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**Richard Leslie of Vancouver, BC, wears his Clan Leslie T Shirt from the 2010 Loch Norman Gathering as he visits the world's tallest building, on top of the world in Burj Khalifa, Dubai. Richard was visiting his son who is a pilot for Dubai.**

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## **2012 CLAN LESLIE GATHERING, NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHLAND GAMES, LOON MOUNTAIN RESORT**

The Clan Leslie Gathering is coming to the New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain on September 21 to 23. The Clan Leslie Chief, the Honourable Alexander Leslie and his wife Francesca will be attending. Take this opportunity to meet your Clan Chief and have a good time with other Leslies, Abernathys, Moores, Carneys and Laings. The details of the Leslie Gathering are available at the Electric Scotland address below.

This year, we are also inviting Leslies from Australia and New Zealand to attend the Gathering. The Commissioner, Clan Leslie North America, William Leslie and the CLSI Chieftain, David Leslie White as well as members of the CLSI Council will also be there to meet you and discuss any Clan Leslie ideas or issues that you have. Please read the entire package that Laura Messing has prepared for you, register and book your rooms as soon as possible. The Registration Form, page 12, is at the end of this newsletter.

To see the entire Gathering Package, go to Electric Scotland at the address below.

<http://www.electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/leslieint/2012CLSIGATHERING.pdf>



## FROM THE COUNCIL

The Council meeting commenced in January. The preliminary financial and membership numbers from Linda Flowers indicate that for 2011 we are in good financial condition but the membership figures were disappointing.

At the beginning of 2011, we had 342 active members (does not include Inceptors and Honorary).

We gained 23 new members during 2011 and had 50 members who did not renew their membership. We had 5 members pass away in 2011, so in effect, we lost 55 members. Our current active members (lineal, associate, lifetime) is 311. Lineal - 252 Associate - 22 Lifetime - 37

Inceptors - 30

Honorary - 14

Total Membership = 355

Membership by Region: (count does NOT include honorary and inceptors)

Canada = 24

Central = 56

Europe = 5

Mountain = 5

Northeast = 48

Pacific NW = 24

Pacific SW = 31

Southeast = 86

Southwest = 32

Our first CLSI Christmas cards sold very well. We hope to have another card available for next Christmas.

The Council initiated a review of our hand-outs used by Convenor at Scottish festivals. Some of them are out of date, so a committee was established to collect all of the handouts currently in use with the intent to review them and produce updated handouts for our Convenors. The Council also considered selling our Grip Fast books on Amazon. However, our inventory is getting low, and the Council voted to keep our book inventory for members only.

There was extended discussion on what our Society is doing now to both attract new members and retain existing members. Topics discussed included tents at games, our publications, what we offer our members in family history research, our website, Facebook and our Gatherings. The world's growth of technology is increasing at an astonishing rate, and has made and is making great changes in how we communicate. We need to embrace the gift of technology, but realize that it cannot substitute it for face-to-face communication. The use of technology has both benefits and limitations. Our members are spread across the globe, and sometimes online connectivity is the only way to build and maintain relationships. To succeed, we need both high tech and high touch.

The Council has been looking at the status of our Convenors, and some of the reasons that we have been unable to fill Convenor positions for the Pacific Southwest, the Mountain Region, the Central Region and Canada. The lack of a Convenor has a negative effect on our membership. The Council has concluded that being the Convenor of a Region for the large areas originally established by Alexander Leslie Klieforth is a daunting task to most. Being held responsible for all of Canada, all of Europe or even the Southwest United States is virtually impossible. Hence, we are now appointing Convenors for smaller areas as permitted by our Bylaws.

Consequently, I have appointed, with their consent, the following members to the positions indicated:

Susan Abernethy, Convenor for Southern California.

Linda Flowers, Convenor for Oklahoma.

Tom Huxtable, Convenor for Kansas.

Chris Chamberlin, Convenor for Iowa.

David Leslie, Convenor for Michigan.

William Leslie, Convenor for Southern and Central Ontario.

Christine and Lewis Johnson, Co-Convenors for Virginia and North Carolina.

Laura Messing, Convenor for the Northeast Region of the USA.

## **CONVENOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The CLSI Council has approved a new award, the Convenor of the Year Award. The criteria for scoring is the number of tents hosted (one tent per event), and the number of new members joined.

The Convenor of the Year Award is an award that recognizes a Clan Leslie Society International (CLSI) Convenor who has exhibited outstanding service to the Society. This award is not necessarily presented every year, but as warranted by the achievements of the individual.

To qualify for the award, the Convenor must have promoted our Society in one or more of the following ways:

Served the Clan Leslie Society International for at least two years.

Sponsored a CLSI tent or the hosting of multiple CLSI tents at Scottish festivals and/or Highland games, thereby promoting membership in the CLSI.

To qualify, the following additional criteria must be met.

1. The announcement of the event must be published in the Grip Fast before the event. It should also be posted on our Facebook page. The information must include the name of the event, the specific location, the dates of the event, the name of the host or hosts and preferably the event's website (if there is one ) so that interested members can get more information.

2. The Convenor must provide our Publications Editor with a write-up and photos of the event within two weeks following the event. At least one of the photos should be of the interior of the tent showing the display. The best tents should have a display that is attractive, neat (not too empty, not too cluttered) and welcoming.

3. The Convenor must include his or her name on the membership applications handed out, to include the name of the event. This is the only way we can accurately count the source of the new membership applications.

The award may be a plaque, an engraved glass bowl, or a Quaich, and if considered exceptional, a cash award of \$100.

David Leslie White, Chieftain

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## **AUTHOR! AUTHOR!**

### **JOHN AND EDWIN MUIR, TWO FAMOUS WRITERS OF THE CLAN MUIR, A SEPT OF THE CLAN LESLIE**

The Clan Muir is a Scottish clan registered with the Court of Lord Lyon but does not have a Chief currently recognized as such by the Lyon Court. Clan Muir's allegiance is to the part of Scotland from which their family originated; therefore, if a person offers their allegiance to a particular Chief by joining his Clan's society or wearing his tartan they can be deemed to be a member of that Clan. The Muirs of Aberdeenshire and Fife joined the Leslies as a sept while those geographically located in the highlands became septs of Clans Gordon and Campbell.

John Muir was born April 21, 1838 in Dunbar, Scotland. In 1849 his family immigrated to a farm near Portage, Wisconsin. The location in southern Wisconsin with its woods, hills, lakes and rivers was a magnet for his interest in nature. He later left the University of Wisconsin to work and travel throughout the United States, Canada and Central America. Ultimately he settled in California where he again began farming. His proximity to the Sierra Nevadas increased his fascination with them and the Yosemite Valley. His exploration of the area led to his writing career as he published a series of articles, "Studies in the Sierras."

His wanderlust resulted in abandoning farm life and from California he traveled extensively to Alaska as well as worldwide including Australia and the Asian nations. His writing proliferated with articles on the natural wonders he had encountered and the need for their preservation. Many of his works were published in Century Magazine resulting in a close association with its editor. Together they developed a joint interest in the creation of a number of national parks earning John Muir the title of Father of the National Park System. In 1892 he founded the Sierra Club and served as its president for the next 22 years.

During his time he was considered the country's foremost conservationist. Several national landmarks are named for him including Muir Peak and Glacier in Alaska and Muir Woods in Marin County, California. In the end he had a falling out with the national park service authorities over grazing rights on national park lands and the creation of a dam and reservoir within the Sierra Park Valley. He died of pneumonia in 1914 in Los Angeles while visiting his daughter. He is credited with authoring over 300 articles and 12 books.

Edwin Muir was born in the Orkney Islands in 1887 where his family was engaged in farming. Forced by economic failure they moved to Glasgow. The deaths of his parents and brothers necessitated him to perform manual labor at menial jobs rather than obtaining an education. Despite that fact he began to write poetry initially using the pen name Edward Moore.

He married a well-known novelist, Willa Anderson, and with her traveled extensively throughout Europe. While there they collaborated in translating European literature from its national language into English.

Although he wrote several literary works and an early book, "Scott and Scotland;" he became best known for his poetry.

The Muirs returned to Scotland where he became Warden of Newbattle Abbey College encouraging the writing careers of promising authors as well as publishing his own autobiography. In 1955 he was appointed the Norton Professor of Poetry at Harvard University. His advocacy for the publication of Scottish literary form into the English language was controversial among Scottish scholars. Nevertheless, today he is regarded as a central figure of the modern Scottish literary renaissance. He died in 1959. He had over 45 major publications and translations in addition to his voluminous poetic works.

Although their literary careers spanned different decades and focused on unrelated topics, the two authors possessed some common characteristics including an agricultural background contributing to a creative writing talent. Edwin Muir referred to it as Edenic. Their scope of interest was facilitated by extensive travel giving even greater authenticity and exposure to their publications.

Perhaps on Robert Burns' birthday when we toast Scotland's most famous author we also should raise a glass to the renowned authors Muir, our Leslie kin.

**Loren Leslie**

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### **THE CLSI NEEDS A GENEALOGIST FOR AN EXCITING NEW SERVICE TO MEMBERS**

Joan Leslie Eike has served as our Genealogist for many years. For her service, we are most grateful. Joan has indicated that she would welcome the opportunity to pass the office on to someone else. So, I am asking for a volunteer to serve as our Genealogist. We are planning to post our family trees on Ancestry, but in a way that only CLSI members and authorized guests can view the information.

The CLSI Genealogist would be the "gatekeeper," and only the genealogist and anyone they may appoint as an assistant can add or change information. It is my understanding that contributors can designate their family tree as "private," which would limit access to their information. This is a new, bold step for the CLSI, but the Council is of the opinion that the membership would welcome this addition to what we have to offer.

The person or persons we are looking for will have a strong interest in Genealogy and some experience with the subject and with computerized family tree programs. Further, they should have enough time to devote to the project. If you are interested in being appointed as the CLSI Genealogist, please drop me an email or phone: 817-346-3333.

**David Leslie White, Chieftain**

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### **AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLICATION EXPERIENCE. WE NEED HELP WITH OUR PUBLICATIONS**

We all agree that it is important to the health of the Society to continue the publications that are sent to members. The *Grip Fast Journal* is usually published in January, April, July and October each year, printed in booklet form and mailed to all members who do not have computer access. The *Journal* is also produced in an online version and emailed to many of our members. The *Grip Fast Online* is produced on all the months that the *Journal* is not produced, and emailed to all members with email addresses and to other interested people all over the world.

Is there anyone proficient in computers who would like to help? There is hope that one or more of our younger members or older inceptors who grew up with technology might want to work with our Editor, William Leslie to get some experience in publishing a Society Journal and Online Newsletter. It would be a valuable achievement to put on a college application, or present for any job in publishing or writing. This would be great for English or Journalism majors. The Assistant Publications Editor would have an opportunity to showcase her or his skills under a very accomplished Publications Editor.

Since 2004, William has done an outstanding job in bringing great improvement in our publications. We now have four issues of the *Grip Fast Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International* and eight issues of the *Grip Fast Online*. This keeps us in contact with our membership worldwide. However, William is also the Clan Chief's Commissioner, our Library Liaison, Convenor for Ontario, as well as our Publications Editor. Oh yes, also as a *ex officio* member of the Council. These "duties" place great demands on his time. Publishing a Grip Fast every month alone requires a great deal of time.

An Assistant Publications Editor who is interested can take up some of the duties of getting our publications out. Right now William is virtually married to these "jobs," and we need to provide some relief. If there is anyone who would like to try this job, please contact me as soon as possible.

**David Leslie White**

## GREAT SCOTS

For those of you who are interested in some of the great inventions or discoveries by Scots, I highly recommend the book *How the Scots Invented the Modern World* by Arthur Herman, first published by Crown Publishers in 2001 and now available in an edition published by MJF Books, New York. It is a good historical read of major Scottish events and things. On a different level there is *The Scottish Invention of America, Democracy and Human Rights: The History of Liberty and Freedom from the Ancient Celts to the New Millennium* by Alexander Leslie Klieforth and Robert John Munro, published by the University Press of America, 2004. This is an outstanding book in every respect.

But, for those who prefer a synopsis of Great Scots, may I offer some with which you may or may not be familiar.

### ELECTRIC CLOCK: Alexander Bain

Take for example the electric clock. This invention removed the need to wind clocks by hand. It was a watchmaker from Caithness named Alexander Bain who had moved from Wick to Edinburgh and then to London. He first built an electric clock in 1840 by swinging the pendulum between two electric coils. In 1852 Bain wrote a book titled *A Short History of the Electric Clock*. Imagine what our society today would be without the accuracy of electric time pieces.

### COTTON SEWING THREAD: Patrick Clark

England and Scotland faced a crisis. In 1806, Napoleon put up a naval blockade that cut off Great Britain's access to a supply of Oriental silk thread, which was the standard material to sew fabrics together. Patrick Clark of Paisley, Scotland, was in the silk-thread business, and now had none to sell. He invented a method of twisting cotton fibers together to make a long, strong and smooth thread. In 1812 the Clark family opened the first cotton-thread factory, which later grew to include cotton textiles. In 1952, the Clark company merged with J & P Coats to become Coats & Clark, a textile giant.

### SQUASH: Lachlan Rose

This is not about the game of squash. It is about a fruit juice cordial, referred to in the UK as squash. Lachlan Rose, from the port of Leith, near Edinburgh, is credited with inventing squash. He was in the business of importing lime juice from the West Indies. By law, concentrated lime juice was given to sailors to prevent the potentially fatal disease of scurvy, which was actually caused by a lack of vitamin C. To preserve the lime juice on these voyages, they mixed in rum, one part of rum to three parts of lime juice. Rose came up with the concept of preserving the lime juice by using sulphur dioxide to stop the fermentation. By adding sugar, the drink became very tasty, and became a popular beverage among the general population. He named it "Rose's Lime Juice Cordial."

David Leslie White, Chieftain

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## LESLIE TENTS AT HIGHLAND GAMES, SCOTTISH FESTIVALS AND FAMILY GATHERINGS.

This list is made up from information supplied by our many dedicated members who give of their weekends to have a Clan Leslie Tent at Games and festivals all over the world. They share our great family history with visitors who are interested in Scotland and specifically the Clan Leslie.

### OKLAHOMA

#### APRIL 27, 28, 29 IRON THISTLE SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES

Linda Flowers will be hosting a tent at the 2012 Iron Thistle Scottish Festival and Highland Games at the Kirkpatrick Family Farm in Yukon, Oklahoma.

### MISSOURI

#### APRIL 13-15 MISSOURI TARTAN DAY



#### Laura Sawyer Messing

Missouri Tartan Day Festivities is April 13, 14, and 15, 2012 in Frontier Park, St. Charles, Missouri. It's a free, family-friendly festival. I'm flying in from Boston for the event. I won't be hosting a tent, but we will be answering the call on Friday evening, if anyone feels like coming out!

<http://www.motartanday.com/>

## TEXAS

Frank W. Leslie, Southwest Region Convenor, plans to host a CLSI tent in 2012 at the following events:

### **MARCH 10-11 MIDLAND SCOTTISH-IRISH FAIRE**

[http://www.chspb.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=4&Itemid=5](http://www.chspb.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=4&Itemid=5) 2012 Midland, TX

### **MARCH 31 TO APRIL 1, SAN ANTONIO HIGHLAND GAMES**

<http://sahga.org/> San Antonio, TX

### **MAY 4-6 TEXAS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES**

Maverick Stadium - University of Texas  
Arlington

<http://www.texasscottishfestival.com/registration.htm> 4-6 May 2012 Arlington, TX

## NORTH CAROLINA

### **APRIL 20-22, 2012 LOCH NORMAN HIGHLAND GAMES**

Rural Hill, Huntersville NC

**Lewis and Christine Johnson** will be hosting the CLSI tent this year at the Loch Norman Highland Games.

We encourage all CLSI members to join us in celebrating our Scottish heritage at the games. This is a huge event and gets the spring season off to a good start in the southeast region. <http://ruralhillscottishfestivals.net/>

### **APRIL 27-28, 2010 TRIAD HIGHLAND GAMES**

The "Triad" consists of Greensboro, High Point and Winston-Salem in the Piedmont of NC. Come enjoy Bagpipes, Dancing, Clans, Scottish Heavy Athletics, Sword demonstrations, Gaelic, Military Appreciation, Bag Pipe Bands, Living history, Sheep dogs, and much more, at Bryan Park in Greensboro, NC. USA. This is a small local event and this will be the first time CLSI has had a tent at this event in many years. Please join **Lew and Christine Johnson** in the CLSI tent. <http://www.triadhIGHLANDgames.org/>

### **JULY 12-15 GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES**

MacRae Meadows, near Linville, North Carolina. **Lewis and Christine Johnson** will be hosting the Clan Leslie Tent. <http://www.grandfathergames.com/>

## KANSAS

### **JUNE 23 & 24 WICHITA HIGHLAND GAMES AND CELTIC FESTIVAL**

I will be hosting a Leslie Clan tent at the Wichita Highland Games and Celtic Festival, June 23 & 24. Sedgwick County Park in Wichita, Kansas. There will be a Clan Gathering on Friday, June 22, 7:30 to 8:30.

<http://www.wichitahIGHLANDgames.com/>

**Tom Huxtable**

## ONTARIO, CANADA

### **MAY 5 - LESLIEVILLE, TORONTO**

Starting at 9:30 am on Saturday at Leslieville, Toronto. This is planned as a Saturday event with a pot luck lunch. A low cost event where we can share some Leslie history and tour historical Leslie sites. We would like to get an indication of the number who will attend, so please let me know now if you will be able to attend. Joanne Doucette, historian of Leslieville will be doing a presentation on the most famous Leslie in Toronto's history, George Leslie, and leading a walking tour of the historical Leslie sites. William Leslie, Commissioner, Clan Leslie, North America will make a presentation on the origin of the Family of Leslie, the Clan Leslie and the Clan Leslie Society International.

**William Leslie** [william.leslie@sympatico.ca](mailto:william.leslie@sympatico.ca)

## MICHIGAN

### **MAY 26-27 - 45<sup>th</sup> ALMA HIGHLAND FESTIVAL AND GAMES.**

David C. and Rosemary Leslie are hosting a clan tent at the Alma College campus in Alma, Michigan for their 16<sup>th</sup> year. Dates are May 26 and 27, 2012. (Sat. & Sun. of Memorial Day weekend). The Clan tent will only be on Saturday, May 26. Parade of Tartans will commence at 12:30 PM Saturday. The 78th Fraser Highlanders pipe band from Toronto will be appearing at the Games. The Fraser Highlanders have traveled to the Grade One competitions at the World Pipe Band Championships in Scotland, sixteen times and has been in the prize list 12 times, and in 1987 the 78th became the first non-Scottish band to win the Grade One Championship.

The Alma website is [www.almahIGHLANDfestival.com](http://www.almahIGHLANDfestival.com)

**David Leslie of Canton, Michigan**

## CALIFORNIA

**MAY 28 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. UNITED SCOTTISH SOCIETY'S SCOTSFEST IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.** Susan Abernethy will portray Mary Queen of Scots at the Clan Leslie Tent. Susan Abernethy <http://www.scotsfest.com/>

**JUNE 25th & 26th. SAN DIEGO SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES, VISTA, CALIFORNIA.** CLSI will be represented for the 36th time at the San Diego Scottish Highland Games on June 26 and 27 in Vista, CA. Susan Abernethy <http://www.sdhighlandgames.org/>

## UTAH

### **JUNE 8, 9 UTAH SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES**

Jordan Hinckley will be hosting a Clan Leslie Tent at the Utah Scottish Festival and Highland Games at Thanksgiving Point, Lehi, Utah. [www.utahscots.org](http://www.utahscots.org)

Jordan will also be participating in the Kirkin O' the Tartan in the Hidden Valley Presbyterian Church in Draper Utah the following Sunday, June 10th.

## ABERDEENSHIRE, SCOTLAND

### **JULY 21-22**

#### **FREENS o REID HARLAW FIRST ANNUAL DINNER**

The Freens are having a formal dinner on the Saturday 21st July at the Pittodrie House, Macdonald Hotel and a Memorial Service at Chapel of Garioch Church on Sunday 22nd July at 11.00am. The service will follow the format used by the Leslies but will be adapted to include all the Clans that attended the Battle. Contact **David Leslie from Leslie.**

### **AUGUST 04. ABOYNE GAMES**

**The Green, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.** David Leslie will be hosting a Clan Leslie Tent at the Aboyne Games. All Leslies and Septs of Leslie will be most welcome along with any others. **David Leslie from Leslie**

<http://www.aboynegames.com/information/location/>

## WASHINGTON

### **JULY 14-15 SKAGIT VALLEY HIGHLAND GAMES**

Skagit Valley Highland Games, Mount Vernon, Washington State Their Web Site is [http://celticarts.org/](http://celticarts.org) Steve Olling will be hosting a Clan Leslie Tent.

### **JULY 14-15 PACIFIC NORTHWEST SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES**

66th Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering, Enumclaw, Washington State. Their Web Site is <http://www.sshga.org/> Steve Olling will be hosting a Clan Leslie Tent.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

### **SEPTEMBER 21, 22 AND 23**

#### **CLAN LESLIE GATHERING, LOON MOUNTAIN, LINCOLN, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

You will definitely want to make the Clan Leslie Gathering part of a larger New England vacation, since September is a gorgeous time to visit our region and there is no shortage of things to do. The weather is perfect for wearing all of your Leslie Tartan at the festival. In the meantime, visit some of the websites I've provided in the package to start getting a picture of the festival, area and surroundings. The file on Electric Scotland has every detail that you need to make a decision, including hotel information and road maps.

<http://www.electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/leslieint/2012CLSIGATHERING.pdf>

**Laura Sawyer Messing**

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## GEORGIA

**OCTOBER 19-21 STONE MOUNTAIN, Georgia.** **Cathy Duling**, President of the Southeast Branch of the CLSI will be hosting the Clan Leslie Tent. <http://www.smhq.org/>

## 2014 HOMECOMING GATHERING, STIRLING



### COSCA Council of Scottish Clans & Associations News Alert

#### [EventScotland Announces £3 Million Funding For Homecoming 2014 Activities](#)

EventScotland has announced the early details of the funding opportunities to create Scotland's Homecoming celebrations in 2014. This major announcement was made at the Scottish Tourism Week conference and included plans to make £3 Million available to support a wide range of Homecoming 2014 events.

The Homecoming Scotland 2014 events program will be themed around ancestry and the Scottish Government's Years of Focus (food and drink, active, creative and natural). Making the announcement, Fergus Ewing, MSP, Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism said "In 2014 Scotland will welcome the world as we stage two of the biggest sporting events - The Commonwealth Games and The Ryder Cup. This momentous year also sees Scotland's next year of Homecoming, giving people even more reason to be in Scotland and to extend their stay".

This is great news for the American Scottish community as it makes it more likely that 2014 will again be a year of Homecoming festivities in Scotland. Visit the [EventScotland.org](http://EventScotland.org) website to view the entire press release and other information about 2014 Homecoming activities. And stay in tune with COSCA for updates as they become available.

Yours aye,  
Susan L. McIntosh, President  
Council of Scottish Clans and Associations  
[www.COSCA.net](http://www.COSCA.net)

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#### **CLAN LESLIE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL – SCHOLARSHIPS**

CLSI is offering scholarships to our members. We have two different types of scholarships. One is an academic scholarship valued at \$250. The deadline for the next scholarship is November 30 with the award of one scholarship being made on January 15. The second type of scholarship is for Scottish or Celtic Programs. The amount of this scholarship is \$200 and can be applied for any time. It will cover things such as bagpiping camp, dance, the arts, etc. The person applying for all scholarships must be a member or inceptor member of CLSI. For more information contact:

**Linda Flowers, CLSI Scholarship Committee, [lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net)**

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#### **NEXT PUBLICATIONS TO MEMBERS**

April 2012 – *The Grip Fast, the Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International*

May 2012 – *The Grip Fast Online Newsletter.*

June 2012 – *The Grip Fast Online Newsletter.*

July 2012 – *The Grip Fast, the Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International*

Please continue to send us your stories. We are recording **your history** and we cannot do it without your input. Send us stories and pictures of your Scottish ancestors or your North American family; we really need them.

Note the number of different clan members who have contributed to this issue.

The *Griffin* will be published when we have enough stories to warrant a printing. We do need *Griffin* stories. These are usually well researched stories which include references and sources preferably illustrated with some photographs.

**William Leslie, Editor [william.leslie@sympatico.ca](mailto:william.leslie@sympatico.ca)**

## CLAN LESLIE ITEMS FROM THE QUARTERMASTER PETER M. LESLIE, QUARTERMASTER, CLSI

Clan Leslie items for sale are listed on our clan website, [www.clanlesliesociety.org](http://www.clanlesliesociety.org) Click on the Leslie Badges, Crests and Flags link. The list of items includes a description, price, and photo along with how to order. All prices are in \$US and include postage and packaging. The Clan Leslie items now available for sale are listed below.

1) Grip Fast - The Leslies in History, a beautifully hardbound book, detailing the Leslie clan from its inception (290 pages), authored by Alexander Leslie Klieforth and autographed by our Clan Chief, The Honourable Alexander Leslie. Price \$66.00

2) Post Cards-Two styles. One style contains King Malcolm's promise to Bartolf and the origination of our clan name; and the other style provides open space for your personal notes. Please specify which style you prefer. \$5.00 for a package of 25 post cards.

3) Grip Fast Pin -- \$3.00

4) Grip Fast Patch -- \$3.00

The post cards were developed by Laura Messing and can be used by members to tell family and friends of upcoming Scottish events, to recruit prospective CLSI members and to help increase interest in all events Scottish. Also, a **free** packet of "giveaway" postcards is available for those Convenors/Tent Hosts who host a CLSI tent.

Payment should be made to Linda Flowers, CLSI Treasurer,  
302 SW 3rd, Tuttle, OK, 73089, USA. [lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net)

Peter M. Leslie, [scotslad1@yahoo.com](mailto:scotslad1@yahoo.com)



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### MEMBERS OVER 85 YEARS OF AGE

Did you know that if you have been a member of Clan Leslie Society International for at least 10 years and reach the age of 85, the CLSI will continue your membership without further payment of annual dues?

**Contact Linda Flowers**

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### CLAN LESLIE

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### CLAN LESLIE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL - ELECTED (COUNCIL) AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

#### 2010 – 2011 CLAN LESLIE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

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# Clan Leslie Society International 2012 Biennial Gathering

New Hampshire Highland Games; Loon Mountain Ski Resort; Lincoln, NH; Sept. 21-23, 2012

Gathering Reservations Questions? Please email Laura Messing at [designinvasion@gmail.com](mailto:designinvasion@gmail.com)

Please complete and mail this form with your payment to:

Linda Flowers, CLSI Treasurer, 302 SW 3rd, Tuttle, OK 73089

## IMPORTANT!

Reservations must be received by Linda Flowers no later than **Friday, July 6, 2012.**

**Names-Adults** (please print names as you wish them to appear on the name tags)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_S \_\_M \_\_L \_\_XL \_\_XXL

2. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_S \_\_M \_\_L \_\_XL \_\_XXL

3. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_S \_\_M \_\_L \_\_XL \_\_XXL

4. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_S \_\_M \_\_L \_\_XL \_\_XXL

**Names-Children** (12 years and under) (All t-shirt sizes are in adult sizes)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_S \_\_M

2. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_S \_\_M

## Address Information

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees:

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100.00 USD = \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ x \$70.00 USD = \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Options:

1. Check in US funds made out to CLSI
2. Pay by PayPal to LFLOWERS1954@yahoo.com
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Outside the US, indicate cost in USD\$ and the company will convert.

## Banquet Entrée (please select 1)

Please indicate your choice of entree(s) for the banquet on Saturday night. **Note:** Please use this entree selection only for the **adults**. A children's menu is available and orders will be taken at the table. A vegetarian selection will also be available to order at the table. All entrees come with a garden salad, fresh baked rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans amandine, coffee, tea, soda and your choice of dessert, see below.)

(No) \_\_\_\_\_ **Filet Mignon**

(No) \_\_\_\_\_ **Stuffed NH Maple Chicken**

(a crispy fried chicken breast stuffed with traditional walnut bread stuffing topped with a brandied maple demi-glace)

## Dessert (please select 1)

(No) \_\_\_\_\_ **Chocolate Cake** (No) \_\_\_\_\_ **House-Made Apple Crisp**