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NEWS FROM LORD AILSA: CHIEF OF KENNEDY

Lord Ailsa as always send his greetings to the members of the Kennedy Clan outside of Scotland. He said that he enjoys visiting the highland games in our country and having the opportunity to meet so many of the names about which he has read in the Gazette. He has seen some very beautiful parts of America, and thinks that Barren River Lake State Resort Park, near Glasgow, KY was a beautiful location. He was pleased to meet people again whom he had met at some of the games which he attended last year. It gave him a feeling of welcome.

FROM THE CHIEF OF THE SOCIETY

The games season is well begun and there seem to be games in almost every part of the country, giving us a chance to participate if we so chose. It is a wonderful opportunity to wear the tartan and renew our sense of Scottishness. We urge everyone to attend a game with a Kennedy tent and to visit with our great family. The music of the pipe bands stirs the blood, the dancers are graceful and the professional athletes are giving their all to entertain us. It is a good time to be alive and to be a Scot.

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CEUD MILLE FAILTE

One hundred thousand welcomes! We greet our new members:

CHARLOTTE KENNEDY, 119141 Lakewood Dr, Hers-viller, NC. CHARLOTTE helps at the Loch Norman Highland Games. Her mother, another CHARLOTTE KENNEDY comes from Charlotte, NC. Our CHARLOTTE was married at this last game to a Ferguson, but un-fornately we do not have his first name.

JOHN EDWARD BOSSONS, PO Box 331, Greenwood, Nova Scotia, Canada. He is a retired officer of the Canadian Forces. His wife is **ALINE IRENE DUFOUR** and they have a son **KEVIN JOHN**; another son **JOEY OLIVER**, is deceased. JOHN's grandmother was **EMILY BOSSONS KENNEDY** of Pittsburgh PA.

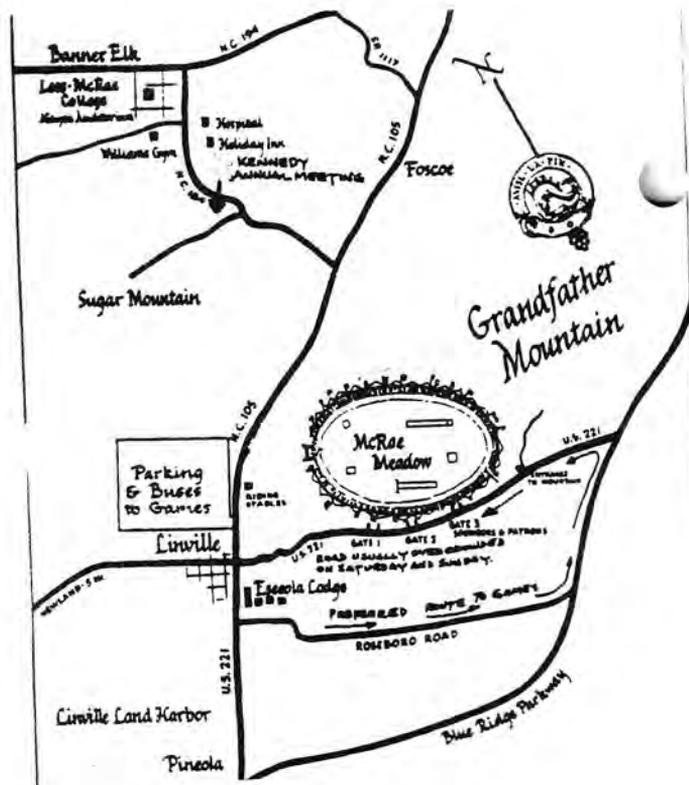
PATRICIA ANN KENNEDY, 2539 Chesterfield Avenue, Charlotte, NC. She is a retired RN, and is the sister of member **CARVER KENNEDY**. They both descend from **DANIEL C. KENNEDY** of Pittsburgh.

JOHN EDWARD KENNEDY, 380 Fox Trail, Glasgow, KY joined us at the Glasgow Highland Games. He is a manufacturing engineer. He is married to **CYNTHIA LAMPHIER KENNEDY** and they have one child **ELIZA-BETH BOWERS KENNEDY** (see Family News). His father is **GLENN KENNEDY**, of Buffalo, NY.

Also joining us at the Glasgow Highland Games is **KIM KENNEDY GIBBS**, 905 S. Green Street, Glasgow, KY. KIM is a Nurse Practitioner. She is married to Dr. **JERRY LEE GIBBS** and they have one child, nine month old **KENNEDY LEE GIBBS**. KIM's father is **HAL RICHARD KENNEDY**; her mother is member **LORETTE McHARDY KENNEDY**, who was born in Glasgow, Scotland.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting of the Kennedy Society will be held July 10 th, 1999 at the Grandfather Mountain Highland games. We will meet at Bill Sherman's cabin at the foot of Sugar Mountain @ 6:30 PM for a steak fry. BYOB. Directions to the cabin will be avail able at the Kennedy tent on the field.



NEWS OF THE FAMILY:

Member **Virginia Gonyea**, Dunedin, FL sent us news of the Dunedin Highland Games and Festival held April 17th at Highlander Park in Dunedin, FL. It is a weeklong festival culminating in the Games.

Member **PAULA S. CARRICK**, Ft. Smith AR announces her promotion to Lt.Col. She says that last year was a nightmare for her with surgery at Mayo Medical Center, two deaths in the family, and to top it off, she lost a dogwood tree to heat and drought. However, the future now looks brighter. Not only is **PAULA** an RN, but she is also a Chief Counsel (JD).

We had a letter from member **BETTY (MRS GUY) BULLOCK**, Dunwoody, GA. She and her granddaughter attended the Stone Mountain Highland Games on Sunday last year but did not get to make the rounds of the tents, including the Kennedy tent.

Member **PAT (Mrs JACK) MONCRIEF** of Todd, NC said they had a good winter and that she hoped summer would also be good. They are looking forward to Grandfather Mountain.

MEMBER **MAJ SUSAN BAKER (nee SHELLEY)**, Converse, TX writes that 1998 was quite a year. She wed **ROGER BAKER** who is a computer programmer analyst and is now preparing for seminary. **SUSAN** is still in the Air Force and will attend the Air Command & Staff College at Montgomery AL. She also hopes to get to Grandfather Mountain this year.

Member NANCY WATKINS, PO Box 2565, Gulfport, MS sent a nice note. She told us of a nephew in GA who has two different Kennedy lines.

Member CURT KENNEDY, Raleigh, NC wrote that JANET has two nieces getting married, one on the weekend of the Loch Norman Highland Games, and the other on the weekend of the Grandfather Mountain Games, so they will not be able to attend either game. We are disappointed and hope that they can join us at Stone Mountain in October. He and JANET add much to the fun at the Kennedy tent. CURT has started a new business "Camelot Solutions, Inc".

RUSSELL V. KENNEDY, Prospect Park, PA sent a long, nice letter with information on how well the family is doing. RUSSELL has just completed a book about his great grandfather, SAMUEL RIDGEWAY KENNEDY, which the family is anxious to read.

In a nice note from GARY & KAREN KENNEDY, Magalia CA. which told of a 10" snowfall on the 5th of April. So much for Spring! They help Chieftain SID KENNEDY at the Northern California games and we know from the Pleasanton, CA game last September how much help they give and what fun they are.

CARVER G. KENNEDY, Fayetteville GA wrote that they planned to attend the game at Culloden GA April 10-11.

Chieftain JOHN SID KENNEDY, San Lorenzo CA sent a list of all the Scottish/Celtic events in his local area. It is a long one, and we could wish that all could be covered for the Kennedy Society. He also told of two big refinery fires in the Bay area in March. The price of gasoline rose by 60 cents per gallon, even though the producers quickly made up the lost production.

A short note from JOHN & ANNE MacDOUGALL Moon Twp, PA with their new address. They previously lived at Corapolis PA. They have been members for many years and welcome visitors at the Ligonier PA games.

DOUGLAS & ISABEL KENNEDY, Fergus, ON wrote that they had a great winter this year in their winter home at Dunedin, FL. Also, they went to Scotland in October 1998, and drove over 2000 miles, going through the highlands, Isle of Skye and other areas in the north. They did not get to Culzean Castle but hope to go back again and this time will go to Culzean. The scenery was beautiful. The people were friendly, and the food and B&B's were great.

Member CHARLES E. KENNEDY, Pensacola FL wrote that he has been in and out of the hospital since last summer. We certainly hope that he is now on the mend and that the rest of 1999 is good to him.

Member LEE EVETT, Bethlehem, PA. wrote that he has been a piper in the McKay Pipe Band there for seven years. This year when they marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade, he had forgot his McKay kilt so wore the Kennedy one which he had in his travel bag. The Pipe Major noticed but it was too late to do anything about it. Naturally LEE was the sharpest looking piper there. The Celtic Classic Highland Games and Pipe Competition are held in Bethlehem the last Saturday and Sunday of September.

Member EDITH C. STANTON, Bedford VA sent word that her husband IRVING, received his PhD in Business Administration last June 1998. Congratulations to him! That means a lot of work and effort on his part, and we are proud of him.

Member KATHIE BARYZA, Valrico, FL writes that her daughter, BETH, an accomplished highland dancer, will miss the Savannah Regional dancing competition this year because it is the same date as her graduation from the University of Central Florida. She is in the top 15% of her class. She will be going on to Law school at Stetson University Law School in St. Petersburg FL. BETH, we are very proud of you. KATHY'S husband FRAN and son STEVE continue bagpipe lessons and will give their first public performance at the local Veterans Memorial Day program. Congratulations to both of you.

Member ROBERT KARRICK, Lyndhurst, OH. has been a member for many years, and tells us he is now over 80 years of age. Whatever the exact number, he is the youngest 80 or so that we have ever seen, and like the rest of us, he wonders where the years have gone. He will have his usual Clan Bruce tent at the Oberlin games this June. Also, he is Chief of Clan Grant #17 of the Scottish Heritage Society of N.E. Ohio, plus Director of the Scottish Cultural Garden Foundation to install a Scottish Monument. He signed his letter Robert of the Carrick Sept.

In a note from our scholarship chairman, ZORA DRAKE, Raleigh NC, she tells us that she has a candidate for a scholarship for Gaelic Studies. This person will attend St. Anne's College in Canada. Congratulations! AND ON ANOTHER NOTE, ZORA HAS HAD PROBLEMS GETTING APPLICATIONS FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIPS. IDEALLY, THESE SHOULD COME FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP. IF WE HAVE TO DISCONTINUE THIS PROGRAM WE COULD LOSE OUR TAX EXEMPT STATUS.

Members RALPH & DOTTIE KENNEDY, Louisville, KY wrote to say hello, and to tell us they plan to be at the Scottish Games at Carrollton, KY. and Glasgow KY. We were pleased to welcome them at both games.

Games Representative NINA EPPES, Nashua, NH tells us that she has found another game, the Southern NH Scottish Games and Celtic Music Festival to be held at Greenfield, NH June 5th. This will make four games which she will attend for the Kennedy Society. She spent a week at Aspen, skiing, and left April 9th for three weeks in Hawii. Sounds wonderful. Enjoy!

Member JONATHAN McCARRICK, Louisville, KY has successfully completed law school. He graduated from Brandeis School of Law of the University of Louisville on the 8th of April 1999. More power, and all success to you, JONATHAN!

Member & Piper to the Chief, CRAIG SNETHEN, Sangamon Farms, NY placed FIRST in Piobrachd for grade 2 at the Scottish Kentucky Weekend at Carrollton, KY on May 8, 1999. Congratulations CRAIG.

We had a nice note from member BETTY KELEMEN, Charlotte, NC. BETTY reports that everyone is doing well. Also, her mother at 91 is slowing down but is in good health. Like the Energizer Bunny, these Kennedys just seem to keep going, and going.....

A quick note from member WILLIAM A. KENNEDY, Macomb Twp, MI. He commented on the various arguments of when the millenium will start, Jan 1, 2000 or Jan 1, 2001.

Members SEAN & JENNIFER KENNEDY of Dallas, TX sent a note expressing plans to attend the Arlington, TX games June 6th. They also sent their E-mail address; which is a very good idea. We would welcome E-mail addresses from anyone who has one.

Member CONNIE WARD of Paintsville, KY told us of her grandson MICHAEL ALLEN ROWLAND, now 1 year old. Her daughter LEIGH says he is beautiful and smart.

JOSHUA WYATT, son of member BETH WYATT SHEEK took 1st place in Chanter and 1st place in childrens Caber toss. BETH WYATT, daughter of members Bob & Ellen Hinson married DARBY K SHEEK last June. They live in Troutman, NC.

ELIZABETH BOWERS KENNEDY, Glasgow, KY is Miss Pre-teen Kentucky. She is the daughter of new members JOHN & CYNTHIA KENNEDY of Glasgow, KY She will be representing Kentucky at the Nationals in Arizona this August.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

We learned from member THOMAS WALKER KENNEDY Colorado Springs, CO that his wife NAN GREEN-SHIELDS KENNEDY passed away on October 12, 1998. For those of us who knew her, it is a great loss. They were members #89, and were married 39 years ago. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to THOMAS.

GAMES REPORT

CARVER & MARTHA KENNEDY, PATRICIA KENNEDY (CARVER's sister) and his daughter LAURA PITTMAN & husband ED hosted the Kennedy tent at the Culloden GA Highland Games, April 10 & 11th. In attendance were members TERESA CARSWELL HOWARD and BILL & ANN CARSWELL. There were 47 clan tents, four Scottish Organizations and many food, equipment, and book vendors. This was the fifth year for this game. It's small enough to get to meet people and to visit with them. Great job, CARVER and family!

Tartan Day was celebrated at Fremont, CA April 10th. Chieftain JOHN SID KENNEDY hosted the Kennedy Tent, but overall attendance was small.

Loch Norman NC Highland Games were held on April 17 & 18. The Kennedy tent was hosted by BERNIECE & DONALD CANADAY. Members who visited were: BETH SHEEK, JOSHUA WYATT, JOSHUA KENNEDY, R. N. KENNEDY, EDITH & IRVING STANTON, STEVE McCAL LUM, new member CHARLOTTE KENNEDY, RICHARD & MARSHA JONES, Dr NAT ERSKINE SMITH, and ELLEN & BOBBY HINSON. This game is always well attended, and the weather was good.

Chieftain JOHN SID KENNEDY hosted the Kennedy tent at Sacramento, CA Highland Games on April 24-25th. Members attending were KAREN & GARY KENNEDY, C J KENNEDY, JOHN & BOBBI ROSS, AL & LOIS KENNEDY, TARI KENNEDY HOCKERT with JEFF & KIMBERLY, MARGARET SCHLOBOHM, and BOB & DOROTHY JONES. The weather was spring like for the games weekend. This was the 124th Sacramento games putting it right behind the San Francisco Caledonian Club games with 134 years. SID reports a Border Clans Dinner at the Caledonian Club Games on September 3rd at the old Pleasanton Hotel near the fairgrounds. There will be dancing and door prizes; fun for all. Please plan to come if you can.

Chieftain JOHN CANADAY, DENISE, AMY, JAMES & ANDREW hosted the Kentucky Scottish Weekend at Carrollton KY May 8th & 9th. Members present were GENEMARIE & PAUL KLINER, THOMAS HARTNEY, RALPH & DOTTY KENNEDY, CRAIG SNETHEN, JONATHAN and CRISTA McCARRICK with 1 year old KIMBERLY.

JONATHAN brought his family from New Jersey who were there to see him graduate from Law School at the University of Louisville. The games were blessed by good weather and a fair crowd .

BERNIECE & DONALD CANADAY hosted the Kennedy tent at the Glasgow Highland Games at Glasgow, KY on June 5 & 6th, assisted by GENE MARIE & PAUL KLINER. Members who visited the tent included RALPH & DOTTY KENNEDY, CONNIE WARD with STEVE O'BRYAN (she was wearing a lovely new diamond ring), RICHARD N KENNEDY, LORETTE KENNEDY, and her daughter KIM GIBBS with her 8 month old son, KENNEDY GIBBS (see new members), and Chieftain JOHN CANADAY with DENISE, AMY & JAMES. The very special guest at the tent was our hereditary Chief The MARQUESS OF AILSA. Lord Ailsa was greeted by the friends he made on his trips to highland games last year. The site of the Glasgow Highland Games is beautiful Barren River Lake State Park.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

Applications may be sent for our annual Piping and Highland Dancing (and other Celtic arts) scholarships.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1 Financial need.
- 2 Plan to attend a certified Celtic Arts school.
- 3 Must be at intermediate or advanced level.
- 4 Student must write to Scholarship Chairman with request.
- 5 Send resume and letter of recommendation from current teacher.
- 6 Preference to Kennedy member's child but lacking qualified Kennedy others are eligible.

Deadline for letters May 1st; plan now for next year. Send to ZORA DRAKE, 2000 Firth of Tay Way, Raleigh, NC 27603.

All members are reminded that our scholarships are funded largely by donations, which are always needed and welcome. Remember your donations to the Kennedy Society Scholarship program may be tax deductible as we are a tax exempt historical, familial, genealogical, educational, and literary organization.

A LESSON FOR COPING WITH TODAY:

JEFF FLEMING of Olney, IL presented a poem at the Ceilidh at Glasgow Highland Games. It is worth repeating, with his permission.

Take serious yer job,
your trade, or yer craft,
But ne'er forget how important
it is to laugh.
To laugh at oneself,
it is a joy and a pleasure,
it relieves so much stress.
it's a fine, fine treasure,
So ere the pipes call ye
to that final hereafter,
Make sure ye filled yer life
with a great deal of laughter.

(Jeff Fleming as Duncan MacLeod)
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FROM THE GLASGOW HIGHLAND GAMES

Miss Pre-teen Kentucky, Elizabeth Bowers Kennedy, daughter of new members JOHN & CYNTHIA KENNEDY of Glasgow, KY is shown with LORD AILSA & CHIEF DONALD G CANADAY.



Views from the Glasgow Highland Games, June 5, 1999

AMY & JAMES CANADAY, daughter and son of Chieftain JOHN & DENISE CANADAY display the personal banner of LORD AILSA



LORD AILSA speaking at the opening ceremony of the Glasgow Highland Games



LORD AILSA, CHIEF DONALD CANADAY, & CHIEFTAIN JOHN L. CANADAY

THE AYRSHIRE YEOMANRY - THE EARL OF CARRICKS OWN

During the terrors of the French Revolution, which started in 1789, and the resulting unrest among the people in the rural and industrial areas of Britain, there was much talk between British landowners that volunteer regiments should be formed to protect their interests. In 1790, young Archibald Kennedy raised an Independent Company of Foot.

In 1793, following the beheading of King Louis XVI in France, Britain declared war against France and the next year, Pitt authorised the raising of "cavalry consisting of Gentlemen and Yeomanry" to be used in emergencies.

From 1796, Napoleon began his march through Europe and the regular British troops were kept busy on the continent. Meanwhile, a French invasion of Britain became a real possibility and men of means were further encouraged to raise regiments to defend the coasts.

Certain substantial Ayrshire farmers forged themselves into a Troop of Cavalry and offered their services to Archibald (now 12th Earl of Cassillis) asking him to organise the official recognition of the Corps and take command.

From these beginnings, he formed the Ayrshire Yeomanry. By 1803, the Corps consisted of 3 troops, each of 48 men, now commanded by Richard Oswald of Auchincruive. (The Earl of Cassillis had established the Yeomanry but did not wish to retain command).

The Ayrshire Yeomanry is still active. In 1897, it was designated the Ayrshire (Earl of Carrick's Own) Yeomanry. The unit fought as foot soldiers and cavalry in the First World War, and as a mechanised force in the Second World War.

(The Earldom of Carrick passed into the Royal Family through the Stewarts).

The soldiers of the Yeomanry were supplied with weapons in 1798. Arms were being supplied to volunteer troops all over Britain and there was great shortage of equipment. All types of weapons were handed out from any source available. The flintlock pistols given to the original Yeomanry dated from the 1740s.

This information was acquired by Chieftain GRAHAM KENNEDY while in Scotland this Spring.



- 6/26 The Tartan Games
Ancaster, Ontario
- 7/8-11 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
Linville, NC
- 7/10-11 Dunsmuir Highland Games
Oakland, CA
- 7/10 Payson Scottish Festival
Payson, UT
- 7/16 Columbus Scottish Festival
Columbus, IN
- 7/17 Portland Scottish Highland Games
Portland, OR
- 7/31-8/1 Pacific NW Scottish Highland Games
Enumclaw, WA
- 7/30-31 Glengarry Highland Games
Maxville, Ontario
- 8/7 Scots in Harmony Festival
New Harmony, IN
- 8/28 Scottish Highland Games of Mississippi
Jackson, MS
- 9/3-5 Scottish Gathering & Highland Games
Pleasanton, CA
- 9/16-19 New Hampshire Highland Games
Loon Mountain, NH
- 9/18 Charleston Scottish Games & Gathering
Charleston, SC

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