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# President's Page

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## *To the Membership of CMSI.*

I am happy to present to you Issue #104 of MacFarlanes' Lantern. This is a most important issue, as you, the membership, have important decisions to make regarding the elections for the 2011-2013 Term of office for President and Secretary. I urge all of our members to vote, as this is the most important election since the society's beginning in 1973.

I have enjoyed being society President for the last 10 years, and we have accomplished more in this period of time than any other Administration in the past. Lately, I have reflected on all of our accomplishments, the friends I have made around the world, all of the places I have traveled on the society's behalf at my own expense, the important work we have accomplished together to preserve the MacFarlane Heritage and the great times I have had meeting so many of you because of those travels. The society has become an important part of my life. This may seem extraordinary for some in a voluntary society, but as many of you know, my personal business is also part of the Scottish/

Celtic Community. This is where I live my life. I find myself very fortunate to have the time to dedicate to our Clan society and our shared heritage.

My role as President, although very personally fulfilling, is not, however, always a bed of roses. I have also had to make some very tough decisions while in office. Over the years there have been many people who would cheat, wrong, and defraud our society. Who would prey on the society's good nature and cause discord because they thought the Society was easy prey and they could get away with it. I, along with our officers, have never shirked our duty and have made the hard choices we have had to make on behalf of our membership to ensure our Society and its assets, both financial and intellectual, are protected.

Sadly, recently, I have received a great deal of harassment by a specific group within our membership, basically over my running again for office. This has been accompanied by several threats, saying if I didn't step down that trouble will be made with authorities like the IRS, the OSCR, The Court of the Lord Lyon. We have also received veiled and erroneous threats of being turned in for false non compliance issues with the State of Delaware which is the state where CMSI was incorporated', this combined with several people abusing Facebook and other public forums to spread libelous statements, you can imagine how tiring this has been,

One particular issue that we find very troubling is the hijacking of the Society's DNA Study and our genealogy records by one Terrance Gach MacFarlane.

I was, and have always been, very supportive of the DNA Surname Study when it was originally proposed by our former genealogist Elizabeth MacFarlane. We passed motions at AGM's for us to sponsor it and for Elizabeth to carry out this study on behalf of the society. We advertised this to our membership and encouraged everyone to participate.

One of the conditions I put forward to Elizabeth when taking this on was that the board did not want Terrance Gach MacFarlane involved with this study in any way. We had recently had issues with him over Elizabeth's search for a chief where we found that he had gained access to confidential membership and genealogical information from Society records through Elizabeth and was now claiming all the research to be his own. All this being done under the guise of him volunteering to help Elizabeth with a Society project. I later found out that he was removed from his position as Society genealogist previously in the 1980's for pretty much the same thing (refusing to release society information in his care to another officer of the Society.) In other words, he used the Society for his own exclusive ends. Due to the Society not wanting to "air dirty laundry" this was glossed over so it would appear he left office voluntarily.

So when the DNA study opportunity came up we were all for it, but obviously didn't want him involved.

Unfortunately we have found he was involved with the DNA Study from the beginning due to deceit on a substantial scale, which was deliberately hidden from the Board. The study's focus then subtly shifted from their originally stated surname study to these peoples personal search for a chief and contemptuously ignoring all other participants that weren't considered as being off a chiefly lineage, by just ignoring their test results. It also needs to be mentioned that the chiefly line they propose has no hard DNA evidence to compare it to. How can you find descendants of John the 10th Chief when his DNA is in the Churchyard at Luss? They have modern people who claim to be related to John through tenuous paperwork but they have no solid DNA evidence. Apparently, they hope if they tell a lie long enough it'll eventually be believed.

Later, as Elizabeth's health began to deteriorate, Gach began whispering campaigns against myself and the Board among the DNA study participants. It is no surprise that the people who began the harassment campaign and the issues in Scotland are from the DNA Study and his "Magic Haplogroup."

It is also no surprise that after we discussed at the Santa Cruz AGM assigning another Society delegate of the Board's choosing to run the DNA study, he then panicked and transferred the Admin duties to himself unofficially as an administrator calling himself "Clark Gable Jenkins" while having communication with us over the study he accidentally outed his deceit to your ever vigilant Board. He then very obligingly admitted it in print and then proceeded to lock the society out of the study it had been deceived into sponsoring for years. He then started a vicious personal and libelous attack against me which was circulated to all officers and commissioners of the society. This man now has the gall to begin legal proceedings against the society because he has been expelled for his actions.

Now our DNA Records that were in the custodial care of Elizabeth MacFarlane, on behalf of our society, are now apparently being held back by the trustee of her estate and trickled back to us in pieces. Apparently they are being sent to Terrance Gach MacFarlane first to rummage through for anything valuable to his research. Remember this has now nothing to do with the Society and everything to do with his personal aims. This is why we are having a privacy policy written by attorneys, to prevent further abuse like this from taking place.

We also find it disturbing that this new group of suddenly energetic members see nothing wrong with this behaviour and continue to not only communicate with, but support this individual. One former member who had consistently denied any dealings with Gach is now his co-administrator in the DNA study. I suspect only his former friends he lied to are surprised.

What we are having to do now, as a Society, is start a new DNA project with another company who hopefully won't allow such dodgy behaviour to flourish. We are creating a genealogy department with several committee members involved to see that we build a bigger and better genealogy resource that will serve our members and their descendants for years to come without these sort of proprietary, ego-centric issues. We will be advising members in future of what they can do in transferring their DNA.

I bring this issue to you, the membership, to show you what sort of issues we deal with on a day-to-day basis, as the leadership of the Society. Our critics accuse us of not being transparent, while supporting the individuals who are pulling these stunts against the Society. It's not personal they say as they libel us at every given opportunity. It has cost this society dearly already as we have now lost Brian as our VP. He is heartily sick of the goings on and has decided not to stand again. In a purely volunteer society like ours, who can blame him? His fervent belief in the importance of Clan has been badly disillusioned with the treacherous behavior we have endured of late. Not that he has ever looked for it, but I want to thank him sincerely for all he has done for this society over 10 years. As indeed also to Nancy McFarland Reeser for her loyal service as Secretary over many years. I have left the bio Brian had submitted originally just to show what this society has lost through this treachery. They will be sorely missed on the Executive Board, but of course will continue as valued Trustees of the Charitable Trust, as well as friends.

For myself, if re-elected, I will continue to protect the Society from this kind of unacceptable conduct from pranksters such as these and I will continue to make tough decisions on the Society's behalf as long as it's required. The Society has grown dramatically over the last few years; our heritage goals are important and ARE the main focus of the society. I make no apologies for this.

We now find ourselves at a crossroads. Do we continue to support the Heritage Trust as a Society and move forward in achieving the goals we have been working on for the last 10 years, or do we revert back to the quaint social group of dreamers that we were in our infancy. The choice belongs to the membership of CMSI, you decide the direction of the society. My only request is that you apply the same judgment and principles to this as you would apply to your own personal life, household, business, or career. My hope is we haven't taken three steps forward to now take ten steps back?

# Vice President's Page

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## *Fellow Members*

Following on from my last Lantern article and our subsequent investigations into the conduct of some CMSI members. As Michael will have told you this Society and its officers are under attack. It saddens me to say it but this has turned up a real nest of Vipers within the Clan MacFarlane Society. When the investigations we promised you in the last lantern were completed and we had gathered hard factual evidence, we held an Emergency meeting in February to discuss this with the Full CMSI Executive board, Board of directors and the two past presidents that were within immediate contact.

The timing of this was clearly unfortunate as we have elections this spring. This was not of our choosing but it still had to be dealt with. We had uncovered a fifth columnist movement of twelve people with one purpose, that was the unseating of Michael our President by fair means or foul. It had all began with Scotland trippers being dissatisfied when the intended AGM was not held on Island I vow in 2009. This has been discussed before so I won't go over it again. They had a point at that time which we feel was addressed but since then the dissent has grown wings all of it's own to a ridiculous degree. None of them have voiced their concerns in a reasonable manner or in a suitable forum. Some have voiced them in a wholly unacceptable way in highly inappropriate public forums and it has led to frankly disgraceful conduct from people Michael and I had previously considered friends.

For instance they had an excellent opportunity to bring their charges or complaints out in a proper manner at the rescheduled AGM in Santa Cruz CA with 8 of their number present. However they chose not to after having a group meeting the night before. The AGM meeting was then seemingly positive and constructive. Since then however their policy changed to being one of harassment, lies, deceit, fraud and defamation. Make no mistake about it we have the hard evidence. This was not mere dissent which your society leadership would welcome as healthy and thought provoking, There was absolutely no acceptable mitigating circumstance for it, no this was deliberate malfeasance which has done nothing but damage to our Society globally and Michael personally, when he has done absolutely nothing wrong.

The twelve people mentioned are indeed a society within a society. We have ample irrefutable evidence of that. Even if they fail they have contingency plans for starting another society, they have already purchased the Domain name for their website. They are now in full collusion with each other, as has been admitted in print by them, this includes them supporting and encouraging a self centred, proven common fraudster who has taken over our DNA project fraudulently for his own ends. We have overwhelming evidence showing his treachery and the vicious nature of his attempted character assassination of Michael via e mail. Despite this he has inexplicably retained past president Ian Macfarlane from his home state of Georgia as a friend. He being the only person at the emergency meeting with anything other than contempt for his truly shocking behaviour. As an executive board we had asked the emergency meeting that they be considered for expulsion from the society as a complete clandestine group. Unfortunately Officers who are not burdened with the responsibility of leadership had concerns about that at an election time. Consequently it was decided that each entity would be considered individually and that those seeking election should be exempt. This didn't prove their innocence in any way it only meant that only those not seeking election could be removed and as such only 6 in all of the twelve were expelled two of whom have now come out of the closet and are now running the Family tree DNA project. This was democracy in action but I have to say I do not agree with that decision. My colleagues admirable sense of fair play was misguided in my opinion. At least it disproves one of their whispered accusations that "everyone's in Michael's pocket". Hopefully the democracy of our society will stop them

now too.

I have a very strong sense of justice and I believe if you are guilty your guilty no matter if it's election time or not. I did originally seek nomination for re election because I was excited by all the new plans we had for raising more money and the new website that Michael had planned etc. (And which he was paying the \$2500 for as a donation) However this whole affair has sickened me so much I have decided that I will not now seek re election as your Vice President. For the good of the Society Michael feels he has no choice but to stand. However my disillusionment has left me with no intention of legitimising their disgraceful conduct by standing against them. I will of course see out my commitment to the remainder of my term of office until 31st December 2010 but to paraphrase George Washington "I will then retreat up the Valley of the Forth and plant our Battle Standard with the Scotch Irish of that region and thus ensure the protection of the Clan MacFarlane Charitable Trust 2001 from such as them and also ensure the real work of the trust continues unhindered." As with all Trusts it was set up to prevent actions like this attempted fifth columnist take over from being successful. Your money is at the moment safe from them, alas your society is not.

There is evidence in print that they mean to impeach Michael if "the election route" is not successful. Very recent inappropriate and disgusting legal discussion with one of this group and the aforementioned past president confirming that. We also now have had threatening letters from attorneys representing some of these people. Not a very good advert for Clanship is it.

Clearly their unfounded harassment of Michael will continue even if he wins the election. Indeed complaints about the election have already been made before it has even taken place. If he wins I wish him good luck as President, he'll need it being hounded in this way. As I have often said Michael gives more to this society in time and money than our society either appreciates or truly deserves. Frankly it's my opinion CMSI wouldn't survive without him. He gives more I'm sure than he ever gets back from the adverts in the Lantern or the website, both of which he pays for incidentally despite accusations to the contrary. Yet he has had to endure a whispering campaign against him that is frankly, an outrage. Many have jumped on that bandwagon to their shame since.

We all pay a small pittance for a membership which gets us 4 lanterns in the good times and the pride in being a member of a forward thinking Scottish society. Yet the majority of that fee is taken up with spiraling postal costs which have hit our income as a society badly. Now I hear through the whispers, these people are unnecessarily demanding regular audits costing thousands of dollars a time. Again all due to this malicious whispering campaign. Whose going to pay for all this? Their cloud cuckoo land whispering committee? I expect if they come to power that disingenuous demand will be quickly swept under their rug.

There has been at any given time a membership of hundreds in this society, out of the hundreds of members only some one hundred committed people have ever bothered to donate a dime or penny to the two appeals. Instead of encouraging more donations I have recently heard from our whispering peanut gallery that our pleas have apparently been annoying members. Well in my opinion there are too many spectators and not enough players in this society. To paraphrase John Fitzgerald Kennedy many need to "Ask not what your society can do for you. Ask what you can do for your society"

Despite that we have had quite a large amount of success in the past ten years, from the setting up of the trust with some \$200,000 of assets. With the Battle Standard appeal reaching it's £15,000 target. Our securing of the Non domino title to Island I Vow in Loch Lomond. The acquisition of our chiefs China tea sets from the 1770's etc. Glenda Mason's splendid effort on behalf of our society in Australia that has moved us from a handful to I believe some 90 members.

Yes despite all that all we ever seem to get is negativity and complaints with little support. I

have to say in my 10 years in this thankless job I have had next to no positive emails from anyone other than my fellow committed friends and officers, yet in that same time I have had dogs abuse that you wouldn't credit. I'm retired and far from wealthy and this job has cost me plenty, yet one wag reckoned I was just a parasite doing my job for the salary I get. The salary I get? At a very conservative estimate I reckon it has cost me £1000/\$1500 for every year in the job.

Then there's the complaints we sometimes get that people enjoy themselves too much at the Games. There we were thinking that's what we have the games for, to celebrate our heritage. It's very hard to celebrate anything without enjoyment. Complaints from the "Unco guid" as Robert Burns would have called them are:- Inappropriate highland dress, women with mini kilts, men with long hair, jokes, smiles, laughter. indeed individuality itself appears to be this groups enemy as well as beer. Michael used to also "Bring in" new members by "knighting" them with a broadsword at the games. The new people loved that but others it seemed did not. Now it's not done. Rather a pity I think.

This group want to put a stop to all this enjoyment of our Scots heritage and wear collar and tie presumably with correspondingly miserable facial expressions. That really will get the new memberships rolling in won't it? One of them reckons they are qualified to teach new commissioners how to behave yet they have never so much as helped out at a games tent in their years as a member. Unless of course it's in Edinburgh on their tri-annual jollies.

Perhaps it's just me that's wrong, that the majority of you really would prefer an inward looking society like that. A society that puts politeness and false sincerity before our tribal interest. Or a society which instead of fighting the MacFarlane corner in memory of our ancestors, instead of striving as we have done every step of the way against the many people who want the name MacFarlane to stay in its 200 year old oblivion. Perhaps you really would prefer the kind of society our opponents have indicated they want, where they would be happy to fritter away your money on petty projects in Arrochar Scotland with people who have no link at all to our heritage. Who indeed as I can vouch, have actively worked against our society's interests and who haven't liked us in any way shape or form since way before I became involved 12 years ago. That is the choice only you and I as members can make and I hope for the sake of this society, we make the right one.

No doubt some of you will condemn me for this. That it's a one sided diatribe. Never air your dirty linen in public etc. I'm well used to that kind of nicey nicey rubbish. Sometimes things need to be said and I believe I have earned the right to have my say. This article is the truth and I have never apologised for telling the truth in my life. I never asked for, or ever wanted a grand title or to be liked and I won't start now. I work for the memory of our ancestry. If it really means that much for my opponent to promenade around in high office for her own self aggrandisement then she can have it. I have had nearly 10 years helping Michael and other good friends achieve great things for this society. I have no intention of helping others to destroy that and turn the respected International Society we have created back into the parochial biscuit tin mentality of the past. The biscuit tin mentality that would promote tartan pinning or donating to Brigham Young University, rather than defending and promoting our heritage in Scotland. The biscuit tin mentality that thinks they can do a better job than I can in Scotland from their homes in Utah, Kansas, Arizona, Georgia and Northern CA. This is the same type of biscuit tin mentality that refused a donation of a quarter of a million Australian dollars from two Australian Knights of the Realm in the 1980's. Hard to believe isn't it? Sadly it really happened.

Like I said, I did what I did in honour of the memory of our tenacious ancestors. Whether I am VP or not I will support Michael if and when he wins the election and I will continue to do what I have always done for him, our Society and my tribe. If however he is ousted then I will in no way help any of these despicable people destroy what this society has created. To those who have supported me in this job over the years I thank you from the bottom of my Parlanach heart. To those who have not. You shall reap as you sow.

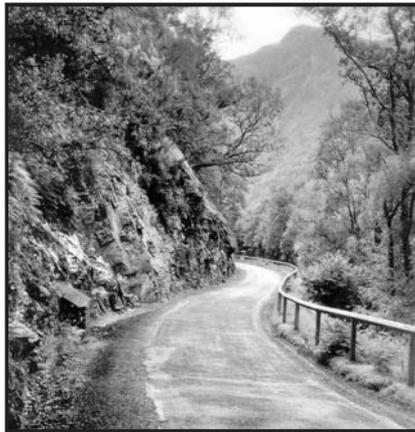
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# FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

November 30, 2009

Dear Mr. Kilby:

Thank you for sending the Fall 2009 copy of MacFarlanes' Lantern to my late husband, Richard G. Brown. He was proud to have been a MacFarlane through his mother's line. When we visited some friends in Scotland in 2001, we got to meet one of the Mac-Farlanes who was a friend of these friends, and got to have dinner in his home. We even had the MacFarlane "motto" inscribed on his tombstone, which is a first in this county!

I would like to bring Dick's membership up to date to the time of his death, in any case, so he can be one of your "Flowers of the Forest." Please send me a bill for this. I will send in the above mentioned dues and donate \$250.00 (sword bearer) in Dick's memory to the Order of the Claymore.

Richard G. Brown, son of the late Marcus L. Brown and L. May McFarland Brown, died on Tuesday, November 25, 2008, at his residence in McLeansboro IL. He was 72. Born in Carmi, IL, he lived in or near Enfield IL. A graduate of the University of Illinois and with a Master's from Southern Illinois University, he served in the Army after having taught agriculture in St. Francisville IL. He married Karol Lawson in Kansas City MO on October 12 1961; he was an agricultural economist for Dairy Division, USDA, first in Kansas City, and later in Washington D.C. Returning to his home state, he was employed by the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service as a Youth Adviser in Wayne County, then as a Farm Adviser in Hamilton County, where he and his family moved in 1973. Dick was active in the community, serving on a variety of boards at First United Methodist Church; he was a past president of Kiwanis, long-time treasurer of the county fair board, was at the time of his death a 50-year member of Polk Lodge 137, A.F. & A.M., past 4-H leader, a past patron of the Order of Eastern Star, a member of the Valley of Southern Illinois Scottish Rite, a director of the county Economic Development Committee, and a member of White County Historical Society.

Survivors are his wife Karol; son George A. "Drew" Brown of Harrisburg PA; daughter Jennilyn M. Orpurt and husband Nelson of Wadesville IN; grandchildren Erin Brown, Morgan Brown, Marcus Orpurt and Kayla Orpurt; one sister, Martha M. Rivard and husband Rick of Martinsville IN; nieces and nephews; four sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Marcus L. Brown, Jr., DVM, and a sister, Carolyn Brown.

Visitation was held on Friday, November 28, 2008, at Harre Funeral Home in McLeansboro IL, with a Masonic service held at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 29, 2008, at the funeral home, with Revs. Jim Peak and Gary Whipple officiating. Burial was in West Union Cemetery in Brownsville IL. A piper played "Scotland the Brave" as a processional to the gravesite, and "Amazing Grace" at the conclusion of the committal service.

Memorials were accepted for Hamilton Memorial Hospital Foundation, First United Methodist Church, and Hospice of the Good Samaritan of St. Mary's Hospital.

Sincerely,  
Karol (Mrs. Richard G.) Brown

# From the Land Down Under

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My husband was out driving around the Wiseman's Ferry area and passing through Maroota on the Old Northern Road, he noticed on the map a grave marked McFarland's grave, needless to say he had to stop and investigate.

The story about this lonely grave is that the man who is buried there was a traveller (hawker) and when he dropped dead no-one knew his name. All anyone knew was that he was a Scot and he came from a Far land, so they gave him the name of McFarland. As you can see from the photo, the community gave him a headstone and it is protected by six white posts.

Maroota was in the 1870's and still is a farming area and not too many people would have lived there. At Wiseman's Ferry and across the river at St. Alban's the pick marks made by the convicts working in chain gangs can still

be seen as they built roads in the area. Many of the convicts are buried beneath the road which they helped build.

We have a new Commissioner for Western Australia, Anthea (Thea) Adams. Thea, organised a meet & greet afternoon tea at her home and has run an article about the Clan in her community newspaper. We wish Thea the very best in her role as Commissioner.



Anthea (Thea) Adams

The Australian Celtic Festival at Glen Innes is being held again this year 29th April to 2nd May at the Australian Standing Stones. Each year one of the Celtic Nations is honoured. This year 2010 we will celebrate the history and culture of the Manx people. The Isle of Man is located in the Irish Sea between Liverpool (UK) and Belfast (Ireland). It is approximately 50 kilometres long by 20 kilometres wide.

You will notice in this LANTERN voting papers for 2011-2013 terms of office. I must make a comment here, the leadership of our Clan has prospered under the present officers, and it would be a shame to jump ships before everything, which the present officers have worked so hard for before all is accomplished.

We will soon have an updated website, our acting webmaster Rick Kilby is working towards this end.

I would like to wish all the members of the International Clan MacFarlane Society a very peaceful 2010 and a Global friendship which knows no end.

*Till next time  
Thoir aire/ Take care,*

*Glenda*

Glenda Mason D.Urr  
Global Commissioner for Australasia  
Australia/New Zealand/Pacific Rim  
The International Clan MacFarlane Society Inc.

# Commissioner Reports



WALES, UK / EUROPE

Hello from the land of the Dragon. I thought this time I would include the members of the rest of the UK and Europe because at the moment we are looking for a Commissioner for Ireland, England and for Europe. So if you feel that you can contribute part of your hectic lifestyle and become a Commissioner, then please get in touch with either Brian or myself and we will put you forward to the President for confirmation. I can say since I've been doing the job it has been richly rewarding with a sense of loyalty to our ancestors to keep our beloved Clan going, so can we have volunteers please.

The Membership for the UK and Europe is healthy but as always it could be better, I've had a great liaison and response from our current members and even a bit of banter with a few and long may that continue.

I'm sure most, if not all of you have just celebrated Burns Nicht, with your haggis, tatties and neeps and a bit of a Ceilidh afterwards and it's always a great start to the year I think.

I would like to say hello to our newest Lifetime Member, Jock Miller from Scotland, members, Jim and Joan McFarland from Northern Ireland and I know Lauren Macfarlane and Suzan MacFarlane from England and Yvonne Macfarlane and Ross McFarlane from Scotland got a mention on General Membership but hey, twice in one day can't be a bad thing. I've got to mention a young man from London called Gavin Macfarlane, whom I emailed recently. He was telling me that he was out in Japan (lucky man), but Gavin gets my quote of the Lantern so far and that he says ( and it sounds like a well known lager advert ) that he is probably the tallest man in Japan at the moment. So that makes a Macfarlane, the tallest man in Japan at the moment, Gavin, you'll need to send a photo, I think we would all like to see that.

In Wales, I have to mention my newest grandson, Evan David Millar Benjamin. I've looked back through the Lantern's and he never got a mention and I like to include families in the Lantern so here we are, he's a great looking wee man just like his Grandad and he's on the go all the time as he has just started walking, so we wish him well in his long life ahead.

By the time our next Lantern comes out the Highland Gatherings and Games will be upon us and Moyra and I will be attending some as usual. We are actually up by Inverness for the summer so I'll get something sorted out to see if we can get Clan Tents set up. I was speaking to Brian about this and we both agreed that it would be a good thing as it was very successful in the past, so I will keep you posted.

I think that is enough from me now and if anybody ever wants to put something into the Lantern then please feel free to do so, or you want to send it to me to include in our report then that would also be welcome.

Until the next time, look after yourselves and speak to you soon.

Yours aye,

David William Millar  
LOCH SLOIDH.

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# Scottish clan spreads its wings

THE Scottish highlands clan of MacFarlane is growing in Perth.

Once one of the most feared attackers of English armies in Scotland, clan descendants can join even if their surnames have other spellings, said Cannington resident and newly appointed MacFarlane WA commissioner Thea Adams.

"They include McFarlane or McPharlane, or just about any conceivable derivative," she said.

"There are also others, such as Allan, Allanson, Robb or Weaver, or McFarland from Ireland, which clan members adopted after one clansman was outlawed in Scotland in the 1500s."

Ms Adams' link to the clan is through her grandmother, whose father was a McFarlane.

The clan's WA branch has eight members, but thousands across the world claim links to the family group after it was reconstituted in the United States in 1911.

They can all wear the clan's red, hunting green, black and white, and special dress tartans.

But MacFarlanes still have to wear another notoriety from the past.



**MacFarlane WA commissioner Thea Adams.**

Picture: Justin Benson-Cooper

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"The full moon was once known as 'A MacFarlane lantern' because it was used to illuminate raids on neighbours' cattle in the 1700s," Ms Adams said.

To join, email [thewycherie@hotmail.com](mailto:thewycherie@hotmail.com).

## PHOENIX GAMES

Hello from beautiful, SUNNY? Arizona, USA!

The Phoenix Highland Games had a new venue this year - Steele Indian School Park in downtown Phoenix. The venue itself was fantastic, and all of the participants were looking forward to another beautiful Arizona weekend. Saturday the 27th of Feb. started

out being another picture perfect Arizona day - Sunny with temps in the low 70's. Late in the afternoon the breezes began to increase, and along with them, concerns about what

may come overnight. Rain with potential 50 MPH winds were being forecast overnight. SO - before we left for the evening, we "battened down the hatches." Sunday morning brought clouds and rain with remnants of heavy overnight rains still in evidence. We arrived at the park well in advance, anticipating the worst.

As my wife Cheryl, Steve Robb (Kansas), and I walked up to the gates, we were told the games had been cancelled due to flooding in the Clan tent area. Our tent "fortunately" came out unscathed, even though we did suffer some minor water damage to some of our display items. Other Clans were not as fortunate as there were reported microbursts in the area and their tents appeared to be twisted and standing in water.

Even with the weather not being cooperative on Sunday, the Games were still a success! They were well attended and we had 15 MacFarlanes and/or Sept members stop by our

tent. It was good to see CMSI Members Jim Hoerricks, the Fjells, and Taylor Miller, thanks for your support. We were situated near the dancing competition area and it was great to hear MacFarlane's being awarded on several occasions. Cheers to all the Dancers. It's always fun and rewarding having the opportunity to meet other Clans' members, exchanging stories, and making new friends.

Cheryl and I hope to see as many CMSI members as possible at next years Phoenix Games. They are generally held over the last weekend in February. Our next games we will be hosting will be in May in Prescott, AZ, USA. The AGM will follow at the Games in Vancouver, BC and we are looking forward to seeing a great number of you there. In July we will be hosting the MacFarlane tent in beautiful Flagstaff, AZ. With temps in Phoenix being 100+ that time of year, it will be nice to head North into the AZ mountains for a little break.

We're going to try to make it over to the Kansas and Oklahoma area to visit and assist Steve and Marie Robb as they host tents at their local Games. We owe them a visit or two!

Can't wait to see all our friends and the making of new ones!

*Randy and Cheryl McFarland*

#### IRON THISTLE GAMES - OKLAHOMA



(Steve Robb on the far right with a couple organizers)

On Friday, March 19, 2010, Marie and I arrived in Yukon, Oklahoma for the 4th Annual Iron Thistle Scottish Festival and Games. The sun was shining bright and the temps were in the 60's. As we arrived at our hotel, we were surprised to run into our great MacFarlane athletes, Joey Grieshaber, Jamie Channel and their friends. After a fun but quick reunion, they said they would take us over to the game site. The games were being held a close one half mile from the hotel, making it really convenient. We arrived to the sound of steel posts being driven into the ground by the game organizers. Joey took us up and introduced us to the organizers, and we all commented on how nice the weather was. It was then, we got the latest news on the incoming weather and that all the pipe bands had decided to stay home. Two or three of the venders were in the process of setting up when more of the athletes showed up. We talked about waiting until morning before setting up the tent, due to the uncertainty of the up coming weather. We met later, back at the hotel, with Joey, Jamie and friends and decided it was time for dinner. We all ended up at the Texas Roadhouse for dinner. We had a great time visiting during dinner and an even greater time getting ice cream after words. While eating our ice cream, Jamie walked out to the street and began dancing with a mascot for an Italian pizza shop. It was all great fun. They just confirmed our initial impression of their great personalities and fun character. They are truly excellent representatives for Clan MacFarlane Society as athletes, representing us at the games. They plan on being at most of the games around Kansas and Oklahoma and we will be there to cheer them on. On the down side, the blizzard did arrive on time early Saturday morning. We all had some breakfast and headed to the park. There was already a few inches of snow on the ground and lots of blowing snow coming down. The only ones left by now were the athletes and a couple of clan members, including us. The organizers and athletes decided to go on and have a few events just for practice. Our athletes decided to head back to Joplin to avoid the worst of the storm that was still on it's way. We stayed for awhile and watched the blizzard bowl, but even the most hearty of us called it quits. We spent the rest of the weekend in our hotel room needling each other on facebook. We told the organizers that we would be back next spring, all the while they were telling us how fun the games have become. From the game site to the accommodations and the friendly folks, we believe them and will be back.



## Treasurer's Report

*Kevin J. McFarlane, CPA, FSA Scot, Treasurer*  
*treasurer@macfarlane.org*

In this edition of the Lantern, you will see the financial statements of the Clan MacFarlane Society, Inc. and Clan Macfarlane Heritage Trust 2001 for the 2009 calendar year. The statements contain all the cash

flows in and out of each of the 2 separate legal entities. I am still in the process of collecting the detail information to prepare the US Form 990 which is the Society's annual filing. The filing to the Office of Scottish Charity Regulation comes later in the year for the Heritage Trust.

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During the year, the Treasurer's activities involve paying the Games fees or reimbursement for approximately 20 games and festivals (from all over the United States), disbursing the annual scholarship, and the associated bookkeeping. My wife and I do help Michael McFarlane ("Colorado Mike") with the Scholarship Committee because our interest in education. Anica and I are partners in operating a private elementary school

in Broomfield, Colorado (Broomfield Academy, [www.broomfieldacademy.com](http://www.broomfieldacademy.com)). The cash collection process has differed over the last six years as we work to fine tune the membership records / promotion process. Today, Most memberships are paid for through PayPal (about 90%). Some contributions to the Heritage Center and Battle Standard also come to us via PayPal. These funds stay in a money market account at PayPal until transferred to our operating bank account. The other 10% of the incoming memberships and most contributions come to me via regular mail to my post office box (listed inside the front cover of The Lantern). I forward the membership details to our Membership Directors, Dave and Moyra Millar. I wish to compliment the job that Dave and Moyra have done with the membership records and their style in communicating with current and potential members.

I have already mentioned the annual filings to the IRS and OSCR. In addition, I help the Secretary with the Annual Report to the State of Delaware (the state of the Society's incorporation).

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Anica, my daughter Caitlin, and I are looking forward to going to Vancouver to visit our friend Kent on his home turf, see a little bit of Canada, and attend the AGM. I intend to schedule a meeting that weekend to provide for a audit of our records and statements. This meeting will provide an orderly transition between terms as this is an election year for the Society.

*Closing*

I have been honored over the last six years to be a steward of our money and have your trust. The trust of the membership is of the utmost importance to me. I have meet and talked to many good people over these years. The Society has given me far more than I have done for it.

I know this is a Society of many interests. My participation in the Society is driven with the goal of historical / cultural preservation and promotion. As each succeeding generation gets farther away from their families emigration from Scotland and Northern Ireland, the history and culture of those that came before us is harder to keep. This preservation is not helped by looking for the genetic link to a past chief. What makes us a group are the achievements we have together. We can hold these achievements in our collective memories and be proud.

Sincerely,  
*Kevin*

Clan MacFarlane Charitable Trust 2001 Statement of Assets and Liabilities As of December 31						
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Bank of Scotland Account	£62,006.66	£93,625.28	£96,807.07	£102,031.07	£102,292.80	£102,182.41
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>£62,006.66</b>	<b>£93,625.28</b>	<b>£96,807.07</b>	<b>£102,031.07</b>	<b>£102,292.80</b>	<b>£102,182.41</b>
Fund Balance	£62,006.66	£93,625.28	£96,807.07	£102,031.07	£102,292.80	£102,182.41
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>£62,006.66</b>	<b>£93,625.28</b>	<b>£96,807.07</b>	<b>£102,031.07</b>	<b>£102,292.80</b>	<b>£102,182.41</b>
Clan MacFarlane Charitable Trust 2001 Statement of Income For the Calendar Years 2004,2005, and 2006						
Revenues:						
Contributions from Clan MacFarlane Society, Inc. (USA)	£29,762.44	£0.00	£4,206.67	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Interest-Bank of Scotland(1)	1,488.97	1,618.62	1,676.76	1,946.00	1,142.98	104.16
Other Contributions	181.92		2,369.36	275.00		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>£31,487.33</b>	<b>£1,618.62</b>	<b>£6,181.79</b>	<b>£2,221.00</b>	<b>£1,142.98</b>	<b>£104.16</b>
Expenditures(1)	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	£0.00	£681.25	£214.55
<b>Net Change to Fund Balance</b>	<b>£31,487.33</b>	<b>£1,618.62</b>	<b>£6,181.79</b>	<b>£2,221.00</b>	<b>£281.73</b>	<b>£110.30</b>

(1)Interest Income and Expenditures are estimated pending final statements.

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# Membership Directors' Report

David and Moyra Miller  
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Hello to everybody around the globe and we hope that this report greets you all well as we are here from these ancient shores.

Since our last report Membership has gathered a pace and it's thanks to you, the Members of the Clan MacFarlane Society for either joining or renewing your membership and making our job far more interesting than we thought that it could possibly be. We have had so much good communication with you that it has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve you.

Right, let's go back to Lantern 103 and answer the questions that were asked on our last report. We are getting more of you coming to us now with your query, or information with regards to your own individual memberships and with membership in general, we hope that our response time to your enquiry has met with your satisfaction and solved any questions that you asked. The handwriting is getting better and most of it we can read easily and makes a difference with getting the information into the database and we also thank those people who sent us their updated email addresses.

The Membership package is nearly there and as you can appreciate with all the updating of the New Website imminent, it has been a busy time for the President and his Officers, but we are nearly there. I can say a big thanks to Neal R. McFarland, USA for his enquiry and also his patience in this matter and Neal, you will be one of the first to receive your package.

When we checked the register of membership against the list of Septs that is involved with Clan MacFarlane we still have a way to go before we can call ourselves a complete Clan. There is quite a number of Sept names that need to be recruited and too many names to put down here, but if we can ask you to look out for some of these names, then a start could be made. This includes MacErrachern, MacGreusich, MacGreusick, MacFarquhar to name but a few and these are outstanding historic names in the Clan MacFarlane, so see what you can do for the Membership.

What also, is not happening is that some of you have changed your home address and have not let us know. This results in problems getting the Lantern to you, which is then returned, we try and contact you to get your new address to resend you your Lantern. Of course, all this is time consuming but more importantly, it's a cost to the Clan when there is no need, we know that perhaps the Society is not top of your list when moving house, but please let us know as soon as you can.

We want to speak about Renewals as this seems to be a bit of a sticking point with some members. When you "log in" to the Website, press on "Subscriptions" and it will tell you how many days you have left, and all you have to do is press "renew membership" to complete your renewal. All is not lost if you do run out, don't just ignore it because you can still renew after your expiry date, what you won't be able to do after you run out is use the Website. So try and renew before you run out, your renewal date will not start until your expiry is up, so the solution is to renew early.

With the latest Lantern drop we have had quite a few positive responses from lapsed members and in particular I would like to mention two people, Colonel Bill Webb from Washington, USA, and John ( Jack ) McFarland from Georgia also USA. Quite a number of emails between us all which resulted in great news for the Society, not only did the Colonel and Jack rejoin the Society but they also enlisted their families as well resulting in Nine members in total, that's what we call "a nice return" like many other Members mind you.

It was also great to have new members and to name a few Kristi MacFarlane and Bruce MacFarlane from Canada, and the young Kevin Fountain from USA, Grant Millar, Mrs Sandy Kluin and William Macfarlane from Australia, Bob Macfarlane from New Zealand, Keith Macfarlane from Ireland, Gregory Macfarlane and Freddie MacFarlane from South Africa, Lauren Macfarlane, Ross McFarlane, Suzan MacFarlane and Yvonne Macfarlane from the UK, Angela McFarlane, Dawn Macfarlane and de Montaigne de Poncins de Montaigne de ( now thats what you call a name ) all from Europe. Indeed everybody that joined and renewed since the last Lantern, and on behalf of the President, his Officers and the rest of the Clan Members we Welcome you into our big, warm International Family.

Well we think that's enough to be going on with for now and here in the UK we are not too far away from the "Clan Gathering" season as well as the Highland Games, which hopefully we will get too as many as possible, until the next report, take care of yourselves and as always, any problems you know where to come.

*Yours aye,  
David and Moyra  
" LOCH SLOIDH "*

## **Dear CMSI Members,**

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the candidates for the Elections for the 2011-2013 Term of office.

There should be 1 Ballot enclosed for Individual and Life members and 2 ballots for Family Memberships.

Please return your ballots to the address on the card no later than June 15, 2010.

This is a most important election and the nominations committee urges all members of CMSI to vote.

**Sincerely,  
Nadine Miller**





# Election Nominations

## President

Michael Robert MacFarlane, FSA Scot (Incumbent)

Michael MacFarlane joined CMSI in 1996 at the age of 27 and has held office as President since 1999, he has also served as State Commissioner for CA and NV and held the office of Executive Vice President from 1998 -1999. He is the longest seated President in the Society's History. Over the years Michael has created and spearheaded many society programs and projects with the help of many dedicated officers and society members, that have greatly moved the society forward.

Under Michael's leadership the society has achieved the following:

- \* Received a Grant of Corporate Arms for the Society from the Lyon Court in Scotland. (Michael also designed the society's arms which are registered with the Lyon Court, (displayed on the cover of *Lantern* 75.)
- \* Expanded the society's membership to an International Level of participation from around the Globe.
- \* Since 1996, has attended over 15 Highland Games and Festivals per year promoting the Clan MacFarlane Society, which has significantly helped grow the society's membership.
- \* Is the Creator and Host of the CMSI website at <http://macfarlane.org>, which also has grown society membership internationally since its launch in 1996.
- \* Spearheaded the long-term project of creating a heritage centre in the Clan MacFarlane's native homeland.
- \* Founded the Order of the Claymore fundraising campaign to fund the Heritage Centre Project.
- \* Founded the Clan MacFarlane Charitable trust 2001 which is a recognised Scottish Charity # SC034298. Michael is Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the trust.
- \* Founded the Battle Standard fundraising appeal to preserve the Clan's Ancient Battle Standard that is in the custodial care of the National Museum of Scotland - This project has been successful and the restoration work on the Battle Standard will begin in 2011.
- \* Recovery of the Chiefly China Tea Set from the Clan Colquhoun in 2006 by Brian Macfarlane.
- \* The Claim of ownership of Island I Vow, Loch Lomond, in the name of the Clan MacFarlane Charitable Trust, which was successful in 2006.

In addition to these projects Michael has also been heavily involved in the day to day operations of the society, has trained several new volunteers, and has helped modernize the membership department with the introduction of advanced database management software, Publications by designing the current *Lantern* Template, and working with the Director of Publications, Rick Kilby and Mary Rogalski (the daughter of Geneva Montgomery, the society's original *Lantern* Editor) by creating an archival record of all issues of *MacFarlanes' Lantern*, and Fundraising by appointing a fundraising committee to help broaden the society's fundraising efforts.

Michael wishes to continue his work for the society and has many new plans to help the society to continue to move forward including a professionally designed website which will contain more detailed information on our Heritage Projects and Fundraising Events, Electronic Media and other content. To broaden the Genealogy Department, with a New DNA Project, and Extensive Genealogy Archives and Forums. To review the current constitution and create new policies to be ratified by the membership of CMSI such as a privacy policy to protect our members privacy, and other additions, to protect the Society's intellectual property. To continue the search for a suitable location to open a Clan MacFarlane Heritage Centre in Scotland and to continue to raise funds toward this goal.

Michael will also oversee an audit of all the society's assets, as is a business as usual function at the beginning of a new term of office.



## Election Nomination: President Randy McFarland

I am a member in good standing with CMSI and am seeking the position of President of the Clan MacFarlane Society.

Let me first give a brief outline of goals I feel our Society need to achieve. First, we need to make the Society “fun again.” This will be achieved through our promotion of member involvement. When you feel you are a part of a group and contributing to a cause, it becomes fun, not job

like. Second, ensure there is openness and transparency between elected officers and membership. Openness by definition is a philosophy on which groups and organizations operate. Most of the time highlighted by a decision making process, recognizing communal management by distributed stakeholders (users, producers, contributors), as opposed to a centralized authority (owners, experts, board of directors, etc.), for determining operational and strategic direction. This can be accomplished by keeping all possible lines of communication open in all directions. Third continue building our reputation within the International community. Our Society must further build and nurture relationships with our brothers and sisters around the world so that the MacFarlane Clan can be one of prominence. Fourth, the promotion of our Society to our International brethren. Our membership will grow exponentially and the excitement of new members will help the Clan MacFarlane in a most positive way. Remember- it’s NOT how much money we raise, but the promotion of the Clan MacFarlane Society, the Scottish-Gaelic culture and customs. And finally, I want to see Term Limits returned to our Constitution and Bylaws for Officers/Board Members.

What Are My Qualifications? They are: -Member in good standing with CMSI,- Commissioner for Arizona, USA, -Director of Gatherings for Clan MacFarlane, Board Of Directors Position. -Attended and volunteered, at a number of games and Celtic Festivals including Arizona, Maryland (Thanks-Becky Clevenger), Colorado, Nevada and in July we were able to make our second trip to Scotland and assist at The Gathering Edinburgh, where it was my honor and privilege to lead our International Clan up the Royal Mile. We have signed up 24 new members over the last year at our Clan tents.-Worked extensively as a volunteer with The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). -Vice President of The Crofton, Maryland, USA, Area Jaycees. Non-profit organization for young men. -Member of Fairfax, Virginia USA American Legion, -Chambers of Commerce; Silver Spring, Maryland USA/ Chandler, Arizona USA/ Gilbert, Arizona USA. -Member of Gilbert Small Business Alliance. - Member of MacFarlane Ancestry Research Project.

In my professional and educational career, I’ve always sought an opportunity to use my interpersonal and managerial skills. I realized at the University of Maryland, I needed to both help and teach. In each business, I have helped clients better their lives and situations. From my first career in the banking business, eight years as a manager, helping clients with financial needs. I knew I had found a niche. I then moved to the Automotive industry for 20+ years, thirteen years in management. Most recently I obtained my Health/Life Insurance License and sell Computer Software. In each, I assist clients in improving their financial, and personal lives. NOW is the time to bring in “New Blood” and attitudes. Clan MacFarlane Society is not a business, yet feels like one. I’m looking forward to leading CMSI in a new and exciting direction. Elect me President and join me in helping CMSI regain its once proud reputation!

Loch Sloy!

*Randy McFarland*  
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## **Election Nomination: Executive Vice President Brian James Whyte Macfarlane (Incumbent)**

Brian aged 57 from Dunfermline, Scotland joined CMSI in 1999 and is a Life member. He became Commissioner for Scotland in 2000 and was elected Executive Vice President in 2001 and has been proud to hold that office since.

Brian through being ideally placed in Scotland within easy driving distance of the MacFarlane homelands has been able to assist the President to drive forward our aims in Scotland on many fronts and has been privileged to watch their work being rewarded with larger International membership and a growing reputation in Scotland and the Scottish community worldwide.

Brian has been a trustee of the Clan MacFarlane Charitable Trust since its creation in 2001. Organising the initial setting up of the trust and gaining Charitable recognition in Scotland for it. Brian also set up and operates the Society and Trust bank accounts at the Bank of Scotland under the expert guidance of Society treasurer and fellow trustee Kevin McFarlane.

Brian with his late father Ian Macfarlane FSA Scot traced the Clan MacFarlane's Ancient Battle Standard now with the National Museum of Scotland and is now working with the authorities to have it restored and preserved. This work has been scheduled to start in 2011 thanks to the generosity of Society members. He also organised the successful "Non Domino" legal claim for ownership of the Loch Lomond Island and castle ruin at Island I Vow. Legal title was granted in 2006.

Also in 2006 Brian negotiated the recovery of the Chiefs China tea sets (2) from the 1760-80's period from a branch of the Colquhoun's chiefly line who had possession of them for many years.

Brian has been honoured to serve the society in a great variety of ways and very much wants to continue to move the Clan MacFarlane forward through the focal point of creating an institution of Heritage centre and Museum. He respectfully asks that you give him your support in this election, to continue to promote the name of MacFarlane at every given opportunity and to defend our Clan and society as described in our motto, if and when the need arises.



## Election Nomination: Executive Vice President Laurie McFarland Jackson

My name is Laurie McFarland Jackson, and I am declaring my candidacy for the position of Clan MacFarlane Society, Inc. Vice-President. I have a lifetime membership with the Society, which puts me in good standing as a candidate. I am qualified and able to serve per the Constitution.

My professional background includes a BA in Communications, an MS in Educational Counseling with a Pupil Personnel Services credential, and a teaching credential. I have worked as a school social worker, teacher, and high school counselor, working in a neighborhood compared to an inner-city slum; an area of high crime, poverty, and saturated with gang activity. My resume includes experiences that involve having evaluated crisis situations and delivered crisis intervention, served as liaison between school and families, organized/implemented parent education programs, conducted in-services and provided support to staff, and developed community partnerships. As Project Coordinator for the Sierra Health Foundation I implemented a grant from the Foundation for a community rehabilitation project (budgeting, hiring, planning, and program implementation.) Our focus was to make the neighborhood a healthier and safer place to live by increasing communication neighbor to neighbor and neighbor to services. I facilitated the founding of Airport Neighbors United and its successful application for non-profit status, conducted community meetings and workshops. I was the recipient of National League of Cities Healthy Children Award, and was the recipient of Excellence for Children Award from California Dept. of Public Health.

My personal and professional experiences have confidently led me to a place I believe I can be part of the leadership to help the Society move forward in a positive way. I can assess a situation and make quick decisions, I have used proven strategies to connect diverse groups of people helping them find common ground, set goals, and take on a task. I have written curriculum for educational purposes for the classroom and in the community setting... something that can be used by the clan for a variety of purposes, such as training clan tent hosts, community presentations, ceremonies for members at the clan tents, etc. I am a creative problem-solver, having to learn to make a lot happen with few resources.

My experience with the Clan MacFarlane Society, Inc. includes travelling to Scotland with the clan in 2003, 2006, and 2009. I earned Tosgair designation for the time I devoted to organizing the 2006 trip. (The photo I submitted was of Don and me in front of the Macfarlane castle ruin on the island of Inverglas.) We proudly joined other MacFarlanes in the Parade of Clans up the Royal Mile in Edinburgh this summer during the International Gathering of the Clans. We have attended AGMs on the Macfarlane island of I Vow in Scotland (3 times), Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina; Pleasanton, Ben Lomond, and Santa Cruz in California, along with miscellaneous Highland Games. On 3 occasions, clan Secretary, Nancy Reeser, was unable to attend the AGMs so I took minutes in her place and submitted them for publication in the Lantern. I have written and submitted several articles for the Lantern. My family is participating in the clan DNA study, part of the Lineage 9 group, kit #61105. I have submitted our family tree information to the Society Genealogist.

To tie my personal and professional experiences together and apply them in a practical way to benefit the Society, I would begin with the focus I used with the neighborhood rehabilitation project, which was "to make the neighborhood a healthier and safer place to live by increasing communication neighbor to neighbor and neighbor to services." I would tweak that for the Society by saying I will "make the clan a prosperous and thriving society by increasing communication member to member, and member to services, whether those services be for genealogy, travel, social networking, fun, history, dance, music, athletic competitions, etc. I would like to make changes to add value to clan membership. I'd like to bring the fun back to the family, grow our numbers, and communicate clearly with each other. I hope you'll give me the consideration of your vote.



## Election Nomination: Treasurer Kevin J. McFarlane (Incumbent)

I am the current Treasurer of the Clan MacFarlane Society, Inc. and Clan MacFarlane Heritage Trust. I have held the position since April 2004. Before being Treasurer, I served the Society as Librarian for several years.

My family (myself, Anica, and daughter Caitlin) live in Westminster, Colorado. We participate in the Estes Park Games for the Society in September. I have worked on the Scholarship Committee for the last two years. My day job is working for Johns Manville in the area of information systems. My educational background is in accounting. I hold a CPA from the State of Colorado. I also have a doctorate in business administration so I teach finance and accounting for various colleges and universities. I grew up in East Hartford, Connecticut. I lived right across the street from the World Famous Pratt & Whitney Jet Engine Plant. I attended the University of Connecticut and have lived in a number of places during my working life ( Bloomfield, New Jersey; King of Prussia, Pennsylvania; Houston, Texas; Gastonia, North Carolina). We like Colorado the best ...so far.

I am looking for your support for another three-year term to continue the work of the Society and Heritage Trust. My reasons for wanting to serve are partly selfish. My service in the Society is my way of giving back and paying forward for others. I have enjoyed meeting the many people that belong to the Society and those associated with its activities. There is a great deal of enjoyment derived from working with a group of officers and commissioners who are working towards the same goal.

The trip to Scotland in 2006 planted a strong desire to continue to help the society move forward in the creation of a Heritage Center. The study of history has been passion for me as long as I can remember. When I came face to face with our family history, it became obvious we need to preserve and strengthen it.

My agenda for the next three years is to increase the availability of financial information than provided in the past. I would also like to assemble a committee of members to review or "audit" the records of the last two terms to provide financial transparency for the Society.

I ask for your support in the upcoming election.  
I have enjoyed working for the Society for the last six years. Thanks for the experience.



## Election Nomination: Secretary Rick Kilby, FSA Scot

Rick is a family man who lives in suburban Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. He works in the Information Technology department of a large financial institution. Rick spends his free time on DIY (do it yourself) projects around the house, genealogy, and riding his Harley Davidson. Rick has a Bachelor of Science Information Technology degree, a Masters of Information Systems degree, and is a member of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (FSA Scot).

Rick's connection to the Clan MacFarlane comes through his grandmother, whose family left the Glasgow, Scotland area in the 1860's. The family made its way through the tall grasses of the American Prairies in covered wagons before settling in what is today's 'intermountain west'. Rick found CMSI on the Internet, joined in 1999, and was appointed as a kilt-less Commissioner of Wisconsin shortly afterwards (1999-present). Rick later bought a kilt and was appointed as Director of Membership to modernize the membership list by converting it to a database driven computer program (2003-2007). Rick later resigned as Membership Director to become the Director of Publications (2007-present). Rick felt that CMSI's history was best represented by its past Lantern issues and created the Lantern Archive (2006-2009). Today the collection is available to the entire membership. Rick has also assisted CMSI in several ad hoc capacities including assisting with the website, genealogy, and the Macfarlane DNA study.

Rick proposed to his wife Jennifer on the Island I Vow during the 2003 Scotland AGM trip. They also attended the Grandfather Mountain AGM in 2004 and the Loch Lomond AGM in 2005. Rick and Jennifer have contributed to the Order of the Claymore and the Battle Standard Appeal. Rick is currently serving as a member of the Board of trustees for the Clan MacFarlane Charitable Trust 2001, and is a member of the Milwaukee St. Andrews Society. Rick hopes that members will understand that he has made CMSI a priority in his life and will endeavor to make lasting improvements for as long as he is able to.

Rick would like to help contribute to the society's future technological growth using his knowledge and experience of society business. He would like to help expand our reach around the globe and continue to grow our international membership. If elected, he plans to continue working with the President and other Directors to improve the administration of the Order of the Claymore, the format and distribution of membership cards, and assist with society business as an experienced member of the Executive Committee.



## Election Nomination: Secretary Marie Robb, JD, MLS

I am a member in good standing with the Society and am seeking the position of Clan Macfarlane Society secretary in the upcoming election. I recently served as acting secretary for the Board of Trustees' Clan Macfarlane Charitable Trust 2001 annual meeting, at the request of our currently serving president, Michael MacFarlane. My husband, Steve Robb, and I have been in attendance and volunteered at numerous games in Maryland, Arizona, Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, and the recent International Gathering in Edinburgh, Scotland. We have twice traveled with the MacFarlanes to Scotland, and have had the pleasure of meeting many of you and making you our friends.

My work experience is varied, including service in the U.S. Navy as a cryptologic technician and a company commander (drill sergeant for the Navy). I was employed as a legal secretary for a large firm in San Francisco, and a small firm in Utah. I was employed as law librarian at a law school in Kansas, and currently am employed by Thomson Reuters as an academic account manager for Westlaw, a legal publisher, overseeing accounts at various law schools in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas. I have my B.S.E. from the University of Kansas, my law degree from Washburn University School of Law, and a Masters in Library Science from Emporia State University.

My husband and I were recently appointed co-commissioners for the states of Kansas and Missouri alongside Rick Miller and his family, and hosted our first tent in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We look forward to hosting events in the coming years, giving us the opportunity to meet many more MacFarlanes.

I am very interested in seeing the Society grow globally and welcome the opportunity to help take the Society forward in a clearly communicated manner. I would gladly serve at the pleasure of the membership and would openly receive suggestions on how to communicate effectively, timely and openly to the membership at large in a manner that would support the Society as it steps forward as a leader among clans.

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# ANNOUNCING- THE 2010 CMSI AGM!



The International Clan MacFarlane Society is proud to announce, and requests your presence at our Annual Gathering Meeting (AGM) on June 26th 2010, in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Our AGM will be held in conjunction with the BC Highland Games and Scottish Festival at Percy Perry Stadium from June 25th to June 28th 2010.

There are many exciting topics that will be up for discussion, and the announcement of the official election results as well. So make your plans NOW and show CMSI your support.

Our festivities will begin on Friday the 25th with an informal social (Happy Hour) gathering from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM at our Host Hotel, The Executive Plaza Hotel in Coquitlam, Vancouver, B.C. There will be light appetizers and a cash bar available so we can make and renew friendships.

Saturday morning the 26th, breakfast will be available in the Copper Club Restaurant (Buffet) for \$15.00. Transportation to the Games will be made available through Public Transportation services.

Saturday evening we'll have our ceilidh at the hotel with a Buffet dinner to include choices of four Salads, a host of platters four entrees and assorted desserts.

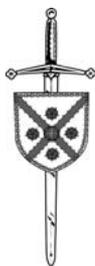
Package prices are for 3 nights and will include the Happy Hour gathering on Friday evening, the Ceileidh on Saturday evening, tickets to the Games on Saturday. The special price of this package will be \$93.00pp USD. The reduced Hotel rate is \$129.00 USD per night. Total cost of each room based on 3 nights is \$387.00 USD. (Ex: Total for 1 person, 3 nights is \$480.00. 2 People, 3 nights is \$573.00 USD.)

The AGM will take place on Sunday the 27th in the Hospitality Suite at 10:00 AM.

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in June at Vancouver, B.C. Please send in your response and monies by June 10, 2010.

See You There!

*Randy McFarland*  
Director of Gatherings



# ORDER of the CLAYMORE

Each of us involved in the Clan MacFarlane Society is here because we wish to share in and preserve our proud legacy inherited from those that have gone before.

If we want to see our heritage preserved so FUTURE GENERATIONS will benefit from it, much help is required. Some people are able to donate their time, others donate financially. Some do both! CMSI's Order of the Claymore is the means to donate financially.

All money donated goes directly to the Clan MacFarlane Heritage trust to fund the acquisition of a Bldg. which will be home of the Clan MacFarlane Museum of Highland Life in Scotland. This Museum and Heritage centre will be a focal point for all MacFarlanes and septs worldwide and will aid the preservation of Scottish/Gaelic Culture, Artifacts, Genealogy and Archaeological studies.

This will be YOUR centre and this is your chance to help.

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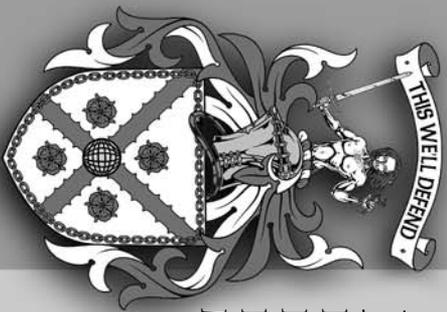
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