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New Members

On behalf of Ian Francis Wallace of that ilk, 35th Chief of Clan Wallace, the President and Board of Directors of the Clan Wallace Society Worldwide welcome the individuals listed below to our Society. *Ciad mile failte!*

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:

Howard Sloane, Tucson, AZ
Ann Sloane, Tucson, AZ
Karen Wallace, Macon, GA
Margaret Wallace Troup, Albuquerque, NM
Darrell Lee Wallace, Rochester, WA

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP:

Dan Wallace Isdell, San Jose, CA
Robert Rough, Antioch, CA
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Betty L. Wallace, Santa Rosa, CA
James M. Wallace, San Jose, CA
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Thelma L. Wallace, Vacaville, CA
Tyler Hall, Fort Campbell, KY
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Bowling Green, KY
Winsome Wallace Leadbetter, Chapel Hill, NC
James C. MacMillan, Massapequa Park, NY
Adam Wallace, Raymond, ME
Thomas J. Wallis, Gaithersburg, MD
Robert M. Wallace, Raymond, ME
Richard Charles Wallace, Edina, MN
Wallace C. Wilsey, Minneapolis, MN
Cyril Lutze-Wallace, Nepean, ON
Gordon Lutze-Wallace, Nepean, ON
Beverly Rock, Fergus, ON
Karen Schives, Chatham, ON
Robert Graham, The Colony, TX
Mary E. Wallace, Reston, VA
Laurie Barnes, Kenmore, WA
Jannelle Thurston, Montesano, WA

President's Message

The cowardly attacks last month on the United States and on the civilized world once again remind us of the fragile nature of peace. I am also again reminded and encouraged by the positive nature of man by the stories of heroism and sacrifices that begin to filter out from the scenes in New York and Washington. Having lived and worked in Oklahoma City from the moment I heard the bomb go off at the Murrah Building in 1995 until it was leveled, I lived through a another disaster brought about by hatred. Some say "Well that wasn't as significant as this due to the number killed." Perhaps, but I knew some of those at the bottom of the stack in Oklahoma City. It gets personal when you grieve for someone you know and look into the faces of their friends and relatives daily. I'm sure that some of our members have learned of loved ones, friends and acquaintances that are involved in these attacks. I know no magic words that make the pain go away. Most ring hollow at a time like this and yet it becomes necessary at this time for remembering the positive aspects of their lives and begin the healing process.

On a happier note, several of us were lucky enough to attend the Wallace Gathering at the Fergus (Ontario) Highland Games from August 8-12, 2001. Clan Wallace was honored along with Clan Bruce and Clan Graham. This was the 56th highland games at Fergus, and it is a major North American Scottish event. We were treated royally by the Sponsors of the event. These games are also a major event on the competition circuit. For instance, there were 600 competing in Highland Dance on the Saturday and 300 on the Sunday! Heavy Athletics and Pipes-and-Drums competitions were also very much in evidence. Thanks to Directors Jim (Jamie) Hamilton Wallace and Tom Wallace for all of their hard work organizing this wonderful event.

the Society and to convening. This is great news! We are scarce of convenors in some regions of North America. For the most part, this occurs in areas where the CWS hasn't had convenors to-date or where the established or local convenor has decided to retire.

To this end, our present financial structure requires that the Society continue to recruit new members, especially from regions where we are under-represented. There are many games and festivals today where we do not even have a presence. So again, if you have ever thought about becoming a convenor but haven't yet, please consider it again. Even setting up a Wallace Tent at one game per year will help. With the loan of a convenor kit, the cost is minimal and the rewards are well worth the effort as so many of us already know.

Recruiting new members is critical to the continued financial well being of this organization. As this Society has no annual dues, there is no annual revenue stream as in most other clan societies. Lets each of us make a concerted effort for the rest of the year to recruit as many new members as possible. One thousand CWS members by Spring 2002 is an attainable and realistic goal. In six short years our ranks have swelled from about 300 to our current position of about 800 members. Working together, increasing the membership of the Clan Wallace Society Worldwide to 1000 members in the space of several months will be a fitting testimonial to the hard work and dedication of our members and our convenors to our Clan and our Scottish heritage.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Stone Mountain for the Annual Director's Meeting on October 20, 2001.

Pro Libertate,
President Marcus J. (Jim) Wallace Jr.

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This year has seen excellent progress in completing some of the projects that have been pending for some time. The convenor kits are complete with an unexpected twist – four have been purchased by new convenors. The Board of Directors anticipated that most of these kits would be loaned to new convenors to help them get started. Purchasing kits may show a higher level of commitment to

**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT ISSUE IS
DECEMBER 1, 2001**

Election Results

Earlier this summer Council Members of the Society received ballots in the mail asking them to do two things: first, select their three choices for directors; and second, to ratify or reject the amended bylaws of the Society that were approved by the Board at the 2000 Annual Director's Meeting in Salado, TX.

The votes have been tabulated.

The Society extends warm congratulations to — in no particular order — (a) incumbent Director Richard (Dick) A. Wallace of Marysville, CA; (b) Capt. John R. Wallace (USCG Ret) of Virginia Beach, VA; and (c) William (Bill) J. Wallace of Mesa, AZ.

Dick, John and Bill will assume their responsibilities on January 1, 2002 and their terms will run until December 31, 2004. Each brings his individual expertise and experience to the Board and their input will be greatly appreciated.

Turning to the bylaws, these were ratified by the Council Membership overwhelmingly. The new Society Bylaws will be printed in their entirety in a subsequent "Gleidhidh."

Nametags

Jim Wallace of Bowie, MD, has sourced CWS nametags for interested members. There are four styles of nametag:

- A) Gold with Black Laser Engraved Lettering
- B) White with Colorized (printed) Clan Badge
- C) White with Red Laser Engraved Lettering
- D) Red with White Laser Engraved Lettering

All nametags have two military-style pinnette backings. Styles A, C and D are 3½"x1¼". Style B (printed) is 3"x2".

1st line: Your name in larger font.

2nd line: Clan Wallace Society

3rd line: City, State/Province

An optional line may be included for Society position (i.e.: Director, Convenor, Council or Lifetime Member, etc.)

Each costs US\$5.00 plus \$2.50 S&H and 50 cents for each additional tag.

Send orders and payments to Jim L. Wallace, Box 1059, Bowie, MD 20718-1059, or visit www.capcity.com/jwallace/nametags

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Busy Convenors: Dan & Laurie Isdell (California)

This year, Dan and I convened at the Campbell, Dunsmuir & Monterey Games, the Pittsburg Renaissance Festival, and the Fresno, and Loch Lomond Games. We enjoyed Jan and Dick Wallace's hospitality at the Calaveras Celtic Faire and the Highland Games in Woodlands (Sacramento) and Dixon. Of course, all hands pitched in at the 136th Pleasanton Games, where 50,000 people attended — one of the world's largest!

It's always fun to see old friends and meet new "cousins." The Monterey Games were held at their beautiful new location in Toro Park. The Pittsburg Renaissance Festival was a special treat, as it was the first year that they had invited Clan Societies to attend. We were proud to be one of only 3

Clans present, along with our good friends Al Stewart and Jim Boyd, and we were pleasantly surprised at the large number of Wallaces who stopped by the tent.

The Fresno Games had a special significance, coming only a week after the tragedy of Sept. 11th. There were a lot of hugs that day, as old friends drew together in much-needed camaraderie. Our 8' x 12' American flag flew proudly over the tent. When the bands played Taps and Amazing Grace at the end of the day, there was not a dry eye.

We welcomed cool "Scottish" weather at Ben Lomond. Tony and Cecilia Becker of San Jose co-convened with us, and we were thrilled to have Celia's extensive book collec-

tion on hand for visitors to enjoy. A highlight of the day was a visit by a Wallaces from Scotland who heard about the event and wanted to see how Americans do a Highland Games — they joined us for an informal Ceilidh and potluck dinner afterwards.

We are looking forward to the Mother Lode Christmas Walk, and to participating in local St. Andrews and Burns Night celebrations. If anyone is planning a visit to the San Jose area, please drop us a line so we can get together. A group of us like to wear our kilts and tartans to a wonderful Celtic music "session" which is held every Thursday night at a local pub. We'd love to have you join us!

[signed] Laurie & Dan Isdell, San Jose, CA.

CWS Going Electronic: Email Addresses Needed

The Board of Directors have made improved communication one of the Society's key directions. After all, each of us have a vested interest in the Society having each made an investment in the corporation through our membership fees; Lifetime or Council.

The time has come for the Society to make the another leap into the electronic age — electronic distribution of the newsletter and other pertinent communications.

At this writing there are 817 registered mem-

bers of the Society. Of these, 189 have valid email addresses (not taking into account members residing in the same household or sharing email addresses). According to the database, the Society sends hard-copy versions of the newsletter to 467 individuals (these must be printed, folded, placed in envelopes and specially mailed to take advantage of bulk mailing rates). This is proving to be an expensive and unwise use of the Society's already limited resources.

On behalf of the Executive, the Editor is re-

questing that all members who receive a hard copy version of the "Gleidhidh" and who have access to an email address forward that email address ASAP to him at:

wallacet@nb.sympatico.ca

Please include your full name, address and phone number for our records — which remain confidential. For those without email access, fear not — you will continue to receive your copy of the "Gleidhidh" by mail. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Our Members Write...

Alistair McIntyre of Electric Scotland is printing chapters of "The Scottish Chiefs" by Jane Porter on his website. Electric Scotland's website www.electricscotland.com.

Dick and Jan Wallace of Marysville, CA, write that the Pleasanton Games "were a knockout with over 50,000 people in attendance." Jan explains that "there were 33 pipe bands plus the Marine Corp Band from San Diego. The bands were from New Zealand, Canada, and many of the 48. At closing ceremonies the massed band was 800 pipers and drummers. There was not a dry eye after Amazing Grace that night. We talked to over 100 Wallaces at the Clan tent and the tent was overflowing both days with people – visitors and members. (there was some beer and single malt, too!) It was nice to see Ed Ries and his wife Elaine and their family there from San Diego. We had great help in the tent thanks to Kay Cayler and Russ, Dan and Laurie Isdell, Chris and Ron Wallace from San Jose, Annette and Cecelia Becker and family. There were 125 clans represented at the games. The weather was perfect with sunny skies in the 90's. What else do you expect in CA??? There was a pub night Thursday. We participated in a Scottish Fashion Show and Luncheon in downtown Pleasanton on Friday. Our assignment was formal evening wear and the red Wallace Tartan." Jan adds, "You should see Richard A. in a tux and ruffles." There were ceilidhs on Friday and Saturday and Sunday nights with games during Saturday and Sunday day.

Tom Wallace of Saint John, NB, convened at the New Brunswick Highland Games & Scottish Festival from July 28th through 30th in Fredericton, the provincial capital, assisted by future member John Cobham. These games are now the largest in Atlantic Canada and were recently recognized by Attractions Canada for excellence. Tom writes "there was a reception at the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor, Her Honour Marilyn Trenholme Counsell, and the who's-who of New Brunswick's Scottish community was in attendance. Following, there was an open-air concert on the front lawn. At the games Saturday and Sunday, Clan Wallace was one of the busier clan tents, with 110 visitors signing the guest book, and five serious membership enquiries. George Wallace of Veazie, ME, stopped by to purchase a Clan Wallace flag. The most interesting visitor at Fredericton was Mr. Arthur Stavinsky, a Japanese national whose father fled Germany in the 1930's. Mr. Stavinsky, born and raised in Tokyo, was quite knowledgeable about William Wallace and shared Japanese impressions of 'Braveheart.' Erik Doucet of Wedgeport, NS, a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force Pipes and Drums and an officer-cadet at the Royal Military College, visited the tent. Erik's mother's family are Wallaces, and Erik is

very interested in convincing the Town of Yarmouth to adopt a local pipe band and to have them wear the Wallace tartan. No doubt, there will be more in the coming months on this subject. One important visitor at Fredericton was Harry MacDonald, the North American Scottish Heavyweight Athletics champion. Tom closes with "local sports organizer Brian Johnson has been trying to recruit me as a heavyweight athlete, but I have enough on my plate as it is."

Speaking of Scottish athletes, Lance Kieran Wallace of Houston, TX, participated at the Arlington Highland Games and Scottish Festival on June 3rd. One of Clan Wallace's most-active Scottish heavyweight athletes, Lance not only won one medal, but three. Lance won bronze in the 22-lb hammer, after which he won bronze in 28-lb weight for distance. Not to be outdone, Lance proceeded to win his first silver medal in the Class B and C caber toss. Unfortunately, Lance was forced to miss competitions in Austin and Houston this summer as underwent surgery in both feet. Lance plans to re-enter competition at the Bedford (Ft. Worth) Highland Games on October 13th and will be providing demonstrations on October 14th. He wishes to invite all clan members interested in learning more about Scottish heavyweight athletics to contact him at uallas@netzero.net. (Editor's note: a couple of years ago Lance lost a cardboard stand-up promotional poster for Mel Gibson's "Braveheart." If anyone has one that they can part with, please contact Lance directly at 281-464-7149 or contact the Editor. Thanks.)

Our Chief, Ian Francis Wallace, in a recent communication to the President writes: "Your report that the Society is very active and that more people are taking part in its activities is most encouraging. I am sure it will continue to flourish under your guidance during your term as President. Personally I regret I cannot be in Georgia on October 20. This year, I am afraid, the same is the case for Andrew. His work commitments will not allow him the time." The Wallace also adds: "Charles and Barbara Wrenn worked very hard on behalf of the Society. I have not had the opportunity to meet them, but Andrew has and Teresa has spoken to Barbara on the telephone. Please will you thank them on my behalf for their most valuable contribution over many years." We concur.

Allan Wallace from Greeley, CO, informs that he convened at two games this season. The first was at the Evans (CO) Highland Games on June 23rd – a small, intimate affair. His second games, the Estes Park Games, were well-attended despite the weather. Taking place during the second weekend of September, Allan tells that they experienced a wide variety of weather. On Friday, the wind howled and rain fell. Saturday, there was six inches of snow on the ground. The Games

went ahead regardless. Sunday was sunny and warm. Elmer Inman of Sandy, UT, co-convened, and Allan wishes to thank him for his dedication to the Society. Allan also wishes to thank Gary and Sarah Wallace of Colorado Springs for assisting dismantling the Wallace tent on Sunday. Many general questions on Scottish and Wallace heritage were answered, and Allan figures that at least 27 members stopped by to sign the guest-book. Allan also informs that he had two members join on the spot: Mary Wallace VanNaverbeke from Greeley and her brother Jeffrey L. Wallace from Westminster, CO. In closing, Allan says that he will make it a point to convene at the Stirling (CO) Highland Games scheduled for June 1, 2002.

Barbara Wrenn wishes to acknowledge Past President Tom Wallace and Past Secretary Susan Wallace of Johnson City, TN, for their kindness in the wake of the terrible attack on the Pentagon. She wishes to convey her gratitude to Tom and Susan for their concern for Charlie who works in Washington, D.C., commenting that Tom and Susan were the first to make certain that Charlie and Barb were all right. In a similar vein, we are happy to report that Andrea Wallace was not at the Pentagon on September 11th as she was out-of-town.

For those who attended the Wallace Gathering at Fergus, Jim Wallace of Bowie, MD, writes, "This is to let you all know that I have not forgotten to make the picture CDs for all of you. I had major computer problems since the Fergus Gathering. I just got the computer back yesterday with a new operating system and new CD writer. I've started assembling the photos that everyone has sent. Looking at all the pictures brings good memories of the great time we had. I hope to send the CDs out by the end of October. The CDs will have a slideshow viewer on board so it should be easy to watch." For more info, contact Jim at the contact info under the heading "Nametags" on Page 2.

There will be a reunion of the descendants of William Christopher Wallace of Chester, TX, on October 20th at the Masonic Hall in Chester, TX. For more information, please contact Homer "Wally" Wallace at highlander523@hotmail.com.

Dan Wallace Isdell would like the Society to know that he has created a new product that is of interest to Clan members specifically and to the wider Celtic community generally. It is a computer font that makes Celtic knotwork, and it can be used for newsletters (hint, hint), flyers, invitations, designs for craft projects, etc. He advises that members can see what it examples of his knotwork font at www.clanbadge.com/knots.htm.

William Eisner of Greensboro, VT, writes that his mother, Margaret Vera Wallace Eisner,

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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

The Clan Wallace Society regrets the passing of Mr. James Dwyer, a cherished member of the High Valley Pipes & Drums and an Officer with the Albuquerque Police Department.

COMING IN THE NEXT ISSUE:

Wallace Suggested Reading List
Wallace Christmas Recipes
Interesting Internet Links
Results of the Director's Meeting

Editorial

We are living in extraordinary times. Forces from without have tried to fray and sever the threads which bind the fabric of our society together. Putting political commentary aside, it is times like these that teach us the infinite importance of family and friends — and how they should never be taken for granted. As a member of the Clan Wallace Society, I am thankful for the excellent friends that I have made and continue to make daily in the CWS. No, we are not ever truly alone or isolated when we have family and friends.

On to more mundane things.

Last month I learned a very valuable lesson: make back-up copies of everything you do on the computer. Just over a month ago I turned my PC on and nothing happened. Long story short, there was a power surge the night before, and I lost everything. The last two weeks have been spent rebuilding all of my templates, contact lists and files. Believe it or not, this newsletter was reconstructed entirely in about six days — no small feat. My thanks to everyone who contributed to this effort. Consequent, I apologize for the delay in getting this issue out.

The highlight of my summer was the Wallace Gathering at the Fergus (ON) Highland Games. It was great to see old friends again: Jamie & Rox, Allan & Elspeth, Jan & Dick, Chris & Ron, Jim Schmelzer, Capt. John, Dorothy & Norman Knight, and of course President Jim. It was great to meet for the first time Jim Bowie, Larry and Judy

Our Members Write, continued...

will be celebrating her 80th birthday on November 9, 2001. Margaret also resides in Greensboro, VT. He also informs that his wife, Jeanne MacLeod Eisner, will be joining him for a voyage aboard their sailboat *Resolute*. William and Jeanne are traveling south from Lake Champlain, VT, to St. Simons, GA, later this month when the Highland Lodge closes until the winter season starts in December. He adds that he will be taking his pipes along for the trip. Bon voyage.

Jean R. and Dick Wallace of Little Rock, AR, had the honor of being the first Wallaces to convene at the Vancouver (BC) Highland Games. Jean writes, "Pipes, pipes and more pipes. The day was wonderful at the Highlands Games in Coquitlam. Simon Fraser University has a Grade One pipe band that has won the competition in Scotland the last 5 years. They also have several Grade Two pipe bands in the area and many youth pipe bands. It was wonderful to see 30 – 40 young people from the ages of 7 and above in not one, but several pipe bands. The dancers came prepared they brought their own tents to sit under (e-z up's) while waiting to perform. The weather was wonderful,

the high might be in the low 70's, and the location was great. The games are held at the Coquitlam Town Centre, and there is a park with concession stands and covered bleachers facing the games. The mountains are close enough that the sound of the pipes reverberates back to the field. There was a track going around the field and in the center were the vendors and clan tents on one side, open area in the middle and dancing on the other side. The pipe bands and their tents were behind us on the other side of the track and we had the piper competition right behind us. We also had the staging area for the bands right by us. People were very friendly; we were very surprised that there were less than 10 clan tents and that this was the first time anyone remembered a Clan Wallace tent at the games. So many people were so glad to see us there. Only 7 people signed the book, but helped many others locate their family name and clan. One other note about the Vancouver area I found five Scottish shops and one Scottish bakery and I will be more than happy to tell you about them."

Clan Wallace was victorious for the sixth time running in the Clan Tug of War at the Heart of Tennessee Scottish Festival, 5-7 October. When contacted, Tim Young informed that he was indeed the convener. "There was great weather," he says, "and we had the largest group of Wallaces march in the Parade of the Clans in the festival's six-year history." In fact, Clan Wallace is a charter member clan of the Heart of Tennessee, and has participated in every game since 1996. Sadly, Tim did not win "Best Tent" this year as his victory last year disqualified him from the running this year. As for the Tug of War, "Team Wallace" consisted of Tim himself, Tim's brothers Scott Young and Tom Young, Sunny Sadler, and two newfound cousins from Ohio, Tom and Drew Atkins. Going down to defeat was the only challenger, Clan Scott. Their leader, a certain Mr. Charlie Scott well-known to many members of Clan Wallace, could not be reached for comment. Earlier this summer, Tim convened at the Glasgow (KY) Highland Games, host of the 2001 International Gathering of Clans. Some 25 Society members stopped by, and there were several serious enquiries regarding membership.

As an aside, Tim hears that there exists an unbeaten tug of war team the at the Grandfather Mountain Games, scheduled annually for first weekend in July. With any luck, "Team Wallace" will make the trek to North Carolina next summer to test them. If anyone has any information on this "unbeatable" tug of war team, please contact Tim at your earliest at 615-654-4355 or email at celtic-honor@webtv.net

As always, please submit all member's contributions to the Editor at your convenience.

Slight, Hil & Syd, and Bev, Karen, and my cousin Colin and his family. I won't bore you with details, but I learned a lot about driving in heavy traffic in a van, I finally got to see Niagara Falls, I discovered that factory outlets do not equate to bargains, and that Fergus has the best highland games north of the 49th parallel (apologies to Glengarry).

Jan & Dick Wallace have offered to organize the next Clan Wallace Gathering in Reno in 2003. Maybe I'll get to see a real live show-girl after all. (wink, wink) Author David Ross, our special guest at Fergus, moreover, is planning to hold an extraordinary event in London in August 2005 to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the death of William Wallace. There is also talk of a Clan Wallace excursion to Scotland in 2002. Details on these three proposed Clan Wallace events will appear in subsequent issues.

It is difficult to believe that autumn is already here. In that light, please accept my scariest Halloween greetings, my warmest Thanksgiving wishes (Canadian Thanksgiving is held on Columbus Day so we Canucks have already had our fill of turkey), and Happy St. Andrew's Day. Good luck to the convenors who are just starting their games season! Keep the news coming!!! Until then, Pro Libertate!

Tom E.S. Wallace, Editor.

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