



Faillte air mo charaidean. (*Welcome my friends.*)

November has arrived. In Oklahoma, the fall weather has arrived as well. Chilly mornings with golden sunrises and frost covering every still surface, some of the things that I look forward to this time of year (not to mention a nice cup of tea or coffee to warm the hands and heart).

It's easy to "skip" November and go straight to all the holiday shopping events and the rushing that comes with December. I hope you get to take this precious time to slow down a week or two and truly enjoy the things that are right in front of you. With our fall and annual campaign happening right now, to the daily life duties, work, family needs, and such—it is easy to skip the truly memorable times with children, parents, cousins, siblings, etc. I am guilty of letting time slip away and missing certain times. I hope for you, November 2023 is calming, enjoyable, and brings you closer to those you love, those you miss, and the memories of those gone ahead—which can now be shared in love with those who never got to be there. <3

As part of Clan MacDougall Society of North America, I want to count my blessing here in this issue of the Raven, for there are many! First, Thank you Kyle Jones and Scott MacDougald for "hijacking" me as a graphics artist and a MacDougall FB Group owner. Without that I would not be writing this to you today. Thank you, Valerie McDougall, for serving as our VP of Membership and rocking it so well! Thank you, Heather MacDougall for agreeing to become part of our whacky team of Executives as Tanist. Thank you to those who have served as Treasurer since I joined CMSNA. It's been a pleasure working with and learning from you (Barbara Osgood, Barry Marler, & Chip Schweiger). Three Cheers to the Executive Directors of CMSNA!!!

More blessings to count, but I am trying to keep it brief. Thank You to all who have stepped up to serve as a Director on our Board: Anne Carine, Douglas Fowler, Doug MacDougall, Christopher McDowell, Diane McDowell, Brent Rich, Darleen Wiesz, Malcolm MacDougall, Kyle Jones, Brian S. McDowell, Geordan Jones-Baker, Whitney Revell. This is the team that stands up and steps up monthly if not weekly and more so that a forward motion of progress is made through our nonprofit.

Our NEW Volunteers—Thank you! There is always room for more people, more activities, more programs, and – well – MORE. Without new people to get involved, we would eventually come to a standstill, so Thank You: Leslie Webb, Gina Rodkey, and Gayle Crosby for joining our team of Volunteers this year.

To our Chairs, those who lead our committees and take on the task of gathering volunteers for tasks, committees, board members, etc ~ Thank YOU! To those who serve on these committees, Thank YOU! One final shout out to our Regional Commissioners, State Representatives, and Game Hosts – It is YOU who go out and commit weekends at a time to setting up, showcasing what we are about, and making sure the general public has a chance to talk to someone in person. Thank you to our Editors, Scott and Lindsay and those behind the scenes who make our newsletters come alive. Thank You to our members and contributors.

In reality, there are so many more blessings I could count for our Society but that would take the full size of a couple of Tartans (or more) so I will leave you with this:

“Thank You to All who are even a glimmering small part of Clan MacDougall Society of North America. It takes a big heart to be a dedicated volunteer-especially when the pay is so small (nonexistent) and the rewards are: those you work with, and the joy of sharing your passions.”

To an AMAZING TEAM of Volunteers and those who Came before us!

Slàinte mhath!

Virginia Games By John Dowdle

The 2023 VA Scottish games were held at The Plains, VA from 2-3 September 2023, Labor Day weekend. Both days drew large crowds, the weather was sunny but also verrrry warm, Saturday was the high 80s, but on Sunday temperatures peaked in the high 90s. As last year John Dowdle, Cynthia Loden-Dowdle, and Jon McLucas were the tent hosts, but a very special thanks to our volunteers Joe and Lynne Borneman, John and Lynn Cowan, Ashby McCown, and Stephanie (MacDougall) Loden for assisting with manning the tent Saturday and Sunday. Big kudos to mid-Atlantic rep Jon MacLucas, who single handedly recruited 4 new members for the Society this weekend! A few more people were interested in learning more about the society as well, so we provided them information to the CMSNA website and Facebook page. We were told that over 40,000 people attended the games Saturday, but likely had less than 10,000 on Sunday due to the heat conditions. Overall, the games went very well despite Sunday's heat index.

[Full Games Report](#)

Alexandria Christmas Walk



If you are able to join us, please email John Dowdle immediately at vacmsna@gmail.com!

SCOTTISH WALK: Old Town Alexandria, 11:00 AM (Parade start time)

<https://visitallexandria.com/holidays/scottish-walk/>

LUNCHEON

Location/Time: 12:30 pm at Gadsby's Tavern, 138 N. Royal Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Walk Details

Volunteers Needed



Nonprofit Volunteer Needed:

- *must be experienced in QuickBooks
- *must be proficient on computer and comfortable with online meetings
- *accountancy, finance, and bookkeeping experience preferred, will require some data entry duties as well.

*This officer position will have a seat on the Board of Directors and will require dedicated time of 3 to 6 hrs per week, depending on time of year and experience.

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Annual Campaign

Thank you for your record breaking support in our year end annual fundraiser last year.

As we approach the end of this year, it's time to start planning for the next!

This year's campaign launched on November 1, 2023 and should already be in your mailbox.

Our Society is working hard to maintain our heritage for generations to come, thanks to **your** help!

Please remember to read and respond by December 31
-- and help make your Society and its good works better than ever!

Flowers of the Forest

David Lee Johnson

David Lee Johnson, age 75, of Summertown, TN passed away on Saturday, September 14, 2023 at Maury Regional Hospital in Columbia, TN.

David Lee Johnson was a native of Tampa, FL. He graduated from St Leo University with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Systems. He retired from Tech Services for the Board of County Commissioners, Hernando County, FL.

Mr. Johnson served his country honorably in the US Army and US Air Force for 10.5 years. He was stationed in Korea for multiple tours.

David Lee Johnson was a lifetime member of Clan MacDougall Society of North America. He was very proud of his heritage.

He was preceded in death by his parents: William Herbert Johnson and Dolores Yvonne Paris Johnson. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Lee Johnson and his stepchildren, Christopher Kistner of California, Rebecca Eaton of North Carolina, David Kistner of North Carolina, and Robert Kistner of North Carolina along with their families. He is also survived by a sister, Diane Eubanks of Florida, and a brother, Martin Johnson of North Carolina.



Upcoming Events

Dunollie Castle

Clan MacDougall Society



Book your accommodations as soon as possible! Due to other events taking place in and around the region, Dunollie is expecting lodging to go fast, so book now!

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Thank you for your continued support!

Persons wishing to submit articles, photos, or items of interest may contact:

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To perpetuate Scottish culture through the collection, preservation, and distribution of literary, historical, and genealogical materials, especially those related to Clan MacDougall and Clan MacDowall. Preservation of heritage sites and relics is of particular importance, as is the education of our kin through learning opportunities and scholarships. Donations in support of these causes is tax deductible in the U.S.

Membership is open to all.

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