



BattleAxe

Clan Maclean International Association



Editorial

Marcus MacLean

All of you in the Clan Maclean Associations worldwide will join me in congratulating our Chief on his marriage to Mrs. Rosemary Mayfield. Last July they were together at the Isle of Mull games in Tobermory, where I took the opportunity to take the 'cover' photo for this BattleAxe. We look forward to seeing Rosie with Sir Lachlan at many events in the future, and wish them a very happy future together.

You will note that the first two pages of this BattleAxe are an account of the 1912 Duart Gathering, and a 'call' to all Macleans and our septs to the Centenary Gathering in 2012. As the Chief and others are advising, you should make your bookings in good time to avoid any disappointment. I'll see you there! The text is from the CMA Scotland website and the photos are courtesy of the Chief.



Editors Marcus and Donald present a bound copy of the CMA Scotland magazines to Sir Lachlan

This year we have news and photos of the Chief's two overseas visits. In November he undertook a marathon tour of Australia and New Zealand. You will find the details in the local association reports. My wife Brooke, and I were very happy to host a barbeque and receive Sir Lachlan during his visit to New South Wales, Australia. I have delayed publication of this edition to include the report of the Chief's visit to Clan Gillean.

We are delighted to report on a new generation of the Macleans of Ardgour. I have a photo of Robin and his enlarged family in *Notes from Scotland*. On a sadder note, we have recently heard of the death of Duncan MacLean, who was the past President of the Clan Maclean International Association. He was a great supporter of the Clan, and many of you will

remember his singing at Clan Ceilidhs in the past. Kirk Lane's tribute to him is on page 33.

In addition to the Association reports, I have an interesting item from Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross on a musical connection. I have also managed to get permission to use Rory Maclean's blog on Macleans in Berlin. Macleans are everywhere!

I have put all the email and website links in [blue](#). They should all be active if you receive this electronically.

May I thank all our contributors for the articles and the variety and quantity of the photos. Donald and I do hope you enjoy this year's BattleAxe.



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Centenary Gathering 2012

An Invitation to a significant Centenary

In 1912 the Chief of Clan Maclean, Sir Fitzroy Maclean, invited the clan to join him at Duart to celebrate with him the return of the castle to Maclean ownership. Invitations went out to Macleans both on Mull and around the world; nearly 700 clanspeople accepted his call and came to Duart. It was the first great clan gathering of any clan in modern times. As the central part of the occasion, the Chieftain of Ardgour hammered on the door of the ruined castle, saying:

Fhir Dhubhairt tha clann Illeathain a feitheamh a mach gu cur failte cirbh aim an luchairt ur Sionnsaireachd.

Chief of Duart! The Clan Maclean is waiting to give you welcome in the castle of your ancestors.



Sir Fitzroy then appeared and welcomed the clan, before proceeding to raise the Maclean flag from the battlements, for the first time in 221 years.

The castle had been taken over by the Campbells, used as government barracks, and for long been a ruin. The 1912 Gathering was a significant event in the history of the restoration of the castle as a home for the chief, and a shelter and rallying place for the clan.

Sir Fitzroy was an old man of 77 years in 1912, but he lived for a further 24 years to enjoy his family's return to Duart. The events and ceremonies of the weekend in 1912, included a ceilidh; a dance; a clan march headed by the marshals and chieftains of the clan, along with pipers; a welcome from the chief; the raising of the flag; a religious service; personal introductions to the chief and his family; solo piping; speeches in honour of the clan history; Gaelic recitations; activities round the castle; a lunch of several relays in a marquee; and a group photograph; but ultimately it was a Gathering of the Clan. In 2012 all these items, and many new ones, will be included in the Centenary Gathering at Duart; along with a week of clan events based at Tobermory.

Sir Fitzroy greeted his clan with the ancient Highland welcome, 'Ceud mile failte' – a hundred thousand welcomes; and in June 2012 the clan will be welcomed with the same sentiment and happiness.





The Clan Maclean Association in Scotland is organising the Centenary Gathering on Mull from Monday 18th to Sunday 24th June 2012



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

Along with the detailed programme for the Gathering shown on the offline booking form and on the programme page, please also note the following:-

Evening Talks. There will be evening talks in the Aros Hall on the Tuesday and Wednesday and on Thursday, a walk through of Scottish Reels for the Grand Dance.

Coll Trips. The arrangements on the Island and hospitality there are thanks to Nicholas and Lavinia Maclean-Bristol and their family. Numbers, unfortunately, have to be limited. Note that this involves a two hour boat trip each way.

Clan Congress. The theme will be “Looking at the future of the Clan”.

Dress at the Centenary Gathering. This is largely a matter of choice, but the Dress at previous Gatherings has varied enormously from full kilt to very casual. The advice is as follows – The Dress during the Clan land Visits and the Evening Talks should be casual and warm. However, it would be nice if at least some tartan was worn at the Ceilidh, Dance and the Main Gathering at Duart. This could be a Maclean tie or scarf, but the important thing is that you all attend and are comfortable.

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

Craignure Tourist Information Centre - Isle of Mull, Argyll PA65 6AX, UK

Tel: 01680 812377

Fax: 01680 812497 Email: mull@visitscotland.com

VisitScotland – www.visitscotland.com and Holiday Mull – www.holidaymull.co.uk

Registration and Booking for the Gathering. The details of the Gathering week are shown on the offline booking form and on the programme page.

Offline Booking

To be used if you do not wish to pay online.

Online Booking

Use our online booking and payment system for speed and convenience.

Email Addresses. For those mailing the Form, please remember to include your email address so that we can keep you up to date with extra events and any changes to the arrangements. The email addresses of those booking online are received automatically.



From Duart

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

Dear Members of the Clan,

2010 was a momentous year for many of us. I think most of you know I re-married in September to Rosie Mayfield. Rosie was the widow of one of my brother officers in the Scots Guards. Her husband died a month before Mary. We would both very much like to thank those of you who sent us letters and congratulations.

My family are flourishing, and in April last year Alexandra and Colin had a daughter, a sister for Betsy. She is called Tessa and is a lovely baby but I think Grandfather's are always proud of all their grandchildren. I now have nine grandchildren, and Rosie has nine as well. Malcolm and his family all came to Duart to set up a wind monitor to test the wind speed, as we are thinking of the possibility of a wind turbine. Cosimo, Emma's eldest boy will be twelve this summer and is my oldest grandson, with the twins being nearly four. Alexandra has just moved to Torphins, outside Aberdeen where her husband works for BP. Andrew is still working in Edinburgh and has just been on a ski-ing holiday with Malcolm and his family.

Right: *The Chief on board the 'Enterprize'*
Below: *With Peter and Kaye in Western Australia*
Below right: *Sir Lachlan in the SS Jaguar*



My Mother is also very well having had in the spring another replacement hip. She has been a very loyal supporter of the London and Wales Association, and I know has enjoyed all their events.

My only visit to the Clan overseas last year was my trip to Australia and New Zealand in November. We had a great time in Australia with my trip starting in Perth where one of the highlights was a picnic we had in King's Park. This was a very informal event which gave both Maclean's who knew about the Clan, and those who knew little, but wanted to find

out more, an opportunity to come and meet with us. My trip then took me to Adelaide where we visited Strathalbane and attended a Remembrance parade at their war memorial. One forgets how many Australian servicemen were both killed and wounded in the Vietnam War, and

there was a very large crowd at their Remembrance Day parade. I then left for Melbourne where again I had a



very happy time. The weather wasn't always too kind to us, and when we landed in Williamstown to recognize the immigrant's who landed there, the weather was more suitable for Mull than Australia. When in Melbourne I had heard about an Jaguar SS car that my father had owned before the war. This had been shipped to Australia soon after my father sold it in 1937. It is going to be restored by John Clucas who is an expert restorer, but it was quite a treat to sit in this sports car that my father had owned over 60 years ago.



Above: Sir Lachlan at Symbio Wildlife Park near Sydney

Below right: The Chief with Australian CMA presidents ~ left to right, Peter (Western Australia), Les (NSW - Australia) and Gordon (CMAA inc.)

I then went onto North Island, New Zealand to visit Waipu where a large number of Maclean's live, and then onto Napier where I unveiled a memorial plaque on behalf of the Heritage Trust to Sir Donald Maclean who did so much in that area for the Maori people. Then back to Sydney for the final part of my trip, where again the kindness and friendship of so many Maclean's was much appreciated. On the final Sunday of my trip to Australia and New Zealand I attended the Australian Scottish Heritage Council's *Kirking of the Tartan* in St Stephen's Church on Macquarie Street before being Chief at their Gathering in Hyde Park. The planning, generosity and kindness of everyone on my trip was very much appreciated.

When I arrived back in Scotland after my trip I found that it had been snowing for the last 24 hours. I did get home, but only with the help of

my neighbour's Land Rover, and then the snow lasted in Scotland for another six weeks.

Little did I realise when I left Australia and New Zealand that in so short a time both countries would be hit by natural disasters. Floods, tornados, and the earth quake in Christchurch have all happened since my return. I could only watch with great admiration the way that you have coped with these problems.

The preparation and planning for the Gathering in 2012 is well on course. If any of you are thinking of coming I would strongly recommend that you do make the trip to Mull. A really exciting programme has been arranged by Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch and his Committee with details on the Maclean website.

Spring is in the air in Scotland now as Duart opens for the season. It seems as if Mull is quite busy with forward bookings by families coming on holiday but we will see how things progress in the summer as the economic climate is not very buoyant in Scotland at the moment. I do normally mention that the Isle of Mull Highland Games that are held at Tobermory take place this year on July 21st. We have a Maclean tent where anyone visiting Mull is very welcome to call in and see us.

My very best wishes to you all.

*Lachlan Maclean
of Duart, Monach.*



Clan Maclean Heritage Trust

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

I am delighted to report on the progress that the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust has made in the last 12 months. Last April Mac Maclean who had been the Secretary for the Heritage Trust since its inception died. His support to all the Chairmen had been very significant and he has kept us all on the right track. I am very pleased to welcome William Douglas as our new Secretary. His mother was a Maclean of Ardgour, so he knows a fair amount about the Clan.

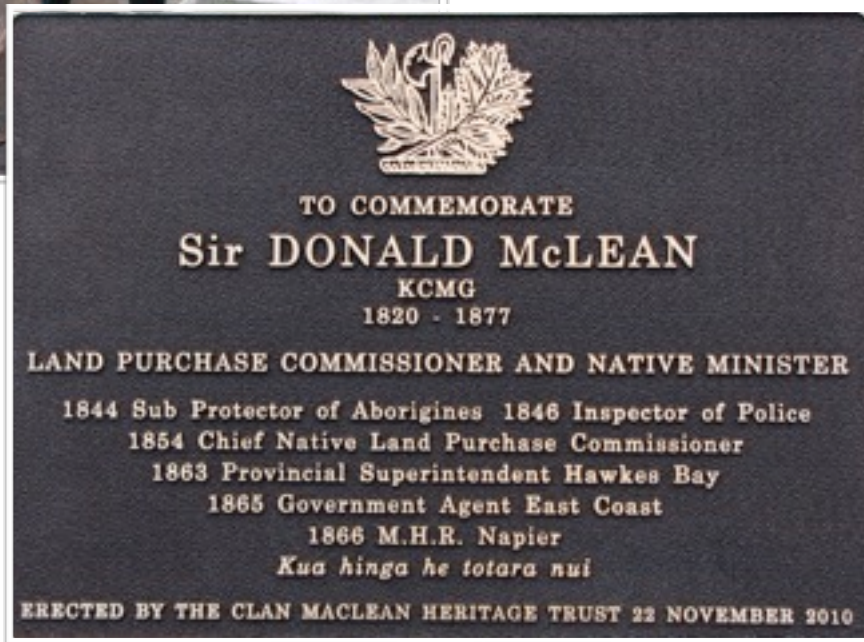
Lang McLean at the University of Sydney. It was very interesting to hear from the staff of the University that the recognition of Dr Lang McLean raised a lot of interest in his life, which was now being researched in much more detail at the University.



Left: Sir Lachlan and CMNZ President lay a wreath on Sir Donalds's grave

Below: The plaque to Sir Donald

Top right: The Chief (Chairman of the Trust) inspects the Dr Archibald Lang McLean plaque



On my visit to New Zealand in November 2010 I unveiled a plaque in Napier to Sir Donald McLean. The plaque is in front of the Cairn that is positioned at the entrance into the main rugby ground in Napier, which is named after Sir Donald, and recognises the work that he did for the Maori population in New Zealand. When I was unveiling the plaque I was told that it rained very hard at the time of his funeral, and the Maori's said that this was the God's crying for the death of a good man. This was the first recognition of a significant Maclean that had taken place in New Zealand. In Australia I also visited the plaque to Dr Archibald

Other projects completed in the last 12 months include the unveiling of a plaque in memory of Bard John MacLean in Nova Scotia. This plaque which was in English was a translation of the headstone which was written in gaelic. He is buried in the cemetery at Glen Bard, and this plaque was jointly funded by the Heritage Trust and the Clan Maclean Atlantic Canada Association.

A book of Clan Maclean music continues to be worked on, and Fiona Maclean of Ardgour has completed an illustrated book of children's stories about the Clan, which will be published this summer.

The Trustees are also very excited about the possibility of our first project in the United States with the recognition

Death or Victory

Tales of the Clan Maclean by Fiona Maclean of Ardgour

White & MacLean Publishing are pleased to announce that *Death or Victory* by Fiona Maclean will be published in the spring of 2011. In this book, Fiona Maclean of

Ardgour has collected and retold a number of stories about the clan. The style is light and the book will appeal to clansmen and women of all ages from 8 to 80 years old. The book is dedicated to Lady Mary Maclean of Duart and Morvan who died in December 2007, and the proceeds from the sales will go to the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust to help support those projects that were close to Lady Mary's heart.

Death or Victory



Above: Fiona Maclean

Below: Glen Gour



Bard John Maclean's stone

of Fort Dewart which was built by Sir Allan Maclean. As I said in my report to the Friends, it's very important that all members of the Clan suggest possible projects to the Trustees.

One of the concerns that the Trustees had this year has been the drop in our income which has fallen from £3,400 in 2009 to £1,800 in the last year. This was caused by a drop in donations to the Trust, but is worrying as it means that the Trust will be unable to undertake so many projects. I would therefore ask any of you who are interested in the history of the Clan and some of the educational projects we are undertaking that you consider becoming a Friend of the Heritage Trust.

The Trustees are also working hard on a project on Mull that will be undertaken for the Gathering in 2012.

I would like to welcome Noel Robinson who has been appointed as Trustee of the Heritage Trust. He is based in New Zealand and was responsible for the plaque to Sir Donald McLean that I unveiled on my visit. I would also like to thank all the Trustees for the enormous amount of work they put into the Trust to make it flourish.

can be read as a paperback and also as an eBook. Both formats are available from the publishers at www.whiteandmaclean.eu and also through Amazon and selected bookshops. Clan Maclean Associations can purchase a supply for their members by contacting the publishers via their website.



Clan Maclean International Association

Ian MacLean ~ President

Last year was a tumultuous year. Mother nature was not kind to many parts of our world, particularly Japan. It seemed to me, that those areas inhabited by those of us of Scots descent, suffered notably! We had the terrible floods in Australia; the heavy, and enduring snow in much of the UK, and in much of North America (even more than usual); and tragically the earthquake in New Zealand. Katrina informed me that mother of two, Teresa McLean was one of the victims, and that as of February 27th she had still been unable to contact one of the New Zealand Association member families from the Christchurch area. More recently, at the April 16th Rural Hills Games in North Carolina, we had a major rainstorm with heavy winds, and later learned that a tornado touched down only twelve miles from us. We Canadians, not to mention the Chief and Lady Rosemary, are not used to such events. Thankfully none of us was directly affected.

As many of you know many of our Presidents, or Past Presidents had serious and often ongoing, health issues. Without going into the individual problems, I know we all concerned about the many reports of heart problems, cancer and other major illnesses. Truly we do all need to be grateful for the blessings we do have and to enjoy/appreciate each day as it comes.

On a much more positive note, our Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean, and Mrs Rosemary Mayfield were married on September 8th in a small private ceremony at St Columba's Church, on the Isle of Mull. I know we all congratulate them both. Also, I understand that the Chief's



CMIA President Ian MacLean
Below: Ian greets Sir Lachlan and Lady Maclean

visits to Australia and New Zealand were very well received, and I know he enjoyed them. Another great visit to the United States and Clan Gillean took place in mid April. This time Lady Maclean, or Rosie as she likes to be known, joined him for this very successful visit. You will no doubt read much more about these events in the submissions by the Associations who were involved in these well planned, and busy trips.

Bob McLean, Clan Gillean's President, was kind enough to invite my wife Marjorie and myself to attend the Games in Rural Hills, North Carolina and we enjoyed the many events in the Chief's whirlwind visit. I know he was simply not able to stay longer, much as he would have liked to, as this is the beginning of the season at Duart. He must be on site to ensure the castle is ready to receive visitors. Speaking of Duart, I must tell you how excited I was to be able to combine our trip to North Carolina, with a subsequent visit to the Castle Duart (Fort Dewart) site in Pennsylvania. Imagine, a namesake of Duart in North America! Captain Sir Allan Maclean, and fellow clansmen – Montgomery Highlanders – built this almost forgotten redoubt in 1758. Sir Allan was then Chief of the clan and raised some 300 men from Clan lands. These men were almost certainly primarily clansmen. Bob McLean from Clan Gillean, and I (representing the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust) have now visited the site, and have had face to face discussions with local historians, and the owners of the site, about ways that Fort Dewart, and the contributions of the Macleans to the building and





naming this redoubt can be suitably remembered. Getting to know Bob through my role as President of CMIA certainly assisted in the development of this exciting partnership.

On the CMIA front, I am sorry to inform you that our hopes for the creation of new associations in South Africa, and Chile, seem to have ground to a halt. Such developments often do need to happen over time, so I have certainly not given up. A more positive development is the Project Management Board that has been developed to gather information that will help us meet Sir Lachlan's challenge, i.e. to find ways to increase the general, and in particular youth, membership in Clan Associations. I believe that you are all represented on this Board, terms of reference have been agreed upon, and Alasdair White is providing the leadership to produce some concrete results for us (CMIA) and subsequently the Congress at the Gathering.

Above: Group at Fort Dewart
Below and right: Ian visiting Clan Gillean

The Gathering is drawing closer. If you check the website you will see that a full week of activities have been planned, with more to be added. Being a veteran of two Gatherings, my one piece of advice is to book your accommodations as early as possible. Whether, B&B, hotel, or self-catering options appeal to you, they will all be booked up well before the event, so don't procrastinate. Get on it! This Gathering promises to be one of the best as it commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Great Gathering held to mark the repurchase and refurbishment of OUR Duart Castle.

Have you all noticed, as I have, that we should compliment the editors of all the Association newsletters? I get most of them, and can see steady improvement in the scope and quality of the articles, the presentation, and the timeliness. Given that we all have to deal with members from wide geographic areas, who cannot always get to our meetings, or the Highland Games that we attend, this is most encouraging. Keep up the good work!

Lastly I want to thank Marcus and Donald for continuing to act as editors for the Battleaxe. They certainly deserve to be included in the above-mentioned compliment!

Sl'ainte, Ian MacLean, Tidnish, Nova Scotia



Notes from Scotland

Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch ~ President CMA



The Clan Maclean Association has begun its work on the next Gathering in June 2012. This always involves a great deal of background work, and behind-the-scenes preparation. While we like to include as much help from the other members of Clan Maclean International as possible, most of the work just has to be undertaken in Scotland. Once again Col Donald and Vera are the key players, and we have recruited some younger and new helpers too.

other clan associations, but the tent was not very well placed on the field, and particularly in 2009, it was not well attended by visitors, most of those who did being from Europe, who had little idea of what a clan is! This disappointing number may have had to do with the 'Home Coming' Gathering in Edinburgh the following week, which inevitably attracted visitors more than Inverness did. Whatever; the Highland Council used a move of venue as a reason to give up the 'clan village', and last year it was much missed.



Top: Tobermory Harbour front

Centre left: The Isle of Mull Pipe Band

Centre: Tossing the caber at the games

It is often remarked that clan life in Scotland, and indeed the UK, is quite dissimilar from clan life in the 'new world'. In particular our Highland Games do not have the great variety and number of clan tents that are usual at games overseas. Most of the games are 'local' and usually there is only one clan tent, representing the local clan. However the Inverness Games were an exception and had developed a 'clan village', which was a huge tent, filled with stalls from as many as thirty clan associations. It was great fun, especially as it was a chance to meet people running the

The Clan Maclean's tent is now a fixture at the Tobermory Games, and this year it was 'hosted' by Alex and Ann McLean. The tent was as usual festooned with the Maclean heraldic flags, which are always a subject of conversation, and there were many of the other familiar photo albums and memorabilia. However, the Clan Shop, which Terry and Rosemary McLean have arranged in the past few years, was not present, as they have moved away



from Argyll (although they were present on the day), and various people missed the opportunity to help clan funds by buying something! The Maclean tent is the only clan tent at the Tobermory Games, which

are sometimes referred to as the 'Maclean Games', Sir Lachlan being the hereditary Chief of the Games, and our tent is the meeting place not only for clans people from round the world, but also for Mull people too. 'See you at the Maclean tent' is often said by people looking for a meeting place.

A new innovation, in place of our usual Edinburgh party (which we intend to reinstate in 2011) was a Drinks Party



the night before the Games, at the Western Isles Hotel, to which various local people were invited, so as to inform them about the Gathering in 2012, and ask for their help and support. It was excellent to keep up these vital local contacts, and everyone seemed to be very excited at the thought of next year's celebrations.

from the Normandy Hotel, Renfrew, where we have met for many years, to the Glynhill Hotel, which is quite nearby. For the first time since he became Chief, Sir Lachlan was unable to be present as he was en route to Australia and New Zealand, but there was a very good turnout of old and new members. Gradually over the years, this event has developed into much more of a family affair, and although we all enjoy dressing up as much as we can, it is in general less formal, with plenty of participation from our younger members. Sally and Lucy, granddaughters of Col Donald MacLean, sang



Celebrating of a different kind came with the marriage of the Chief and Rosie Mayfield on Mull in September. Rosie is already well known to the Clan Maclean Association, as she has attended our annual Gathering, and got to know and take an interest in everyone. She was also present at the Maclean Tent at Tobermory, though at that point it was not generally known how soon she and Sir Lachlan were getting married. On the day itself, the Cal Mac ferry announced, over the loud speaker, the happy occasion to all the travellers on its late afternoon journey and then gave three long blasts as it passed the castle; which was acknowledged by Sir Lachlan, Rosie, and 'Lady Elizabeth', the Chief's mother, along with their friends and the staff at Duart waving back frantically. The happy couple left soon after by helicopter.

The venue of our annual Gathering, which involves a Reception, Dinner, Entertainment and Dance, has moved



Above: Spectators at the Mull games

Centre left: Dancing includes the 'Irish Jig' as well as the Highland styles.

Right: Sir Lachlan presents a cup to an athlete

beautifully, while their cousins, Jamie and Lachlan MacLean entertained us with their musical skills, piping and accordion. Perhaps because the clan is a new customer, the hotel pushed out the boat for the catering, and we are certainly returning there this year.



In addition to the band we were entertained by Sally and Lucy Bishop who sang to us and by Charlie and Sheila MacLean's boys, Jamie (pipes) and Lachlan (accordion). It was lovely to see the younger generation joining in the dancing whilst the elders lent an ear or propt up the bar . Photos and caption ~ Elizabeth Jenner-McLean

Below right: *The Ardgour family*



We had all been very worried earlier in the year by Robin Maclean of Ardgour's illness, but his long recovery has been successful and he is happily home at Salachan, Ardgour. Further excellent news came from Ardgour at the end of the year, when Ewen the younger and Annie Maclean had a baby boy, to be called Hector Robert Maclean of Ardgour. Another generation is always the hope for the future; and we wish him and his parents well.



England and Wales ~ The London Letter

Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross ~ President

2010–2011 has been a busy year for the Association, starting with the approval at our AGM on Friday 22nd October 2010 at the Caledonian Club, Halkin Street, London SW1, of a major nominal expansion, namely the approval of a change of identity from the Clan Maclean Association of London to the Clan Maclean Association of England and Wales. This move had been endorsed by the Chief and was later notified to all other Associations. Although we were all fond of the old name and very conscious of the long history of what had originally been called the “London & District Branch” of the Clan Maclean Association, founded soon after the Second World War with Sir Fitzroy Maclean as its first President, our aim in voting for change was to raise a welcoming banner in England and Wales for all Macleans and Septs south of the border, not merely Londoners. Many of our members already attend our events from very far afield, and the majority live outside London. So our change of name acknowledged reality, as well as forming a broader base for recruitment of new members and for the invitation of guest speakers of national standing.

The AGM also voted unanimously for the appointment of a new Hon. Secretary, Helen Bailey, from Arundel, West Sussex, and for our previous long-serving Hon. Secretary Mary Wilson to be appointed an Honorary Vice-President. Membership over the year had remained stable in spite of the great pressures of the worst recession since 1931, which had forced many organizations to draw in their horns. In due time we are committed to a drive for

The Annual Dinner

Above right: *Mary Wilson, just elected Honorary Vice President and our Patron, Elizabeth, Lady Maclean*

Below centre: *Malcolm, Lady Maclean, Nicolas, Theresa Grant-Peterkin, and John Rankin*

Below left: *Qamar Maclean, Nigel Alington and guests*



new members, with all existing members aiming to recruit at least one additional member.



The meeting was followed by a most enjoyable Annual Dinner with our Patron, Elizabeth, Lady Maclean, her grandson Malcolm, Younger of Duart and Morvern, and John Rankin, Director of the Americas at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as our Guests of Honour, and with Keith Grant-Peterkin and his wife Theresa as additional honoured Guests. In speeches after dinner Malcolm brought us greetings from the Chief, news of his family, and an update on the preparations for the 2012 Gathering on Mull in the week of 18th June. John Rankin spoke of the long and close connection of the Rankins as a leading Sept of Clan Maclean and historically providers of a long line of pipers to the Maclean Chiefs. He illustrated the relevance of Clan feeling and tradition in the modern world as an excellent example of the kind of informal networks, which can cross frontiers more effectively than governments and enhance people to people contact and Public Diplomacy. (This point has since been borne out in Sri Lanka where John has been appointed High Commissioner, since one of his first engagements was to visit Project Trust volunteers in that country, engaged in charitable work under the auspices of Nicholas Maclean-Bristol, Project

Trust's Founder and President. This contact was organized through the Clan Maclean network). Keith Grant-Peterkin, Hon. Secretary of the Highland Society of London, concluded the formal part of the evening with an interesting account of the history of the society, formed in 1778 with the aim of safeguarding highland culture and influence after the ruptures of the '45 and its appalling aftermath. There had been Macleans and Maclaines among

its first members, and David Maclean-Watt was mentioned as a longstanding member and active supporter of both the Highland Society of London and our own Association.

Friday 11th February saw the members of CMA E&W gathered together again for Burns Night at the Caledonian Club. Nearly 70 Macleans and “Friends of Macleans” including the High Sheriff of London, Ranjit Mithrani, were joined by several notable members of the Stewart Society of London, led by its President Jamie Stewart and his wife Isa. Our Patron and President led the traditional procession piped in to dinner, and our Vice-President, Nigel Alington, introduced a novel and witty grace. The Haggis was addressed with great panache by an old family friend of Lady Maclean, Patrick Watson, who attended the dinner with his wife Sarah. In spite of having had a shoulder operation the previous day, Jamie Stewart gallantly proposed the Toast to the Immortal Memory with his arm in a sling. These encumbrances did not stop him from using his remaining hand to display various charts and slides, as well as holding the microphone. His final slides spelt out seven key qualities of Macleans, of which Burns would have approved: Magnanimity, Affability, Courage, Loyalty, Endurance, Astuteness, Nostalgia.

It was then time for Roddy Gow, Chief Executive of Asia House, London, a Member of HM The Queen’s bodyguard in Scotland, and a Godson of our late Chief, Lord Maclean, to propose the Toast to the Lassies, with great humour and persuasiveness, to be met with a brilliant and understated response by Philippa Maclean-Watt, explaining how to read what women say between the lines. Afterwards we enjoyed music, ancient and

Below: Patrick Watson prepares to address the Haggis
Bottom: Slainte!



modern: a reprise by Andrew Maclean of his inspiring, unaccompanied ballad, the “War-song of the Macleans”, and two modern songs by Iona Maclean, his famous soul-singer sister, whose new CD is being launched in the UK and USA this summer. Rod McFadyen, our piper, did us proud with his medley of Scottish tunes, as did David Dunham on his melodeon and James Arber on the guitar. The evening ended to their accompaniment with everyone singing “Loch Lomond” and “The Skye Boat Song”, before linking hands for “Auld Lang Syne.”

Next year’s Burns Night will take place on 3rd February, and Jamie Maclean, Editor of “The Erotic Review” is already booked to propose the Toast to the Lassies, which will provoke an unexpected response, the President’s secret! The Chief will be present, accompanied by his wife Rosie. On 26th October 2012 our Guests of Honour will be the Chief and as representative of the Patten Sept, Lord Patten, Chancellor of Oxford University, Chairman of the BBC Trust, a former UK Cabinet Minister, EU Commissioner and the last Governor of Hong Kong. However, before that on Friday 7th October this year we will be holding our 2011 Annual Dinner and we all much look forward to an address by the Very Reverend Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, President of the Clan Maclean Association in Scotland, a great genealogist, and principal organizer of the 2012 Gathering, who will be our Guest of Honour.

This report on our activities and plans should not conclude without mention of a very special event, open only to paid-up members of our Association, namely the Celebration at the Special Forces Club, London, on Friday 11th March of the Centenary of Major-General Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Dunconnel Bt. Every seat at this event was taken, and it generated huge enthusiasm and pride in the achievements of one of the most remarkable Macleans of all time. In the presence of our Patron, and senior representatives of Serbia, Croatia and Montenegro, including the Croatian Ambassador, Sir Fitzroy’s son Jamie gave an illustrated outline of his father’s life, full of insights and communicating moments of high drama and extraordinary courage. This talk was complemented by our President, who spoke of Sir Fitzroy as a latter-day Ulysses, showing many links between Tennyson’s poem and the “barren crags” of Yugoslavia mentioned in Sir Fitzroy’s classic book “Eastern Approaches”. Our President also told some personal anecdotes to remember Sir Fitzroy’s humour, wit and wisdom, and quoted from the autobiography of his wife Veronica, always a tower of strength, “Past Forgetting”. Finally, he read out a long and moving tribute to Sir Fitzroy by a former partisan in the Balkans, who had become a close friend after the War, Bato Tomasevic. That tribute is now on the CMA E&W section of the Clan Maclean website <http://www.macleans.org/>, as is Jamie Maclean’s talk.

Clan links with Chopin's Bicentenary

Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross

On Thursday 18th November 2010 two Clan Maclean chieftains met by chance in the City of London's historic Guildhall to hear the same Broadwood piano, which Fryderyk Chopin had used in the same location on 16th



Chopin

November 1848 for his last-ever performance in public, just months before his untimely death aged 38. Sir Charles Maclean of Dunconnel, with his daughter Katherine, and Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross, with his wife Qamar, happened to coincide at the highpoint of a year of celebrations by Britain's musical world of the bicentenary of the

birth of one of the world's greatest pianists and composers. They were both present at the Chopin Society's Grand Concert, Dinner and Ball, because of the key links between each of their families and Chopin.

By chance, each had an ancestor crucial to Chopin's tour of Britain from April to November 1848. Charlie's ancestor was Jane Stirling, a pupil of Chopin's in Paris, which had been his home for the previous 17 years. When the revolution broke out on 24th February, and the government of King Louis Philippe was overthrown, Jane Stirling persuaded Chopin to pursue fame and fortune in Britain. She and her sister, Mrs. Erskine, arranged a crowded social and musical programme for Chopin in England and Scotland, where they found him accommodation.

Part of Chopin's glittering programme, which included playing for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, was organized by Julia Schwabe, one of Nicolas Maclean's Great-great grandmothers, whose daughter Katherine married Murdoch Maclaime of Lochbuie. Like Jane Stirling, Julia Schwabe

had known Chopin in Paris; in 1848 he not only played at one of her salons in Mayfair, but in late August interrupted his stay in Scotland, organized by Jane Stirling to spend a week with Julia Schwabe and her husband Salis at Rusholme near Manchester. The main purpose of this visit was for Chopin to play to an audience of 1200, the largest concert in his life, organized by Mrs. Schwabe to raise money for the Manchester Royal Infirmary. Chopin preferred small soirees and was not very audible, but appreciated the generous fee. Salis Schwabe was the successful founder of English Calico, later a core part of Coats Viyella, and had just built the tallest factory chimney in Britain, known as the "Colossus of Rhodes", (Rhodes in Middleton, Greater Manchester). With his failing health and retiring nature it is not surprising that Chopin turned down Salis Schwabe's invitation to ascend the chimney with him in a basket to see the view.



A final link is the fact that Chopin stayed at Strachur House in Argyll, Charlie Maclean's present home, though the house was not yet in the hands of the Macleans of Dunconnel, and at that time Chopin was guest of Lady Murray, a tenant at Strachur. The wheels of fate coincided again during 2010 when Qamar and Nicolas Maclean spent a night at Strachur in what Charlie Maclean described as "probably Chopin's bedroom". The Nocturnes were complemented to good effect with a glass or two of Macphunn."

Strachur House



CMA France

President Chevalier Alan RM and Elizabeth McLean

2010 was rather a quiet year for CMA, France. However, those activities that there were, were rather special for various reasons including our recruitment activity which resulted in several cousins finding each other for the first time.

Lost and Found. Our seven new French members, to whom we extend a very warm welcome, are: Dominique Maclain and his son Robin; Franck Lena, his wife Bertille and their two daughters and his brother Xavier.



New members, left to right ~ Robin Maclain and his father Dominique, Franck Lena and his wife Bertille at the Dinatoire

Dominique Maclain contacted Alan in an endeavour to find out what the Association was all about. He and his son, who live near Lourdes, came all the way to Paris to meet some of their 'cousins' at our annual cocktail party. He later contacted Didier Maclain (an existing member) and established that they were first cousins, a discovery that gave them both enormous pleasure.

Franck Lena had originally met Alan some twenty years ago when he was the flag officer to the admiral commanding the French Navy in Marseilles. They were both at a reception on a visiting Royal Navy vessel where Alan, who held a government appointment as the UK Shipping Representative for Marseilles, was accompanying the British Consul General. Franck told Alan he believed he was a Maclean. However, it was not until this year that he pursued the matter further. He made contact with CMA, France through its website only to find that the reply came from Alan, the man he had met on the vessel all those years ago. Quite a coincidence! Franck explained that Lena is a French version of Lean, thus Maclean. He, like our other new members and Didier Maclain is entirely French born and bred.

It is fitting and encouraging that CMA, France is attracting truly French Macleans. Hitherto, our small membership has mainly consisted of British, Canadian or American clansfolk.

Michel McLean who became a member of CMA, France in 1992 has returned to his native Quebec. He will be greatly missed, not least because he often entertained us with his unique style of singing at our soirées. We wish him bon voyage, bonne chance and au revoir, not 'adieu', as we secretly believe (and hope) he'll be back. <http://michelmclean.free.fr/>



Michel McLean

Sadly, we learnt of the death in June of Francis Astié who had been the Treasurer to the Association for many years and a life member of CMA, Scotland. Our heartfelt condolences were sent to his widow Michèle who expressed the wish to continue her membership of the Association and hoped that Francis's son might join too.

Our Annual General Meeting and Cocktail Dinatoire were held at Ian and Anne McLean's flat in Paris on 20th November following the Annual General Meeting. The following members were voted to serve on the Committee of the Association: President: Alan McLean; Secretary: Elodie M a s s o n - C a f f i e r ; Membership Secretary: Elizabeth Jenner-McLean; Treasurer: Rhona Masson; Juriste: Brigitte Maclean and Ian McLean.



Alan's address

Alan made a speech of welcome to the 18 members who attended. As is his custom at our Gatherings, Alan finds some Maclean history to recount that was dated in the same month as our event. This time, it was the Battle of Sheriffmuir which took place on 13th November 1715 at the height of the Jacobite rising in England and Scotland. He quoted from Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Dunconnel's book entitled Scotland: A Concise History.

“The Macleans and MacDonalds were on the right of the Jacobite line. They were fighting once again for their existence as clans against their hereditary enemies, the all-pervading Campbells. ‘Gentlemen’ said Maclean of Duart, a veteran of Killiecrankie, placing himself at the head of his Clan and looking across to where Argyll had drawn up his troops over against them, ‘This is a day we have long wished to see. Yonder stands Mac Chailein Mor for King George. Here stands Maclean for King James. God bless Maclean and King James. Gentlemen, charge.’ In the ensuing encounter, the enemy’s infantry was routed”.

This gave much ‘food for thought’ and everyone tucked in to the spread that Ian and Anne had graciously prepared.



The CMA Scotland Annual Gathering

Alan and Elizabeth were joined by Andrew and Liz, Brigitte and Alastair.



Members at the cocktail party

CMA France Newsletter, 2009-2010. A copy of the Newsletter, written by Alan and Elizabeth and compiled by Elodie, was distributed to all members of CMA, France as well as to all the CMIA Presidents in addition to being posted on the website. This Newsletter, which is the only one written mainly in French, contained several historical articles written by Alan including one about the Stuart Kings who originated from Dol de Bretagne, Brittany. It was received with great enthusiasm.

Ardgour House. Members of CMA, France were very concerned to learn that planning permission had been sought to construct a lodge in front of Ardgour House. In response to Alan’s circular, ten members were minded to register their objection to the proposal and wrote accordingly to the Planning Officer. We were informed that our reaction helped raise the numbers of objections sufficiently to force a review to be held. We are thrilled to have just learnt that the Application for Planning Permission has been withdrawn.

CMA Scotland Annual Gathering in Glasgow. Several members of CMA, France attended the annual dinner dance in Glasgow this year. Alan and Elizabeth were

joined by Andrew and Liz; Brigitte, Alastair and little Alexandre (who made a late appearance for the dancing). The changed venue was much better than the previous one and the spa was an added benefit which tempted us all to spend an extra day there relaxing. (*More of Alan and Elizabeth’s photos from Glasgow appear in ‘Notes from Scotland’.*)

40th Interceltic Festival, Lorient, Brittany.

Earlier in the year, Alan and Elizabeth attended the annual Interceltic Festival in Lorient, Brittany which celebrated its 40th anniversary. The gathering consisted of a 10 day showcase of Celtic culture and traditions. These included performances and competitions for dancing, singing and music including the playing of the Scottish pipes, Breton bigniou and bombard and Spanish gaita from Asturias and Galicia.

The highlight was the defilé of over 4,500 dancers and musicians who took to the streets of Lorient for the Celtic Nations Parade. Dressed in national costume and carrying their national or regional flag, they were watched by crowds of over 65,000 people. This parade, which culminated in the Stadium, where we had a grandstand view, lasted 3.5 hours.





Above: *A Breton Bagad*
Centre left: *Gaïta from galicia, Spain*
Centre right: *Breton spectators*
Lower right: *Spanish Gaïta*



Each year one Celtic country is invited to be guest of honour. This year, it was the turn of Brittany which probably explains why so many visitors attended – over 800,000 reportedly came from the nine or so Celtic nations/regions. The smallest representations were from Cornwall, the Isle of Man and Arcadia. Scotland was well represented by dancers and pipe bands. The grand finale in the Stadium was accompanied by an incredible firework display.

Anyone with an interest in the diversity of Celtic culture and traditions would thoroughly enjoy this festival. We certainly did. The Guests of Honour at the 41st Interceltic Festival, 5th to 14th August, 2011 will be the Celtic Diaspora. For further information visit www.festival-interceltique.com/



Clan Maclean Association in Australia inc.

Rewa Feenaghty ~ Editor

Well, here we are in the year of the Rabbit – according to the Chinese Horoscope this means a year of romance. This past summer we have had one disaster after another – floods and cyclones in the east and north of Australia. A lot of Macleans live in the affected areas, but we have not been advised of any deaths although there has been severe property damage. Now this awful earthquake has struck Christchurch in New Zealand, and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

The big news for CMAA was the visit of our Chief in November 2010. Our Sub-committees in Victoria and South Australia worked hard to make his visit the great success it turned out to be. Some of our members travelled long distances to join in the festivities. People were very friendly and a lot of chattering went on, and many new friendships have been forged.



President Gordon McLean at the re-dedication of the Dr Hector Rath McLean memorial at Williamstown



Past President Ken McLean (L) with Clan members and the Chief (R) at Strathalbyn

Before arriving in Melbourne, Sir Lachlan spent a couple of days in South Australia where Jean Whimp and Ken McLean organized the main function at "The Feathers" hotel. It was a great success, and Life Member Belinda McLean performed for the admiring audience. The next day, at his request, the Chief attended the Remembrance Day service at Strathalbyn – he later toured the area and had lunch at the old Rankin homestead, Glenbarr. This area is steeped in Maclean history as it was originally settled by Rankins and McLeans.

Once he arrived in Victoria we worked him hard. His first engagement was at our Council meeting, where he participated in the discussions and encouraged us in recruiting new people willing to join our Council. We have four new Councillors this year.

Public activities followed. Unfortunately we could not control the weather, and the Chief was probably reminded of Mull. Some hardy members took a rain-soaked trip with the Chief on Port Phillip Bay in the tall ship 'Enterprize', and re-enacted the landing of the first McLeans at Williamstown in 1835. We then proceeded to our family day which was well

The Chief unveiling the plaque commemorating the first McLean settlers at Williamstown





Clan Piper Alex Beaton leads the Chief and clansfolk on the march from the pier to Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown

attended and had lots of entertainment with Pipe Bands & Dancers. The Chief wanted to meet as many Macleans as he could, and they came in their droves from everywhere to attend the various functions. Many who were not members of CMAA have now joined our merry band.

For our dinner on the Saturday night we had the best attendance for many years. On Sunday it was off to church for a Kirkin' o' the Tartan, followed by rededication of a McLean memorial in Williamstown.

*Long-time editor
Rewa Feenaghty*



Then on to lunch and our AGM, where Sir Lachlan presented the Ross Roper Memorial Young Achiever Award. The winner, Catherine MacLean, was unable to attend, but her father Neil accepted the award on her behalf. The Chief also personally signed membership certificates to new Life Members. The following two days were set aside for much earned R&R for the Chief, before his departure for New Zealand.

Our next function for 2011 will be held in Swan Hill in northern Victoria. This area was seriously affected by the recent floods. At this function we will be losing our long-time Editor due to illness. I am sure she will miss the job!



Maclean Pipers for the Centenary Gathering at Duart Castle.

We would like to produce a Maclean Pipe Band (less Drummers) to play at the Centenary Gathering at Duart Castle on Saturday 23rd June 2012. So if you are coming to the Gathering and play the Pipes, please contact Colonel Donald MacLean at col.damaclean@btinternet.com.

We did this in 2002, when James MacLean the Chief's Piper sent out a list of well known tunes to the volunteers in advance. This ad hoc Band did a few ten minute sessions on their own and then joined up with the Mull and Iona Pipe Band for the finale.



Clan Maclean Scottish Gathering

The Annual Gathering will be held on Saturday 5th November 2011 in the Glynhill Hotel, Renfrew, near Glasgow Airport. This is a family run hotel which has good parking, a leisure centre and swimming pool. Tickets will cost £38 per adult and £18 per child aged 8 to 15 inclusive.

The hotel has offered the Clan special accommodation rates of £75 for a double room and £65 for a single room, to include breakfast and use of the extensive leisure club.. When booking please use the Group code MAC 0511. The hotel is very accessible by road (Exit 27 on M8), by rail (Paisley, Gilmoor Street) and by air (Glasgow Airport).

Applications for ticket should be sent to:

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New South Wales - Australia

Les McLean - President

The Chief's Visit. Best greetings to our Clan Maclean members around the World.

We are very happy to report that the Chief's visit to Sydney Australia in November 2010 was a great success and our committee are to be congratulated for the planning and budgetary control that allowed the Chief to meet several hundred Maclean's and Septs at a minimum cost to our members and within our budgetary allowances. Over one thousand invitations were sent out to all the Maclean's within a 150 kilometre radius of Sydney and the result was 36% increase in membership, and many more Maclean's who have been made aware of their connection to the Chief and Duart Castle.



on the shores of the Pacific Ocean, a tree top walk in the Southern Highlands, an Australian BBQ in the Southern Highlands, a 'Meet & Greet' Function in Sydney including Lunch and entertainment Church Service including 'Kirkin of the Tartan', and a March to Hyde Park in Sydney from Martin Place as 'Chief of the Day'.

All of the planned activities were advertised on the invitations sent out to the Maclean's and we have estimated that at least 380 Maclean related members and non-members would have met the Chief during his visit to Sydney and the Southern Highlands.

Above right: Maclean Pipe Band at the BBQ
Center: The committee and life members
Below: The BBQ at Robertson, in the Southern Highlands

The Chief's program in Sydney included lunch with the Committee and Life Members, a visit to Sydney University to view the Archibald McLean Plaque, a sightseeing drive through the Royal National Park, a visit to a Wildlife Park with Koala's and Kangaroos, a lunch

Our major sponsor Northern Highland Travel (Travel Agent) assisted us by supplying the food, the BBQ equipment and the cooks at a subsidised price. The quality and presentation of the food was applauded by the 80 people that attended the BBQ. Northern Highland Travel is also arranging a "group booking" trip to the 2012 Centennial Gathering on Mull for all Australians and New Zealanders to consider.



Many photos and videos were taken during the Chief's visit and it is our intention to make up a book with the help of one of our sponsors Snap Printing, Wetherill Park. It will be available for members and non-members to purchase.



Above left: Left to right. President Les, The Chief and Piper Bob Maclean

Above right: Sir Lachlan joins 'Aunt Molly' in the entertainments

Center left: The Chief leads the march to Hyde Park in Sydney

The Scottish Historical Township of Maclean

was named in honour of Alexander Grant McLean. McLean, who was born in Scotland in 1824 was the sixth Surveyor General of New South Wales appointed in 1861 and died at the age of 38 on the 28th September 1862 being survived by a wife and infant daughter.

This year the wee Scottish Town of Maclean on the banks of the beautiful Clarence River, will mark the 107th Highland Games in April. The town has a population of only 3,254, which swells to around 6,500 over the Easter weekend, when people flock to the town to attend the annual Highland Games .

The games are contested on the Maclean Showground, known as one of the most spectacular venues in the world to hold such a Highland event. This picturesque ground overlooks the river and mountains beyond, creating a picture that reflects the beautiful lochs of Scotland.

On the 2nd March 2011 Clan Maclean in NSW – Australia attended the unveiling of a monument restoration and commemorative plaque for Alexander Grant Maclean by Mr Warwick Watkins, present Surveyor General NSW at St Thomas Church – Mulgoa NSW.



Above: A piper at Maclean township
Below: Marcus and Brooke pose by a 'Maclean' post in Maclean township



Western Australia

Peter MacLean ~ President

The Chief's visit to Australia and New Zealand. Hearty and fraternal greetings to all Clansfolk everywhere from CMA Western Australia.

We were delighted to announce in last year's Battleaxe that our Chief, Sir Lachlan, had accepted an invitation to visit Australia and New Zealand in November, 2010. The

Sir Lachlan's friendly and easy going nature ensured that folk were relaxed in their meetings with him at formal and informal gatherings.

In Perth, Western Australia, he met with the local CMA Council, visited the Maritime and Shipwreck Museums, paid respect to Macleans commemorated at the Perth War Memorial, was available at an informal picnic over four hours at Kings Park to meet and greet an estimated 250 folk with Maclean heritage, was guest of honour at a formal luncheon attended by 130 Macleans and friends, attended a civic welcome hosted by the City of Perth and visited the WA Car Museum, including a ride in a 1911 Albion, made in Glasgow.

With programmes of similar intensity in Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and several locations in New Zealand, we



Sir Lachlan on his arrival at Perth International airport being greeted by President Peter MacLean, Doreen and John Dunbar and Clan Piper, Malcolm MacLean

trip eventuated and was a resounding success for Association members and Macleans generally in the four Australian States he visited and in New Zealand.

Below: *Sir Lachlan and Peter MacLean at the War Memorial, King's Park on 6 November, 2010*



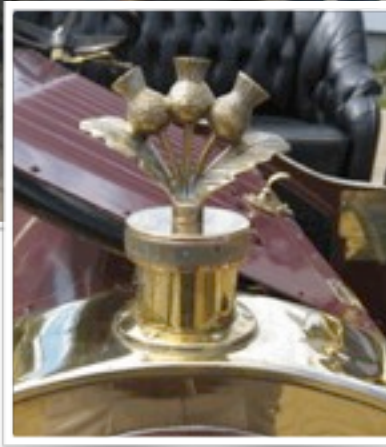
Peter and Kaye MacLean and Val and Brian McLean (Life Member) with Sir Lachlan at the Clan Luncheon

have no doubt that Sir Lachlan slept well on the return flight to Scotland and probably several days thereafter.

The Associations, including ours, have all been revitalised by the Chief's visit and strengthened by the subscription of new members.



Bruce Carmichael, with Sir Lachlan and the Curator of the Whiteman Park Motor Museum John McLean, in his 1911 Albion, manufactured in Glasgow



Sir Lachlan also generated great interest in the Centenary Gathering to be held in Mull in June, 2012 and there will undoubtedly be record numbers attending from 'down under'.

It was our pleasure to present the Chief with a beautifully bound edition of 'The Adelie Blizzard – Mawson's forgotten newspaper'. This is a facsimile edition of the periodic newsletter produced by members of the Australian Antarctic Expedition during the winter of 1913 at Cape Denison, Commonwealth Bay. It gives an insight to the lives of the members of the 1911–1914 expeditions and includes pencilled editorial notes and amendments by Dr Archibald Lang McLean.

When in Sydney, Sir Lachlan visited the University of Sydney to see the plaque in Archie McLean's honour provided by the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust, coordinated by our Life Member, Brian McLean.

The Migrant Welcome Walls projects at Fremantle Maritime Museum and at Albany recognise the arrival of migrants to Western Australia and the significant contribution by those who have chosen to make this State their home since the 1820s.

They were launched at the Western Australian Maritime Museum as part of WA's 175th anniversary in 2004, with a second stage launched in 2006 and

the final stage completed at Fremantle in December, 2010. The walls at both locations hold a combined total of more than 21,500 inscriptions.

Approximately 10,000 members of their families attended the final launch in Fremantle on Saturday, 11 December, 2010, with others attending a launch in Albany the next day. A book entitled "We Came by Sea" telling the stories of migration and listing all those with inscriptions on the Welcome Walls was also launched. Listed with each migrant's name is the name of the boat they sailed on and the year of arrival.

Other Clan Events. The Clan enjoyed other activities during 2010 including the Kirking of the Tartan, Combined Clans Picnic, the Armadale Highland Gathering, our Christmas luncheon and Annual General Meeting and other social events. However,

2010 will clearly and fondly remain in our memories as the year we were graced by the presence of our wonderful Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morven.

All our photos are courtesy of Kaye MacLean.

Norman and Peter MacLean at the launch of the Welcome Walls panels which lists their late father Norman MacLean, who migrated from the Isle of Lewis, Scotland, in 1924



New Zealand

Noel Robinson ~ CMANZ Clan Publicist



throughout the world; in the United States, Canada, Australia, and here in New Zealand". Following the reception there was private dinner with Dame Cath Tizard (former Governor General and CMANZ Patron) and some Clan Committee members.

Day four was another busy day, with a road trip to Matakoho Kauri Museum and then on to historic Waipu, which was originally settled by Scots, including

The highlight for Macleans and many other Scots in New Zealand was the visit of our Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean. From the time he arrived from Melbourne on the afternoon of 17th November and was welcomed by Committee Members of Clan Maclean New Zealand, until his departure on 23 November, Sir Lachlan endeared himself to clansfolk and friends alike. His warmth and friendliness is something few will forget and as one Committee member said at the farewell lunch "this is the nearest I will ever get to dining with Royalty."

The day after his arrival Sir Lachlan was taken to Hamilton, and spent a pleasant luncheon with clansfolk at Hamilton Gardens as well as visiting the Rangiriri Heritage Centre. The next day it was sightseeing around Auckland with a memorable visit to Auckland's War Memorial Museum. That evening there was a Vice Regal Reception hosted by Governor General Sir Anand Satyanand and attended by a large number of clansmen and friends. It was here that Sir Anand announced the sad news of the Pike River coal mine disaster earlier in the day. In his



Top left: *The Chief at the lunch in Hamilton Gardens.*

Center right: *The vice-regal reception in Auckland Ian McLean - President; Sir Lachlan; Lady Satyanand; Governor-General Sir Anand Satyanand; Katrine McLean (Secretary) and patron Dame Cath Tizard.*

Lower left: *With Moari performers at the Auckland War memorial Museum.*

Lower right: *With Andrew Hayward (clan piper) and Ian McLean at the vice-regal reception.*



w e l c o m e speech Sir Anand said "The Maclean story in Scotland is well known. Equally as significant is the contribution members of the clan have made

Macleans, who had made a long journey from Nova Scotia in the 1850s in home built boats to settle in this land of plenty. A visit to Waipu museum to experience details of that epic voyage and the





settlement that followed, then local visits, before a Clan dinner which was hosted by CMANZ President, Ian Maclean and his wife, Katrine and which featured fine New Zealand foods, but Scottish music and dancing a plenty.

grandson) then on to Duart House, in nearby Havelock North where he was welcomed by Hastings District Mayor, Laurence Yule. This was the home of another significant Mclean, Allan "Tuki": Mclean. And is now a community facility set in lovely gardens. A short local tour followed and a quiet dinner at a local restaurant, that I was privileged to share with Sir Lachlan. Next morning, it was a flight back to Auckland, another lunch, and then all too soon, our illustrious guest and leader was winging his way to Sydney.



Above left: At the Kauri industry museum in Matakoho

Above right: With guests at the BBQ in Otahuhu

Below left: At dinner at the gathering in the Clansman restaurant, Waipu

Below right: A farewell lunch with the committee

L to R. Neil McLean (treasurer); the Chief; Ina Stevens and Daphne Stevens

Sunday saw Sir Lachlan attend the historic Waipu Presbyterian Church, built in 1871, before lunching at Ian and Katrine's home prior to returning to Auckland and a "kiwi-style" barbeque at the Otahuhu Pipe Band.

Next morning it was a flight to Napier where Sir Lachlan was welcomed to morning tea by the Mayor of Napier at McLean Park, the prominent local sports grounds



which is a memorial to perhaps New Zealand's most famous McLean, Sir Donald McLean. Here Sir Lachlan unveiled a plaque honouring Sir Donald – this is in the approached to the Park which will host several Rugby World Cup Games later this year. Then in was a visit to Sir Donald's grave, (he is buried alongside his son and

Footnote: Clan Maclean Association of New Zealand would like to acknowledge and thank Macleans world wide for their interest and message of support for the people of Christchurch following the major earthquake in early February.

Atlantic ~ Canada

George Maclean ~ President

Greetings from Eastern Canada fellow clansfolk. We were extremely busy with activities and special events in 2010 and thus far in 2011. CMA-C was present and involved in seven regional Highland Games, Festivals and special events; we find these activities wonderful opportunities to reconnect with old friends, welcome new friends to the clan and otherwise celebrate and promote our culture, music, language and heritage. We will again have the Clan Maclean tent present and active at these events again this summer.

We are very proud of our growing website, with over 24,000 hits per month, and offer special thanks to webmaster Doug McLean for his tireless efforts on our behalf. Please visit and bookmark our site at: <http://www.clanmacleanatlantic.org>. At our fall meeting in October 2010, a new slate of officers was welcomed for the coming term. Click on the "Contact Us" option in the menu section of our home page to get the names and e-mail addresses of our new slate of officers. Also you will find some wonderful gifts, books and cds for sale in the ..."items are available"... section. A more thorough exploration of our site will uncover many interesting photos and historically significant places and events.



Above: At the unveiling in the Glen Bard Cemetery, from left: Bard John MacLean's great, great grandson John Sinclair, CMA-C past President Murray MacLean and current President George MacLean
Right: Bard John MacLean's gravestone inscription translated to English

More in the Heritage Trust report on page 6

We were saddened in 2010 by the passing of two CMA-C past presidents, James K. Maclean (Jim Sr.) on Feb. 6 and Louise (MacLean) Phillips on Sept. 20. Jim Sr. served two terms; he was our second and eighth president; while Louise was our sixth president.

We are now into our fourth decade as a Maclean association and my how we've grown. We enjoy a warm and close link with our Chief, Sir Lachlan. Malcolm Maclean Younger, son of our Chief, currently serves as our Patron. One of our past presidents, Ian MacLean, currently serves as President of the Clan Maclean International Association (CMIA).

A significant unveiling took place in Nova Scotia on October 16, 2010, which was co-sponsored by CMA-C and the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust (CMHT) in cooperation with the Celtic Studies Department of St. Francis Xavier University (St. F.X.U.). The bard, John MacLean of Glen Bard, Nova Scotia was born in Tiree, Scotland in 1787. He became Bard to the Laird of Coll (Chieftain of the Macleans of Coll) but the lure and excitement of free land and a new start saw him immigrate to Nova Scotia. He was a well known and beloved Gaelic poet who spent a significant portion of his life on the preservation of the Gaelic language. His gravestone was only inscribed in Gaelic. One of his great, great grandsons, John Sinclair, through discussions with CMA-C and CMHT, was instrumental in translating the inscription to English. Highlights of the unveiling included recitations in Gaelic and English, of some of the Bard's poetry and of particular note was a Gaelic reading of one of the Bard's poems by Karen MacKinnon, an exchange student at St. F. X. U. who is from the Bard's home area in Tiree.



MacKinnon, an exchange student at St. F. X. U. who is from the Bard's home area in Tiree.

In conclusion, excitement is building and plans being made for the 2012 Gathering on Mull by many eager CMA-C members and friends. There will be much more on this as we get closer to the event.

Warm regards,
George MacLean.

Clan Gillean USA

Bob McLean ~ President

It is springtime in North Carolina, but skirling. The Rural Hill Scottish Festival full swing. Very large men in kilts are high bar. Cabers (telephone poles) are being flying flags and banners with names of clans.

Clan Maclean is the largest of these tents clanswomen from all over the Eastern procession of Macleans onto the field to Lady Rosemary. Sir Lachlan was asked by Gillean U.S.A. was selected as the honored who attended, and there were many who did.

Sir Lachlan and Lady Maclean arrived at the Friday. They were met at the airport by a Ephraim McLean and wife Jane and Marla President Bob McLean. No traffic laws were broken, but the speed getting to the games was very impressive. Our guests were welcome to the games at a reception of clansmen and patrons of Rural Hill. The Chief was introduced and he and Lady Rosemary viewed the "Calling of the Clans" ceremony.



instead of birds singing we have bagpipes and Loch Norman Highland Games are in throwing rocks around the field and over a turned and many brightly colored tents are

and it is filled with clansmen and U.S.A. Kilts on the men and colorful tartan The opening ceremonies included a meet our Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean and the games to be the honored guest and Clan Clan. It was a weekend to remember for all

Charlotte, NC airport in the late afternoon of group made up of Rev. Patrick Maclean, Dr. McLean Baswell, daughter of Clan Gillean

Top: *The Chief arriving at the Loch Norman games*

Left: *Father Patrick Maclean, Vice-president of Clan Gillean, Ian McLean, President of CMIA and Marjorie McLean*

Right: *Bob McLean, President of Clan Gillean and Cameron Gabriel, recipient of piping scholarship*

Lower right: *The Chief & Lady are piped to the reception*



Then to the hotel for much need rest.

Saturday finds the games in full swing, but the weather is a bit heavy and news of storms spreads throughout the tents. Our Chief declares the games open and competition begins. Sir Lachlan spend time meeting all of the Macleans and then turns to meet and greet all of the other clans represented. He is accompanied by President Bob McLean and a standard bearer, Joshua List, grandson of the President. The "walk-about" continued for a while, and then the storm hit. Wind was blowing up to 60 miles per hour and the rain was torrential.



Thankfully, the worst only lasted for about half an hour. In a little while the sun was out and The Chief is back to his greeting duties. An estimated 60 clans were in attendance.

Saturday evening brought out everyone in their tartan evening wear. The ladies were



gorgeous in the evening gowns and the men even cleaned up rather well. Entertainment was provided, of course, by Macleans. Laura Maclean performed on piano and Claude and Lyn Hicks were a fantastic duo. Claude is the immediate Past-president of Clan Gillean. Another high point of the reception was the dance performance by Caitlin McLean, introduced by her mother, Diana. Accompanying Caitlin with his pipes was Cameron Gabriel. Caitlin and Cameron are recipients of the scholarships given out yearly by Clan Gillean. During the evening festivities, Sir Lachlan and Lady Rosemary were presented with a custom "Cabbage Patch Kid". This doll was a custom made model wearing a Duart Dress red kilt, Prince Charlie jacket and hand woven kilt hose. The highlight was the oath administered by Margaret McLean to the Chief and Lady avowing that they would care for "Lachlan Hector as good parents. This was followed by the signing of the adoption papers. Another gift from North Carolina was presented by Betsy McLean.

Top right: *Guests at the reception*

Above right: *Les McLean, Caitlin McLean (recipient of dancing scholarship), Diana McLean*

Above left: *Claude Hicks Jr., Immediate Past-president of Clan Gillean and wife, Lyn Hicks, entertain at the reception*

Left: *Caitlin*

Below left: *Johnnie McLean, wife of President, holds 'Lachlan Hector'*

Below right: *Sir Lachlan and Lady Rosemary at the reception*



Pacific Northwest USA

Jim McClean ~ President

The Pacific Northwest Association (PNW) was quite involved in various activities in 2010. A well received clan brunch at the nationally acclaimed Cabela's store, which is an outdoor supply outfitter and a sportsman's paradise. The clan tent traveled to two festivals, ten highland games and a picnic. At our picnic we put together a congratulation photo for the Chief and Lady Rosemary. This year saw the PNW return to the British Columbia Highland games in Coquitlam, after a 10 year hiatus. Our membership has been increasing in the greater Vancouver, BC area.

PNW seeks local heritage and the board of directors decided to encourage members to participate in a



Burnaby freeman and a Second World War veteran, who served 18 years as a Burnaby alderman (councilman). During 15 years as parks commissioner, he helped spearhead efforts to purchase land for parks while it was still relatively affordable. "This is my park" said 84 year old George McLean. "I've been keeping an eye on it. I was hoping that when the time came this would be the one." Burnaby city hall has a history of naming public buildings and parks after its freemen (honored citizen- akin to being given the key to the city in the states).

McLean, who received the title in 1987, just received his wish, the little park in his neighborhood will be his namesake. What better honour for a man who helped develop the city's park systems from its infancy? McLean grew up in Vancouver and after serving in the Navy in WWII he returned home and settled in Burnaby where he lived with late wife Edna and helped raise five children. He worked for a time with Canada Safeway, acquiring properties for its stores, then spent 17 years as a zone property manager for the federal



Above: Congratulations to the Chief and Lady Rosemary

Maclean Heritage Project. Members were challenged to seek out Maclean historical areas or historical Maclean figures. This would be a two part project; 1) locate and identify sites or person, 2) investigate the who, what, where, why and when of these targeted Maclean items. As the clan traveled to various games and events, the word was put out. Members were asked to look at local street maps, go to historical societies, drive around their communities searching for Maclean or sept items, names, etc. Our membership response was quite exciting. Several sites were names and some reach has been started.

George McLean Park Burnaby, BC, formerly Inman Green Park was formally renamed at a ceremony on June 19, 2010. The park, located on Bond Street between Patterson and Inman avenues, was first named in 1988. Eight of the 10 properties proposed to become part of the park have already been acquired. George McLean is a



government, overseeing 60 staff looking after proprieties from the Lower Mainland up to Alaska. McLean went on to serve 17 years as a Burnaby alderman, eight years on the Advisory Planning Commission and numerous years as a director on regional boards. It was his 14 years as parks commissioner where he made his biggest mark. "We had to think small and hope big" said McLean. Eventually, city hall enacted a bylaw to set aside money in reserves to buy parkland. All during McLean's time on the commission, 25 percent of Burnaby is now designated parkland. Similarly, during his time as a regional director

during the 1960's, within five years more than 4,000 acres of land was acquired for regional parks. Being a dad to five kids and grandfather to 12, McLean knew the importance of giving kids a place outside to play. "Being a freeman is a great honour, to have a park named after you is a double honour," McLean said. Excerpts from Burnaby Newsletter.

The Maclean House, located on the banks of the Willamette River in West Linn, OR, is a three story 17 room home situated on artfully landscaped grounds. Edward McLean, a prominent physician, who founded the McLean Clinic in nearby Oregon City, built this "Jewel of the City" in 1927. The McLean House, which is located practically under the Abernathy Bridge, has extensive trails along the river and a vast arboretum. It is currently used for social events, including weddings, receptions and picnics, due to its serenity and intimate setting. The Friends of McLean Park and House have taken great care in preserving the architectural details of this gracious home, revived its ambiance and recreated its understated grandeur. The year round beauty begins with a burst of rhododendrons in the spring, summer roses and annuals and brilliant fall foliage. The property features many heritage trees, including majestic giant sequoias that make winter equally spectacular, a photographer's dream. The Friends hold a fundraiser in late September, the Annual Indian-style Salmon Bake, a typical northwest tradition!

McLean Mill National Historic Site is in Port Alberni, Vancouver Island, BC, is located on 12.8 hectares and contains 35 buildings and structures. They form a self-contained community of residences, offices and service buildings centered on the steam-driven sawmill and millpond. The R.B. McLean Lumbar Company was a family-run business that operated from 1926 to 1965. Although small in scale, its logging, milling and marketing operations were similar to larger mills in the province. Much of its original machinery and buildings have survived, making it a rare example of a sawmill complex from the first half of the 20th century. For these reasons The McLean Mill was designated as natural historic site in 1989. The McLeans started logging the forests in 1920's. This was definitely a company town, including owner's homes, worker's houses, bunkhouses,

root house, cookhouse and offices. There is also the sawmill, blacksmith shop, a millwright shed, the steam donkey, steam tracker and even a rail line. The site was acquired by the City of Port Alberni in 1980 through donations from the McLean family and Macmillan Bloedel (now Weyerhaeuser) with assistance of funding from Parks Canada and Forest Renewal BC. The sawmill has now been restored to fully working condition. The millpond and dam have been reconstructed and some of the residence and service buildings have been preserved. The Western Vancouver Industrial Heritage Society initiated a number of projects to restore the historic McLean machinery. A visit to this site is a look back into history and the "can do" Maclean attitude of the early settlers to Canada.

McLean Point, Yaquina Bay, Newport, OR, Mclean point was named for an early settler, Rufus McLain, who lived in the 1860s. McLean Point was part of his land claim. He was a Newport resident and can be found in the 1870 Benton County Oregon Census. He is listed as 43 years old and from Maine. His occupation is listed as farmer. The spelling on an 1880 Census is McClain. Somewhere along the line it was changed to McLean. In the early days, the Hudson Bay Company would sail into Yaquina Bay and trade with the natives. Mclean point was a mooring spot. The land later became the Newport shipping terminal on the bay with the terminus of the inland railroad nearby at Toledo, OR. Today the area is under the Newport Terminal restoration project.

The following items are currently be researched.
 McLean building, old town, Mt. Vernon, WA.
 McLean Road and Fire station in Skagit County, WA.
 Alexander Malcolm MacLean, first mayor of Vancouver, BC. 1886,
 Maclean Ave, Roseburg, OR.
 Four MacLean brothers settled and established communities in Saskatchewan and Alberta, 1880's
 We look forward to continuing this project in 2012. We welcome all suggestions. Jim McClean.

Below: *Left to right.*
McLean building, Mt Vernon, WA
McLean fire station, WA
Duart Castle tattoo seen at Eugene Games



Scots in Berlin

Rory MacLean

A cemetery is good place to get a feeling for a capital. As the bustling streets reveal the living city, so a graveyard opens a window onto its past. Not long after I moved to Berlin I spent an afternoon at the Alter St. Matthäus Cemetery. Since 1846 this leafy, peaceful enclave has been the final resting place for Berlin's senior civil servants, top businessmen, architects, scientists and artists. The Brothers Grimm are buried here as is the Prussian banker and politician August Freiherr von der Heydt.



Rory

On that October afternoon I followed the cemetery's broad cobbled path, flanked by oaks, birches and chestnuts, pausing to read the headstones. A single white marble angel seemed luminous in the lengthening shadows. I noted the solid German names – Schwanch, Wolff, Volger, Familie Güssow -- and private tragedies such as the loss of a young child (one old stone read simply 'Warum?' Why?). The number of lives lost in the last years of the war deeply moved me. As the autumn sun dipped low, my tears cast arcs of rainbows across the graves.

Hence I didn't believe my eyes when I saw on a stone my own surname. Maclean is a Scottish name, the original

Alter St. Matthäus Cemetery



clan hailing from a handful of islands in the inner Hebrides. Yet in Berlin I read that a Hugo Maclean (born 1838, died 1917) had been a Senatspräsident (or presiding judge in the High Court). Also I read that his son Percy had died on the Eastern Front during the First World War. Buried alongside Hugo was a second Percy Maclean (born 1907, died 1989). Around me a breath of wind stirred the fallen leaves, touching my neck, making my hair stand on end.

Hugo and Percy are distinctive English names yet this Familie Maclean was obviously German. Their grave was well-tended so I suspected that a descendant was still alive. That evening I looked in the telephone book. Two days later I met the living Percy Maclean.

Aged 63 years old, MacLean is – like his great-grandfather -- a chief judge. He served as the inaugural director of the German Institute for Human Rights (Institut für Menschenrechte). He told me that his forefathers had arrived in Germany in 1753.

'My ancestor was an unaccompanied minor when he was sent out to make his way in a foreign land. Perhaps it's because we were strangers in Germany and were granted good opportunities here that I felt refugees should have the same chance,' he said.

Other German MacLeans have included Rear-Admiral Archibald MacLean, a Prussian naval cadet who rose to command the German Navy in the Baltic and his son Oberst Francis Maclean who was created a Knight of Franz-Josef of Austria for distinguished service in the German Army. Archibald Maclean – known as 'The Conqueror of Versailles' – was awarded the Iron Cross

for taking the palace during the Franco-Prussian War. In addition three MacLeans served as members of the Prussian State Parliament and another was mayor of Memel (now Klaipeda). Percy's forebear Lauchlan was a founding chairman of the Club of Berlin, the top gentlemen's club in Imperial Germany.

Percy's family history includes a wonderful illustration of the clan system at work. In 1918 his grandfather helped to get a Scottish prisoner-of-war, Alexander Maclean of Ardgour, to Holland so



*The Maclean family gravestone
in Berlin*

that he could get married. Then in 1939, as the Gestapo began to persecute Germans who had married Jews, Scottish Macleans helped Percy's uncle John -- whose wife was the granddaughter of the Rabbi of Hanover -- flee from Germany to Peru, where he was sheltered and found work by another clansman, Roberto MacLean.

Half-a-century later the grandson of Alexander Maclean of Ardgour and the son of Roberto MacLean worked together at the UN Compensation Commission, dealing with the aftermath of Saddam Hussein's invasion and occupation of Kuwait.

Of course, over the centuries many Scots have emigrated to Germany -- as well as to Russia, Poland, Sweden and France. Scottish bravery and loyalty has long been respected by the continent's kings and emperors, especially when there was a shared hatred of the English. Thankfully it wasn't hatred which drew me to Percy MacLean, but rather a sense of an allegiance that was greater than nationality. Through his kindness my fellow clansman made me feel at home in Berlin. He made me part of the family. After all, our people had left the Highlands at about the same time; his forefathers sailing east to Danzig, my great-great-grandfather sailing west to Canada.

I've lived on Mull and written a book about Scottish emigration yet in one way at least Percy is more Scots than me -- he's the one who owns the kilt.



Editors' note ~ We are most grateful to author Rory MacLean and the producer of *Meet the Germans* website Elisabeth Pyroth, for permission to use this article. You can see this blog together with many others on ~ <http://blog.goethe.de/meet-the-germans/>

Duncan S MacLean

Kirk Lane ~ Past President Clan Gillean USA

All of us will have been saddened by the news of Duncan's passing away recently. My friend, whom I called "our MacLean Leprechaun", may have been small in size, but was a true friend with a giant personality. His infectious smile and



dynamic personality will be sorely missed. We chatted a few weeks ago when the Chief visited the US and shared stories of him. He was one of the six American and Canadian Association Presidents who participated in our North American summit in Chicago in the early 1990's. He and Scott McLean, President of the PNW Branch who died several years ago, were instrumental in the forging of the alliance between the various worldwide associations and worked with other key players such as Col. Donald and Donald (Chorleywood) to grow CMIA. I believe that Duncan was the first CMIA President who resided out of the UK. Duncan was always supportive of 'things Maclean' and will be sorely missed. One of his last initiatives was the contact and support of MacLeans in South America and his desire to assist them in forming an association. As Past President of CGUSA, let me express my personal sense of loss and please forward to Elisabeth the heartfelt sympathy of the membership of all the Clan Maclean Associations.



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