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Madam Arabella's Column



Fellow Kincaids, Kinsfolk, Friends,

Our youngest (Kalula, aged five) has come home this week with great excitement clutching a note from her teacher saying that she will be an Angel in

the Christmas nativity play this year at her school. A familiar story in many homes and a reminder that all the joy and fun of Christmas (including dreaming up costumes for Angels and donkeys etc.!) is just around the corner now. When we finally get through the hurly burly of the run up to Christmas Day itself I always enjoy the time to settle and reflect as a family on the best memories and the highs and lows of the past year and look forward to all that the new year has to offer.

2014 was a great year for our Clan Society and thanks to James Brisbin and Kathi Kincaid there was the great summer Clan Kincaid Tour. It was a real joy for Angus and me to be able to spend the few days with those of you who were on the tour and have a proper amount of time to talk, even if all too briefly, to everyone there. We enjoyed the most special and memorable time beginning at Kincaid House for lunch after which we walked around the ruins of Lennox Castle. It was so sad to see the current state of the building although it was still fun to climb through the wire and peep through the huge keyhole of the front door and imagine the Downton Abbey type of interior that existed not too very long ago. When my Great Grandparents moved out of Lennox Castle they actually moved to a place called Downton Castle in Shropshire which is where I grew up.

During our few days in Scotland Angus and I stayed with my Godfather who grew up in Campsie Glen. I had taken some old photograph albums - passed on to me from my Grandmother Madam Heather - with me as there were one or two photographs of him as a baby in it alongside my Father. As we sat having tea in the garden looking through them I was unprepared for all the memories that poured forth from the time that his family and mine were such close neighbours. Many of the memories I had not heard before. Next time there is a tour I hope he may be able to come and bring the past alive to us all as he remembers so much so clearly.

We are so incredibly blessed as a Clan Society to have such a vibrant and committed team headed up by David and Barbara and supported so ably by Suzanne with her



incredible team of Commissioners. The Commissioner kit has been an inspired idea and if it hasn't been already I imagine



other Clans will be copying it! Welcome to you Lonny as you take on the mantle of Commissioner for Indiana and I want to thank you and all the other Commissioners for your generosity of spirit as you host the tents in the name of our Clan.



I would like to take this opportunity to say a couple of Thank yous. First of all to Kathi for the tireless work she has put in over the last four years. A time over which she has risen to all the challenges that have come her way. Kathi also did the most professional job assisting James with the tour in Scotland last summer showing that she is a dab hand with the microphone and can lead a group with ease and a sense of fun! I am so glad that Kathi will be continuing as Commissioner for Montana so we are not losing you from the team altogether!

I would also like to extend a warm thank you to Bev Kincaid for taking up the reins of the Wee Shopper when there wasn't very much in the shop! Bev has done the most amazing job with the Wee Shopper. I remember when we were talking about ideas and possibilities in the tea shop in Campsie Glen in 2009 and a lot has happened since then. I can hardly believe 5 years have gone by already. There has been much change and growth within the Kincaid Clan Society and Bev has played a key role in the transformation of the Wee Shopper. A hearty Welcome to you Rick as you take the Wee Shopper to the next stage.

At the end of November and in my capacity as a member of the Executive of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs I will be going to the Palace of Holyroodhouse with my husband Giles and Angus and Jessie to a reception for the Heirs to the Chiefs. I have been working on the planning of this with the Chief of Macnab and we will be hosted by Their Graces The Duke and Duchess of Hamilton. This is an occasion to encourage the young Heirs to forge connections that will help them as they prepare to work out their role as Chief in due course.

As I go now to think about suitable Angel costumes for Kalula, I wish all of you a very Happy Christmas with, above all, a time to remember what Christmas is all about beneath the heavy layer of tinsel, mince pies long queues and relentless advertising campaigns. May all your Christmases be blessed and may the Angels, both big and small, be present in all our homes!

Arabella







A Word From our President, David Kincaid (73)



The Clan Kincaid Association Constitution calls for a meeting of the Board of Officer to be held each year during the month of February. The membership must be notified of the

agenda 60 days in advance. The agenda for our meeting of February 2015 will be a discussion of the need to revise our Constitution.

Our members will be notified of any decision made by the Board of Officers. If you have additional agenda items that you would like for us to discuss, please contact me by

email (presiden@clankincaid.org).

Congratulations to Rick Kincaid our new Wee Shopper Manager. I appreciate your willingness to assume this very important position. I also want to thank Beverely Kincaid for the outstanding job she has done with the Wee Shopper over the years.

Congratulations are also in order for Lonny Kincaid our new Indiana Commissioner. I understand that his tent with the help of his wife Angela won Best Tent at his first Highland Games hosting event in Indiana.



I do appreciate all the work our volunteer members do to help make us an outstanding Clan.

In Kinship,

David

BOARD MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Clan Kincaid Constitution calls for an Annual Meeting to be held during the month of February. It allows that the meeting be held electronically. Telephone conference calls don't work. Too many try to talk at a one time, and it's difficult to determine who is talking. I plan holding the meeting by email with the Board of Officers. Our only topic will be a discussion about any concerns members have regarding the Clan Constitution. Members are encouraged to con-



tact me before February 1st if they feel there needs to be changes. Any changes to the Constitution will be brought to the membership for a vote.

David Kincaid President, Clan Kincaid Association, International

A Word From our WebMaster, Grant Kincaid (1078)



Here are some stats from Google concerning the Clan Kincaid Website for the month of October 2014. It is good to see that people are looking at the site and hopefully I will see more in the future.

- Total number of visits: 386
- Average time someone spends of the site: 3:22 minutes
- Average number of pages viewed in a single session: 3
- Bounce rate (Number of people leaving the site without visiting any pages): 45%

Respectfully, *Grant*

Meet the new Membership Director Steve Kincaid (L-123)



I have been a member of Clan Kincaid for about 10 years (#768) and have recently upgraded my membership to Life. My wife Dawn is an annual member.

We live outside the tiny town of Glendale in the heart of Kentucky.

I was born in Kentucky and was raised there and later in southern Ohio. I have a bachelor's degree from Miami University and a master's from the Pennsylvania State University. I was employed by the Department of Defense as an applied biologist for over 30 years including 15 years as a program manager and supervised other scientists. My position required extensive travel overseas which exposed me to many different cultures. My wife Dawn (originally from Madeira, OH) is a Professional Engineer, now retired. We both worked in the Philadelphia, PA area and soon after my retirement we moved to Kentucky to be closer to our families.

I have been a member and held many offices in volunteer organizations over the past 40 years. I was the President of a community board of health and long time member and secretary of two volunteer fire and rescue companies. I have also volunteered on a community dispute resolution committee and at our county history museum. I have written by-laws and chaired several fundraising campaigns. I am proficient in many types of computer software including Microsoft Access, Excel, and Word.

Dawn and I were on the 2014 Clan trip to Scotland. The trip and conversations with other Clan members inspired me to take a more active role in our organization. One of my goals is to work closely with our Com-

missioners to help recruit new members. I would also like to increase the number of Life members.



In Kinship Steve







"Ah Kincaid"?!!! (Part 2) [From James Brisbin's Clan Gathering Official Report]



Editor Comment: From 9-24 Aug 14, Clan Kincaid attended a Clan Gathering in Scotland. This was a two part tour - A "Core" visit from 9–16 Aug and an "Extended" visit from 18-24 Aug. I covered the "Core" tour in the Sep/Oct Defender and this time you will read about the events of the "Extended" tour.

<u>August 17th – Sunday</u>.



Extended Tour begins, leaving Dunblane Hydro



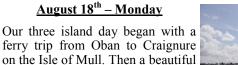
Norma Allan taking over from Jean Blair, Dunblane Hydro Hotel

departing for home or other destinations. Then those going on the extended tour had breakfast and departed for Oban with our new guide, Norma Allan, and our new driver, Jack, who we had to caution as his speed was causing some alarm with his passengers. We had a smaller coach and the sensation different from the large coach did make a difference. Again a rainy day with high winds. We stopped for a short (weather) visit to Dunstaffnage Castle then on to Oban where we dropped our bags and went for a walk in town. Dinner at the hotel and a quiet evening recovering from the busy week behind us.

Up early to say good bye to those



Walt & Adena Kincaid in Oban







the trip because of rough seas. No one felt that he made a poor decision which was good. It did give us an extended time on Iona to visit the

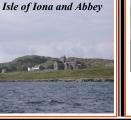
drive to Fionneport where we

boarded our boat for the Isle of

Staffa. The weather had cleared but

not the sea and part way there the

captain made the decision to cancel



ruins of the Monastery, the grave yard of the Kings and the restored Abbey. Lots of time for shopping as well before the return trip.

<u>August 19th – Tuesday</u>





Today we travelled first to the private estate of Laird Steven Kincaid where the group paid homage to our noble travelling companion for the privilege of visiting the lands so graciously given him by his family. Lots of candy bars and scotch and many laughs. On to Fort William and a photo stop at Neptunes Ladder (Locks) on the Cale-

donia Canal before continuing to Glenfinnan to the monument to the beginning of the "45"



where Bonnie Prince Charlie started his campaign to restore the Stewart

Dynasty to Scotland. Lunch in Mallaig then on the ferry to Armadale and a visit to the Clan Donald Centre and Armadale Castle. Then on to Broadford for dinner and the night.

August 20th - Wednesday



Clan Kincaid visits Dunvegan Castle, home of Chief of Clan McLeod, Skye



lorful Portree, Sound of Raasay, Isle of Skye Our touring began with a visit to Dunvegan Castle followed by lunch in Portree. In the afternoon we visited Kilt Rock , the Museum of Highland Life and the beautiful scenery of the Quiraing. Jack man-

aged to make two wrong turns but to his credit he did make it down the narrow switch back road from the



road from the Quiraing to the village of Staffin.



August 21 - Thursday Our first stop today was Eilean Donan

Eilean Donan Castle



Castle. The highlight of this visit was meeting Brian

Kincaid Dunstan and his new wife Megan who were on their honeymoon. We exchanged contact information and hopefully introduction the might result in a new member.

The day was on again off again weather. We drove



through beautiful Glen Shiel and Glen Moriston to Urguhart Castle for a visit then on to Drumnodrochit for shopping. We changed the itinerary for Saturday and moved the visit to the Clava Cairns to today to ease pressure and balance the two days better. It worked. It was

Lush hillsides with heather bracken fern, and rushing

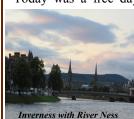


suggested that we skip the



seemed really glad to have had time to visit the "Pile of Stones"

August 22nd – Friday Today was a free day for everyone. Some took the



opportunity to shop til they dropped, some sailed the Loch Ness, some traveled to northern Scotland by rail and some took the opportunity to catch up on a little sleep.

August 23rd – Saturday

A busy day with first a visit to Fort George. The Scots Grey Regiment is stationed there but four companies were in England at the moment and the fifth was on leave. We only saw two soldiers. On then to Elgin Cathedral for a good visit. There was a mix up for lunch. We were booked but another coach arrived before us

and the hotel staff assumed it was us and served them our lunch. They scurried about quickly and did give us a good fish and chip lunch after all.

After lunch we drove to Pluscarden Abbey and were fortunate to arrive in time to hear one of the monk's short services. Our travels continued with a visit to Cawdor Castle. We arrived at the same time as several coaches from a cruise ship so it was busy.

We concluded our day's activities with a visit to the

Culloden Battlefield site. We did have time to

Elgin Cathedra

Clan Kincaid members

linger near the Memorial

Cairn at Culloden Battle

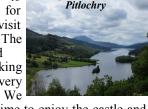
explore as we did not have the Clava Cairns on our agenda for the day.

August 24th - Sunday Our final day began

with a visit to the Dalwhinney Distillery where we had a good tour and lots of opportunity to buy product. Then on to Pitlochry for lunch where we were joined by Ronnie and Carole Pook who had an opportunity to say good-bye to the group and present each family with a copy of the group photo taken at the Gala. We then went to Queen's View for a scenic photo stop. We The Queens View near

backtracked to Blair Castle for our final visit of the day. The weather held today making the visit very

enjovable.



had lots of time to enjoy the castle and grounds before making the final leg of our drive to Glasgow. Kathi again took the collection and presented Norma and Jack with a gratuity for providing fine service.

We had our goodbye dinner in the restaurant

where Kathi was presented with a handbag decorated with her favourite critters - dogs and I was presented with a Ouaich filled with mints and Dalwhinney Scotch. Lots of laughs and great fellowship all around.

In Gratitude

We garnered a new Life Member in Walter Kincaid of Madoc, Ontario. We have had interest shown by one traveler in organizing another Clan Kincaid Gathering in the future, and one who may be interested in trying for the position of Membership Director in the elections of 2016 and one who may be interested in becoming a Commissioner. So the Clan Kincaid Gathering 2014 has certainly provoked some major interest in the Clan organization.

So many people made this tour a success. To try to

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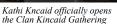
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name them all would only mean that I might leave someone out. Having said that I must make mention of Kathi Kincaid who so willingly stepped forwarded to help in so many ways making my tasks so much easier. I would also be amiss if I did not mention Dawn Kincaid who stepped forward











"Ah Kincaid" !!! (Part 2) Continued

In Gratitude (Continued)

I am sure she will provide our Communications Director with a great many photos from which to choose in putting together the next edition of "The Defender".



I will be getting many Thank You" notes off to a



Steve and Dawn Kincaid

people over the next few days to express my personal thanks for making this truly a memorable experience.

> James R. Brisbin Co – Host Clan Kincaid Gathering 2014.

A Word From Our Communications Director, Robert T Kincaid, Jr. Lt Colonel, USAF (760)



A hearty Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to all of you!

Well, another year is drawing to a close and it has been an enjoyable one

putting out the various editions of the Defender. The biggest challenge was putting together the Sep/Oct edition covering the Clan Gathering in Scotland. My thanks to James Brisbin for the great report that provided the basis for the Gathering coverage in the Defender. I also need to thank Dawn Kincaid who took the many pictures you saw in that edition and the final segment in this edition. A thank you to Robert Kincaid III who also provided many pictures and comments for the Defender. Also, I want to thank Keith Hedlund (Colorado) and Adena Kincaid (Ontario) who assisted Dawn taking pictures during the tour.

The final segment of the Clan Gathering can be found in this edition of the Defender and I hoped you enjoy the story told.

In keeping with the earlier editions of the Defender,



I reflect the various holidays in the months covered by each Defender. This editions holidays are Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

I hope next year will find more inputs from the Clan membership. We can definitely use inputs into the "Letters to The Editors" section. I would love to get comments from the Gathering attendees on their memories of the trip. This is your news-

letter and your inputs are needed and appreciated.

In Kinship, Bob



A Word from Our Clan Treasurer Paul Wood (IL-83)



Treasurer Report—November 2014

Receipts for the quarter starting September 5th and ending November 15th were \$360.00. Expenses for the quarter

were \$1869.16. \$500 was a transfer to the Wee Shopper Account. The printing and shipping costs were \$1,036.51. Banking supplies and fees were \$96.56. Reimbursements for tent setups were \$236.09. This leaves a balance of \$5,968.06 as of November 15th. Receipts should pick up with annual dues coming. Printing costs continue to go down as more people switch to digital subscription.

Hopefully the PayPal account will be setup soon to make paying dues easier. If you have any concerns or recommendations please email me.

> In Kinship, Paul



Thank You Bev Kincaid (456)



For all of the hard work and dedication that Beverly provided, Clan Kincaid Association International Board of *Officers, and approved by the Chief,* awarded her an Honorary Life Mem-

bership in Clan Kincaid. Congratulations and good luck in your future endeavors.

Thank You Kathi Kincaid (608)



For all of the hard work and dedication that Kathi provided Clan Kincaid Association International as Membership Director and previous Communications Director, The Board of Officer's, with

the Chief's approval, awarded her an Honorary Life Membership in Clan Kincaid. Congratulations and we wish her God's speed in her future endeavors.

A Word From The Clan (Past) Membership Director, Kathi Kincaid (608)



Dear Clan Kincaid Association International Members,

After a fabulous trip to Scotland with some of the best people on Earth (Kincaids of course) I re-

turned to late summer in Montana. We were very lucky not to have smoke from forest fires this year and enjoyed a beautiful autumn. Now it's turned to winter and the excitement of driving in snow and ice. Good thing I have the great memories of our trip to keep me warm.

I'm sorry to say that this will be my last membership report. My life has gotten just too busy for me to continue as Membership Director. Luckily, Steve Kincaid of Kentucky has been offered and accepted the post. I will assist him through the transition and will continue as Commissioner to the great State of Montana. I'm very happy to have been able to help the Clan and hope to continue to do so in one way or the other for many years to come. Thank you all for your support and friendship. It means so much to me!

My latest membership roster update shows a total of 293 out of 362 members either have life memberships or have renewed their memberships for 2014. That means I still need to hear from nearly 70 of you and it is nearly the end of the year! Won't you please pick up that checkbook and help us close out the year with a bang?

Thank you to all who have given gift memberships to members of your family in the past. If you haven't already, wouldn't they make great Christmas gifts? If you really want to spoil your loved ones, upgrade them to life memberships so they will never have to worry about the dues! What a great present that would be, both to your loved one and to the Clan. The Annual Membership is only \$20.00 USD and a Life Membership is only \$250 USD. Please send your membership application and dues to:

> Kathi Kincaid 2118 S Higgins Ave Missoula, MT 59801

Our sincere thanks to our NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

- L-122 Walter Kincaid, Madoc, Ontario, Canada, with a special thanks to his lovely wife Adena Kincaid.
- L-123 Stephen P Kincaid, Kentucky (Our new Membership Director!)
- L-124 Matthew William Kincaid, Kentucky (Steve's nephew)

A hearty welcome to our **newest annual members** for 2014 (some of these new members received their memberships as a gift!)

- 1180 James L Kincaid, Wyoming
- 1181 Susan Roberts, Texas
- 1182 Dolores Morrison, Washington
- 1183 William C Myers, Colorado
- 1184 Linda Perez, US Virgin Islands
- 1185 Dawn Kincaid, Kentucky
- 1186 Jennifer Barton, Indiana
- 1187 James Miles, California
- 1188 Milton Blain Sharp, Colorado
- 1189 Christopher Kinkead, Tennessee
- 1190 Ralph Mauck, Colorado
- 1191 James Christman, Colorado
- 1192 Landon Mauck, Colorado
- 1193 Robert Mauck, Colorado
- 1194 Christopher Mauck, Colorado

Moran Taing (Scots Gaelic for "Thank you very much"),

Kathi

Endowment Fund

FAYETTE, Iowa (AP) - A former student has donated \$1.65 million to help restore the cheerleading squad at Upper Iowa University. Officials at the northeast Iowa school say Diane Harms has established the Diane Kinkead Harms Cheer Endowment with \$1.5 million and donated an additional \$150,000 for immediate program support. The money will pay for a full-time head coach and operational expenses, with a goal of forming a competitive cheer team.



Harms and her husband, Steve Harms, graduated from the university in 1973. He'd played football there for four years, and she was a cheerleader there for three years.



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A Word From the Chief Commissioner, Suzanne Hakeos (1118)



Happy Holidays Everyone,

I wanted to thank every Commissioner for the amazing job they did in hosting tents this year! It was such a great year and I am so glad to meet so many wonderful people through the Clan Kincaid Association. I am looking forward to next year as my husband and I will be covering a few states without a Commissioner to host tents

and meeting more members. We are looking into events in Virginia, Tennessee and / or Georgia.

There are still so many states that do not have a Commissioner. If you are interested in finding out more about this wonderful position please drop me an email with your contact information.

> My Best Always, *Suzanne Hakeos*

A Word From the NEW Indiana Commissioner LONNY KINCAID (487)



Ang and I riding the

Falkirk Wheel

My name is Lonny Kincaid. I am 43 years old, and I just finished up my bachelor's degree in I.T., which is what I currently work as. My wife, Angela is also 43 and she is an accounting manager. I have 2 daughters and a grandson. I play Bass in 2 bands and I am endorsed by Hartke Bass Amps. I have a passion for my clan and have even tattooed our Tartan and Kilt on my right forearm. In 2012, I finally was able to go to the motherland for 12 days. Staying at the Kincaid house room 2, was Heaven. If Heaven were a place on Earth, it would be Scotland. Being a Scot is not just a ti-

tle, but a proud heritage, and one step further is being a Kincaid.

As Commissioner I plan to get to any and all Clan events in Indiana, and if need be, abroad. No more will I or any Kincaid go to a Scottish event hoping to see his/her clan, only to be let down. It will be my sworn duty to assist the Clan in any way possible. I have the support of my wife, who has many great ideas that I intend to tap into. Being considered is a great honour that I do not take lightly. I would like to see the Indiana Kincaid's together, enjoying our rich heritage, perhaps even learning more about the history of our clan.

In closing, I would like to thank Suzanne and her husband for finding us in Columbus Indiana and allowing us to march with the clan. My goal is to bring the same feelings of happiness and pride to Kincaids that are not in the society, and bring them in. I have been a life member of the clan for a bit, but seeing the clan in action brought it home to me. Thanks to our Chief Madam Arabella Kincaid of Kincaid, and our President, David Kincaid, as well as all else that serve the clan in any capacity. I look forward to serving and with the blessing of all I shall.



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Colorado Long's Peak Scottish Irish Festival 2014



Clan Kincaid was proudly out in force at the Long's Peak Scottish Irish Festival in Estes Park, Colorado the first weekend in September, as a first time Commissioner for Clan Kincaid in Colorado all I have to say is, "Wow!"



Had attended the event before as a civilian but it is a whole new world when you are working from the Clan Kincaid

table and meeting all the other wonderful people, all of whom *Pam Koshio and David Kincaid*

comparable James Brisbin, President Emeritus, and the most excellent First Clan Kincaid Colorado Commissioner Pamela Kincaid Koshio. James came down from Canada to show us the ropes and was more than generous, backing us up and sharing from his wealth of knowledge on all things Kincaid. His experience was invaluably helpful and built our confidence and commitment. Pamela was able to join us to pass the torch and happily brought her husband Miki and two wonderful sons, Cade and Kai, who made a great addition to the healthy contingent of 16 Kincaids and their friends who came up to help.

Pamela and James did this event the last two years largely on their own. I cannot imagine how difficult that was, I had many helpers and it was still a challenge! Full scale credit and blessings to them both for the work of building Clan Kincaid here in Colorado!

One of the things that stood out for me was how much fun the Festival is. Over 80 thousand people attend to see the Jousting, Tossing the Caber, contests, dancing, food and music; all in the magnificent setting of our Colorado Rockies. Kilts, banners and regalia everywhere! The other Clans came over to our table and introduced themselves, helped with advice and friendship and were great good fun! Lots of history was shared, stories told and more jokes than you might believe; some of them can even be repeated. We all had a great time, with warming fellowship, singing and a lot of great conversation around the campfire. A few single malts too as well as the famous Cousin Janet Lamb Stew! We were also a multi-generational Clan Kincaid with ages ranging from 4 to 90 plus.

If you are on the fence about attending one of the many Scottish or Celtic festivals and representing the Kincaids, get off the fence. Do it! You will find a lot of fun, friendship and fantastic memories. I encourage you to do so, your Kincaid family, like ours here in Colorado, will grow and you will learn a lot. Draft everyone so you have time to get out and about and meet the other Clans. So whether you are willing to Host a table or help out those who do, step forward proudly. Guaranteed, you will be glad you did! It is a positive experience and an enjoyable way to project and protect our Kincaid heritage.

And welcome to our new members! The Maucks – London, Roberta, Christopher and Ralph. Also James Christman and our renewal Chris A Kincaid.



David, James Brisbin plus one

In Kinship, already planning next year,

Patrick Kincaid Clan Kincaid Colorado Commissioner





Kevin Kincaid Nelson and friends



Commissioners (Continued)

Minnesota (Continued)

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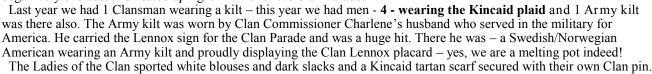
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Oregon Clan at the Portland Games!

Clan Kincaid made our second year-in-row appearance at the Portland Oregon Scottish Games! Our Tent set up was done the day prior to the actual Games. On Game day we had volunteer cousins laying out our displays and hanging banners. We all agree the Banner we borrowed from the Clan, is the best! It's clear and colorful and was perfect to carry in our Parade Of Clans. Our day began very overcast and heated up right in time for the Clan Parade!





Clan ready for parade

There were new additions to the group in the Parade this year. We had a total of 6 women and 5 gentlemen and 3 youth marching proudly in the Parade of Clans. There were over 12 who thru illness and work, who were unable to make it this year BUT – NEXT year 2015 we expect to even be a larger group than this year – AY Kincaid! Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Kincaid Lloyd and Charlene Kincaid Johnson

Oregon Clan Commissioners



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Jim, Joe and Ron Kincaid

149th Scottish Highland Gathering presented by The Caledonian Club of San Francisco

This is advertised as the largest Highland Games and Gathering outside of Scotland and I believe that is true from the size of the crowds and the number of bands and events. Wow 700 pipes and drums create a huge, mellow sound in the grandstand! This is actually a larger massed band display than we saw at the wonderful, Edinburgh Tattoo in August in Scotland.

This year Ray Zimmerman, who was with us on the Scotland tour, co-hosted the Kincaid Clan Tent with Mary and me. He traveled all the way from Monterey, CA on Friday afternoon to help set up the tent, then returned home and came back again on Saturday and Sunday Thanks Ray.

There were more clan tents this year than in the past. In fact there were so many that there was no more room and we all had to keep records of visitors to prove that we justi- Sven and Miranda Kincaid with their fied the space we take up. We have already reserved our tent-space for next year's, 150th gathering. Some clans, who order late, will be disappointed. Many Clan Chiefs and Association Presidents will be here to celebrate this milestone achievement and there will be

all kinds of special events and programming.

One of our goals each year is to sign up new clan members for our clan. This is not a simple process because of our membership/calendar year requirements. We, personally, add \$2 per month to their applications so that they can receive a full next year membership and not be invoiced for the following year before they have even received their first issue of the Defender.

My wife Mary made up some large displays of photographs with commentaries of our trip to Scotland for the Clan Tent. Interestingly, Dr. Thomas Browne from San Francisco, CA came by, noticed our pictures of Lennox Castle, and said that he had actually been born there in 1949.

Sven Kincaid and his family are faithful visitors to the Clan tent and we try to catch all of the Scottish Country Dancing events that they are involved in. Sven, Miranda and their daughters Maya and Talia are always very busy and on display at the Country Dancing stages. They look good in their Kincaid tartan kilts and their dancing skills are impressive.

We always look forward to greeting Chris and Diana Kincaid to see how much their children Donovan and Delaney have grown. Chris and his uncle, Thom Kincaid, have been competitors and are now judges of the caber tossing events.

We had, this year, one of our largest groups marching in the "Parade of The Clans", in front of the Grandstand. Our cry of "A Kincaid!" could be heard by all. Thanks to all who participated.

The Gathering and Games are presently located in Pleasanton, CA at the Alameda County Fairgrounds and this year the dates were August 30 & 31, 2014. The 2015 Games will be held September 5th & 6th.

Jack Kincaid, Commissioner for Northern California, USA



daughters Maya and Talia and Miranda's mother Dorothy Gitman



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Clan Gathering In Tennessee

Kentucky Co-Commissioners Ann Prothro & Paul Wood welcomed a group of nearly 20 clansmen & clanswomen and spouses to a Brentwood, Tennessee, dinner party Ann hosted honoring Life Member Andrew Wood & his fiancée, Bonnie Hatcher, both 3rd year law students at Belmont College of Law in Nashville. The couple, who studied at Oxford University this past summer, plan to be married on December 20 in Chattanooga, Bonnie's hometown. Eleven of those present descended from Mary Ann Kincaid Weisiger via either William, Belle, or Lucy Lee, three of her nine children. Ann made a short genealogy presentation of a modified descendancy chart passed out to everyone detailing the relationships of all the family members present, the majority living in the Nashville area. Toasts were given to the happy couple and also to the new clan Treasurer, Paul Wood.

For Sale

Brand new men's XL fully lined black win breaker with embroidered Kincaid Clan Badge. \$48 postage paid. Please contact Karen Davis at <u>bunkerbuddy@q.com</u>.











The Clan Chief, Madam Arabella, recently approved the nomination of Rick Kincaid to be the Wee Shopper Manager. Rick is program director for the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution's "Operation Ancestor Search." He is a Louisville native who has worked in print and broadcast media, communications and public affairs in the governmental, corporate and non-profit sectors. He is active with numerous genealogical and historical societies, civic and professional organizations. Rick and his wife, Deirdre, have three children.



A Word from our Wee Shopper Manager, Rick Kincaid (1119)



Wee Shopper News – December, 2014

Please let me introduce myself. I'm Rick Kincaid, your new Wee Shopper Manager from Louisville, KY. I'm

pleased and honored that the Clan Kincaid leadership has placed its trust and confidence in me to assume the position that was literally built by Beverly Kincaid. I could never remotely hope to fill Bev's shoes, but I'll do my best! I wish to thank Bev profusely for her help, advice and patience with me as we have navigated the Wee Shopper transition process (and will continue to do so!)

<u>Goals and Plans</u>. You won't see many changes or new products added to the Wee Shopper in the immediate future. I have some ideas for new products, but first, I'd like to have a better idea of what you the members would like to see.

My main objective is to provide excellent customer service and make it as easy as possible for you to deal with the Wee Shopper.

<u>**PayPal</u>**. The major change is that effective immediately we will accept payment by PayPal. If you already use PayPal, you know how easy it is. If not, and if you'd like to pay online, please go to <u>www.PayPal.com</u> and click "**Sign Up**." Then select "**Personal**" account and enter your contact information. You then will need to link your credit/debit card and/or bank account to your PayPal account.</u>

When you wish to pay for your order by PayPal, just go to your account, click on "Send Money," enter the total amount due, and send the email to <u>ShopClanKincaid@gmail.com</u>. It's that easy!

<u>**Tartan Fabric**</u>. Some of you have expressed interest in obtaining bulk quantities of Kincaid Ancient tartan fabric. Anyone can buy tartan yardage directly from <u>www.Locharron.com</u>, but the prices are considerably higher for individual online purchases.

Locharron can offer us the fabric both in lightweight and heavyweight wool at the following wholesale prices: Lightweight (Reiver), 10 oz., 59" wide, \$44.50 per yard (compared to \$80.76 online direct.)

Heavyweight (Strome), 16oz., 54" wide, \$54.00 per yard (compared to \$101.76 online direct.)

If our wholesale bulk order is for 63 yards or more, the price of each is reduced by about 17%.

Before we can consider placing an order with Locharron of Scotland, we must determine exactly how many members are interested.

If you would like to order the tartan, please contact me as soon as possible with your name, the amount of tartan, and the weight that you wish to order. When we determine the final costs (based on the quantity of our order) we'll then contact all interested members to notify them individually.

Blanket/Rug. The same situation applies to the 100% Lambs wool Blanket/Rug. Before they sold out, the price was \$82.00. Before we can re-stock them, we need to know how many to order, which also will determine the price that we will charge.

As with the tartan above, please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to order the rug.

Email Updates. I plan to post updates for the Wee Shopper on the Clan Kincaid website and on the Clan Kincaid Facebook page, between issues of the "Defender." But if you wish to be notified immediately by email, I ask that you please send me your preferred email address so that I can add you to the notification list.

In Kinship,

Rick

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