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A Note to Members of Clan Kincaid from the Communications Director

In September, a Clan Kincaid gathering was held at Estes Park Colorado and with the Boards concurrence, I am dedicating this issue of the Defender to that Gathering. Members who did not make the Gathering will be able to see many of the sights the attendees saw while those who attended will be able to relive some of the experience.

This issue will cover the months of September, October, November and December 2016. This is required as the "Gathering" issue has taken sometime to pull together. Additionally, combining the September and December issues will reduce Clan expenditures for 2016.

I wish to thank <u>Lance Knauss</u> whose work as the "Official Gathering Photographer" provided me with so many pictures to use in the newsletter. He spent a lot of time taking pictures for us the Clan owes him and his wife Donna - a super "Thank You".

I hope all Clan Members enjoy this issue of the Defender!

In Kinship,
ROBERT T. KINCAID, JR.
Communications Director
Clan Kincaid Association International

DVD and Pictures Available

Want copies of the great photos of the Gathering? Lance Knauss has also developed a DVD of the Gathering that many members may want to have. Please contact him at <u>canabalk@msn.com</u> for details. The video can also be seen on the Clan Kincaid Web and Facebook pages.

Possible Future Clan Kincaid Gatherings

Now that the 2016 Gathering is behind us, discussions have started on future Gatherings. Here are a couple of ideas floating around and if you have any additional ideas, let a Board member know.

- Gathering 2017 in Scotland when our Clan Chief, Madam Arabella is honored at the Royal Edinburgh Tattoo
- ♦ Gathering 2018 at North America's largest Scottish Festival in Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina

WANTED

Clan Kincaid is in need of a Communications Director as Bob Kincaid has finished his time in the job. If you want this extremely self-gratifying and enjoyable job, contact Bob Kincaid or David Kincaid IMMEDIATELY!!!!





Kincaid Clan Meet and Greet

























Membership Dues Have Changed

It is time again to renew your membership - must be done by the end of December 2016. But you need to be aware that membership dues have changed. An ANNUAL membership is \$25.00 and a FAMILY Membership is \$35.00!!!!!





Games and Activities

Dancing



Shopping





























Messages from the Board of Directors

A Note from the Treasurer and Membership Director, Steve Kincaid (L-123 $\,$)

Congratulations and thanks to our new Life Members:



Robert T. Kincaid (L-140) Virginia Lynn I.W. Kincaid (L-141) Virginia Jo Anna Camp (L-142) West Virginia

Welcome to our first Family Member:

James and Nancy Jordan Family (F-001) Oregon

Please also welcome our newest annual Members

Jennifer Barton (M-1236) Indiana **Grant Richards (M-1237)** Nebraska Wendy Williamson (M-1238) Minnesota Phyllis Kincaid (M-1239) Texas Illinois Rebecca Helmeid (M-1240 Stacie Helmeid (M-1241 Illinois Tiffany Bury (M-1242) Illinois Brenda Boen (M-1244) Texas Carla Staub (M-1245) Oregon Julie Staub (M-1246) Oregon James Jackson (M-1247) Colorado

Steve

A Note from the Chief Commissioner, Suzanne Hakeos (M-1118)



I want to thank everyone for the wonderful support and kinship I have received as Chief Commissioner the last several years. It is an honor I will hold dear to my heart. I will remain with the Clan Association as a member and Indiana Commissioner as I finish my Master's degree in Nursing. I want to say congratulations to our new Chief Commissioner, Karen Davis. Karen is the Arizona Commissioner and is a wonderful addition to the Association's Board. I

look forward to working with her as we transition the position over this winter.

May you all have a wonderful Fall season and best wishes always.

In Kinship, Suzanne

Membership Renewal

It is time again to renew your membership - must be done by the end of December 2016.

If you desire a copy of the Clan Kincaid Membership List, please contact the President at president@clankincaid.org





Messages from the Board of Directors (Continued)

A_Note_from_the_Treasurer_Steve_Kincaid_(_

Dues Notice:

The 2017 dues notices went out the first week of October. Only those members who will owe dues for 2017 were sent a letter. If you didn't receive an invoice but think you should have, please contact me at membership@clankincaid.org.

This year our bank significantly increased their currency conversion fees, we therefore need to require that all dues be submitted in US dollars.

Life Members, Members who have prepaid their 2017 dues, and Members whose dues are complementary who have had a change of address, e-mail, or telephone number in the last 12 months should send these changes to me at membership@clankincaid.org so that we can keep our files up to date.

Account Funds		Operating	<u>Life</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Apr 30 2016 balance	\$4,711.13	¹ \$2,875.50	\$7,586.63
2016	Income Annual Dues (16)	\$320.00		\$320.00
	Family Dues (1)	\$35.00		\$35.00
	Life Fees (2)	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$500.00
	Unrestricted Donations			
	Interest	\$0.36		\$0.36
	Donations	\$35.00		
	Total Income	\$640.00	\$250.36	\$890.36
2016	Expenses			
	Postage	\$30.65		\$30.65
	June Defender	\$1,141.61		\$1,141.61
	State Fees	\$50.00		\$50.00
	Commissioner reimbursement.		\$100.00	
	\$100.00	022.50		022 50
	Bank Fees	\$32.50		\$32.50
	Total Expenses	\$1,354.76		\$1,354.76
Sep 30 2016 balance Sep 30 2016 balance		\$3,996.37	\$3,125.86	\$7,122.23

Note 1: \$75 reported as a CO gathering donation should have been reported as Op. fund.







Games and Activities

Other Games



Kincaid Tent







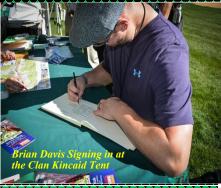






















Opening Ceremony





























Clan Kincaid Gala, Saturday, 10 September 2016 (Page 1)





The Kincaid Clan Gala at the Stanley Hotel Estes Park, Colorado 10 September 2016





Estes Park Scottish Games









The Gala Message to Clan Kincaid from Madam Arabella



Good Evening,

It is both an absolute pleasure and a great honour to be here with Giles this evening getting together to enjoy a fabulous dinner and celebrate the pinnacle of what has been an extraordinary few days...

It has truly been an incredible feat of organisation by James our tour planner extraordinaire, Patrick our wonderful Colorado Commissioner since 2013 and Eva Knight who has opened her home and welcomed in Giles and I in such an incredibly hospitable manner.

Last time we enjoyed a Gala dinner to

gather we were all in Scotland at the Dunblane Hydro in 2014 and Angus, our eldest son accompanied me. He was sad to miss this Gathering. He has just gone back to school for his last year after a packed summer programme of various artistic undertakings. Not least his time at the Edinburgh Festival during which the cast received 2 x 5* ratings for their performance in a very competitive environment so they were delighted.

When I started to prepare for this evening, there were so many things I could speak about that I wasn't sure where to start so I gathered a number of books around me to draw on in the hope that something I particular would jump out at me. I picked one out of the bookshelf that I had not read before. I opened the front cover to find that it was one that had belonged to my Great Uncle Alwyne and signed by him in 1971. And it was Uncle Alwyne who got me started.

I am conscious that we are here precisely because we share our family history and we are a group of individuals with an important shared Scottish heritage and root deep into the past. As Kincaids we have not necessarily made the greatest of marks on Scottish history, which is probably not surprising as we are a relatively small clan. However as I have been reading and researching I am struck by a characteristic that seems to shine through and it is this: I began to see that Kincaids have been have exceptionally good at doing their duty to the full. We have played our part in every major Scottish battle and fought for (or served or defended) King or Queen Country and President through the centuries. Something popped up on my email the other day that said "Every calling is great if greatly pursued" There are of course the odd black sheep and witch pricker through the centuries but I absolutely know I can apply this over-riding character trait of decency and desire to live well to Kincaids and those of Kincaid descent. I see throughout our Kincaid history men and women who have taken life by the horns and lived it bravely and strongly. And this is really the theme of the evening. As I said it was Uncle Alwyne that got me started on this theme and I will start with honouring him. We have Alwyne to thank for stepping up and matriculating his arms as Chief in 1958. At that time he was living happily on his farm in Kenya and getting on with life in his own way being a younger brother of the heir or 'the spare' as he would have been known. His brother, my great-grandfather, the heir, who I remember as a little girl (as he was more of a grandfather to me since my own grandfather had died in World War II before my father was born), was first born and heir and had succeeded to the estates and titles of both Kincaid and Lennox while Alwyne had taken the younger brother path of forging his own destiny and pursuing his own life. However in 1950 Lord Lyon declared that no man or woman could be Chief of 2 Clans and the 150 year old Kincaid-Lennox stronghold came to an end. Alwyne Cecil Peareth Kincaid-Lennox succeeded to the coat of arms of their great great grandfather, John Lennox Kincaid and took the name Kincaid of Kincaid and therefore it was he who began the restoration of the name of Kincaid to its rightful place amongst the Clans once again. Clan Kincaid could have become dormant and have disappeared from recognition becoming known only from a historical standpoint as a Chiefless Clan consigned to the history books as there are not many of us left in Scotland. As I sat for a while leafing through the book I remembered the times he had come to stay when I was young. He was a kind man and very distinguished. I remember him sitting in the library with a scotch in hand before dinner, no doubt enjoying reminiscing some sporting activity with my Father. Sport and Scotch were two staples of life for the men in my family! Anyway I digress... On the back of the book I read

"There is no country in which a man can live more pleasantly and delicately than Scotland. Nowhere else are fish so plentiful; indeed unless they are freshly caught on the very day we refuse to eat them. We have meat of every kind. Nowhere else will you find more tender beef and mutton..."

Sir Thomas Craig 1603-5

But I find myself here and find myself in a land of beauty and plenty and I have decided that Sir Thomas Craig had not been to Colorado! It is fantastically beautiful here and truly a land of plenty.

Tonight I wanted to first of all look back from whence we all came and then to look at where as a Clan and as family we are positioned now through the outworking of many individual lives well lived. I remember hearing a story a number of years ago now that caught my attention: It was of an architect of a great cathedral. One day as he was walking around the building site he was talking to various of the workmen working on the great building. He asked the first man what he was doing and he explained that he was working the guttering and ensuring the rain would run freely from the roof. He asked the second man who was cutting stone with great precision and he explained how we was doing this so the stones could fit exactly around the windows. He then went to the third man and asked him what work he was doing - and he replied in the heat and dust of the work he was involved in "I am building a Cathedral". This man understood a truth that I believe we as Kincaids have grasped and it is this: Together we have been not only getting on with our own lives doing our own individual thing but understanding that each one of our lives count and that together we are building in one sense a Cathedral, a family structure, a Clan of beauty in this world. That's why I always feel our Clan Tents are so important and why I hear from other Chiefs that visit Games come back and tell me that they visited the Kincaid tent and it was beautiful, it was one of the best, that they were warmly welcomed, they are impressed... We can be proud that Our motto This I'll Defend is such a powerful one.

There are of course many fine Clan Mottos but there are equally many that really mean nothing – or at least nothing to be proud of!

"Keep Tryst" is one I think is rather fun but perhaps not much to be proud of!

"The Boars Rock" – simply geographical and tells a fact about where the family are from.

T he well known one from the Macpherson family "Touch not the cat but a glove." Who knows what that is all about!!

The Kincaid story, as it matters to us and to Scotland begins in 1280 when we have a record of the first Laird of Kincaid. As far as we are aware all of us Kincaids are descended from our early forbears who took their name from the land.





The Gala Message to Clan Kincaid from Madam Arabella (Continued)

We started as a small ink blob if you like on the map of Scotland and have spread out through the centuries to our current large happy family! I thought it would be both fun and interesting to take a whistle stop tour through the centuries so we can chart Kincaid progress and spreading out.

1200's

We know that the Kyncade lands of 1280 extended from the River Glazeet to the River Kelvin and were thought originally to consist of thirty thousand acres. I understand that when the Kincaids obtained their lands at the end of the thirteenth century they would have erected a tower or peel. Unfortunately there is no trace of this today. Life would have been quite tough and the family structures with Chief at the helm whether it was in the highlands or the borders was a given state of affairs.

1300s

In the 1300's Edward the 1st is busy invading Scotland, William Wallace is tried and executed in London August 1305. Robert the Bruce secures his power base and in 1314 the battle of Bannockburn takes place and is the most notable single military victory in Scottish history (the basis for the Scottish national anthem). When we take this alongside the fact that the Castle on the Kincaid shield was granted during the reign of Robert the Bruce as an honourabale augmentation to the then Lairds armorial bearings we can have every reason to be proud of our Crest and Motto and perhaps all the more so as this was awarded at the earliest time recorded in our families history. For those of us not familiar with the reason for this should perhaps make reference to the wonderful feat of our young Kincaid who famously led the Earl of Moray and his party up the side of the rock to Edinburgh Castle securing the recapture of Edinburgh Castle from the English in 1313 which resulted in this display of recognition by the King to the Kincaids. From the word go Kincaids have been recognised and trusted.

1400's

During the 1400s we can see that Kincaids begin to spread out a little. Prior to this Kincaids lived almost without exception in the central belt between Edinburgh and Glasgow but now we know that at this stage there are Kincaids living in Edinburgh who are directly descended from the early Kincaids. From a national point of view we can pinpoint that in 1406 King James 1st of Scotland succeeded to the throne when he was 12 years old as a prisoner of Henry ivy of England. He had been captured by pirates off Flamborough Head in Yorkshire whilst en route to sanctuary in France. He was then handed to Henry 1V of England. At the age of 19 in February 1423 he was married to Lady Joan Beaufort a close relative of King Henry Vi of England. Later that year in 1423 he was finally released after 18 years as a prisoner of the English and things started to look up! In 1424 he was crowned at Scone.

1500s

When I got to the 1500s I found a piece I thought worth reading from I p.46 History of the Scottish people gives us a good idea of how families operated for the most part in Scotland In more edified circles in the 1500s we hear of more Kincaids in trusted positions being recorded. On 11th March 1567 Mary Queen of Scots asked her cousin Queen Elizabeth requesting safe conduct for Thomas Douglas and William Kincaid to France and back. We know of a legal notaries – Sir Luke Kincaid 1540, probably the son of Thomas Kincaid of Kincaid, James Kincaid in 1589. Again from a Kincaid standpoint we know that Thomas Kincaid of Coates was Constable of Edinburgh Castle in 1511 and 1513 and

David Kincaid was Constable in 1542. After almost 300 years and probably 12 generations of Kincaids we were expanding and growing as a notable family.

1600s

On the 19th November 1600 the future King Charles 1st was born at Dunfermline Palace.

The Union: In 1603 Queen Elizabeth 1st of England dies and 2 days later news reaches the 36 year old James V1 of Scotland that he is also now King James 1st of England. Kincaids are recorded within the retinue that moved South with the King including a wet nurse to the Kings Children.

In our family in the 1600s the Kincaid name begins to appear increasingly in various historical records. Thomas Kincaids 'An Edinburgh Diary' 1687-1688 is the most detailed account of a young man's life at that time in Edinburgh that is known to posterity. He wrote prolifically about many subjects and in the case of Golf he has gone down in international history as the author of the first known directions on how to play the game. It makes good reading! Edinburgh 1601 Alexander Kincaid graduated from Edinburgh University in 1601 as a doctor of medicine and he practiced in Edinburgh all his life. We also know of legal notaries in the 1600s; James Kincaid mentioned in 1600 and 1611 and Francis Kincaid who was Master of the Glasgow grammar school in 1622 1651 and 1682 in fact there are increasing numbers of Kincaids through the 1600s, 'Gentlemen of the Guard, a town officer, a treasurer at linlighgow and on it goes. Kincaids are still spreading out across Edinburgh and now south to London and finally in the 1600's we have the first known Kincaid to emigrate to America was the incredibly brave and rather unfortunate David Kincaid.

It was during the 17th Century that members of the family moved in any number outside the country." This was in part due to the fact that the Kincaids fought on the royalist side in the civil wars of the seventeenth century, campaigning largely in Ireland. The family suffered considerable hardship as a result of its adherence to the royal cause, and many of the name emigrated to North America" (Scottish Clan and family encyclopaedia)

I do not know what prompted the big voyage and it was not an encouraging start for Kincaids in the New World but it did not stop others forging ahead and settling.

1700s

19th August 1745 Charles Edward Stuart raises his standard at Glenfinnan. And the following year is one of the best know periods of Scottish history really culminating with the Battle of Culloden. The family were supporters of the Stuart cause in exile and following the rising in 1715 David Kincaid was obliged to leave Scotland, ultimately settling in Virginia. In 1746 four sons of Alexander Kinciad, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, and the King's Printer, fought a rearguard action after Culloden, but were ultimately taken prisoner and their doom seemed certain.

1800s

The population of Scotland by now is just over 1.5 million and it was a century that on a national level we remember it partly for the horrendous highland clearances.

1814 became known as "the year of the burning" on the 1.5 million acre estates of the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland. From which 15,000 people were cleared between 1811 and 1821 largely by the estate facator Patrick Sellar, in the most notorious





The Gala Message to Clan Kincaid from Madam Arabella (Continued)

Of the Highland Clearances.

In 1817 the first edition of The Scotsman newspaper was published. From a Kincaid point of view 1800 was the year that John Kincaid of Kincaid married Cecilia Lennox and from here I think our story is too well known to need to include so I will swiftly move onto the 1900s:

In 1901 Queen Victoria dies. She had loved Scotland fiercely all her life and done much to promote a great surge of interest in the Clans and of tartan and all things Scottish. The Kincaid and Lennox lands were largely intact at the turn of the century but this would be the century that would see much change. Important change for the Kincaids. We became once again an independent family with a Chief in place. Uncle Alwynne matriculated his arms on 2nd June 1959. It seems that Kincaids have by this time risen to prominence in every sphere of life and were ready to take their place into the significance of modern day Clan Associations. We Kincaids are now represented on the Standing Council and involved with Scottish Government in was that our early forebears would I believe be proud. By now recognised on the world stage an American Admiral Thomas Kincaid was an outstanding Commander who commanded the Seventh Fleet during the second world war and was one of those who accepted the surrender of the Japanese forces in Korea where his fleet had landed American troops. And in completely different sphere Thomas Kincade – painter of light was an internationally known artist and at one stage certainly was the worlds richest living artist which is quite an achievement.

We really are quite an extraordinary lot. To think that we started as a small Clan in a really quite a small area and that we have over the cen- | Thank you, turies spread out quite splendidly throughout the world achieving extraordinary things. Kincaids have settled in England, Australia, South Africa and other countries but mainly Kincaids settled in Canada and the United States and there Kincaids have thrived in ways unknown and unseen in Scotland.

21st Century

Some could ask us these days and actually I get asked fairly often if the Clans are still relevant and what does a Chief do? Well for a start Clans vary and Chiefs vary in how seriously they take their role of kinship. The role of the Chief as it was, and by this I mean the role of a Chief being not only head of the extended family but a sort of General who could call on a body of men to defend their land, or go and make good a grievance with a neighbouring Clan or whatever, came to an end by the end of the 18th Century. Is the role of Chief still important today? You know I would say I think it is although in rather different ways

I have as you know the honour to serve on the Executive of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. For many years, and certainly in my Grandmothers day it was really not much more than a lunch club. The idea was that on the day of her Majestys Garden Party at Holyrood Palace, the Chiefs would refresh themselves with a jolly decent lunch before setting off down the hill to the Queens Garden Party. These days our role is a bit different. We are now, amongst other things, working with the Scottish Government to actively promote Clan tourism in Scotland and Scottish education and Sottish entertainment abroad. The most exciting current project, which is hot off the press as of last month, is looking at a collaboration of the Clan Chiefs in partnership with the Royal Military Tattoo. Many of you will have been to the Tattoo if you have been in Scotland during the summer but for those of you who don't know about it it is a wonderful spectacle held annually on the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. I went to a meeting in the Tattoo Offices with a small number of other Chiefs and the Chief Executive of the

Tattoo at the end of August during which we discussed the involvement of the Chiefs for the first time next year. "Next year the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo embraces a colourful theme 'A Splash of Tartan' playing host to a stunning array of performers from all points of the compass." It is planned that a Chief will be part of the Salute party each night for the duration of the Tattoo. The fierce sense of pride, and belonging which the Clans promote means I believe that the Clans will become perhaps even more important rather than less so in the future. I will know which night I will be on duty shortly but it is likely to be on 22nd August 2017 so if you are coming to Scotland next summer please do come to the Tattoo that night! We will have a month during I think October to purchase tickets at an early bird rate for anyone who is interested. My Clan party will be able to muster together beforehand in rooms provided although I am not yet sure of numbers that can be accommodated as this is in the planning stage only.

And so tonight after talk of brave pioneering Kincaids being attacked by Indians hundreds of years ago, a more recent monocled Scottish Great Uncle, The beauty of the Rockie Mountains, The power and reputation of our beautifully decorated and warmly hosted Clan Tents, an outstanding Clan Society, a son singing in Edinburgh and more I want to ask you to lift a glass to the proud and ancient name of Kincaid and to toast and celebrate all that we hold dear in terms of Defending and perhaps promoting all that is good and true of our shared kinship and hope for the future.

How Do We Spell Kincaid??

WHICH "KIN" IN KINCAID BELONGS TO YOU? KENCADE KYNKAD KINCADE KENKAD KYNCADE KinCade KENKADE CANCAID KINCARD KENCATHE CANCADE KINCADH KENKEADE CINCADE KINCAKE KANCAID CONCADE KINKADE KANKADE CAENNCADH KinKade RNCADE KINKEAD KYNCAYD KINGCAID KINKET KYNKED KINGKATE KINKIAD KYNKID KINKID KINVAID KINKIAD KINVADE KINCKAID KINRADE KINCKADE KENCAID QUINQUET KINCAID RENCADE KINCAIDE KINCAITH KINGCADE KINKAID KINGKADE KINKAIDE KYNCAID KinKaide KYNCAIDE KINCKAID KYNCADE





Clan Kincaid Gala, Saturday, 10 September 2016 (Page 2)





























The Gala Message to Clan Kincaid From President David Kincaid (L-0073)

Greetings fellow Kincaids, relatives, and friends,

I'm pleased to see such a wonderful turnout for our 2016 Gathering, and this Gala.

I want to thank the committee (Patrick Kincaid, James Brisbin, and Eva Knight) for doing such a wonderful job in putting this together. It took a tremendous amount of work, and organization. I appreciate the committee keeping us informed, as the time grew near.

I want to thank Karen Davis for bringing her materials with her from Arizona, and setting up the Clan Kincaid tent. It looks wonderful!

One item on display is a list of the different spellings of Kincaid. I have shared my thoughts on the spelling of Kincaid before, but it warrants repeating. When I first became a member of Clan Kincaid, about thirty years ago, I thought that the way I spelled my name was the original spelling because that is the way Clan Kincaid spells Kincaid. I have since realized that even some of my ancestors spelled Kincaid differently, and going way back in time in Scotland one of the popular spellings was Kyncade. Even before that there were several variations of Scottish Gaelic spelling. One of which was Ceann Caith (pronounced KyAN KAY). My conclusion is that all spellings of Kincaid are appropriate and correct.

I want to take this opportunity to present an update on Clan Kincaid. We should all thank Robert Kincaid for doing such a fine job over the years with the publication of the "Defender". He is not running for reelection to the Board of Officers, so we need someone to step forward to be appointed Communications Director. The first assignment will be to publish the March 2017 newsletter.

Suzanne Hakeos has also done a wonderful job as Chief Commissioner. She has provided needed Clan Kincaid materials for our Commissioners and has attended highland games in many states. She has decided not to run for reelection, so we need a volunteer to become Chief Commissioner.

I also want to thank all commissioners. We have several in attendance this evening. Commissioners are our outreach to the public. They are the ones that create public awareness of Clan Kincaid, and are responsible for signing up many new members. Stephen Kincaid, our Membership Secretary, informs us the Barbara Kincaid, Michigan Commissioner, has signed up the most new members in the past two years.

Clan Kincaid dues for 2017 have been increased to \$25 in order to offset the increasing costs of operating the Association. This is still a bargain compared to other Association Clan dues. In addition we have established a Family Membership for two adults and all members of a household under the age of 21. The dues are \$35.

Thanks to the leadership of our Board of Officer, Advisory Council, Legal Advisor, and approximately 300 members Clan Kincaid is still running strong





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Clan Kincaid Members Meet the "Chief", Madam Arabella















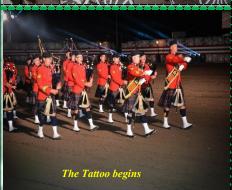


Friday—The Tattoo











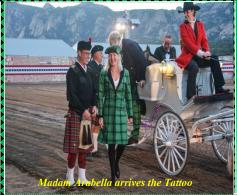
















Acknowledgements

From the Editor

It takes lots of work, dedication, and support to make a Gathering a success and we, as a Clan owe a lot to those who made the Clan Kincaid 2016 Gathering such a great experience. This page is dedicated to those who contributed so much to the success of the Gathering. To all of you, a hearty Clan Kincaid "Thank You"

The Editor

Clan Kincaid Gathering Committee

Following individuals made up the Clan Kincaid Gathering Committee that worked so hard to bring the Gathering together. They spent many hours working the details and their hard work resulted in a truly outstanding gathering.

Colorado Commissioner Patrick Kincaid
Past President James Brisbin
Eva Knight
Carl and Susan Youngstrom
Arizona Commissioner Karen Davis
Kathi Kincaid
Debbie Bicketon
Barbara Kincaid
Pamela Koshio
Lance Knauss

Clan Kincaid Member Contributions

Joseph P Kincaid - Cash Bar Donation

Eva Knight - Monetary gift and Accommodations for Madame Arabella, Giles and James

David Kincaid - Monetary gift for AGM Tent

James Brisbin Monetary gift for a quilt for Madam Arabella

Anonymous - Monetary gift

James Brisbin - Monetary gift

Hedlunds - Monetary gift

Debbie Bickerton—Name place cards for the Gala

Nina Maxfield - Monetary gift

Beverly Kincaid - Monetary gift

Sherrye Dix - Feather Flags and Shipping

Sherrye Dix - Banner

Kathi Kincaid - Name lanyards and place cards

Patrick Kincaid - Two Southwest Round Trip Tickets for Raffle - Ron and Alma Kincaid winners

Patrick Kincaid - Marriott 2 night mini break for Arabella and Giles

Patrick Kincaid - Golden Keys and Kincaid hats

Patrick Kincaid - Monetary gift for Stanley Music Room

Patrick Kincaid - Monetary gift for two Passes and Parking that came with tent registration

Patrick Kincaid - Arabella's Stetson Cowboy Hat and travel case





Election Results

Well, it is that time again - changing out the Clan Kincaid Board of Officers! Clan Kincaid recently held elections for the Board of Officers to replace the current Board who have spent the last four years guiding this outstanding organization. This new Board will assume its duties 1 January 2017. It must be noted that the position of Communications Director will not be filled 1 January 2017 unless a Clan Member volunteers for the job.

<u>Position</u> <u>Name</u>

President David Kincaid (M-073)

Membership Secretary Donna Knauss (L-113)

Secretary Linda Hoskins (M-598)

Treasurer Stephen P. Kincaid (L-123)

Communications Director Unknown (2 Write-in votes; 1 each

for Bob Kincaid and Barbara Kincaid. Neither candidate has

accepted the position.)

Chief Commissioner Karen Davis (L-101)

Wee Shopper Manager Rick Kincaid (M-1119)

A hearty congratulations to the new Board of Officers and a heartfelt thanks to the Board members who have worked hard for Clan Kincaid over the past four years.







A Thank You From Madam Arabella



I want to say an enormous "Thank you" to each and every one of you who made the Estes Park Colorado Kincaid Gathering 2016 such a joyous and memorable occasion! Giles and I had the most wonderful time experiencing the most outstanding Colorado hospitality! From the mo-

ment James and Eva so kindly met us at the airport (complete with a Kincaid banner) and drove us back to Eva's home we knew we were in for a wonderful few days. We saw the sun setting behind the Rocky Mountains in all its glory as we made our way from Denver to Estes Park being driven by our Chauffeur Extraordinaire (aka James!). We talked all about the weekend to come whilst we ate the delicious nibbles and drank refreshing cold drinks prepared for us to enjoy on our journey.

We were not to be disappointed!! The spectacle of the opening ceremonies, the beautifully decorated Clan tent, the

myriad of tartans and thousands of bagpipes playing Amazing Grace - it was all glorious. I cannot thank everyone who made it all possible for us all to be together that weekend starting with James Patrick and Eva who were at the centre of the organisation. I also cannot thank President David and Barbara and all who serve on the Executive of the Association enough. So many of you came from far and wide, taking long flights and journeys and then served in your own ways, decorating, hosting, photographing, cooking, driving, planning, organising, liaising, writing and now putting together the Defender. It was a complete privilege and delight to be amongst you all and I treasure the conversations I had with so many of you.

This comes with warmest and heartfelt thanks from both Giles and I and a hearty Hurrah for President David's speedy recovery from his recent surgery!

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Gratitude from Past President James Brisbin

A heartfelt thank you to all those who made the Clan Kincaid Gathering 2016 at Estes Park such a great success. 82 were in attendance at the Gala at the Stanley Hotel with perhaps a dozen more kinfolk in attendance at our Clan Kincaid Tent.

The first and most important thank you goes to the many people who made the effort to attend renewing friendships, putting faces to long time correspondents, meeting new kinfolk and sharing in a venue as only a family reunion can.

Special thanks to:

- 1. Colorado Commissioner Patrick Kincaid for Festival Liaison and Gala Organization.
- 2. Past President James Brisbin for handling Promotion and Communication.
- 3. Eva Knight for providing accommodation/meals for our Chief, her husband and her chauffeur.
- 4. Carl and Susan Youngstrom for providing wonderful meals for our Chief, Giles and her chauffeur.
- 5. Arizona Commissioner Karen Davis and her helpers: Barbara Kincaid and Pamela Koshio for decorating our Clan Tent.
- 6. Lance Knauss for being our Official Photographer.
- 7. President David Kincaid for donating the cost of our Honoured Clan Tent.
- 8. Illinois Commissioner Joseph Kincaid for his donation of libations and his generous financial support which enabled us to complete the project "in the black".
- 9. Advisor Sherrye Dix for her generous donation of our new "Feather Flag"
- 10. Montana Commissioner Kathi Kincaid for providing Name Cards and Name Tags for the Gathering.
- 11. DNA Expert Don W. Kincaid, President David Kincaid, "Wee Shopper" representative Beverley Kincaid and Chief Commissioner Suzanne Hakeos who were prepared to answer questions about their various fields of expertise.

12. To the various volunteers: Barbara, Kathi, Debbie, Suzanne, Charlene, Ron, Patrick, Chris, Pamela, Annalisa and Karen, who ably staffed the tent during the festival.

We are pleased to announce that we had at least two new Life Members and 8 new/renewed memberships - our two new Life Memberships are for Liam Davis and Naomi Hoover both sponsored by their grandmother, Arizona Commissioner Karen Davis.

We are also pleased to announce that Hugh Kincaid has agreed to be the Commissioner for the State of Tennessee. Welcome to the team Hugh.

There were many highlights including the Meet and Greet, The Parade and the Gala but the most rewarding thing about the weekend was watching the fellowship and kinship activity around our Clan Kincaid Tent. At times one could hardly move as there were so many Kincaids in the tent meeting new people, putting faces on people they had corresponded with for many years, renewing friendships after many years and, of course, chatting with Madam Arabella. That was the ultimate goal and it was accomplished with great aplomb.

It is sincerely hoped that those who attended had a wonderful time and we look forward to renewing our friendships in the future whether it be at a Gathering such as this, at various festivals around North America or even on a personal level. We hope that attendees will in contact with new and renewed family – that is what kinship is all about and helps satisfy the goals of achieving pride in Scottish and Kincaid heritage.

To those who were unable to attend this wonderful event, perhaps you will be able to take inspiration from this "Gathering" and try to participate in future endeavors to being our Clan closer together whether it be at a local Scottish event, a future tour of Scotland or an International "Gathering".

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In Memorium

Brigadier Bill Kincaid

Madam Arabella has informed us that Brigadier Bill Kincaid, Clan Shennachie, has passed away. He died during the night with no prior illness on 21st September. His wife, Hilary, now knows that it was not a heart attack but apparently something called Ischaemic heart disease. Bill and Hilary had been happily mar-

ried for 51 years.

Madam Arabella will be attended Brigadier Bill's memorial service sent flowers and of course represent the Clan Society For those who would like to write and offer condolences, their address is:

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Dorothy May Lennox Selcage

(submitted by James Brisbin)

Four years ago, while hosting the Clan Kincaid Tent at the Fergus, Ontario Scottish Festival, I was approached by a lady bearing a sash of the Lennox Tartan. She advised that my decorations were not complete without a splash of Lennox and graced my display with her sash which she advised she would pick up later in the day. In the succeeding years we shared information about the Lennox and Kincaid families. Dorothy, along with her son, visited our home for lunch and we shared many stories about Lennox Castle and the relationship between the Lennox and Kincaid families. Dorothy lived for anything dealing with Scotland and longed to see the highlands again. Her fondest wish was granted 19 July 2016 when the Lord called her to the Highland Cathedral. Her presence and cheerful Scottish ambience will be missed.

A Fealty For Our Chief

The Mennonite culture in southwest Ontario is healthy and strong with several orders flourishing including the "old order" who still functions as many of our ancestors did generations ago. Among their many traditions is the art of quilt making which is still done completely by hand. The Annual Mennonite Central Committee Quilt Auction generates hundreds of thousands of dollars for charity works around the world for all cultures and faiths. This quilt was designed by Mrs. Eileen Jantze and the quilting was completed by her team of 80 over a period of several weeks.

In centuries past, clan/family members would practice the tradition of "fealty" - bringing a gift to the leadership in acknowledgement of, and gratitude for, their leadership. This tradition was revived at Clan Kincaid Gatherings in 2003, 2009 and 2014 as Madam Arabella was presented with her personal flag, gifts from individuals representing their jurisdictions, gifts for her latest child and a Clan Kincaid Crest Banner.



The gift selection for the 2016 Clan Kincaid Gathering was selected for its originality, quality and heritage value. Showing the Chief's Crest, it will be an heirloom that can be passed down from generation to generation showing the love and gratitude the family has for the leadership, dedication and sacrifice that the Chief of Clan Kincaid provides as being a symbol of our pride in Scottish and Family Heritage.