 12th : The Festival field is open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We will meet at the top of the parade route at 9:00 AM, as we are at the front of the parade which begins at 9:30. We will have a vehicle of some kind for Lord Ailsa. It's a long walk but it is downhill. Come in Kennedy tartan! Opening ceremonies be-

gin at 12:00 noon, we will march on the field with our banner for the Introduction of Honored Guests. The KSNA Clan photo will be taken at 1:00 PM.

The KSNA AGM begins at 2:00 PM.

The Clan Kennedy Family Dinner and Ceilidh will be held at 3153 Fish Creek Road, Estes Park, CO 80517 (for those who Mapquest.) Parking is limited, carpool if you can. Dinner will be \$20.00 per person and is a Chuck Wagon menu: BBQ beef or BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, potato salad, biscuits, cantaloupe and watermelon, peach cobbler, and beverages are included.

(Send a check for tickets to the Kennedy family dinner and your preference of chicken or beef, to Randy Peterson, 5701 Blue Mountain Circle, Longmont, CO 80503. You may contact me at (cell) 303-652-7116 or e-mail RPRIP@comcast.net.)

Sunday Sept. 13th : The Festival field is open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Opening ceremonies begin at noon with the Kirkin of the Tartan. We will be there with the banner, will you? At 7:00 PM there is an optional Honored Guest banquet and cash bar at Estes Park Conference Center next to the Holiday Inn. Dinner is served at 7:30 PM, dress is evening attire. This is a special evening of recognition and appreciation for chiefs and chieftains and their escorts, with entertainment provided by guest bands. Cost is \$50/person.

For all other tickets, online orders will be accepted until 5:00 PM MST on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at http://www.scotfest.com/Scottish_Festival/Home.html

Phone orders will be accepted until 5:00 PM MST on Wednesday, September 10, 2009. All tickets ordered after August 25, 2009, whether ordered on-line, by mail, or by phone, will be held on a Will Call basis at the Estes Park Visitors Center just east of the Highway 34/36 junction (across the street from Taco Bell and McDonald's restaurants.) You may pick up your tickets until they close at 8:00 PM, during festival week, and on Sunday, from 9 AM - 1 PM only. Customer service is (800) 90ESTES, (970) 586-6308, or info@scotfest.com.

Adult day passes may be purchased at the gate, at the Visitors' Center or at King Soopers stores for \$25.00.

We have had, or will have a Kennedy Tent at these games in the Mountain Region this season: Kansas City Highland Games, June 2009; Wyoming Celtic Festival, Gillette, WY, June 2009; Elizabeth Celtic Festival, CO July, 2009, Rocky Mountain Highland Games, Highland Ranch CO, August 8-9, 2009, and of course Long's Peak!

— Randy Peterson



Greenville, SC Highland Games

On Friday evening we began our adventure at the Games parade in downtown Greenville. I must say we were all impressed with how the town turned out and cheered the Clans as we proceeded down the street. Joining us, among others, were **David and Amy Carrick and their daughter, Megan**, who was a terrific flag bearer! We were 15 strong as we made our way down the parade route.

Later that evening at the Sponsor Reception, we found out that the Kennedy Society, under the able direction of **Gene and Linda Kennedy**, our South Carolina Vice-Chieftains, had won the "Best in Show" parade award. Award criteria included: number of people participating, appropriate Scottish dress, clan enthusiasm, etc. —Hurrah for the Kennedy Society!

Well, the "Greenville Experience" just got better from there. Saturday dawned a beautiful day. The predicted high was only in the 80's (instead of the 100's the Games have suffered in the past). The tent looked "homey", the conversation stimulating, and the visitors and members over-flowed the tent! Three new members joined the Soci-



ety, **Herbert Castles from Taylors, SC; Suzanna Campbell from Easley SC, and Curtis Burrow from Monroe, North Carolina.** Welcome, All!

—Gene and Linda Kennedy, Chris and Sue Kennedy

Above, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Castles with Gene and Linda Kennedy at the Greenville, SC Games.

Denver Transportation Contacts

Randy Peterson—You may contact me at (cell) 303-652-7116 or e-mail RPRIP@comcast.net.)

Bill Kennedy—If anyone desires transportation from the Denver Airport on Thursday, we have rented a van and will be available with coordination. We will also be able to make "shuttle" trips to the games in Estes Park. We will be leaving Monday morning returning to the Airport with limited seats. If we start now, we should be able to get some ride sharing accomplished. Contact me at (330 687-8804.)

Chris Kennedy —We get in Thursday at 12:23 PM on Delta flight 1901 and will pick up our van at 1:00 pm. On Monday we leave at 3:48 pm. E-mail Chris Kennedy, ckennedy@homemedpro.com.

The vans will also be available for travel to and from the games from Nicky's Resort and nearby locations.

Important Notice

All members should review the proposed changes to the KSNA bylaws, the draft of which is posted on the Society website at

<http://www.kennedysociety.org>

(if you don't remember the password, contact Sue Kennedy or one of the officers.)

If you cannot attend the Annual General Meeting in Colorado in September, you may delegate your vote to another member in attendance by submitting the proxy form which is enclosed in this issue of the Gazette.

Your proxy form must reach one of the officers listed on the form by September 1, 2009 in order for your proxy to be effective.

Loch Norman Highland Games at Rural Hill 2009

Clan Kennedy members gathered on the evening of April 17, to enjoy food, drink, and good fellowship at the beginning of the 2009 Loch Norman Highland Games. As the sun set, the Pipers led us all to the field for the Calling of the Clans. Mike Frady was Clan Kennedy representative and did a wonderful job of announcing that the Mighty Kennedy's were present.

Saturday morning the gates opened to the public and all the fun of being at the Scottish Games here in North Carolina began! The weather was beautiful!! We had sunshine and just enough breeze to keep us all cool and comfortable.

We welcomed two new members **Jane Kennedy Tuttle from Charlotte, NC, and John Richardson from Raleigh, NC.** On Sunday we also had one family renew their membership with us. They are from the Raleigh area but renew each year at Loch Norman!

Helping in the tent this year were **Chris and Sue Kennedy, Mike and Sherry Frady and their daughter Caitlin, Paul and Ann Key, and Lynn Grant.** Nomon and Nancy Kennedy had planned to be there, but illness decided differently for them. We know all of our Clan was with us in spirit!!

Sunday, the weather turned more Scottish on us. It was cloudy and breezy -- well maybe windy is the better term! And then the rain began coming and going. The Parade of Tartans was accomplished in the rain, and closing ceremonies were moved up an hour due to the weather getting worse.

Loch Norman is behind us for another year, may it be a wonderful and growing year for Clan Kennedy!

—Lynn Grant, Charlotte, NC



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Southeast News and Notes

Caitlin Frady recently graduated from preschool and is now on her way to Kindergarten! During practice for her big night, Caitlin was heard to say, "I'm FREE!!" Don't know where she got that from.

Mike, as you may or may not know, is a member of Rolling Thunder. It's an organization dedicated to the POW/MIA issue and the rights of all veterans. This past Memorial Day weekend, he traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in Rolling Thunder XXII.

The head of RT met with the president, VA officials, and others to discuss their concerns. Friday night there was a candle-light service at the Vietnam Memorial Wall. Saturday there was meetings with Veterans at Walter-Reed Hospital, and with several Congressmen. Mike also went to Arlington Cemetery to lay a wreath at the graveside of one of his fallen comrades, Capt. Dennis Michael White, USAF. Then he went to the Wall to pay respects to his Uncle, David Frady, USA.

Saturday afternoon was busy to say the least. Mike attended a Pow-Wow for all Native American Veterans. There he met **John Nighthorse Campbell** and several of the Navajo code talkers. As Mike rode his bike to D.C. there was not much room for a kilt, so he borrowed one from the bass drummer for the Air Force Pipe Band for a photo at Washington Harley-Davidson.

Needless to say, there were not many bikers wearing kilts!

On Sunday they staged in the Pentagon parking lot for the ride around the capital. It was estimated that there were over 650,000 bikes and 750 cars/trucks in the demonstration ride, and over 2,000,000 in attendance that day, including 85,000 Rolling Thunder members. The route around the capital was about 5 miles and it took over 4 1/2 hours for all the participants to go through. Basically the nation's capital was shut down for this peaceful First amendment event.

For more on Rolling Thunder see www.rollingthunder1.com. Of course he made time to honor Scotland—Mike and several others spoke to a group of travelers from Scotland explaining what was going on and also to chat about all things Scottish. Many friends were made and many ears were opened.

I passed my Progressive Critical Care Nurse certification this past September and never let anyone know. It is a certification for working in the Step-down unit, awarded by the AACN. The test is almost as bad as the test I had to take to get licensed!

—Sherry Frady, Southeast Chieftain



WWW.KENNEDYSOCIETY.ORG

Utah Scottish Festival & Highland Games

Dan Kennedy with help from sons Alex and Graham, and Carver and Martha Kennedy; hosted the KSNA tent at the Lehi, UT games this year, June 12-13. Attendance was good, but the weather was poor on Friday with severe thunderstorms, resulting in cancellation of the "Gathering of The Clans" ceremony. They had a brief visit from **John Kennedy** of Sandy, Utah and his wife, until the rain came. Saturday morning was fairer with 30+ Clans in attendance from Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, and Idaho.

Dan and Carver led a group of 8 Kennedy attendees in the Ceremonies, after which more tent visitors interested in Clans and Scot history and genealogy stopped by. One visitor was **Garry Bryant**, former Genealogist of the KSNA, who shared some interesting information about Kennedy genealogy records.

Then around 2:00 P.M. thunderstorms, lightning, and winds in bursts up to 40 mph stopped all activities and many attendees left. The storm damaged some tents but not the Kennedys, who sheltered a dozen festival-goers from the downpour! The Kennedys will return to this event, which is growing every year.



Far left top, Sarah Jane Kennedy, Kathryn and Michael Anderson, Julie Kennedy, Graeme & Mrs. Sommerville at Fair Hill, MD; below, Patrick Kennedy discovers kith and kindred at the OH Games; at left, Lynne Grant and Jane Kennedy Tuttle at Loch Norman; above top, Susan Booth and family with Bill Kennedy at Wellington, OH; below, Julie Kennedy, Clare Kennedy and Lord Ailsa at the McHenry, MD Highland Games.

Colonial Highland Gathering, Fair Hill Maryland

May 16th 2009 was the Kennedy Society debut at the Fair Hill games sponsored by the Scottish Games Association of Delaware. **Michael and Kathy (Kennedy) Anderson** hosted their first tent with a little help from brother Bill. We had a grand time at the event which is held at the lovely Fair Hill Steeple Chase Horse track. The Clachan, (Clan Village) was home to about 30 Clans and Societies. The Kennedy Society tent was well-received and Kathy & Michael quickly made many new friends by carrying on the Kennedy tradition of hospitality.

We have a new member from Scotland, **Graeme Sommerville** who currently lives in the Boston area with his wife of a little over 1 year! Graeme was born in Scotland and I hope to have more of his story in a future issue of the Gazette. Member **Sara Jane Kennedy** stopped by during a break in her piping competition to say hello. It's always a pleasure to have members come out and share, especially a piper! Kathy and Michael would like to host again next year! Thank you both for bringing the Kennedys to a new event.

McHenry Highland Games, Western Maryland

Lord Ailsa graciously agreed to attend this event on June 6th, the weekend following the Glasgow Kentucky Games. Though a smaller one-day event, the grounds were pleasant as was the weather. Lord Ailsa was the Honored Guest and led the Clan parade as well as attending the podium in the Pass and Review.

KSNA member **Clare Kennedy** assisted at the Kennedy tent as well as joining in the Clan Parade! It is so wonderful to meet other Kennedy members at events! We hope to have Clare and his family hosting these games next year!

Celtic Beltane Festival, Hartville Ohio

This was the 5th year for this charitable event and it's gotten better every year! Vice-Chieftain **John Snodgrass and his wife Cynde Kennedy** worked with Julie and I to host the Kennedy tent at this festival, which donates proceeds to Pegasus Farm, a therapeutic horse-riding ranch for the disabled and handicapped. Lots of Celtic fun, food and great entertainment. We hope to see more Kennedys here with us next May!

Ohio Scottish Games, Wellington, OH

June 27th brought huge success for KSNA and a record-breaking attendance at the Ohio Scottish Games! We welcomed three new memberships and lots of enthusiasm from **Russell Strayer, Susan Booth, her husband Michael and daughter Sophia, and Patrick Kennedy!** We hope to see them soon at more functions, such as the SHANO Burns' Night.

Upcoming event: Ligonier Games, Ligonier, PA

Clint Knupp and Vice Chieftain John Snodgrass are planning to host the Kennedy tent at this event, which is the same weekend as our AGM. If you can't make Colorado, please give Ligonier a thought, as it is a lovely venue in the Laurel Highlands. For more information, e-mail John at jsnodgrass@prorac.com or Bill at wkennedyjr@yahoo.com

—Bill Kennedy, Midwest Chieftain

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“Welcome Home, Brother”

Just a few lines to let you know what kind of DAY I HAD!

Well, it started out with taking the kids out to breakfast, on to young son's ball game (which they won 13-3), out for lunch, and taking little girl to one of her friend's birthday party. Then, while in Durham, I felt the need to fulfill one of my duties as Rolling Thunder and as S.A.M.S. Post 1775 VC. I went to the VA hospital in search of guys or gals who had not had visitors.

After going through 3 floors of rooms of patients and visiting family members, I was stopped by one of the nurses, who directed me to the room of a gentleman and Vietnam Vet who had been there for over 4 months, and to her knowledge had not had any company for some time. I said thanks and went in.

He was sitting on the bed eating supper. From the gruff look on his face I knew he had to be a Marine or a Soldier (the latter being correct). He gave me a "what the heck do you want look" and asked, "can I help you?" I introduced myself and little girl and told him who I was representing. His face seemed to brighten a bit as I asked him how he was doing. We chatted for about 45 minutes about things like family, days gone by, and being sick. And of course we swapped a couple of war stories. He took a liking to Caitlin as she reminded him of one of his own so long ago.

As I saw the look of fatigue come upon his face, I knew it was time to go. We said our goodbyes and I left him with info about

the two organizations. His parting words to me were "please pray for me and all the others in here". As we left the room, I turned to him and said one last thing, "Welcome Home Brother". With that, tears began to roll down his cheek. And as when leaving a close family member, we gave him a hug.

I am passing this moment on to you, so that if you know anyone who does not know the price of freedom, tell them it is written on the *Wall*. And for a more personal experience, go visit a VA hospital to speak with them. Learn from them. Tell them 'thanks.' Let them know you love them, although you may or may not have.

And as you leave, save one backward glance, so that we remind them, and us, that their duty and sacrifice was not in vain. Then go home and seek out your own family members and tell them how much you love them. For we all have paid a price for their freedom. **None too small, nor one too great.**

For those of us who have served, they are all our family, brothers and sisters., and more importantly, HUMAN, with emotions and feelings.

Remember this last thing, the two most important people who have ever walked the earth are Jesus and the Soldier. One died for your soul, the other for your freedom.

Chieftain Michael "Mike" Frady, USAF Ret
NA/SD, KSNA-SRC
S.A.M.S. Post 1775 VC
Rolling Thunder NC-7
and Daddy.