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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,

As this year's Highland Games season winds down, a critically important event is unfolding for our entire membership and worldwide Clan.

One of the primary purposes of our North American Society is "assisting in the maintenance, repair and upkeep" of our ancient stronghold, Dunollie Castle. Over the years, many of our members have provided assistance, which Chief Morag has deeply appreciated.



Now the condition of the Castle requires extraordinary support. Later this month Clan MacDougall Society will launch an exceptional North American fundraising campaign to respond to our Chief's plea to help preserve our Castle.

It won't be easy. The financial needs are great. The brief article below mentions a bit more, but the full details of this vital campaign will be communicated soon.

Please thoughtfully consider your response.

Yours Aye,

Malcolm MacDougall
President

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New Members

E. J. Endler
Alexandria VA
Helen Guthrie
Highlands Ranch CO
Elizabeth Leichten
Boulder CO
Jonathan MacDougall
Marion MA
David Miller
Aurora CO
Linda Poppe
Spring TX
Catherine Riley
Chelsea ME
Rebecca Riley
Chelsea ME
Courtney Smith
Hampden ME
Kaila Smith
Hampden ME
Shannon Stone
Leesburg VA
Carola vom Hagen
Pittsburgh PA

Urgent call coming: Please respond to the request to help preserve Dunollie Castle

Our North American Society will soon launch an our urgent fundraising campaign in response to the plea from our Chief and the MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust to help preserve Dunollie Castle.

Dunollie Castle has long been deteriorating, but is now in dire condition. Walls are

crumbling in some spots and access is no longer allowed. There is a very real danger of Dundlie falling into further ruin. But with our help, there is still time to stabilize and even reverse this degradation.

It won't be easy and the financial needs are great. Work is already underway. The Preservation Trust has identified some funding sources and Historic Scotland has pledged matching grants. We are being asked to help. The Board of Directors and others in our N. A. Society are determined to respond to this request with our fair share.

You will be able to make a one-time response or a pledge. Either way, Clan MacDougall and historic Dundlie Castle need our generous support. Please watch for this important campaign.



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MacDougall Tents at Highland Games

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

OCTOBER

18-19 Stone Mountain Highland Games, Atlanta, GA
25-26 Central VA Celtic Festival and Highland Games, Richmond, VA

NOVEMBER

7-9 Salado TX Scottish Gathering

Scholarship Winner

John A. McDougall Memorial Scholarship Winner

Hannah and Chanel MacDougall

Reaching into our past, back in 2000 in California, Hannah and Chanel MacDougall were 5 years old, and already accomplished dancers and singers. They performed with fiddler **Alisdair Fraser** and with singer Alex Beaton, and in our files are photos of them performing with each of these men. We have always thought that helping our youngest members get started is one of the great things that we do in our Society.



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

Pipe Major John MacDougall, D.C.M.

Born in Moulin Parish, Perth, November 1856. Employed as gamekeeper on the Breadalbane Estate. Taught the pipes by Duncan MacDougall, the Earl's piper. Enlisted in The Black Watch, Perth, 16th January 1884. Appointed piper with the

2nd Battalion, 8th March 1886.
Discharged at Edinburgh, 15th January
1896. Home service had included
Aldershot, Belfast & Limerick.

When a vacancy occurred for a Pipe
Major, he re-enlisted on 14th April 1899
at the invitation of the Officers of the 2nd
Battalion and promoted to Pipe-Sergeant.

Served throughout the South African War
including the Battles of Magersfontein and
Paardeberg. The pipes he carried during
these actions are on display at Balhousie
Castle, Perth. He later served in India.
Discharged 8th November 1908.

Joined the 8th Royal Scots (TF) 10th April
1910 and appointed Pipe-Major on the
20th. Re-engaged for a year in August
1914 and went to France with the
Battalion on the 4th November. At
Festubert, 18th May 1915, he lost an eye
and was wounded in the hand bringing in
the wounded. Transferred to the 7th Scottish Provisional Battalion in Glasgow.

Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his "Gallantry and devotion to duty
when in charge of stretcher-bearers. He set a fine example under very trying
circumstances." Transferred to the TF (Reserve) 12th July 1917. Returned to
Innerleithen after the War and raised the British Legion Pipe Band. He was a
champion pibroch player and often served as a piping judge. Died at Edinburgh
Royal Infirmary, 14th May 1936. Buried in the Innerleithen Cemetery: "One of the
largest funerals seen in Innerleithen for very many years." A contingent of
servicemen followed the British Legion Pipe Band to the graveside where the
pipers played "Lochaber No More." "Of a kindly disposition, generous to a fault
and was universally liked" - "one of the most popular of Innerleithen residents."

*[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.]*



SERGEANT PIPER JOHN MacDOUGALL, D.C.M.
2nd Bn. The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)
1899-1908

Famous Scots



