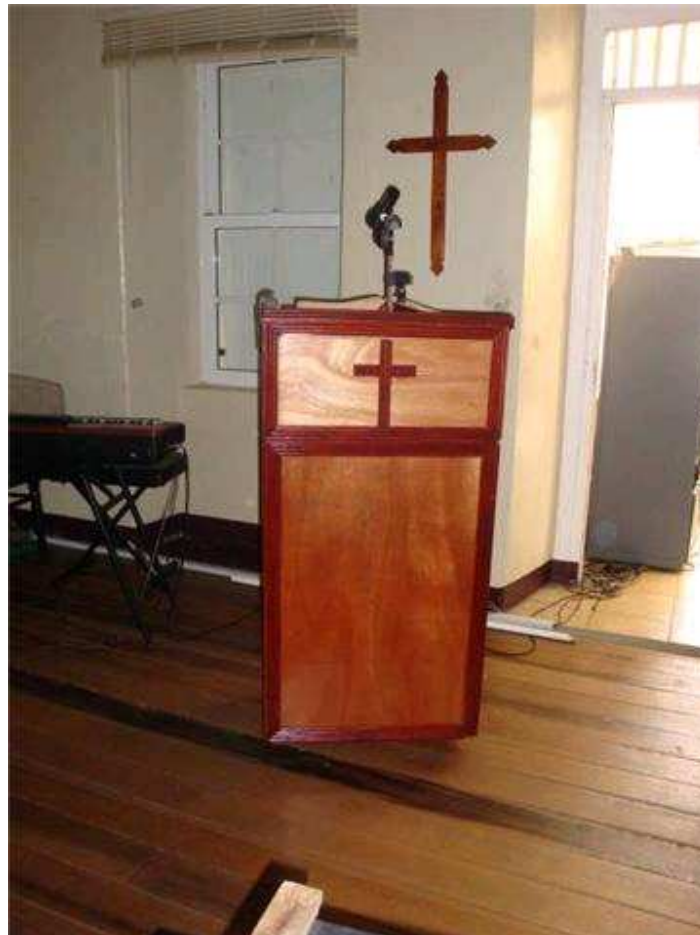




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Presidents Message

Dear Clan Folk

April 2009:

Spring is the season of fresh starts and renewal, as we get near to our Annual Meeting we will be heralding a New President as after 15 years I am about to retire. I have enjoyed each and every day of my tenure, so it will be a shock to my system. We want input from all our members, anyone thinking they would like to help us out on the Executive please give me a call or e mail We would especially like people to operate our Clan Mackay tent at some of the other Scottish Games. We do get to Fergus each year but would love to branch out. We have all the Flags, brochures etc. Just give us a call and we would send a package of information and tablecloths etc. along to you.

Challenging Empire is an interesting read and Social Statisticians tell us that if the earth's population were a village of 100 people, there would be: 60 Asians, 12 Europeans, 14 Africans, 13 people from North & South America and 1 from the South Pacific.

- >82 of the people in this village would be people of color
- >67 would be people of faith traditions other than Christian
- >80 would live in substandard housing
- >67 would be illiterate
- >33 would be without access to a safe water supply
- >50 would be malnourished, and 1 starving
- >1 would have a college education
- >5 people would control 32% of the village's wealth, and all of them would be

Americans.

This accumulation of numbers are hard to digest, but it is interesting to see that we need to do more to help the vulnerable people of the world.

The Great Scottish Gathering in Edinburgh, July 24 weekend, should be a huge success, If anyone is going let us know.

The German Clan Mackay have invited us to attend their 5th German Highland Games on June 27 and 28, 2008. RSVP to Siggie Mackay-- info@siggie-mackay.de

We welcome the new USA Clan Mackay President Michelle Sandelier and say good bye to David and Cheryl Mackay, who have visited us here in Canada.

Our best wishes go out to Isabel Mackay, an Honorary Member who is settling in at Castle View Wichwood Towers Toronto.

I hope all have sent in their Membership dues and as well the tickets for the draw "4 Clan Mackay Coffee mugs". We need your participation.

Our Clan Mackay Annual Meeting will be held at the Erin Mills United Church Mississauga On, on June 27th, at 1:30. A Ceileigh and Dinner will take place. So please plan to come.

Best personal regards,
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Three Mackays, Installment 2

The first installment of this series appeared in the fall edition... here is the second installment with the final installment due this fall....

William Morrison MacKay, MD., 1836 – 1917

Born in Stirling, Scotland in 1836, William MacKay decided to become a mechanical engineer, but after lying in Edinburgh hospital recovering from an eye injury he decided to become a Doctor. He graduated in 1858 at age 22, and when he met a cousin who was employed by the Hudson Bay in Canada, he decided to emigrate in 1864, after completing his medical credentials as a surgeon.

Most of his early life involved work in the fur trading business in the MacKenzie and Slave Lake regions, dealing with many natives, and in fact helping them with many illnesses. He married Jane Flett from Orkney in 1874. They would eventually have 4 sons and 7 daughters. Today one of his granddaughters lives in St Albert, near my home.

His appointments took him all over the north and his final job was as Chief Trader in the Athabasca Territory. But his skills as a Doctor were well known throughout the north and he endured many difficult days traveling by dog teams to assist many people in distress. He worked tirelessly during the major smallpox outbreak of 1892/3. He spoke English Cree, French and German as well as other native dialects.

Following many years as Chief Factor, he retired to Edmonton in 1898. In 1902 he was elected the first President of the Alberta Medical Association. His name appears on MacKay River, Fort MacKay, McKay Avenue School, and MacKay Lake.

He died on February 25th 1917 after an unfortunate fall at age 81.

His name is revered today throughout Northern Alberta.

5 MINUTE CHOCOLATE MUG CAKE!!

4 tablespoons flour
4 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons cocoa
1 egg

3 tablespoons milk
3 tablespoons oil

3 tablespoons chocolate chips (optional)

A small splash of vanilla extract and your favorite liquor

1 large coffee mug (microwave-safe)

Add dry ingredients to your largest mug and mix well. Add the egg and mix thoroughly. Pour in the milk and oil and mix well. Add the chocolate chips (if

using), vanilla and a drop or two of liquor, then mix again. Put your mug in the microwave and cook for 3 minutes on high. Allow to cool a little, and tip out onto a plate if desired. This will serve two (but we won't tell if you choose not to share!)

Another McKay

Senator Elaine McCoy

Elaine McCoy, QC (born March 7, 1946) in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada is a Canadian senator from Alberta.

Senator McCoy is an alumna of the University of Alberta, and holds an LLB (1969) and Bachelor of Arts in English (1968). She is married to Miles Patterson, QC. Prior to entering provincial politics, McCoy pursued a career in law as senior legal counsel for the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board and as counsel for TransAlta Utilities Corporation.

From 1986 to 1993, McCoy was the Alberta Progressive Conservative MLA for Calgary West in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

In 1986, she was named to Cabinet as Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Minister responsible for Women's Issues by Premier Don Getty. In 1989, McCoy was appointed as Alberta's Minister of Labour and Minister responsible for Human Rights, in which portfolio she was responsible for Alberta's personnel administration office.

At the 1992 Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta Leadership convention, McCoy ran for the leadership of the party against the eventual winner, Ralph Klein. She did not run in the 1993 election.

Previous to her appointment to the Senate, she served as president Macleod Institute, affiliated with the University of Calgary, an organization that specializes in program evaluation and environmental management.

McCoy was appointed to the Senate on the recommendation of Prime Minister Paul Martin on March 24, 2005. She sits in the Upper House representing Alberta as a Progressive Conservative. Unless she resigns or passes away, Senator McCoy will continue to sit in the Senate until 2021. She currently sits on the Senate Committee for Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament, and actively participates on the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

Sewing on a button

Angus Broon of Glasgow comes to the little lady of the house exclaiming, "Maggie, cud ya be sewin on a wee button that's come off of me fly? I can't button me pants."

"Oh Angus, I've got me hands in the dishpan, go up the stairs and see if Mrs. MacDonald could be helpin ya with it."

About 5 minutes later, there's a terrible crash, a bang, a bit of yelling and the sound of a body falling down the stairs.

Walking back in the door with a blackened eye and a bloody nose comes Angus. The little lady looks at him and says, "My god, what happened to ya? Did you ask her like I told you?"

"Aye," says Angus. "I asked her to sew on the wee button, an she did, everything was goin' fine but when she bent doon to bite off the wee thread, Mr. MacDonald walked in."

Polson

One of the names associated with the Clan Mackay is Polson: This is an interesting article on of our famous people:

One hundred and nine years ago, Margaret Polson Murray was Proud to be Canadian. She formed an organization of women who rose in response to the call of their country: to assist those in fighting in the Boer War and those left at home: to teach young children and youth the significance of citizen responsibility and National dignity; to cherish the memory of heroic deeds; to keep sacred the last resting places of our heroes and heroines who have given their lives for the honour and defense of their Country; established hospitals; to assist the unemployed, immigrants and disaster victims. This organization was called IODE. Margaret Polson Murray would be proud that today, on the 109th Founder's Day IODE members continue to work with children, youth and all Canadians to stress the importance of citizen responsibility and National dignity.

Joke

A farmer's wife, who was rather stingy with her whisky, was giving her shepherd a drink. As she handed him his glass, she said it was extra good whisky, being fourteen years old. "Weel, mistress," said the shepherd regarding his glass sorrowfully, "It's very small for its age."

Letter from the Editor

Hello! I hope that you have enjoyed this edition and some the lighter fare within. As Spring is blossoming around us, we are now gearing up for the next Highland Games. As Mora mentions in the President's letter, Fergus is always a great outing but we are also trying to get some presence at the many other games out there. I strongly encourage you to check out the local Games this year as it can be quite a fun experience. Anyone who would like to submit a short article about the local games, please send it in and I would be happy to include it in an upcoming edition of the newsletter.

The front page contains a picture of the lectern at the Presbyterian Church in Grenada which was purchased with the donation received from the clan. Thank you all for your support.

The Annual Meeting will be at the end of June and I hope to see many of you there!

Sarah Bain Mallalieu

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Address: _____

City/Province: _____

Email: _____

New Member: ☐ Renewal ☐ (please check one)

Mail to: Harry McKay, 52 Mendota Road, Etobicoke, Ontario, M8Y 1G2

Highland Games

Alberta

May 13	Festival in the Rockies, Cochrane
June 14	Grand Prairie Highland Games, Macklin Field, Cochrane
June 17	Highland Gathering in the Park, Sherwood Park, Edmonton
June 22	Edmonton Scottish Society Highland Gathering, Grant McEwen Park, Edmonton
June 27	Red Deer Highland Games, Westerner Grounds, Red Deer
July 12	Fort Edmonton Highland Games, Corner Fox Drive/Whitemud Drive
August 29	High River Highland Games, Highwood High School, High River
September 5	Calgary Highland Games, Shouldice Athletic Park, Calgary
September 6	Canmore Highland Games, Centennial Park, Canmore

British Columbia

May 16	Comox Valley Highland Games, Lewis Park, Courtenay
May 16&17	Victoria Highland Games, Esquimalt Road, Victoria
June 1&2	Cariboo Highland Games, Lebourdais Park, Quesnel
June 10	Sons of Scotland Games, Abbotsford
June 20	British Columbia Legion Highland Gathering, Chilliwack
June 27	BC (United) Scottish Highland Games & Festival, Coquitlam
July 1	Penticton Highland Games, Kings Park, Penticton
October 4	Castlegar Highland Games, Selkirk College, Castlegar

Manitoba

June 20	Manitoba Highland Gathering, Selkirk Park, Manitoba
Aug 2-15	Folklorama at Winnipeg, Heather Curling Club, Winnipeg

New Brunswick

May 29-31	Gathering of the Scots Festival, Perth-Andover
July 24-26	New Brunswick Highland Games, Old Government House, Fredericton

Nova Scotia

June 1-4	Halifax Celtic Feis, Halifax
July 1	Gathering of the Clans, Pugwash
July 1-8	The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, Halifax
July 11	Halifax Highland Games & Scottish Festival, Garrison Grounds, Halifax
July 18-20	Antigonish Highland Games, Antigonish
August 9-13	Hector Festival, Pictou
August 6-9	Festival of the Tartans, New Glasgow
September 9-10	Heart of the Valley Highland Games, Middleton

October 9-17 Celtic Colours International Festival, Cape Breton Island

Ontario

June 5-6 Celtsfest Callander, Callander Legion, Callendar
 June 9-11 Brockville Celtic Festival, St Lawrence Park & Hardy Park, Brockville
 June 13 Georgetown Highland Games, Georgetown Fairgrounds, Georgetown
 June 15-16 Sarnia Highland Games, Centennial Park, Sarnia
 June 16-18 Windsor Celtic Festival, Civic Terrace, Windsor
 June 19-20 Veterans Memorial Highland Games, Prescott
 June 27 Cobourg Highland Games, Donegan Park, Cobourg
 June 22-23 Hamilton Highland Games, Ancaster Fair Grounds, Ancaster
 July 3-5 Kincardine Scottish Festival and Highland Games, Victoria Park, Kincardine
 July 11 Haliburton Highland Games, Head Lake Park, Haliburton Village
 July 13-14 Tartan Sertoma Chatham-Kent Supreme Highland Games, Tecumseh Park, Chatham
 July 17-19 Orillia Scottish Festival, Couchiching Beach Park, Orillia
 July 17-18 Cambridge Highland Games, Churchill Park, Cambridge
 July 24-26 Highlands of Durham Games, Elgin Park, Uxbridge
 July 31-Aug 1 Glengarry Highland Games, Agricultural Grounds, Maxville
 August 7-9 Celtic Roots Festival, Lion's Harbour Park, Goderich
 August 7-9 Fergus Highland Games & Scottish Festival, Fergus Community Centre, Fergus
 August 22 North Lanark Highland Games, Almonte Fairgrounds, Almonte
 September 8 Trenton Scottish/Irish Festival, Buster Alyea Park, Trenton
 September 8 Fort Erie Celtic Festival, Old Fort Erie, Fort Erie
 September 19 Owen Sound Celtic Festival, OSCVI Auditorium, Owen Sound

Prince Edward Island

June 26-28 Summerside Highland Gathering, the College of Piping, Summerside
 August 2 Eldon Highland Games, Eldon

Quebec

August 2 Montreal Highland Games, Parc Centre Sportif, Pierrefond

Saskatchewan

May 17 Regina Highland Games, Regina
 August 13-15 Saskatoon Folkfest, Saskatoon

Wisconsin

September 4-6 Wisconsin Highland Games, Waukesha, Wisconsin