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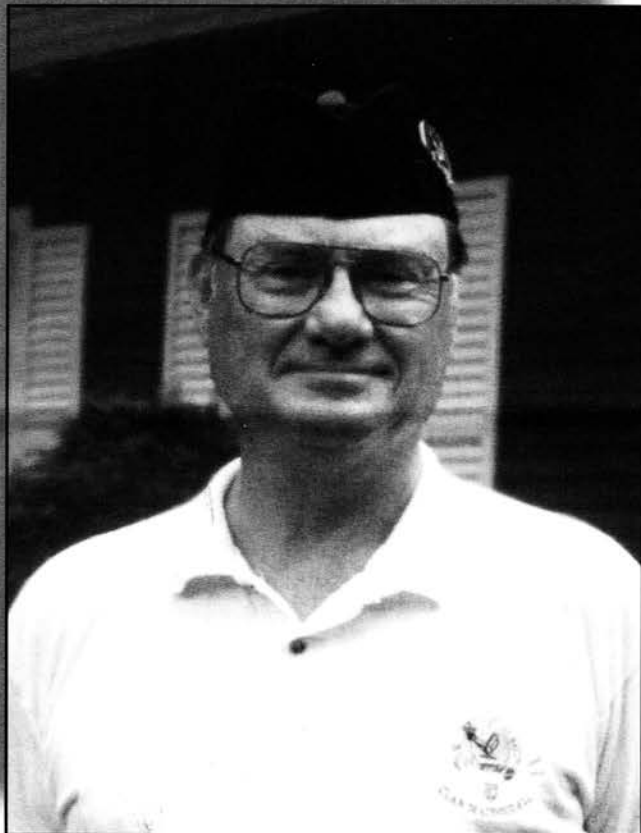


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Wylie and Mary McDougall,
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Clan MacDougall Welcomes New President

Richard T. MacDougal ("Dick") was born in Ithaca, New York, in 1930. As a youngster, he lived near most of the major cities in the eastern United States. As a teenager, Dick attended high school in Arlington, Massachusetts. There he was a track champion and captain of the track team in 1948. In fact, his first track medal was won at the Brookline Massachusetts Highland Games in 1947. He continued his enthusiasm for the sport in college where he excelled as a champion and captain of the track team at Yale University. He graduated from Yale in 1952.

After 3 years of service in the United States Army, Dick had abbreviated careers in a telephone company, in management positions and investment banking. It was in 1966 that he returned to graduate school to pursue a career in teaching. Ultimately, he

earned graduate degrees in psychology from Boston University and Boston College and spent 27 years as a Professor of Psychology at Dean Junior College in Franklin, Massachusetts. Dick has written a psychology textbook dealing with case studies. He retired from his teaching career in 1992.

Dick's MacDougall heritage traces back to his great-great-grandfather, Alexander MacDougal. A tanner by trade, Alexander MacDougal emigrated from Greenock, Scotland and settled in Elizabethtown, New York, in 1820.

Dick and his wife, Betsy, have been married since 1986. Between them they have 8 children and 14 grandchildren. Dick was introduced to the Clan MacDougall Society in 1979 at the highland games in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. At that games he met our late chief, Coline MacDougall of MacDougall, who was the honored guest. He has traveled to Scotland twice and while there has been to Gylen, Dunollie and Dunstaffnage Castles. In addition to the activities with the clan society, Dick is kept busy as an officer of Franklin Federated Church in Franklin, MA, and he also enjoys golf, gardening, and concert singing. ☺



The Editor's Desk

by Pat McDougall

Summer is in full swing and so are all the highland games and festivals. The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, NC, were enjoyed by

many folks of Scottish heritage and I'm told that there was a great showing of MacDougall's of all spelling and septs. My husband Jim (*Southeast Regional Commissioner*) and I were unable to attend this year due to his health. Although we received all the news, reports and pictures of this eventful gathering, we certainly missed being there.

My personal e-mail address is helping me to receive communications from some of you, however you can also send me U. S. Postal (snail-mail) information. Please note our Clan e-mail address on the cover of *The Tartan*. Also, you can correspond by way of the message forum located within our Clan website.

Welcome to all of our new officers, new members and our heartfelt thanks to you, Jack Kane, for your steadfast contribution to Clan MacDougall as our President for the past three years! 🍀



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<i>Regular memberships payable in advance:</i>	\$15.00 for one (1) year
<i>(US Funds)</i>	\$27.50 for two (2) years
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Meet our Second Vice President, Alan Miles MacDougall



Alan Miles MacDougall ("Alan") was born in Winchester, Massachusetts and currently holds life membership in the Clan MacDougall Society. He graduated from Tufts University with a Bachelor of Arts degree, served in the army, and later became one of only two civilians to ever complete the Army Command and General Staff College, later serving on its faculty. He has served as Deputy Special Assistant Director of the CIA and currently is self employed in a consulting firm in Alexandria, Virginia. Alan met his wife, Jeanne, on the dance floor when he took Scottish Country Dance lessons from her. They have no children.

Alan has been a past secretary and Mid-Atlantic coordinator (before the society established Regional Commissioners) of the Clan MacDougall Society, and has served as its Chaplain for the last two years. He is also an active member of the St. Andrews Society of Washington, D.C. 🍀

Society Appoints New Genealogist

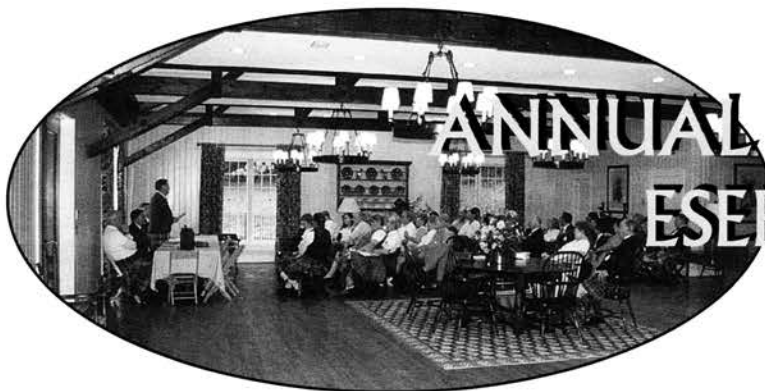


At the annual meeting in Linville, North Carolina, the Board of Directors officially approved the appointment of William C. Ermatinger as genealogist for the Clan MacDougall Society. In his acceptance speech before the Board, he indicated that he prefers to be called "William" and also that his last name is commonly mispronounced. The property pronunciation of his name is "Ur'ma-tin-jur."

William is 63 years old, and he and his wife, Mary Jeanne, have four living children and a daughter who died at age seven. They also have eight grandchildren. William is a retired federal manager and currently operates a practice as a grief facilitator.

William obtains his MacDougall heritage through his great-grandmother who was a MacDougall and whose parents immigrated from Knoydart Glengarry, Scotland in 1786 on the ship "McDonald." They settled in Glengarry County, Ontario, Canada. William and his brother Gene have been working on their family's genealogy for quiet some time.

William says, "As your genealogist, I hope to be able to assist the members in their searches. Please note, however, that the Society has only minimal records. I want to give a tip to those of you who are thinking of exploring your ancestry: Start NOW to contact any older members of your family and ask them all they know about their ancestors - names, dates,



ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT ESEEOLA LODGE

by W. Troy McDougal, Recording Secretary/Archivist

Over fifty members attended the Annual Meeting of the Clan MacDougall Society in the newly renovated pool house at the Eseeola Lodge in Linville, North Carolina on Friday, July 11, 1997. Following the traditional introduction of the attendees and the current officers, outgoing President John Kent Kane, II, introduced William Ermatinger, the newly appointed genealogist for the society, and Richard T. MacDougall, incoming President. President Kane gave a brief message in which he thanked the society for the opportunity to serve for the last three years as President, and pointed out the successes of the last year, including creating the positions of Membership Secretary/Treasurer and Recording Secretary/Archivist. Also during the last year the clan has established its home on the Internet through the MacDougall homepage. President Kane then officially introduced Richard T. MacDougall as the Society's President.

After graciously receiving the introduction as President, Richard MacDougall broke the ice by informing the membership that he has prepared a short speech while "accidentally" permitting the ream of fan-folded paper to drop from his hand to the

table. President MacDougall called for officers who would get things done, and announced that the Gylen Castle Committee had raised over \$1,500 in funds toward the reconstruction of that edifice. He reported that the clan has many active members on both coasts, but the section in the middle of the United States has the greatest growth potential for the society. He proposed to stimulate growth all over the United States and Canada by asking for a report from each of the Regional Commissioners by the end of the year. President MacDougall also expressed a desire to involve more of the membership to serve within the society.

In addition to participation as Officers, Directors, Regional Commissioners and State Representatives, President MacDougall is promoting revision of the brochure and advertising materials, use of the internet home page, and the sales of T-shirts by the Regional Commissioners. His slogan at the meeting was "Buy MacDougall." He explained that all money raised by the commissioners at the clan tents is used to promote the society and its goals. When you purchase T-shirts from the vendors tents, you promote that vendor, and take money away that could be used promoting the society.

President MacDougall ended his message by announcing his first area meeting which will be held at the New Hampshire Highland Games on Loon Mountain which will be held on the second weekend of September, 1998.

Among the other business, William (Bill) Leroy, Membership Secretary/Treasurer announced that the society has added 109 new members during the year and has purged about 91 members, for a new increase of 18 members.

Incoming Second Vice President, Alan Miles MacDougall, presented a lithograph of Dunollie Castle, the seat of the Chief of Clan MacDougall, and announced that the society would be selling raffle tickets at a rate of \$1.00 per ticket, or six tickets for \$5.00. Ticket sales will continue through the Christmas Walk in Williamsburg, Virginia in December of this year, at which time, a drawing will be held to determine the lucky recipient of the artwork. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the Gylen Castle fund. He also announced that a kilt of MacDougall tartan was donated to the clan by the New York City Police Fund, and he will be selling the kilt with proceeds being split 3/4 to the New York City Police Fund and 1/4 to the Gylen Castle Fund. ☺

The new officers elected by the Board of Directors are as follows:

President - Richard T. MacDougall

First Vice President - Mel E. McDougal

Second Vice President -
Alan Miles McDougal

Third Vice President -
Scott Allan MacDougall

Directors: William Ermatinger, Suzanne Ora McDougal, Marjorie McLeod, John Douglas MacDougall, John Kent Kane, III

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Quebec Region - Scott MacDougall

Ontario Region - Maxwell MacDougall

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Northeast Region - Richard MacDougall

Heartland Region - Mary MacDougall Wolf

Rocky Mountain Region - David Acton

Northwest Region - Martin McDougal

Midwest Region - Claud Baker

Southeast Region - James MacDougall

Pacific Crescent Region - Mel McDougal

MACDOUGALL FOUNDATION DIRECTORS & OFFICERS:

Director and Assistant Secretary - David MacDougall

Director - John A. McDougal

Our Clans People at Grandfather



Left: Second Vice President Alan MacDougall and his wife Jeanne.

Below: MacDougalls' can "dance a jig with the best of them" as shown here by Robert and Irene Stancik.



Above: A good number of Clan MacDougall meeting at the newly remodeled



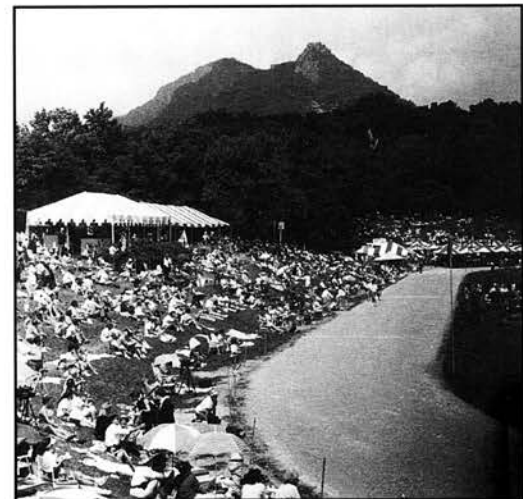
Left: A lovely lass divvies up the short bread as hungry young chiel watch.

Below: Though not a MacDougall, this highland cow proved to be a big, hairy deal!



Left: Ready to "meet and greet" were Jean MacDougall, President Dick MacDougall, and Bill Leroy, Secretary and Treasurer.

Below Left: Grandfather Mountain majestically reigns over the festivities of the event at MacRae Meadows.





Mountain Highland Games 1997



all members turned out for the the annual pool house of the Eseeola Lodge.



Above: This bright new banner which graced the rear of our tent boldly displayed our great clan name!

Below Right: Mr. and Mrs. Mark D. Hatz dropped by the Clan MacDougall tent to meet fellow members and enjoy the beautiful day.



Above: Sims McDowell engages Jack Kane and passer-by in conversation all the while tucking in the tail of his new Clan MacDougall polo shirt!



Above: Nancy Kane and Sibyl McDougald Wilkinson enjoyed the shade and shelter of one of our Clan tents.



Right: One of the highlights of our tent was this beautiful display board with a Clan MacDougall Crest and Clan sept names below.



Left: Our track-side tent was always full of MacDougall spectators.





Graduation'97

The mind is fine, body needs time

He sits with arms and torso strapped to a wheelchair, but John Carasik's mind is a flying machine, able to leap beyond his

physical self in a single bound.

The power of Carasik's intelligence, together with his superhuman patience, computer technology and help of his mother, friends and teachers gave him his associate of arts degree in business management after eight years. He'll get his diploma today at Cerritos College's graduation ceremony.

Carasik, 27, of Downey, has cerebral palsy. He can say a lot with his smiling brown eyes, a stomp of the foot or shake of the head. But it's through his computer that he communicates his

complex thoughts, writes papers, poems and stock analysis.

There's a dance of concentration Carasik does to hit the device strapped to the lower right side of his wheelchair with his outer right thigh. The device is hooked up to his home computer or laptop and allows him to slowly tap out his words, letter by letter. A sentence can take five to 10 minutes to formulate; a paper takes 10 days or more.

"Cerebral palsy people are the same as talking and walking people - but they need time to communicate," Carasik says. ☺

John Carasik is a member of Clan MacDougall. With the help of his mother, he travels to various southern California Scottish events. If you would like to correspond with John, you can reach him at his e-mail address wsdm24a@prodigy.com.

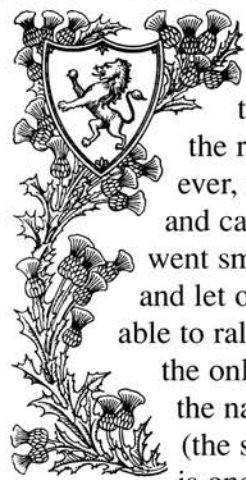
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Scot's Wha Hae?

by W. Troy McDougal

*I'd like to know the meaning and significance of the thistle as a Scottish symbol?
Cindy Zett, Keene, New Hampshire*



Tradition has handed down a legend regarding the thistle. There was a period of time in history when invasion and conquest of neighboring lands was the routine practice. During this time the warriors deemed attacking at night very unwarlike. Many of the battles began at the rising of the sun and would pause from sunset until the next morning. On one occasion, however, the Danes had decided to attack during the blackness of night. They removed their shoes and came ashore barefoot to maintain the element of surprise against their unknowing foe. All went smoothly until one of the soldiers set foot upon one of those heavily prickled thistles and let out a scream of pain. The scream woke the sleeping Scots on shore and they were able to rally and defend against the invasion. I have attempted to verify this legend, and the only additional information I have been able to learn is that the Thistle became the national flower of Scotland during the reigns of either James II or James III (the sources are split on which James gave the edict). Whether authentic or not, it is one of the great legends of Scottish history, and as such, deserves its place in

Scot's Wha Hae?! ☺



Source: The Book of Scottish Anecdote, 1988.

◊ Dunedin, Florida Games...

Dunedin Florida games were held April 12 on a glorious sun filled day. Mimi Leroy-Marler, our Florida Rep. hosted the clan tent. The beautiful clan banner was displayed at the back of the tent. A large tartan cloth with white MACDOUGALL letters on the edge covered the table and 2 heather plants for decoration were on display. Nearly 35 folks - ages 2 through 92, members, soon-to-be members and friends brought greetings to the tent. We had fun! Put April 4, 1998 on your calendar and join the fun next year.

◊ Costa Mesa, California Games...

Don Northcutt sends word that the Costa Mesa Games at the Orange County Fairgrounds were a success. The clan tent was hosted by Doug and Jeannie McDougall. This is the largest Scottish gathering in Southern California and for a good reason...there is something for everyone! This was the first year Clan MacDougall had representation at these games. Thanks for your work, Doug and Jeannie!

◊ Mount Vernon, Washington...

Local Scots, and especially McDougalls, enjoyed a successful, if damp, Highland Games in Mount Vernon, Washington on July 5, 1997. Martin 'Mack' McDougall was a gracious host in the McDougall tent at the games and a respectable number of MacDougalls followed the clan flag in the presentation of the clans.

The games in Mount Vernon (Skagit County) are becoming a tradition, thanks to Mount Vernon's Major Skye Richendrfer. Richendrfer was a piper in the Simon Fraser Pipe Band some years ago and has parlayed that connection into great support for the musical end of the games in this area. Each year for the last three the games have grown in popularity and they give us MacDougalls a great excuse to get together and share stories and even compete in some of the piping or dancing or drumming competitions (none of us want to show off with the caber!).

◊ Anne Arundel, Maryland Games...

Suzanne O. McDougal informs us that she is planning on having a tent at the Anne Arundel games October 11. She would be interested in hearing from anyone going to these games or to other games in the DC area. If you'd like to see a MacDougall tent at another games, let her know!

◊ San Diego, California Games...

Don Northcutt thanks all southern California MacDougalls who attended the San Diego Games, June 28-29. The weekend was beautiful, many new clanfolk signed in at the tent and 3 new member were accepted. This was the first time a clan tent was at this games and it will not be the last! Don reminds all to remember the Loch Prado Games in Chino, October 18-19.



Erin McDougal won her 2nd consecutive Atlantic International Highland Dancing Championship (13 years and under) at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games on July 12, 1997. She also won the Trophy for

Sunday's Highland Dance Competition. She will be dancing at the Alexandria Highland Games on July 25, 1997.

~ Oh! That's Why! ~



Why inhabitants of the British Isles
love the Gospel:

The Welsh love the Gospel because
they can sing about it.

The Irish love the Gospel because
they can fight about it.

The English love the Gospel because
they can talk about it.

The Scots love the Gospel because it's *free*.

Rev. Campbell Gillian
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1997 Highland Games & Gatherings

AUGUST

22-24	The London Celtic Gathering	London, ON	<i>Harris Park</i>
23	North Lanark Highland Games	Almonte, ON	
23	Long Island Highland Games	Old Westbury, NY	<i>Old Westbury Gardens</i>
23	Quechee Scottish Festival	Quechee, VT	
29-31	Scottish Highland Games of MS	Jackson, MS	<i>Jim Buck AG Museum</i>
30	Calgary Highland Games	Calgary, AB	<i>Museum of Regiments</i>
29-1	Caledonian Club Games	Pleasanton, CA	<i>Alameda County FG</i>
31	Capital Dist. Scottish Games	Albany, NY	<i>Altamont FG</i>

SEPTEMBER

4-7	Longs Peak Scottish Festival	Estes Park, CO	<i>Estes Park FG</i>
5-7	Ligonier Highland Games	Ligonier, PA	
11-14	New Hampshire Highland Games	Lincoln, NH	<i>Loon Mountain</i>
13	Fresno Highland Games	Fresno, CA	<i>Coombs Ranch</i>
13	Richfield Heritage Festival	Richfield, UT	<i>Richfield City Park</i>
19-20	Oklahoma Scottish Games	Tulsa, OK	<i>Chandler Park</i>

OCTOBER

16-19	Stone Mountain Highland Games	Stone Mt., GA	<i>Stone Mt. Park</i>
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