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The Chief's Column — Madam Arabella Kincaid of Kincaid

Fellow Kincaids, Kinsfolk, Friends,

The good news is God is still on His throne, the world is still turning, and Clan Kincaid abides! But that is about all that seems solid ground now with so much talk of changes to a myriad of things going on globally mainly health and faith becoming political foot-balls and restrictions on our freedoms to move around as and when we wish. To counter all that, the beautiful words of a much loved hymn "Great is thy faithfulness", often come to mind:

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love*

With Thanksgiving not far away now, and here at home the orchards heavy with fruit – normally a time of gratitude and celebration and Harvest Festivals galore up and down the country, there is much unease in the world at large. This more than ever seems to be a time to be concentrating on how we can make a difference in our small worlds within our families. In our instance this of course takes in our wider family in Clan Kincaid, *perhaps even contributing through the next newsletter – the more stories and points of interest, recipes, anecdotes etc the better!* We are indebted to Emily for producing The Defender with such professionalism. Thank you Emily for giving of your time in this regard, we are truly the richer for it. It is always such a joy when it arrives, and everyone's contributions are a gift. I learn something new with every edition.

Here at home we have been organising my late husband Giles's Memorial service to be held in London at Holy Trinity Brompton on Saturday 9th October. Since we had to abide by restrictions on numbers for the funeral last year, now that we are permitted, we are holding a Memorial/Thanksgiving for Giles's life. He lived such an interesting and full life and was the most steadfast support to me as Chief. Indeed, after my Grandmother died and I was named as her successor it was he who encouraged me greatly to walk into the role with confidence. He had spent some time in his army career



working in the office of the late HRH Prince Philip and used to joke that he would walk a few steps behind me at Clan events just as Prince Philip had walked behind Her Majesty!

This summer we celebrated two 21st birthday celebrations in the family. One for Jessie who was 21 in July and another for Angus who was 21 some time ago, playing catch up as we have had to hold off celebrations until now. We enjoyed a black tie dinner followed by Scottish dancing, beginning with the Dashing White Sergeant and finishing with the reel of the 51st, - we danced until dawn and to hear the stamp and clap and whoop of many people dancing was such a tonic and a joy!



And so, the new academic year begins again with changes and much content has gone on-line, to the dismay of many a student and a concept that would have been in the realms of magic and mystery at the time the first university was founded in Scotland back in 1410. On the topic of universities of many years standing, I should mention that Scotland hosts the most ancient universities in the British Isles starting with St Andrews being founded back in 1413 followed by Glasgow in 1451, Aberdeen in 1495 and Edinburgh in 1583. What a heritage we have... In a list I read recently of 18 world shaping inventions that have come out of Scotland, Golf is within the number** - A Kincaid within the list making their mark in international history. It is of note that he was clearly doing what he loved and doing it well as distinct from trying to be well known. Strange to think that in time we will also in time leave our mark on the world – may that mark be a blessing even if it is not world shaping.

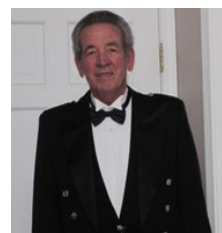
As we move into the beauty of the autumn, I wish you health, happiness and peace and hope that before too long we can realistically plan a gathering once again.

Arabella.

** - "This I'll Defend" By Brigadier Bill Kincaid, pg 72—refencing Thomas Kincaid of Edinburgh's diary recording of the Game of Golf being considered the author to provide the first known directions on how to play the game, and even its first poet!

A Message from the President

Life has somewhat returned to normal following a year and a half of wearing masks, social distancing, and staying at home. We are even starting to resume our Highland games in some areas. My wife, Barbara, as Michigan Commissioner was able to host our Clan Kincaid tent in Livonia. Attendance was not back to normal, but it was good to again have an opportunity to celebrate our Scottish heritage.



I want to take this Opportunity to welcome Kenneth Joel Kincaid to our Clan Kincaid Board of Officers. He has agreed to serve as Clan Secretary. I'm sure he will do a wonderful job for our Clan. We still have an opening for a Chief Commissioner to serve on our Board of Officers. Please contact me by email at dkincaid1956@aol.com if you are interested in learning more about the duties of this important position.

We are all looking forward to the time when we can get back to the "good old days".

Aye yours, David Kincaid , Clan Kincaid President (M-073)

Greetings from the Communication Director

Dearest CKAI Community,

Its autumn and just like that my kids are asking about pumpkins, leaves, cookies, and everything else Fall that warms a little ones heart (especially Halloween candy!). We've had a bumpy road of a year so far but we are happy and here, so I will sit here with my blessings and hope that all of you are able to have a peaceful and thankful end of 2021. I want to thank everyone for their patience with the Defender issues this year. Like I said, its been a bumpy year.

As we continue to navigate through this pandemic that's holding all our lives in different states of flux, I want to encourage everyone to continue to send in submissions. I know some of us can't get to Games or participate in ways we used to, but recipes, family photos, Kincaid or Scots related updates are appreciated. I think it helps bring us all together in a time that feeling constantly disjointed.

I would like to recommend "This I'll Defend" by Bill Kincaid to anyone who is interested in Kincaid History. The author was a great many things, and did a wonderful job of documenting and sharing the Kincaid history. I encourage everyone to get a copy! You can find them through over very own Wee Shopper! While you're there, it's a great time to get some Christmas shopping done.

Additionally, Joel Kincaid has joined our Clan Kincaid Board of Officers as Clan Secretary. Thank you, Joel!

In kinship,
Emily Silversparre (F-003) Communications Director

"But pleasures are like poppies spread— You seize the flow'r, its bloom is shed;
Or like the snow falls in the river— A moment white—then melts forever."

– Robert Burns



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Michigan Highland Games

By Barbara Kincaid, (L-157), Michigan Commissioner

As Michigan Commissioner for Clan Kincaid Association International I registered our clan for the Michigan Highland Games in Clan Row at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia, Michigan, which were held on Saturday, August 7, 2021. It was a beautiful day with no windy gusts and the rain held off until the Games were over. Though the event itself was not as large as usual, there was a surprisingly large number of people in attendance.



David and I walked in the Parade of Clans and saw large crowds on the sidelines waiting for that annual event as each clan's motto is announced and various responses are heard from the clans. Clan Graham has had a Scotty dog mascot, Thistle, each year who rode in her own radio operated wagon while dressed in her tiny tartan kilt and tam. Sadly she passed away at the age of fourteen this past November.

Clan Graham now has a two-year-old white (rather than the traditional well known black) Scotty dog named Kay-Lee (Ceilidh), who draws visitors from all over the park and around Clan Row. I have included photos with my report, with two of a Clan MacLeod wee lad sitting with Kay-Lee at her stops as she travels around Greenmead and especially in Clan Row. She and her Clan Graham owner participated in the Parade of Clans and drew large applause. There are many ingenious clan marketing skills which create an awareness for our location regardless of whatever obscure place organizers may place Clan Row, that help people find us to learn more about the Scottish clans. Aye! the clever ones those Scots!

Our Michigan Livonia Games are sponsored by St. Andrews Society Detroit each year on the first weekend in August. During Covid-19 in order to maintain the annual tradition of St. Andrews Society Highland Games being held continuously every year since 1849, a small gathering was held in August 2020 with an outdoor picnic at the site of our Livonia Games at Greenmead Historical Park with very sparse attendance. These participants were mostly organizers of the St. Andrews Society though understandably many other traditional events of the Games were omitted due to pandemic restrictions.

This year though the tradition was maintained and stepped up from 2020's smaller event, it still was not up to its usual large event as was the case with many of the Games around North America due to the pandemic. As we all do, it is hoped that next year will bring back the events on our previous larger scale.

Even though there were limited events and a small number of clans present in Clan Row, with true Scots tenacity we did prevail, even having two new clans participating this year for the first time. We had news that Michigan will be adding several Highland Games sites around the state next year in Kalamazoo, Marysville and Holland, Michigan. At present there are two large Michigan Games held each year; one in Alma and this one in Livonia.

Sadly, we learned of the loss of many of our fellow Scots from several clans since last we gathered in 2019 who were remembered in our Kirkin of the Tartan ceremony this year.

Our Kincaid clan tent was adorned with the magnificent banners provided and borrowed from Hugh Kincaid, District Commissioner for TN/NC/GA. The banners certainly are a huge draw to our tent as visitors from both Kincaid and other clans are met at our tent with our Clan Chief, Madam Arabella's, beautiful countenance greeting all into our tent to see the various informative and picturesque information relating to our beloved Clan Kincaid where we welcome them to join our clan and celebrate their proud Kincaid/Scottish heritage.



A Tale to Share with your Wee Bairns (*little children*)

By the Seanchaidh, James Brisbin

Once upon a time, long after the demise of dragons yet long before the dawn of kings, there lived in the realms of Erin and Alba (Ireland and Scotland) a race of giants along with the gnomes, trolls, fairies and leprechauns. These giants had constructed a bridge or causeway between the two isles to facilitate travel.

In Erin there lived a giant by the name of Finn McCol and in Alba there lived a giant known by the name of Finn Gal. While they had never met, these two giants had learned of the riches of each other's lands and had grown to covet that wealth.

One eventful day, Finn McCol gathered up his nerve and strength and ventured over the causeway to Alba with the intent of attacking Finn Gal and usurping his lands and, of course, his treasure. Upon approaching Alba, and yet unseen by Finn Gal, Finn McCol discovered that the Finn Gal was much bigger and obviously much stronger than previously thought. Finn McCol was sore afraid. He beat a hasty retreat across the causeway to the safety of his home and lands in Erin.

It was soon learned that Finn Gal was heading across the causeway to attack Finn McCol in order to take over his lands and capture his treasure. Upon seeing Finn Gal coming over the causeway, Finn McCol was terrified knowing he would lose in any combat with the larger Finn Gal. Realizing this, he ran to his wife seeking advice on what to do and where to hide.

Now the wife of Finn McCol was the wisest of women. Without a moment of hesitation, she told her husband to climb into the baby carriage and pull the blanket up under his chin. When Finn Gal arrived at the abode of Finn McCol, he demanded of Finn McCol's wife her husband's whereabouts. The wife replied that she did not know where her husband was – she was just out walking their baby in the carriage. Finn Gal took one look into the carriage and saw the size of the baby and could only imagine that the giant Finn McCol was much larger and therefore much stronger than he was. In great fear, the giant Finn Gal ran back across the causeway and knocked it down as he went to prevent the giant Finn McCol coming after him.

Now there are scientists who will say the beginning and end of the Giant's Causeway are nothing more than the cooled crystals of basalt from some ancient volcanic eruption. But that is nonsense. Now you know the real story. Those who have visited the Antrim Coast of Ireland will attest to the fine construction skills of the Giants who built the original Causeway. More importantly, those who have visited the Isle of Staffa in the Inner Hebrides of Scotland will know that they have truly heard the giant Finn Gal snoring in the back of his cave where he hides to this very day.

So impressed was Felix Mendelsohn when he visited Fingal's Cave on the Isle of Staffa in 1829 that he wrote "The Hebrides Suite" the following year. For your listening enjoyment, it is recommended that you listen to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcogD-hHEys> while enjoying pictures of the Giant's Causeway and Fingal's Cave.



Giant's Causeway— Northern Ireland



Fingal's Cave—Isle of Staff Scotland @ nts.org.uk

Raison d'être

Submitted by - Seanchaidh, James Brisbin

Perhaps some of us question why we make efforts to promote pride in family and national heritage, especially for our children and other family members.

The following poem might help to summarize the "Raison d'être".
For your consideration.

The Bridge Builder

BY WILL ALLEN DROMGOOLE

An old man going a lone highway,
Came, at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
Through which was flowing a sullen tide
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build this bridge at evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head;
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followed after me to-day
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!"

A Call for a Chief Commissioner

Anyone interested in becoming the Clan Kincaid Association International Chief Commissioner?

If so, you're in luck! If you are interested in filing this position, please reach out to our President, David Kincaid at dkincaid1956@aol.com.

Responsibilities and Duties can be reviewed on the Clan Kincaid Association International website under the Constitution Tab. Please review past Defender Issues as another resource. We look forward to welcoming new volunteers on the Board.

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The Wee Shopper Order Form

ORDERING INFORMATION: Place your order by completing the order form below and mailing it along with a check or money order payable to Clan Kincaid to the following address:

Clan Kincaid Wee Shopper, c/o Rick Kincaid, 500 Browns Lane, Louisville, KY 40207-4042.

PLEASE NOTE: We now accept payment by **PayPal**. Please email your order to ShopClanKincaid@gmail.com.

PLAN AHEAD: In most cases, your order will be shipped within 7 days of receipt. However, if we run short of any item(s) and need to restock them, we'll notify you by mail/email. You may then choose whether to wait or have your payment returned. If you have any questions about ordering, please email shop@clankincaid.org or call (502) 897-0585.

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price Each</u>	<u>Total Price</u>

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SHIPPING GUIDE/COST INFO – Within U.S. (**Contact RICK KINCAID at 502-897-0585 if any questions.**)

Small Flat- Rate Box (\$7.15) / Flat-Rate Letter Envelope (\$6.65) / Flat-Rate Legal Envelope (\$6.95): Use for orders of one or more small items – i.e., badge, pin, luggage tag, pouch, tie, pocket square, package of note cards.

Medium Flat- Rate Box / \$13.60: Use for orders including 2 or more larger or bulkier items– such as sweatshirts, polo shirts, caps and all smaller items included in your order (i.e., badge, pin, tie, pocket square, luggage tag, pocket, etc.).

Large Flat- Rate Box / \$18.85: Use for orders containing 3 or more larger or bulkier items, i.e., blankets, sweatshirts and all smaller items included in your order.

For orders outside the U.S.: Please contact Rick Kincaid in advance to determine the postage rate to include.



Current Wee Shopper Catalog Items

Clan T-Shirts

\$10.00

Made of 100% cotton; available in adult sizes: S-M-L-XL-XXL Order either white



or black shirts: White with green lettering/art - Clan Crest on front along with Kincaid. Black with green lettering/art - Clan Kincaid on upper left front and Clan Crest on back

Clan Sweat-shirts

\$22.00

Made of 50/50 cotton/polyester; available in adult sizes: S-M-L-XL-XXL. Order either white or black shirts: White with green lettering/art - Clan Crest on front along with Kincaid. (currently out of Black)

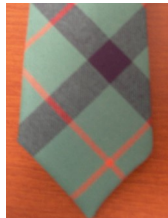


Tartan Tie

\$22.00

X-Long- \$28.00

The tie is made in Ancient Kincaid tartan. (55 in & 62 in)



Tartan Sash

\$60.00

In Ancient Kincaid tartan, this 92" ladies sash is for casual or formal wear. Will last a lifetime when proper care is taken.



Clan Crest Cap

\$15.00

This khaki-colored ball cap features our clan crest in 4-color on the front. It is a structured ball-type cap for both men and women.



Clan Crest Badge

\$27.00

This Art Pewter Silver badge is made in East Kibride, Scotland. The badge is normally worn on the hat, but can be used



Clan Crest Pendant

\$27.00

This 1" Clan Crest pendant is made in Scotland of art pewter silver and comes with an 18" chain.



Clan Crest Pins

\$14.50

This art pewter silver pin may be worn by men or women as a lapel pin, tie tack, sweater pin etc. The Crest is ¾ inch in diameter



Color Clansman Print

\$3.00

Beautiful color 8.5" x 11" watercolor type print suitable for framing. Clansman is wearing our Ancient Kincaid tartan. Shipped free if sent alone



Computer Mouse Pad

\$12.00

This standard-size mouse pad features our clan tartan (4-color) with our crest in the center in white and black, Kincaid printed across the bottom.



Tartan Rug/Blanket

\$82.00

Made of 100% lambs wool in Kincaid Ancient tartan, the rug measures 56" x 70".



Tartan Note Cards

\$15.00

Kincaid Ancient tartan and clan crest imprinted on each card. Cards



measure 4¼" x 5½". The pack of 10 cards come with envelopes.

Luggage Tag

\$7.00

Luggage Tag in Kincaid Ancient Tartan.



Accessory Pouch

\$16.00

Accessory Pouch in Kincaid Ancient Tartan.



Pocket Square

\$9.00

Pocket Square in Kincaid Ancient Tartan. The Pocket Square measures 10" by 10".



Apron

\$18.00

This full-length apron provides protection, durability and easy care (65/35 poly/cotton twill) with 3 patch pockets to hold essentials. Stone color with clan crest/name in green. Measures 25" wide x 34.5" long



Crest Patch

\$8.00

Clan crest patch, 4-color, measures 3 inches by 3 ¾ inches. For sewing onto clothing, bags, etc.



Polo Shirt

\$26.00

Short-sleeved shirt features a flat collar and 3-button placket. Dark green with embroidered 4-color clan crest on left breast with script in black. Made in 100% cotton. Adult sizes S-XXL. When ordering, specify size and whether Woman or Man.

