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From Duart

Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern, Bt., CVO, DL.
Twenty-eighth chief of Clan Gillean

Dear Members of the Clan:

The highlight for our family in 2005 was the wedding of Alexandra to Colin Allan, in April. Colin's family is linked to the Macdonald's of Clanranald.

We had hoped by April the weather would have been rather better, but we woke up on the morning of the wedding to find it had snowed and the marquee was leaking! But by the afternoon the weather improved, the sun shone and everything seemed to go to plan. Colin and Alexandra now live in London.

Cosimo Amati, my eldest grandson, has become a fanatical supporter of Scottish Rugger. It has been a good year to start supporting the Scottish team, as they have just beaten both France and England.

In the summer of 2005 Gleneagles was the venue for the G8 Summit, which caused significant disruption in Scotland during June and July. At the same time there were bombings on the London Underground which everyone in the UK found hard to understand; young men born and brought up in this country killing themselves and ordinary people with their suicide bombs. In spite of this terrible tragedy visitors continued to visit the UK and the season at Duart was very similar to 2004.

The major concern on Mull at the moment is the threat, by Argyll and Bute council, to put a weight restriction on all the roads on Mull, apart from the main road from Tobermory to Craignure and Iona. If it does come into force it will affect every business on the island, hill farming, fish farming, forestry and the business at Duart

as well, where nearly a third of our visitors come by coach. The islanders on Mull are fighting hard to stop this ridiculous proposal, it is extraordinary the local council can even consider such a draconian measure for an island where business is already difficult and the cost of living so much higher than on the mainland.

The Tobermory Games again provided an opportunity for Macleans to meet at the Clan Tent. It has grown in popularity and last summer there was a constant flow Macleans to sign the visitors' book. The games are still very traditional and are held on the Tobermory Golf Course, in fact the landing pit for the long jump is one of the bunkers on the course! If any of you are on Mull at the beginning of July, do come to the games, they are a very happy occasion and I would be delighted to meet you, either there or at Duart.

I am retiring from my job this spring, so I hope to spend more time at Duart in the summer. I am asked what I will do in retirement and I try and explain that I still have a full time job looking after Duart!

We are all looking forward to the Gathering in 2007. Colonel Donald and his team are well into the planning of all the activities for the week, the itinerary will be as varied and as fun as in the past.

There are many members of our great clan throughout the world who work very hard to keep everyone aware of what is happening within the clan. We owe them a great debt of gratitude and I would like to thank them personally for all that they do. In particular to Mary Hoff, who has taken over the editorship of the Battleaxe and to Donald Maclean who has retired from this demanding task.

My best wishes to you all.

*Lachlan Maclean
of Duart & Morvern.*

CLAN MACLEAN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Lieutenant Colonel Donald MacLean MBE, JP.

In last year's Battle-Axe, I said that I would be standing down in the summer as President CMIA on completion of three years in the job. It was subsequently agreed that I should stay on until the 2007 International Gathering and do a live handover in Mull to Duncan Maclean. It does seem to make sense, since it is the only occasion when the worldwide Presidents actually meet in person and have a real face-to-face meeting rather than one on the Internet.

It now looks as though the Clan Maclean Association in Ontario has ceased to exist. This is very disappointing particularly when it is known that there are many Macleans living in that Province. If any of you have Maclean contacts in Ontario who could help, please put them in touch with me.

I thought that the 2005 Battle-Axe was very good indeed and our thanks for this goes to our Editors, Donald H. MacLean and Mary Hoff. Donald has now stood down and Mary Hoff will be sole Editor this year. Good luck, Mary!

I would like to record my appreciation to Ian Maclean, our Webmaster from Glasgow and Alasdair White, President Maclean Net, for all their hard work in upgrading the Maclean websites. It is worth emphasising that the websites are only as good as the input received, so please keep the material and photographs coming. Constructive criticism is always appreciated.

On a pleasant note, the Presidents of the Clan Maclean International Association, unanimously decided to appoint Donald H. MacLean as an Honorary Vice President of the Association. This was in recognition of his outstanding service to the International Association both as its Founder and as its first President.

Incidentally, I do hope that there will be a big turnout at the Clan Maclean Association International Gathering on Mull from 19th to 24th June 2007. Details of the Gathering and how to Register and book for the Events, are shown elsewhere in this magazine. Also, the Clan Maclean Association is to be congratulated on setting up an online booking system for the Gathering as well as the usual offline one.

Lastly, I would like to welcome all the new Association Presidents of this worldwide organisation and wish them every success during their tenure of office.

Donald
President, CMIA

2006 CLAN MACLEAN ANNUAL SCOTTISH GATHERING

The Gathering will be held in the Normandy Hotel, by Glasgow Airport, on Saturday 28th October 2006 and the tickets will cost £30 each.

The Normandy Hotel has offered the Clan accommodation at £30 per person bed and breakfast (two sharing a room). The Hotel is very accessible by road (M 8), rail (Paisley Gilmour Street) or air (Glasgow).

Application for tickets should be sent to;
Lt Col Donald MacLean, 2 Fullerton Drive, Seamill, Ayrshire, KA 23 9HT, UK. Tel; +44(0)1294 823240

EVENTS IN SCOTLAND 2006

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| 1. | May | Edinburgh | CMA Edinburgh Party
(date to be confirmed) |
| 2. | July 20 | Tobermory | Mull Highland Games |
| 3. | Aug 12 | Glasgow | World Pipe Band
Championships |
| 4. | Sep 16 | Dunoon | Camanachd Cup Final |
| 5. | Oct 13-21 | Dunoon | Royal National Mod |
| 6. | Oct 28 | Glasgow | Clan Maclean Annual
Scottish Gathering |

These events are included in the worldwide schedule maintained at www.maclean.org/gatherin.htm

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Notes from Scotland

Another year, another President!

In September 2005 Marcus and Brooke were married in Australia, and as they intend to spread their time between Australia and Scotland he felt he should step down as President. We wish them every happiness.

The combined Clan Maclean and International Battle-Axe magazine was very favourably received by members of the Association and indeed by anyone who saw it. Marcus and his brother in Australia have kindly agreed to continue editing and publishing this for the time being, in conjunction with Mary Hoff in California. Our grateful thanks go to all of them.

Council met as usual four times in the year, with three of the meetings held in the Western Club, Glasgow. We are currently without a General Secretary which adds to the load on others, mainly Colonel Donald and his wife Vera, so hopefully we can resolve this issue before too long.

The July meeting was held at Ardgour, and we were pleased to have Brian McLean from Western Australia join us. After an excellent lunch provided by Fiona we all headed over to Mull for the Tobermory Games the next day. As usual we marched from the harbour-front to the games field, with a group of Macleans to the fore, led by Sir Lachlan. The Games were well attended by Macleans and the Clan tent received many visitors, including Macleans from Australia and Canada. And at the September meeting Council was pleased to welcome Marigold MacLean from Australia, she having attended the Heritage Trust earlier in the afternoon.

After the December meeting a rather lovely quaich was presented to Marcus and Brooke for their wedding, followed by the Club's excellent one-course 'pretheatre' type supper.



Col. Donald presents a Quaich, CMA Council's wedding present, to Marcus and Brooke

The Annual Scottish Gathering was again held in the Normandy Hotel, Glasgow, and after a good dinner we

enjoyed excellent piping and Gaelic singing before taking to the dance floor. Numbers were up on the year and we were joined by Nigel, President of the London branch, and five from France, including Alan, President of the French Association.



Roderick & Rona with Hamish, Barbara & Isobel at the Inverness Games

A highlight of the year for Fiona and me was our visit to Murfreesboro, Tennessee, to open the 10th Tennessee Highland Games. Our visit was very kindly and generously sponsored by Clan Gillean U.S.A. This was a great event and in the opening 'March of the Clans' there was a fine march-past of the seventy-seven Macleans, by far the largest contingent from any clan. Clan Maclean was the 'Honoured Clan' so a good turnout was to be expected, but very pleasing nonetheless. The Games arena was formed into grass terraces with bench seating, surrounded by a wooden palisade. The podium was a high and roofed structure with a real 'frontier fort' feel to it. The Clan tents were spread throughout leafy woodland on a gentle slope. The filtered sun and gentle breeze kept us cool enough as we visited all fifty-five Clan tents over the two days. A stimulating and exhausting time!

We were shown much kindness and hospitality by Clarence and Bobbye Greek, Kirk and Ann Lane, John and Marion Beegle and many others. Many expressed an intention to attend the 2007 Gathering on Mull so it will be good to renew friendships and acquaintances. Later we toured the Great Smokey Mountains with Kirk and Ann, then the Blue Ridge Mountains in a car kindly loaned by John and Marion. A bright yellow Ford Mustang drop-head no less! We finished up touring the eastern coastal states before departing from Philadelphia. A great visit.

~~Robin Maclean of Ardgour

President, C.M.A.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



President Margo Henshaw

Our Annual General Meeting elected a new President for 2005 as Peter MacLean had completed his term in office. Vice President, Margo Henshaw (née Beeton), accepted nomination and being elected, became our first lady President.

Scottish Clan Societies in Western Australia combine once a year for a picnic, giving members the opportunity to meet friends and share ideas. The venue in April 2005 was the Vietnam Memorial Pavilion in Perth's beautiful Kings Park. Newly elected President, Margo Henshaw, joined a small group of Macleans to enjoy the autumn sunshine.

In May, Secretary Lyn Brodribb opened her home for a supper evening. Past President Peter MacLean brought the 2002 Clan Gathering videotape along to show as not all members had previously seen it. For some, the tape brought back happy memories of Mull and others expressed interest in the 2007 Gathering.

Western Australia's Scottish Heritage Centre organises a Kirkin' of the Tartan service each year in the chapel of the Royal Australian Air Force Memorial Estate. Part of the Clan Maclean group is pictured before forming up to march to the chapel where the Association was again well represented.



Maclean group before the Kirkin' service. President Margo Henshaw and Past President Peter MacLean holding our banner.

A visit to Scotland in July/August gave Editor Brian the opportunity to renew acquaintance with CMIA President, Col. Donald MacLean and his wife, Vera. CMA Council members were met at a Council Meeting in the home of Robin and Fiona Maclean of Ardgour. The following day he enjoyed the Tobermory Highland Games, where Sir Lachlan is traditional Chieftain of the Games, and the Clan erects a marquee, a welcome meeting place. A visit to Duart with member David MacLean and his wife Jean, provided an opportunity to talk to our busy Chief and Lady Mary.



Councillor Maureen Maclean (second from left) surrounded by her family at our Annual luncheon

Our Annual Luncheon, held in September, was well attended and enjoyed by 70 plus members, family and friends. Our regular mini-band was reduced in size due to the drummers having a prior engagement, but with two MacLean and two Rankine pipers we were still entertained in style. Again, Tom Johnston Addressed the Haggis with his usual great flair and later the Haggis was served with tatties and neeps. Other entertainment was provided by a group of young Highland Dancing girls while member and accomplished flautist, Laura Peden, presented a hornpipe selection of English, Welsh, Scottish and Irish fiddle tunes followed by some Clan Maclean tunes from earlier days. Thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Along with other Clans, we were provided with space in a marquee to set up a stall for providing information to the public at the Armadale Highland Gathering in November. The main interest coming from people wanting to know to which Clan they might belong and what would be their tartan!

A week later, a shared lunch in Secretary Lyn's home, followed by our Annual General Meeting, completed our activities for 2005.

—Brian McLean, Editor.

CLAN GILLEAN USA

During the weekend of September 30 through October 2, 2005, Clan MacLean enjoyed the special designation of Honored Clan at the Heart of Tennessee Scottish Games and Celebration in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Our President Emeritus spent hours upon hours over the years working on these games and we thank him for all of the extra work he spent because of the recognition. We were also blessed to have as our special guests Chieftain Robin Michael MacLean of Ardgour, and his lovely wife, Fiona. The games began on Friday night with a Patron's Reception and then the games "went into full swing" on Saturday and Sunday. The highlight of the games was on Saturday, when we participated in the Parade of Tartans. Kirk Lane described it best:

"I wish all of you could have seen it. It was a spectacular event. There in the bright sunshine beneath a gloriously blue sky were eighty-seven proud MacLeans leading the Parade of Tartans. It began with the Chieftain of the MacLeans of Ardgour and his Lady at the reviewing stand, with Dr. Charlie McVey standing just behind Robin, holding his Chieftain's pennant aloft. Our award winning dancer, Miss Caitlin McLean of Wilmington, Delaware then presented a bouquet of flowers to Fiona MacLean.

Then came the MacLeans...lots of MacLeans... lots and lots of MacLeans!!!

First came the President of our organization with his Presidential pennant. Marching beside him was the President of our sister organization, the California branch of Clan MacLean International Association, Sandy Schweitzer. Behind them marched eight MacLean kilted lads with a 10'X15' United States flag and another eight kilted MacLean lads with a like sized 10'X15' St. Andrews flag. The breeze whipped both gigantic flags and filled them with ripples of air. The crowd roared with approval! Then amid over a dozen tartan banners, armed with pikes, lochaber axes, claymores, and basket hilt swords, marched clansmen in multiple hues of green and red, modern and ancient, muted and weathered, Duart, Lochbuie, and Rankin...a total of another sixty-eight MacLean clansmen and women marched past the reviewing stand, proudly saluting our Chieftain as honored guest."

CGUSA held our Annual General Meeting on the last day of the Murfreesboro games, where scholarships were awarded to Caitlin McLean for dancing and Ryan Iandoli for piping. We also voted to again donate \$500.00 to the MacLean Heritage Trust.

On another note, there have been transitions in Clan Gillean USA's staff this year. Our President, Kirk Lane, of Jefferson City, Tennessee, resigned effective January 1, 2006 because of increased job responsibilities. We offer a special thank you to Kirk, and we look forward to his continuing on our Executive Committee as Past President. Claude Hicks of Macon, Georgia, who has served the past four years as Vice President, has moved to the office of President. Bob McLean of Clayton, North Carolina has replaced Claude as Vice President. Betsy McLean of Raleigh, North Carolina, is serving her fourth year as Secretary. Paul Franklin of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, who was elected at our last Annual General Meeting, serves as Treasurer (and thank you to Jim Waddell of Knoxville, Tennessee, for serving as Treasurer during the prior term). Our President Emeritus, Clarence Greek of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, completes our Executive Committee.

Our Board of Directors has also experienced a



Clan Gillean USA members with honored guests Robin and Fiona MacLean of Ardgour at the Patrons Reception at the Heart of Tennessee Scottish Games and Celebration in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

transition this year. Charles Daniel McLane of Phoenix, Arizona was elected to fill a five-year term, replacing Wolf-Dieter Klose whose term as Director for Region 1 has come to an end. James C. McLane, III of Houston, Texas has been appointed to complete the remainder of the term as Director of Region 2 due to David N. McLane's resignation. Dr. Ephraim Rankin McLean III of Atlanta, Georgia was appointed to complete the term of Gerald Larky, our former Director of Region 4, also of Atlanta, Georgia, who resigned to return to work full time as CEO of his travel agency. Continuing their respective terms are Rev. Colleen C. McLain of Minnetonka, Minnesota, Director of Region 3, and John C. MacLean of Cranston, Rhode Island, Director of Region 5.

We all look forward to the coming year when we will be making preparations for the gathering in 2007!

—Betsy McLean, Editor

PACIFIC NORTHWEST, USA

Please allow me to introduce you to our unique little corner of the world. Although we have members in British Columbia, Canada, Alaska and elsewhere in the states, our Clan tent Cavalier territory is the States of Oregon and Washington.

Our geography makes planning our events a unique adventure as Washington & Oregon are divided by the Cascade Mountain ranges, with peaks and volcanoes as high as 12,000ft. To the west of this range, are sloping forests, river valley farmlands, and the most populated large cities with an average annual rainfall of 40 inches. The majority of our members attend the West Side events.

East of the range is considered high desert, with basins, volcano cinder cones, and lots of juniper trees. It has very little rainwater, but has rivers from the snow pack of the Cascades supplying the water needs for farming, rangeland and the smaller communities. So it is very dry and hot, especially in the summer. With these contrasts our events vary depending on the time of the year and the location.

Our activities begin in January with "Robbie" Burns" events in many locations—held indoors because it rains and snows at this time. The busy season begins in April with Tartan Day events—indoors as it is still raining. We hold a clan tea in Washington. It's still raining. May is the Oregon Clan tea...it still could be raining!!

We get outside in June for the Bellingham Highland games close to the Canadian border, although it is a toss-up—it could be rain or sunshine. Here we greet many Canadian cousins and listen to the world class Simon Fraser Pipe Bands. Then to Prosser on the Eastside of the mountains. Where they do an unusual anvil launch and promote quite good red wines, which we do taste! And it's **not** raining! Back across the mountains to Graham, Washington, with a great Douglas fir tree sheltered area. Yes, it occasionally rains here too.

July finds us criss-crossing the states on the Westside, to Mt. Vernon, Wash. (Tulip capital), Portland Ore. (our home base), and back to Enunclaw, Wash for our Annual General meeting and

auction. It's now summer on the Westside and finally no rain.. just hot 80 to 90 degrees plus. Hotter still on the Eastside at the Athena, Ore. Caledonian games, an event with over 100 years of history. Scottish sheepherders settled the community and these games have very serious sheep dog trials. Average temp 100 degrees plus!

August finds one of our teams moving further east to the Spokane, Wash. games and the High Desert Games in Bend Ore, while the second team heads west to the beautiful Puget Sound island of Whidby and Winston in southwest Oregon for the Douglas County Scottish Celtic games. This is where you can see some very serious and real edged weapons competition and period costumes. This is also where the Oregon State Scottish Athletic championships are held.

We end our busy August in the western foothills of the Cascades in Sweet Home, a small logging community, but with high Scottish spirit.

By September it starts to cool down and we actually enjoy wearing wool as we traverse from the west, Kelso Highland Games, the east to the John Day Games. Both are small communities with rich Scottish heritage and we end the summer events for our clan

members with a Clan picnic. Invitations are culled from our games sign-ups and we feature a display board of the year's events. At this venue we also have mini cabers, stones and weights and have a children's athletic event.

However, the year is not over, as we move indoors (did I mention it rains a lot here!!) for Tartan and Heather Balls, and St. Andrew Dinners in November.

I hope you have enjoyed this glimpse of the Pacific NW Association's clan tent adventures and events(all 20 of them last year) from all corners. We service a variety of communities, in a very diversified geography and climate. Each has it's own uniqueness. We serve people in cities of 500,000 or 500 regarding things Scottish, and they continue to come out and to contact our clan. Just check out the Pacific NW Association's page on the worldwide web site.

Our invitation and welcome goes out to all our worldwide cousins, come to the Pacific Northwest and visit our corner of the world. Oh yeah, don't forget to bring an umbrella!

Jim McClean
President



Macleans of the Pacific Northwest undeterred as rain clouds threaten.

HERITAGE TRUST

The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust is our Clan's own charity [Charity Number SC024481] whose purpose is to further interest in the history of the Clan Maclean. Its charter allows the Trust to do this by preserving, or helping to preserve, relics and buildings of the past for future generations, and by enabling people to know more about the clan, its history, culture and genealogy. The Trust is also responsible for the archive and library of the Clan Maclean, which is housed at the Isle of Mull Museum, Tobermory.

The Trust is sponsored by the **Friends of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust**, so if you have an interest in the clan and its history, this is the group that you should join! An Application Form [with credit card facility] is on the website, or you can write direct to the Secretary of the Trust: Malcolm MacLean, 9 Blythe Court, 4 Grange Road, Solihull, B91 1BL. Apart from contributing to the funds which enable all our projects to be undertaken, the Friends also receive historical items that would not otherwise be available.

In 2002 the Friends each received a limited edition copy of the 1493 Maclaime of Lochbuie charter, which the Trust owns. In 2003, they received a copy of the extremely rare, and valuable, 'Spy' cartoon of the Kaid, Sir Harry Maclean; in 2004, they received a special edition coloured copy of the armorial hatchment to Brigadier General Francis McLean, who died in 1781.

In 2005 the Friends have each received a special edition copy of the Recruiting Poster of **the Maclean Kilties**, along with a definitive historical account of this battalion that was recruited for service in the First World War. Recruiting took place in both Canada and the USA. They wore the red Maclean of Duart tartan, and their colours are now held in the Banqueting Hall of Duart Castle. Their recruitment campaign made full use of the allure of Highland and Scottish heritage. A little girl dressed in Maclean tartan, opened the recruiting meetings by reciting 'Fire the Pile on Craig-Gowan Height', while huge bonfires were lit. A fiery St Andrews Cross, was taken around the



province of New Brunswick.

In conjunction with CMA Atlantic Canada, and the New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association, we are hoping to erect this year a commemorative plaque in the grounds of the Lieutenant Governor's Residence at Fredericton, New Brunswick, to remember the Maclean Kilties at the place where they were first raised.

Our major project at present is a new publication on *The Music of the Clan Maclean*, with a definitive historical introduction and collection of pipe tunes associated with Macleans and the Maclean lands. This is a considerable undertaking, and we hope that it will be sponsored in part by Heritage Lottery Funding. Also in the field of piping, we will again be awarding a **bursary to a young Maclean** to attend tuition, along with accommodation, at the Glasgow School of Piping, in 2007. This may need outside funding, and if you are interested in helping, please contact Col Donald MacLean.

We have also started work on a definitive map of the clan lands, castles and battle sites. This project is being undertaken by our trustee, Ian MacLean, and it looks as though it will contain all that anyone will wish to know about the geographical and territorial history of the Macleans!

We are delighted that the Isle of Mull Museum has produced a permanent exhibition of the relics of the Kaid Sir Harry Maclean, which are housed, for the Trust, at the Isle of Mull Museum.

Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, Chairman

Not Quite the Diplomat. *Chris Patten, Published late 2005 by Penguin Books Ltd. Penguin Group (USA) Inc. ISBN 0-713-99855-5*

There are two reasons that a Maclean might enjoy this book: It is a masterly overview of current world affairs from someone who has played a central role in them, in Europe, America, Africa, Asia. A free-thinker, a clear-thinker, with the long perspectives one would expect from a classical scholar now Chancellor of Oxford university. Kow-towing to no-one, fitting no pigeon-hole, he quietly exposes the hypocrisies of modern politics and states lucidly the sensible alternatives. Also, Lord Patten is very much his own man - very much a Maclean. Donald H. MacLean

Atlantic (Canada)

Our Association continues to be active on a lot of ‘fronts’. The term is particularly appropriate since a major preoccupation this year has been the World War 1 battalion, the Maclean Highlanders/Kilties. We have obtained information on them from a wide variety of sources, including individuals from Scotland, and New Brunswick; the Canadian War Museum, and the Canadian Library and Archives, Ottawa. The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust, our Association, and the New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association, are planning to commemorate this unique battalion. We have the tentative agreement of the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick to erect a memorial plaque in, or on, the grounds of the Lieutenant Governor’s Residence in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The Highlanders/Kilties had restored this building and used it as headquarters for almost a year in 1917. At the unveiling we will also have a (temporary) display, which will include an original uniform, a set of pipes used by the regiment, and a full size replica of their recruiting poster.

Our tent and displays were evident at Highland Games in Summerside, Halifax, Antigonish, and Fredericton. We also participated in the Piper’s Picnic. This event originally started 40 years ago to raise money to maintain old cemeteries. It has grown and become quite a big, albeit informal, event.



Our newsletter has finally reached our goal of being produced quarterly. Our editor, Marjorie MacLean, pointed out that the contributions of articles by many people make this happen. We thank her, and all those involved, for making The Banner a newsletter we are proud of.

Our new CD of the book The Clan Gillean, by the Nova Scotian historian Rev. A Maclean Sinclair, is selling well. We were pleased to hear from a President of another Association, that our historical Maclean CD’s are much appreciated worldwide.

We have also produced a “hard copy” book version, which is priced reasonably. Our New Brunswick VP, Doug McLean, is the cornerstone in this endeavour. The proceeds from sales are used to finance activities such, as copying the Maclean Kilties information.

After 25 years it was time to review and revise our by-laws. Murray Maclean took the lead on this tedious, but necessary project. They were approved initially by the executive, and subsequently at our last annual general meeting.

The topics at our two general meetings, were the Great Highland Bagpipe by Joe MacLean; and a panel of members who spoke of their quite different ways of getting to, and experiencing the last Gathering in 2002. The panel was designed to answer questions for those interested in attending the next Maclean Gathering in 2007, and members desire to hear the “pros and cons”, of self drive, bus tour, etc.

Our flag is finally a reality. It was a long and involved process. The short version is that we had a number of hurdles to overcome including the Flag Company’s need for a computer file done by a graphic designer. We were lucky to find a non Maclean volunteer, Holly Lennox. We also had to find a design that was acceptable to the majority of our members, and others who might be interested in buying a flag. The design had to be acceptable to those who know heraldry, and able to be produced for a reasonable cost. Although we have not pleased everyone, we do have a Maclean flag we are proud of. Past President of Clan Gillean, (U.S.A.) Robert



C. Rankin says "Your picture of the Flag (on our website) does not do it justice. It looks great!!!! Great Work."

Over 26 years our organization has been very successful. This is because of our fantastic members. I would like to thank four who have been instrumental, - in various roles, for our recent successes. Jimmie “Mhor”, or James G MacLean, has been vice president since the fall of 2000. He has also

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taken a particular interest in Highland Games, and our clan tent(s). He was on the committee which purchased our new tent, and even now is refurbishing our old one. Heather Collicott carried out the (sometimes thankless) job as Treasurer since the AGM of 2002. She is a member of one of our most involved Maclean families, with sister Betty, and brother Frank, - all originally from Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia. Recently Heather was our leading volunteer in assisting Holly Lennox with a mural, - which was part of our "thank you" to Holly. Vice Admiral Bruce MacLean was our first Patron, and served in that role since the fall of 2000. Bruce hosted a dinner, and a subsequent meeting for us, and has expressed regret that he could not have been more involved due to his various postings outside of Atlantic Canada. Finally Bryan Keddy was the person who found a free site for, then established, and faithfully maintained our Clan Maclean Atlantic website. This was done with precious little help from those of us who still saw the internet as a great mystery. With Bryan's concurrence, we have taken the next step, and established a site with our own domain. Doug McLean is the new webmaster. Please visit clan-macleanatlantic.org.

Finally I am delighted to announce that Lady Mary Maclean has accepted the role of Patron for our organization.

—Ian MacLean

FRANCE

Our Branch is small and our potential in membership is limited since there are of course very few Macleans in France; some, being expatriates, stay only for a limited period. However, we have managed to establish a small group of keen Clansfolk that live permanently here, mainly in and around Paris. These Macleans attend most of the functions and do the organising. In 2005 we had 34 paying members plus 9 children under 18 and on occasions we join forces with the newly established Mackenzie Clan Association France for joint functions.

For 2006 we finally managed to produce a proper Newsletter with colour, written partly in French, partly in English. Below is an extract : News of Members. Note the French police are currently searching for an Alastair Maclean ! This brings back my schoolboy memories of the search for a certain Donald Maclean – Remember the "Third Man" ?

News of our members:

Alan R.M. McLean was decorated by the French Prime Minister in July 2005 and made Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Maritime for services rendered to the French maritime world. Alan was congratulated by our Chief Sir Lachlan who writes: "I know that you said at the Gathering that an award to you was an award to the Clan, but it has been your hard work and dedication that has earned that award and I do congratulate you most sincerely on being recognized (...)."

David & Julie MacLean announce the arrival of a new member to the Clan, *Alexander Lachlan* born on 7th January. David & Julie, who attended the 2005 Gathering in France, will be returning to the UK this Spring.

Alastair MacLean was arrested, then set free, in November 2005 at Paris-CDG airport on returning from New York. After interrogations, having his photo, fingerprints & DNA checks, the police realised he was the *wrong* Alastair! Where is the real one? What is his crime? Does anyone know another Alastair MacLean? There must be plenty in the Clan!

Tracey McFadzean was married to our new member *Stéphane Seva* in June 2005 in Inverness. Congratulations to our two members who are starting their new life in the South-West of France.

Alan R.M. McLean
President
Clan Maclean Association France.



KAID SIR HARRY AUBREY De VERE MACLEAN KCMG, 1848-1920

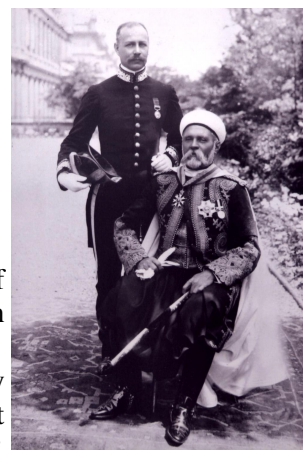
The Kaid was the eldest surviving son of Surgeon-General Andrew Maclean by his wife Clara Holland Harrison, daughter of Henry Holland Harrison and Loiusa Montellier. He was born on the 15 June 1848 in Chatham, Kent, England, and entered the army when he was 20 years and 6 months old as an Ensign in the 69th regiment of Foot. He became a Lieutenant on the 24 September 1870 and he retired on the 6 September 1876. He served in Canada, Bermuda and Gibraltar. He then accepted the post of drill instructor in the army of the Sultan of Morocco, Moulay al-Hassan, and he soon advanced to become Commander-in-Chief of all the Sultan's forces with the title of 'Kaid', the Moroccan equivalent of 'General'.

Maclean was a small man with a glass eye as a result of an accident and was known for his ability to get on with people especially the Arabs, who called him 'Kroni', the closest they could get to calling him Colonel. He learnt Arabic as a condition of his position in Morocco but retained an accent all his life. The Sultan designed a uniform of white turban and cloak for him as well as ceremonial sword, pistol and dagger which is now on perpetual loan to the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust and on display at the Mull Museum, Tobermory. His Matriculation of Arms is also held by the Trust and is in the Maclean library at Tobermory.

This original document, dated 1909, and only returned to the family in recent years was saved from a bonfire in Tangier. In 1920 after World War 1 when Tangier ceased to be a free port and when France was the colonial power in Morocco, the British Legation ceased to exist and was downgraded to the status of British Consulate General. All unwanted papers were to be destroyed while all of interest passed to the Public Records Office, London. The original Coat of Arms in colour was about to be burnt when a young non career Vice-Consul noticed it and thought it a great shame that it was to be burnt so he saved it and hoped one day to pass it on to some relation of the Kaid. Many years later through a series of coincidences this was achieved.

When the Kaid came to London with a Moorish Mission in 1901 to the Coronation of Edward VII he was knighted. Queen Victoria had recognized his position in 1898 with the award of a CMG.

He married twice: first in 1882 to Catharine, daughter of Thomas Coe of Gibraltar by whom he had a son Andrew De Vere, born 1882, died Sep 1914 on the Western Front and three daughters, Nora de Vere, Hebe de Vere and Edith. He married secondly in 1918 Ella, daughter of General Sir Harry Prendergast V.C. He died in Tangier on the 5 February 1920 and is buried in St Andrews Churchyard, Tangier.



Kaid and brother, Allen Bruce Maclean

GENEALOGY: Harry Aubrey de Vere Maclean was the great-great grandson of Lt-Col Charles Maclean of Drimmin who led the Clan in the absence of his Chief at the Battle of Culloden in 1746. He was one of 12 children. His father Andrew Maclean, was born 10 Apr 1812, Edinburgh, the 3rd youngest of 15 children of Donald Roy Maclean of Kinloch W.S. and Lillias Grant and died 1908, Kew, married in 1838 in London Clara Holland Harrison, born 1820 in London. The children were:

Harry Thomas Harrison Maclean, born 1840, died 1844.

Clara Rosa Maclean, born 27 Apr 1843, Sheffield, died Jun 1939, London. Not married.

Edith Catharine Maclean, born 1845, Manchester married (Capt.) C W Fothergill. 2s 2d

Harry Aubrey de Vere Maclean, born 15 Jun 1848, died 5 Feb 1920. See above.

Alice Lillias Maclean, born 1849 London married (Admiral Sir) Charles Edward Madden. 1s.

Louise Flora Maclean married (Gen. Sir) Duncan Cameron. No children. (Continued Page 11)

Donald Grant Maclean born 21 Nov 1852 Kent died 1 Aug 1875, Queensland, Australia, married in 1874 Isabella Rachel Townsend. 1s.

Fitzroy Beresford Maclean, born 13 Jun 1854, married Mary Norris. No children.

Allen Bruce Maclean, born 10 Mar 1858, died 1918 married Anna Margaret Erskine. 1s 1d.

Charles Gordon Maclean born 25 Oct 1859 Kent died 1939 Australia married 1. 1885 India Anne Smith born 1868 died cir 1895 2s 2d. Married 2. 1902 India Jessie Eluvin. 4s 8d.

Mary Margheretta Maclean born Kew, died 31 Dec 1895 Casablanca, Morocco. Not married.

Archibald Douglas Maclean born 18 Sep 1862 Kent married 1895 Amy Theodora Margaret Harrison. 1s.

Ref.: Family papers in archives of Clan Maclean Association in Australia Inc.

Marigold Maclean (Australia)
Trustee, CMHT.

London Letter

The Association held its annual meeting at the Caledonian Club in London on 14 October

2005. Nigel Alington (President), Nicholas Maclean of Pennycross (Vice-President) and Nick Hart (Treasurer and Secretary) were all re-elected. The meeting was followed by a dinner at the Club, attended by Elizabeth, Lady Maclean, as the guest of honour.

As he mentioned in his speech, earlier in the year the President had represented the Association at the memorial service in London for Veronica, Lady Maclean of Dunconnel. This was well-attended by members of the family and both the Maclean and Fraser clans. The Prince of Wales and Princess Alexandra were represented. The Marquess of Salisbury gave a wonderfully affectionate and humorous address.

On 10 February 2006 the Association held its annual Burns Supper at the Caledonian Club. Elizabeth, Lady Maclean, was again the guest of honour. The Chairman of the Caledonian Club, Mr George Gillon, also attended. The Selkirk Grace was said by the Vice-President, Nicholas Maclean of Pennycross, and David Dunham delivered the address to the haggis with quite revolting enthusiasm for the 'gushing entrails bright!' The toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns was proposed by the President, Nigel Alington. Inspired by Scotland's recent win over France at rugby, he took 'pride in Scotland' as the theme of his speech, reminding his audience of many famous Scottish explorers, scientists, inventors and artists. He pointed out that our clansman Sean Connery's role as agent 007 had been preceded by the appointment of Allan Pinkerton (a Scot from Glasgow) as head of the US Secret Service in the 1860s. The speeches concluded with a toast to the ladies proposed by Nick Hart and a response from Jenny Wilton.

Although Donald MacLean, a long-standing member of the London Association, was unable to attend the dinner, he was warmly congratulated in absentia on his appointment as Honorary Vice-President of The Clan Maclean International Association in recognition of his outstanding service to that Association as Founder and First President.

The evening ended with some splendid musical entertainment organised by Nick Hart. Roderick McFaddyan, our piper, played a medley of tunes and this was followed by an enthusiastic sing-song of traditional Scottish airs, including a terrific solo (because no-one else knew the words!) by Barbara MacLean.

ISLE OF MULL MUSEUM

Clansmen may not be aware of the very close links between the Isle of Mull Museum and Clan Maclean. These links were recently strengthened when the Museum mounted a fine new case on the wall lined in Hunting Maclean tartan and devoted to Sir Harry Maclean, "The Kaid". The case displays, along with a biography of this colourful figure, the Kaid's sword, flintlock and dagger.

This exhibit apart, the Museum holds extensive Maclean archives on our behalf. The Clan's library was transferred from the Mitchell Library in Glasgow to the Museum, and the Trust aims to ensure that any new books relevant to the Clan are added to this collection. Our collection of Clan Magazines, from throughout the world, are stored here, and all editors are asked to send each issue direct to the Museum to ensure this archive is maintained to be as full as possible. Any clansman with a printed genealogy is also asked to send a copy to the Museum for the Clan Maclean archive (indicate for Maclean Library). The Museum holds a collection of Maclean papers on our behalf; the Trust recently added Maclaine of Lochbuie papers that it had purchased to our own archive of family papers.

Any Maclean visit to Mull is not therefore complete without a stroll around Tobermory Harbour to call in at the Museum! Isle of Mull Museum, Tobermory, Isle of Mull, PA75 6NY Tel: 01688 302493

Fiona Maclean of Ardgour, Trustee, CMHT.

*N.B Editor: Photos of individual items held by Mac Maclean, Trust Secretary.



Display of Kaid's relics at the Isle of Mull Museum

New Zealand

The same day a gathering was being held in the South Island at Christchurch as we seek to grow membership there.

Greetings to Clan Maclean members and Clan Maclean organisations world wide from your New Zealand cousins. We feel a very strong bond with you all as we advance the aims of strengthening our ties in Scottish history.

Our New Zealand organisation is now working hard on a number of new initiatives which include plans to grow our membership, strengthen our local representation by provided Area Representatives with quality and helpful guidelines and material, and by increasing dialogue and communication with our membership by doubling the number of issues of our newsletters. This of course in addition to our normal presence at many Highland Games and other gatherings.

In our last report we mentioned that we had obtained a modern lockable trailer to aid carrying material to Clan displays at Highland Games and other gatherings. We have now extended that to a modern new tent and with a portable generator are now well equipped to provide the best of service to enquirers to our stands and displays. We have obtained an additional Clan banner – you will note the tent and banner proudly displayed in the attached photo taken at our annual picnic in Auckland.



One of the aims of our CMANZ is to secure as much information on New Zealand aspects of MacLeans as possible and we are encouraging increased family history and genealogical research as well as undertaking a programme to identify street, park and place-names where MacLean has been used and the reason why? This is proving most interesting.

As families undertake their own ancestor research many are reminded of the reasons why many of their forebears left Scotland for other lands and of course there are few places any further from Scotland than New Zealand. The long sea journeys alone were a testimony to the commitment of our forebears to find a new life in a new land. Of course this also meant that many family members often went to other countries like those of North America and we are fascinated at the links that arise from time to time when new “relations” are discovered. It is doubtful if there is any stronger or more effective organisation than a Clan, whereby these historical links can be uncovered. We are grateful to all our cousins around the world for sharing information and we invite any of you to contact us when an occasion arises.

Greetings to you all.

Noel Robinson
Newsletter Editor and Executive
Committee Member.

Editorial

Well, this has been my first year of (nearly) flying solo and I absolutely must thank the Editors and Presidents of all the Maclean Associations around the world for their generous help and their contributions to this 9th edition of our joint Newsletter. Fortunately for me, Donald has remained in the wings, editing the photographs and helping me to put the final touches on this Edition of the BattleAxe.

It doesn't seem possible, but next year our publication will celebrate its tenth anniversary. A fitting tribute to the efforts and imaginations of our kinsmen and women around the world.

Yours aye,

Mary (Los Angeles), and Donald (London)

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CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION IN AUSTRALIA INC.

Greetings to all from Clan Maclean Association in Australia. We anticipate 2006 will provide you the opportunity to achieve the goals you have set yourselves.

The year 2005 involved our association organising two major events for members. The Chief's Birthday Banquet at the Malvern Valley Golf Club Reception Centre was a great night with a large number of people attending. The venue provided the opportunity for members to reminisce on the Chief's visit to Australia in 1997, as the Golf Club reception facility was the venue for the Chief's Melbourne banquet. As part of the evening the Glenbrae Highland Dancers provided enjoyable entertainment. The group based in Melbourne included members as far away as Geelong (75 kilometers/48 miles). On the Sunday members and friends attended the Kirkin 'o' the Tartan at the Glen Waverley Uniting Church.



Glenbrae Dancers taking a well earned thank you having performed at the Chief's Birthday Banquet celebration in Melbourne May 2005

The Rev. Donald Maclean, a long term member and Honorary Chaplain of Clan Maclean Association in Australia, assisted in the service. The service provided the Rev. Donald the opportunity to visit his former church and parishioners, as he had been the inaugural Minister of the church when it was a Presbyterian Church at an earlier time. The church service continues to provide the opportunity for members, friends and the general congregation the opportunity to share and gain knowledge of Scottish traditions and heritage.



CAA Piper Alec Beaton, on left, "addressing the haggis" supported by President Doug Maclean and Edwin Maclean.

Over the last few years the Annual General Meeting, AGM, of our association has increased its profile by having an activity being organised on the night before the meeting. In December 2005 the AGM was linked to the Daylesford Highland Gathering, at Daylesford in Victoria, approximately an hour and a half North West of Melbourne. The gathering was followed by a Scottish meal and Ceilidh at night, with the AGM following on the Sunday. Our association had a stand at the gathering joining in with many other clans and associations. The day provided the opportunity for members, friends and the general public to share the experience of having Scottish heritage. The council met during the day with our deliberations being undertaken with the sounds of pipe bands in the background. The opportunity of sharing the atmosphere of the gathering with association members and friends proved a very successful and

enjoyable day.

Scottish heritage is an important part of Australia's history. In the same way that all our clan associations are endeavouring to foster and preserve Scottish culture, the Victorian Multicultural Commission, Victorian State Government, has provided a grant to the Council of Clans to support Scottish clans and societies seeking new members. Clan Maclean Association in Australia will utilise the opportunity to seek additional membership to support and strengthen our organisation into the future.

Douglas Maclean

California / Nevada

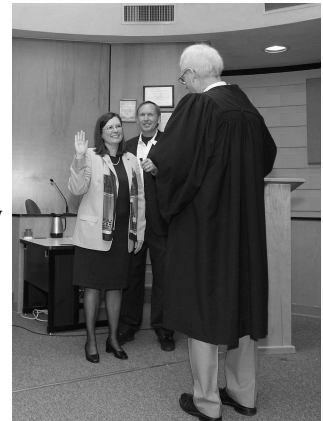
Happy New Year, Fellow clans people! I send you greetings and hope you are all well. As I reflect on our 2005 activities, I need to say Thank You to all who

helped us and made it such a successful year for us. We pitched our tent at 15 games last year, from San Diego to Sacramento and from Las Vegas and to Monterey. Thanks to Rod & Debbie, Tony & Holly, Mark & Teresa, Shannon and Roberta. They all did a great job. The tents look great and I want to thank our Vice President Rod McLean for the Tent organization, and David Lasher for the banners. Dave put a lot of work into those. Thank you both and also Jeff McLean for his donation of the sword for our raffle at the games this year. Jeff made many of the swords for the movie, "Braveheart".

Our AGM Meeting was at the Pleasanton Games in northern California last year, but we have made a change in future AGM meetings. Starting in 2006, the AGM will be will rotate every year between Southern and Northern California, with this year's meeting in the south at the Pomona games.

I would also like to give special recognition to Sandy Mclean, our Past President. First of all for a job for a job well done—she worked very hard and that has made my job much easier. And secondly to congratulate her for recent appointment. On 30 December 2005, Past President of Clan MacLean California-Nevada Sandra L. McLean was sworn in as a Superior Court Judge of Butte County, California. Judge McLean was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on November 1st 2005. Sandra spent the next two months closing down her very active law practice before being sworn in. Many of you may know Judge McLean as Sandra Schweitzer when she served as President of Clan MacLean California-Nevada. Sandra decided that she wanted to resume the use of her maiden name before she was sworn in as Judge; a decision we most certainly applaud! It's not everyday that someone soars to the top but Sandy did it. Congratulations! Another MacLean excels. We are all proud of you.

Ed McLean, President



Sandra L. MacLean is sworn in as Judge of the Superior Court of Butte County California by Judge William Patrick. At Sandra's side is her husband Douglas Keister. Doug is the Newsletter editor for Clan MacLean

MACLEAN-NET

MacleanNet – a year of major development: In last year's International BattleAxe I noted that membership of MacleanNet stood at 2800 – this year it stands at just over 3200 , a membership growth of just over one new member per day. 2005 has been significant in other areas for MacleanNet as well. The association is ten years old and our founder and first president, Donald H MacLean, decided to step down as webmaster. MacleanNet immediately co-opted Donald as a non-executive member of the council and the responsibility of the website passed to Ian McLean in Glasgow who is a professional web designer and runs his own hosting service.

Our activities rest upon three pillars: the email forums which are hosted and maintained by our VP Bob Forsman Jn; the newsgroups which are hosted by our other VP, Kenny McLean; and the website (www.maclean.org) which is hosted by our new Web Master, Ian McLean. My particular thanks go to Kenny who hosted the website for the first ten years of its life. MacleanNet resources have also been put to use in support of the CMIA and its activities by providing email services to support the administration of CMIA and the work of the newsletter editors. In addition, Ian McLean, has been assisting the Clan Maclean Association in Scotland by building and maintaining the website for the 2007 Gathering (www.clan-maclean.org) which features online registration forms for the 2007 Gathering.

The official clan website: www.maclean.org: The website has been completely transformed and it appears that the huge increase in functionality of the site plus the enhanced navigation facilities have all met with worldwide approval. The fact remains that we need to update the content rather urgently – this is being worked on right now. In the meantime, all the different CMAs around the world either have their own pages on the site or are linked to it. *Continued on page 15*

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MacleanNet Forums: The forums continue to thrive and the quantity remains very high. Membership of the individual lists remains relatively constant and, as always, the number of lurkers (those who read but do not post) continues to outnumber posters by 5: 1. Another potential area of concern has been the growing level of “spam” and our email and forum “guru”, Bob Forsman Jn, created a wonderful tool that catches around 200-300 spam mails per day. As an added protection, we have also locked the lists down so that only MacleanNetters can post.

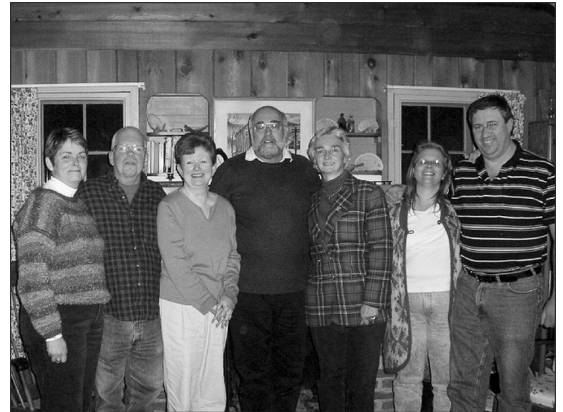
The first MacleanNet Gathering: In October 2005. Fiona and I decided to celebrate our 25th Wedding Anniversary by travelling to the USA and meeting some MacleanNetters – which seemed particularly appropriate since Fiona and I had met at a Clan Maclean Association (London) Dinner.

We flew into Boston and were welcomed by Nelson McLean who lives in nearby Wenham. We spent a fantastic couple of days with him and his wife Peggy (they were also celebrating 25 years of marriage) before heading across Massachusetts and into the Finger Lake Region of New York State. There we met up with our great friend, Deborah Dufel, (another who also celebrated 25 years of marriage in 2005) and the three of us stayed in Deb’s log cabin on the shores of Lake Skaneateles. Deb, Jami Desrosiers (a third with 25 years of marriage in 2005) and Peg Avey arranged for a number of MacleanNetters to come to the cabin on Columbus Day weekend.

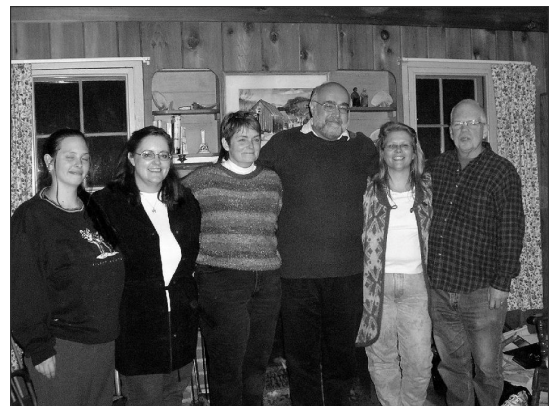
The day dawned very overcast but the cabin filled up and we welcomed Kimmary MacLean, who came with her sister Liz and mother Pam from Maryland, Jami Desrosiers and her husband Joe and their two girls, Billie Sue and Jodie from Rhode Island, Nelson and his wife Peggy from Wenham near Boston, plus Nelson’s nephew Ezekiel Wright (and, briefly, Ezekiel’s mother Ellen) from New York State, and Peg Avey and her son Patrick from somewhere near New York City. And, of course, there were Fiona, Deb and myself.

The conversation and food were abundant, and people who only chatted via the internet got some quality time face-to-face. Ezekiel and Liz both signed up for MacleanNet (as did Deb’s nephew, Ian Bell, who we met a couple of days later) and the whole event was declared a great success. We all agreed that we should arrange another Gathering sometime.

—Alasdair White, President, MacLeanNet



MacleanNetters Celebrating 25 years of marriage in 2005 (l to r): Deb Dufel (her husband Gary couldn't and Fiona, and Jami and Joe



MacleanNetters (l to r) Kimmary, Peg, Deb, Alasdair, Jami and Nelson

GENETIC GENEALOGY

The Clan MacLean / MacLaine Y-DNA Project is an effort to learn more about the origins of the clan and its various branches through genetic analysis. Since the Y-chromosome, like surnames, are passed down from father to son, to participate you must be male and bear the MacLean/MacLaine surname or one of its variant spellings. Additionally all males bearing surnames of recognized septs of the clan are welcome to join as well.

Although my father gave me the McLean surname, being female I did not inherit the requisite Y-chromosome. My father is no longer living, but he did pass on both the name and a Y-chromosome to each of my brothers, and they, in turn, passed them on to their sons. Since any one would do, I purchased a DNA collection kit last summer and lay in wait for a brother or nephew. The first to darken my door was my nephew, Matthew McLean. He willingly agreed and (just like on CSI) did swabs of the inside of his cheek, sent the kit for processing and the results have been added to the Clan Y-DNA Project Database. The success of this project is dependent on collecting as much data as possible from eligible Clansmen around the world. If you are at all interested visit either the Clan website at: <http://www.macleandna.org/Clan-macleandna.htm> or the database website at: http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=U70715&special=true for prices and additional information.

Mary McLean Hoff

New South Wales

Greetings to our Clan Maclean worldwide friends from New South Wales – Australia. This year has seen several changes to our management committee. Colin & Norma Sproule were both rewarded for their dedication to Clan Maclean in New South Wales – Australia with a presentation of Life Membership to the association.

- Colin McLean Sproule (Life Member) continued to serve the association as Secretary for 12 months before stepping down in November 2005. Colin has the honour of being the longest serving President (12 years) of the association and he continues to compile and publicise the newsletter with the assistance of his wife Norma and daughter-in law Janet.
- Norma Sproule (Life Member) has supported the association and has held committee positions for many years including the position of Secretary until November 2004. Norma continues as a committee member and in addition to assisting Colin with the newsletter of the association we look forward to her experienced and intelligent input at our regular meetings of the Clan.
- Dianna McLean has accepted the position of Treasurer following the resignation of Norma McLean who remains on the committee, and Eleanore Reichel has accepted the position of Secretary following the conclusion of the 12 month tenure as Secretary by Colin Sproule. All other positions remained unchanged.

2005 was a special year for Clan Maclean in New South Wales as we celebrated 20 years since inauguration in 1985 and a very successful fund raising raffle was held in conjunction with our namesake town of Maclean that is north of Sydney on the Clarence River. This beautiful Scottish Town is co-sponsored by our Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean and the business community contributed to our raffle prizes including accommodation, meals, drinks, river cruise and many other donations from the businesses in the township of Maclean. The prizes were won by a clan member from the Blue Mountains west of Sydney.

Many of our raffle tickets were sold at the 101st Maclean Highland Gathering Celebrations of the Town held in March 2005 that included a sunset “Ceilidh in the Park”, a Street Parade, a Kirkin O’ The Tartan service held at the Scottish Cairn on a hill overlooking the river in the valley.

Eight committee members from Clan Maclean in NSW set up a stall at the showground and in addition to taking part in the weekend celebrations Clan Maclean benefited from the exposure to a very large audience that will be of great benefit to the future growth of the

Clan.

In recognition of the 20 year anniversary of Clan Maclean in New South Wales the committee decided to issue an “Anniversary Certificate” to every financial member of the Clan in September 2005. Many members contacted the association with a positive reaction to the unexpected “Anniversary Certificate” and as a result the committee are considering the issue of a membership certificate to new members after a qualifying period.

The increased public exposure by the Clan has contributed to our increased membership during the past 12 months and a brief overview of some of those functioned visited are as follows:-

The “Salute to Australia, Edinburgh Military Tattoo” held in the Aussie Stadium, Sydney.

The annual “Bundanoon is Brigadoon” Highland Gathering in Bundanoon where we were delighted to have a visit by the President of the CMA, Captain Marcus MacLean.

Gatherings in Toukley, Aberdeen, Castle Hill, Wollongong, Lane Cove & Linwood.

The Australian Heritage Council – Scottish Week 2005 was held in Hyde Park Sydney for the first time and our stall was very busy throughout the day.

The Australian Monarch Society celebrated the 190th Anniversary of the “Battle of Waterloo” was held at NSW Parliament House, and President & Vice President Les & Dianna McLean attended a luncheon where they were presented to Her Excellency Professor Bashir AC Governor of NSW which was of great benefit to Clan Maclean in SW.

The next challenge for the Clan’s ongoing improved results is to encourage more members to attend committee meetings and younger members to take on elected positions.

Les McLean – President
Clan Maclean in NSW - Australia



At Castile Hill: From Left to Right – Ken Taylor, Gay Taylor, Norma Sproule (Life Member), Dianna McLean, Les McLean & Colin McLean Sproule (Life Member)

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CLAN MACLEAN INTERNATIONAL GATHERING 2007

The Clan MacLean Association in Scotland is organising an International Gathering on Mull from Tuesday 19th to Sunday 24th June 2007

The programme for the Gathering is as follows:

Tuesday 19th June Check in at the Reception Centre at the Aros Hall, Tobermory and collect your Gathering Folder and Name Tags.

Wednesday 20th June There are two organised trips being arranged -

1. *Visit to Iona* - coach from Tobermory.
2. *Visit to Salen and Central Mull* - coach from Tobermory to Aros Castle, Pennygown Medieval Church, Maclean Stones & MacQuarrie Mausoleum at Gruline.

Thursday 21st June There are three organised trips being arranged -

1. *Visit to Iona* - coach from Tobermory.
2. *Visit to the Maclean Heartland of Broilass then to the Ross of Mull* - coach from Tobermory to 1582 Beaton Cross and Herb garden, Killunaig Burial Ground, Bunessan and the Ross of Mull Heritage Centre.
3. *Visit to Staffa and Treshnish Islands from Ulva Ferry* - limited numbers and travel to ferry by own arrangements.

Friday 22nd June

1. *Clan Congress* - Maclean Marquee, Tobermory at 11am. All welcome.
2. *"Friends of the Heritage Trust"* - a Reception at Torloisk House - restricted to members.
3. *Chief's Grand Ceilidh (Concert)* - at Maclean Marquee, Tobermory at 8pm.

Saturday 23rd June

1. *Main Clan Gathering* - at Duart Castle from 10.30am to 5pm.
2. *Grand Dance* - at Maclean Marquee, Tobermory at 8pm.

Sunday 24th June *Ecumenical Church Service in Tobermory.*

Reception Centre

The Reception Centre at the Aros Hall, Tobermory will be open throughout the Gathering. Co-located there will be the Clan Association Shop; the Heritage Trust Stand; the MacleanNet Centre; a Genealogy Unit and a Coffee Room.

Booking of Accommodation

It is anticipated that there will be a heavy demand for accommodation on Mull during the Gathering. It is up to those attending to make their own arrangements and this can be done by contacting:

Craignure Tourist Information Centre - Isle of Mull, Argyll PA65 6AX
Tel: 01680 812377; Fax: 01680 812497; Email info@mull.visitscotland.com
Visit their web sites at: www.visitscotland.com and
www.visitscottishheartlands.org

Registration for the Gathering

Enclosed in this magazine is the Registration and Events Booking Form which you should complete and send to the Gathering Secretary: **Mrs Vera MacLean, 2 Fullerton Drive, Seamill, Ayrshire KA23 9HT, UK.** Alternatively, you can now book online by going to web site - www.maclean.org - click on "Gatherings".