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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,

I thought it would be more interesting to show a scene from this summer's Homecoming rather than a rerun of my tired old photo. The scene is from the concluding day at the Oban Argyllshire Games on the edge of town. Fittingly, the award-winning Oban High School band was the featured pipe band.



That brings to mind several things. First, a reminder that the next issue of *The Tartan* journal will have a lot of still-timely articles from the Homecoming. Next, we're proud of the leadership our Clan members regularly display in a wide range of ways such as youth programs, individual achievements, or helping to develop tomorrow's leaders in many fields. This month we again feature some examples of member accomplishments.

Finally, this monthly e-newsletter is intended to ramp up our communications with members. It usually begins with the President's column because we want to share things that the Board or other leaders might be focused on at the time. With that set-up, here comes the pitch: We're about to send out our yearly dues notifications. That has to be a primary focus for the next six weeks, because your active paid membership is the basis for our annual budget and good works.

We also want to hear from you. That, too, is a primary reason a couple of us do this labor each month. So bring us the good, the bad and maybe even the ugly. But most of all, share news. Thanks!

Yours Aye,

Malcolm MacDougall
President

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New Members

Jim Howell
Huntsville AL
Page London
Huntington Beach CA
Jeanne MacDougall
Stockton CA
Justin MacDougall
Gravenhurst ON, Canada
Moir MacDougall
Missoula MT
Scott MacDougall
Bracebridge ON, Canada
Cate McDougall
Los Angeles CA
Debbie Reid
Melbourne FL

The McDougall School of Petroleum Engineering: Producing tomorrow's energy leaders and innovators

As America continues its progress in global energy leadership, many of its innovators are being educated and inspired at the University of Tulsa's McDougall School of Petroleum Engineering. In great part, that is thanks to the

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commitment, vision and support of Jeffrey J. McDougall, an active member of our Society.

Jeff is President and founder of Oklahoma City-based JMA Energy Company. A



TU graduate, Jeff strongly believes in the "human element" as a key to energy leadership and wanted to give back to the program that had set him on the path to success. In late 2010, Jeff announced a strategic investment to help support people through the petroleum engineering program.

The TU President said that Jeff "has been an adviser, mentor and advocate for the petroleum engineering program that now bears his name"

and has been a leader in helping to "shape the next century of engineering excellence."

TU is one of the nation's leaders in petroleum engineering education and research and its McDougall School of Petroleum Engineering is internationally renowned. The Society is proud of member Jeff McDougall's role in that.

MacDougall Tents at Highland Games

We are approaching the end of the 2014 Highland Games season. Watch for early listings of next year's games. Please notify us if you've signed up to host a tent at other games or participate in related events, or whenever you think we've overlooked some!

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6 Alexandria VA - Christmas Walk

Scholarship Winner

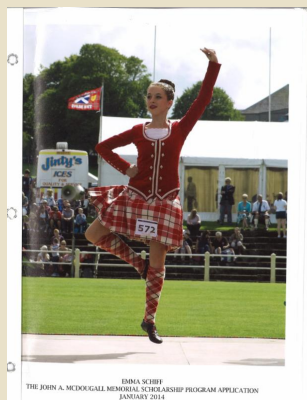
John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Winner

Emma Schiff

Scottish Highland Dancer Emma Schiff of Oak Park, California is one of the winners of a 2014 John A. MacDougall Scholarship.

Emma is officially ranked **3rd in the world, Juvenile Division**, and is a great representative of the MacDougall Scholarship program. We are proud of her and her tremendous dedication to Scottish Highland Dancing and Scottish Culture.

Emma is 15 years old and began taking lessons when she was five. She now takes lessons via Skype from well-known coach Linda Armstrong twice a week and also travels three hours each way a few times per month for personal instruction. She competes at the U.S. and world highest championship levels, and has an ultimate goal of becoming a professional coach and judge. Her resume thus far:



- Western Regional Championships, Costa Mesa
- Champion Canadian Open Championships, Vancouver, Canada
- Champion 2 days out of 3 (Highlands and Nationals), 1st R.U. on day 3 U.S.I.R. (U.S. Championships), Texas
- Champion Bute / Rothesay Open Championships, Isle of Bute, Scotland
- 1st R.U. Commonwealth Open Championships, Stirling, Scotland
- Champion Scottish Open Championships / World Finals Qualifier, Dunoon, Scotland

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22nd Annual Student Exchange

[This report is from Beacham McDougald, a long-term member of our Society, a member of the Board of Directors and chair of our Youth Committee. He started this exchange program in 1993 "on an idea" and led it for several years. "Now we have a Board, Chair, and committees running a well-oiled machine." We're proud that Beacham had the vision to start it.]

At the end of October, 14 tired Scots returned home after over 2-1/2 weeks in America, most of it in little old Laurinburg, N.C. Of course Laurinburg (named for the MacLarens and Edinburgh) is a part of Scotland County, N.C. - thus the Scottish connection.

They were the 22nd group of Scots to visit for about a fortnight, (that's fourteen nights or two weeks) and they followed the 22nd group of North Carolinians from Scotland County to visit them for about a fortnight.

The program (or programme, depending on which side of the pond you're on) was once just a Dream - an idea - that became reality. The Dream was experienced by others, and together they not only brought it to reality, but nurtured and fed it along the way.

Most people in America have never heard of Laurinburg and most people in Europe have never heard of Oban, but it would be difficult to find anyone in Laurinburg that doesn't know about Oban or anyone in Oban that doesn't know about Laurinburg.

- Champion Cowal World Finals, Dunoon, Scotland
- 2nd Runner Up/Juvenile Division.

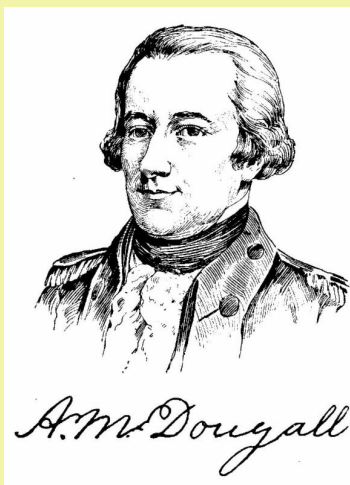
Our Scholarship Program supports one of the key purposes of our Society. Donations to our Scholarship Fund help defray the costs, are accepted year-round and are greatly appreciated by the Society and recipients. The Society is a 501(c)(3) organization and contributions to its endeavors may be tax deductible in the U.S.

Famous MacDougalls

Alexander MacDougall

Alexander MacDougall, soldier, was born on the island of Islay, Scotland, in 1731 and died in New York City on 8 June 1776. His father, Ronald MacDougall, emigrated to the province of New York in 1755, and purchased a farm in the upper part of Manhattan Island.

Alexander at first followed the sea, and took part in the war of 1756 as commander of the two privateers "Barrington" and "Tiger." He then became a successful merchant in New York City, and devoted himself ardently to the cause of the colonies. When the assembly, faltering in its opposition to the usurpations of the crown, rejected a proposition that authorized voting by ballot, and favorably considered a bill of supplies for troops that were quartered in the city to overawe its inhabitants, he issued an address entitled "A Son of Liberty to the Betrayed Inhabitants of the Colony." It was voted by the assembly to be "an infamous and seditious libel," for which its author was arrested and imprisoned for twenty-three weeks in what is now the register's office, thus becoming the first martyr in the patriot cause.



On being set at liberty, he corresponded with the leading spirits in all parts of the country, and presided, on 6 July 1774, at the meeting "in the fields" that was held preparatory to the election of delegates to the 1st Continental Congress. He was appointed colonel of the 1st New York regiment, 30 June 1776, brigadier-general on the 9th of the following August, and major-general 20 October 1777. He was actively engaged at Chatterton's Hill, near White Plains, New York, and in various places in New Jersey, and was in command at Peekskill in 1777, but was compelled to retreat before a superior British force that had been sent up the river by General Howe. He took part in the battles of White Marsh and Germantown. His military career was interrupted by his being sent as a delegate to the Continental Congress, where he took his seat in September 1780, and again in February 1784. He was elected minister of marine by that body, but, preferring active service, he resigned to take the field again.

After the close of the war he was elected to the New York senate, of which body he was a member at the time of his death. He was also the first president of the New York state Society of the Cincinnati.

[NOTE: The above data came from an Internet search for MacDougalls of interest. If you have any suggestions of MacDougalls that you would like to see featured here, please let us know.]

Famous Scots

Southern hospitality and Highland hospitality have proven that two different cultures (and languages) can come together and thrive, building upon love, admiration, and respect.

Two small and insignificant communities separated by over 4,000 miles and by the Atlantic Ocean have accomplished what politicians in American and Scotland have not: *honesty, respect, trust, and love.*

Beacham McDougald

NOTE: If you are interested in starting a similiar program in your own local high school, please contact Beacham at mcdougald@aol.com



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