



July 2014

Welcome to our monthly report to you of happenings in our Society. We are always looking for information about YOU, so if you have a birth or wedding or special event, please send us a photo and information to president@macdougall.org. For more information, please check our website at www.MacDougall.org.

Malcolm's Meanderings -- Notes from our President

Greetings,

No one ever said pioneering would be easy, but then no one ever accused MacDougalls and MacDowalls of shirking challenges. Last weekend, we were brave enough to go where perhaps no clan has gone before, with the use of the internet to webcast (or stream or simulcast) our Annual General Meeting.



Yes, there were bumps. Technology, in the form of initial audio failure and screeching reverb and echo, rained a bit on our parade and distracted the presenters. But we stuck with it and carried the meeting to our members throughout the continent, which was the goal. It wasn't perfect, but we're fully committed--and the next one will be a walk in the lea.

We took this leap because our Society covers all of North America, and we want all members to participate, opionate and celebrate. Our kith and kin are found in every state and province. In fact, California boasts our largest membership, and Texas--and many others beyond the Southeast--aren't far behind.

You build a cairn one stone at a time. With your input, we're trying to create a stronger and more dynamic Society, idea by idea. Thanks for being a part of it.

Yours Aye,

Malcolm MacDougall
President

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New Members

Jamie Daugherty
North East MD
Joshua Davis
North East MD
J-P Christopher Jackson
Victoria BC
Joseph T. MacDougald
Vienna VA
Sally McDowell
Glen Arm MD
Bill & Rose McHoul
Baltimore MD
Jeff Riggs
Elkton MD

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July GMHG Events: Quick Highlights

The Board held its annual July meeting at Grandfather Mountain Friday, July 11, covering a wide range of issues. Meetings are also now held quarterly via the internet.

- The Society ended its fiscal year 2013-2014 on a positive note with net operating income of nearly \$2,300.
- 114 new members have joined since June 2012, a 16%

Flower of the Forest:
Martin N. (Mack)
McDougall

increase, but 97 former members did not renew, for a net increase of 2.4%.

- In upcoming online meetings the Board will focus on ways to add benefits to retain existing Society members.



At left, Clan members follow the piper into Eseeola Lodge for the annual Founders Dinner. At right, Board of Directors member and SE Regional Commissioner Buzzy Bramble receives the Society's Appreciation Award from Awards Committee Chair and Past President Sandra MacDougall. An Appreciation Award also went to Peter Clepper, Editor of The Tartan and Past President.

Thanks to Board member Beacham McDougald, the **Feast of Porky Campbell BBQ** was a gastronomic success. The **Annual General Meeting** was webcast for the first time in another innovation for the Society later Saturday.

That first day at the Games a record 10 new members joined the Society, like the couple signing up in the photo below. It's an indication of the appeal of the Society and the impact of everyone's efforts to reach out and incorporate new members.



The Society lost a dedicated leader with the recent passing of Mack McDougall, former NW Regional Commissioner, Washington State Representative and 2013 recipient of the Society's Appreciation Award. Our sympathy goes out to Ruth, who provided this remembrance:

In 1975 Mack found an address for the Clan MacDougall Society in *Scottish Life* magazine, so he wrote to inquire about joining. That started nearly a 40-year journey into "MacDougall Country."

We attended our first Scottish games in 1978. Mack became Pacific NW Regional Commissioner in the 90's. We set up clan tents at as many as six games one summer throughout Washington and Oregon. Our trip to Scotland in 2004 to attend an International gathering of the MacDougall clan was a highlight of his life.

Mack really enjoyed getting to know and having support and assistance from many clan leaders -- Fergus Macdowall, Walter Macdougall, Richard MacDougal and Scott MacDougald to name a few.

Martin (Mack) McDougall passed away March 16, 2014 in Shoreline, WA. Our son John played *Amazing Grace* on the bagpipes at his grave, which was Mack's request.

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Just over one month until Homecoming 2014 -- August 24 - 28

Last call. For those who can't attend, we will provide a full summary of this grand event, with photos.

If you have four minutes, Mary Freer provides an excellent and enthusiastic summary of the 2014 Gathering.

[Mary's Video Message from Dundlie](#)



MacDougall Tents at Highland Games

Please notify us if you've signed up to host a tent at other games!

AUGUST

9 Fergus ON Scottish Festival
16 Bracebridge ON Highland Games
16 Maine Highland Games
24-28 MacDougall Homecoming, Oban, Scotland
28 Oban (Argyll) Games
30-31 Virginia Scottish Games

OCTOBER

10-12 Seaside Highland Games, Ventura, CA
18-19 Stone Mountain Highland Games, Atlanta, GA

NOVEMBER

7-9 Salado TX Scottish Gathering

Scholarship Winner

John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Winner

Kathleen M. Brown

Kathleen M. Brown is a Grade I piper from Gaithersburg, Maryland. Her instructor Paula P. Glendinning states she has been teaching for forty-three years and has seen only a handful of students as talented and dedicated as Kathleen. She joined the Grade I Oran Mor Pipe Band in 2012, one of the top pipe bands in North America. She traveled at least monthly to band practice in Albany, New York from her home in Maryland. 2013 was Kathleen's third year as Pipe Major of the Rockville High School Pipe Band, a position she held as an excellent leader and peer mentor. She entered college in the fall of 2013.



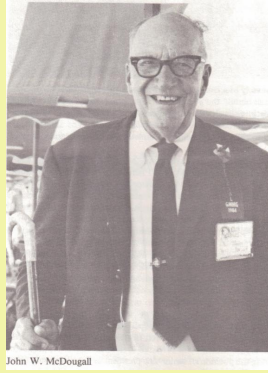
Next month we will begin profiling our 2014 winners. Our Scholarship Program supports one of the key purposes of our Society. Although we provide these scholarships from our operating budget, donations help defray the costs. If you donate to our scholarship program, you should feel proud and happy. The Society accepts donations to our Scholarship Fund and our other charitable endeavors year-round. The Society is a 501(c)(3) organization and contributions can be tax deductible in the U.S.

Famous MacDougalls

John W. McDougall

[John W. was the Organizer and First President of the Society and later the High Commissioner]

John W. and his twin brother were born in New York in 1900. In 1934, he married Betty Wylie and soon moved to Nashville, TN where in 1938 he started the John W. McDougall Company, architectural and sheet metal contractors, that is now managed by his grandsons. In 1960, he decided to learn more about his ancestors, so he and Betty went to Scotland, along with his Scottish grandfather's birth certificate. He found ancestors dating back to 1676 living in Caverton, a small town in the border country about 40 miles south of Edinburgh. They were all joiners (Scots for cabinet makers), and John owned a handsome china cabinet made by his great-grandfather. On a later trip, he visited Caverton and found the cottage where five generations of his ancestors lived. John and Betty had two sons: John, and Wylie, and a daughter, Allison.



John W. McDougall

This data and photo are condensed from an article in the Fall 1986 Tartan.