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David C. Ross of Ross, Chief

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An Cìrean Ceann Cinnidh



Highland Games - Halifax, NS
Summer 2005



THE CLAN ROSS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, INC.

MOTTO: Spem successus alit (Success nourishes hope)
GAELIC NAME: Clann Aindrias (Clan Andrew)
CREST: A hand holding a garland of juniper, proper
BADGE: Juniper
PIPE MUSIC: The Earl of Ross's March
SEPTS: (according to Scottish Kith & Kin/Chief of Clan Ross)

Anderson	Denoon	Gear	MacCulloch	Taggart
Andison	Denune	Gillanders	MacLulich	Tullo
Andrew/s	Dingwall	Hagart	MacTaggart	Tulloch
Corbet/tt	Duthie	Haggart	MacTear	Tyre
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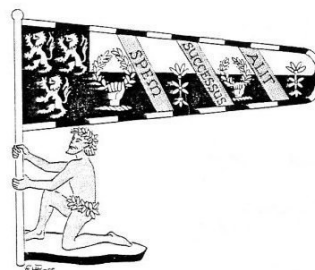
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Standard of Chief David Campbell Ross of Shandwick

From the Desk of the Editor

A Personal Note From Doug Ross, Webmaster, to Ian and Jacquie Ross

"Allow me to thank both of you for the effort which you put into the newsletter over the past 37 issues. They have contained a wealth of Scottish information and history and fun. The format of the newsletter also assisted me personally in formatting our Clan Ross - Canada website. Sometimes it was a challenge for me to keep up with you."

On behalf of the members of Clan Ross Association of Canada and all those who have read and enjoyed the past 11 years of newsletters, **"Thank You" to Ian and Jacquie Ross** for their dedicated and professional work! Their exceptional contribution to the association has been appreciated by many and represents the essential link connecting the membership across the country and around the world.

In assuming this position, I have been truly humbled at the magnitude of the responsibility! Unfortunately, I have been unable to meet the goal of distributing two issues prior to the end of this year. Thus, this oversized package!

At one time I had produced a monthly Newsletter using a typewriter, cut and paste technology, and buckets of "white-out"! I was certain the computer would be a much more efficient tool. What a disappointment! My brand new computer went "on the fritz" and eventually died in September. Dealing with the manufacturer, emachines, was a nightmare. They finally returned my machine just a week ago but I had to threaten I would sue them before they shipped it home. What a bizarre experience!!

This issue has, therefore, been produced on an older Dell machine I purchased for that purpose. The most difficult part was retrieving and restoring files from a disc which would not allow me to copy files.

However, here is a Clan Ross Association of Canada newsletter! Please read it. Then send pictures! Articles! Stories! Family information! Questions you would like answered! Material for the next newsletter! Deadline is February 15, 2006 for distribution the end of February.

Enjoy a happy holiday and all the best for 2006! Cheers! Shelagh Rayworth

Cover Photos:

Top: Past CRC Nova Scotia Commissioner Grant MacGregor (Greg) Ross
Clan Ross Canada Volunteer William (Bill) Richmond
CRC Nova Scotia Commissioner Christopher Rayworth (grandson of Greg Ross)

After a hiatus of several years the Clan Ross tent was present at the Halifax Highland Games, July 9. Standing fast despite the weather: Chris Rayworth, Greg Ross, and Bill Richmond. The weather was overcast and foggy with a cool breeze, cold for a summer day but still many visitors stopped by the tent. Three new members joined the Clan that day; welcome be to them: Donald Ross, Fiona Day, and Robert LeBlanc Ross.

Submitted by Christopher Rayworth

Bottom: Descendants of Alexander Ross and Margaret Noble at the 75th Annual Reunion

For 75 years the descendants of Alexander Ross and Margaret Noble have gathered to maintain and strengthen their family connections. They come together each summer for a day of fun and fellowship, enjoying games and sports and sharing wonderful food and memories. Gathering in the agricultural area of Holstein, Ontario, they are confident (and very proud!) that theirs is the oldest Ross family reunion.

From GreatClanRoss website

Clan Ross – Canada Welcomes New Member!



Lizz, Torry and Andrew Thibodeau June 4, 2005

Victoria Edith Ada Thibodeau welcomed the warm embrace of beaming parents Elizabeth and Andrew at 4:40 am June 4th! Their first born, she was greeted with deepest love and joyful laughter in London, Ontario, becoming the youngest member of Clan Ross Canada!

Just prior to her birth, her proud Dad reported that the radio played "I Hope You Dance", their official song for "Torry". They are committed to "doing everything in their power to help their bundle of joy dance in the world".

Welcome, Torry, and congratulations to 2nd Vice President Andrew and Lizz from your Clan Ross extended family.

2006 MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

Enclosed with this newsletter is a green invoice -- annual membership fees are due now for 2006. The year printed on your mailing label signifies that your membership is paid up

to the end of December in that year. If your label says "Life", "Hon.", or "Comp.", you owe nothing for your Membership. If your label says 2006, 2007, or later, your membership is already paid to the end of that year -- thank you!!

Please send your cheque, made payable to **Clan Ross Association of Canada**, to:

Barb Fletcher, Membership Chair,
66 Crestwood Crescent,
Winnipeg, MB R2J 1H6

For USA members: a motion was made at the last annual meeting that the annual US membership fee be raised from \$US15.00 to \$US21.00, effective January 1, 2006. The reasoning for this increase is because of the higher cost of mailing the newsletter to the US and the large bank fees now involved in cashing cheques in \$US.

Scottish Folklore - Christmas

Yule – The winter solstice, celebrated around 21 December with bonfires, relief that the Dark Year was halfway through, and a feast – was later expropriated into the Christian religion, moved to 25 December and called Christmas.

Christmas customs in Scotland don't vary greatly from any other country, although the welcome warmth, good eating and gift giving that accompanies the festival may be appreciated more here than in warmer climes! And the Christmas tree is treated with particular reverence, as a symbol that no matter how cold and bitter the winter, there is still life in the earth, just waiting for the sun's reappearance in the spring...

One custom that was perhaps more prevalent in Scotland than elsewhere was the placing of silver charms into the Christmas pudding. Traditionally, these were designed to tell your fortune: the sixpence coin symbolized wealth, the ring marriage, the wishbone good luck, and the thimble work. Of course, others could be included as desired – perhaps a heart for love, a cradle for a new baby, or a boat for a long journey.

From: The Little Book of Scottish Folklore Retold by Joules & Ken Taylor; Parragon 1999; Parragon, Queen Street House 4 Queen Street Bath BA1 1HE

The Clan Ross Association of Canada, Inc.

Written by J. Donaldson Ross in March of 1998

Founded in 1960, and incorporated in 1991, The Clan Ross Association of Canada, Inc. is the only Clan Ross organization officially recognized in Canada by Baron David Campbell Ross of Ross, Chief of the Name and Arms of Ross.

Officially headquartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, it has members across the country and in the United States of America. It has Commissioners in the provinces of Manitoba, Ontario, British Columbia, and Nova Scotia with an active Chapter in Manitoba and work being done to reactivate the Nova Scotia Chapter. Each provincial chapter elects its own executive and plans its own activities while maintaining contact with the national level. There is a National Executive with elected representation from across Canada.

The current National President is Denis Fletcher of Winnipeg. Membership inquiries can be sent to the National Treasurer and Membership Chair, Mrs. Barbara Fletcher (nee Ross) at:

66 Crestwood Crescent
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Annual Membership fees are \$15.00 Canadian. A quarterly newsletter is issued to members. There are, currently, approximately 170 members. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held each summer. Next year's AGM is being held July 2-5, 2006, in London, Ontario.

RAINY DAY MALADY

A wee Glasgow wifie, a couple of centimeters over four feet, went to consult her doctor about a very private complaint.

"Ye see, doacter, I cannae understand it. Every time it rains the insides o' ma thighs get terrible hawkit. They're reid raw and sair frae moamin to nicht. I've tried Vaseline, but it's nae guid."

"Stand up on that stool," said the doctor, "and let me have a look."

She lifted her skirts and the doctor examined her.

"No doubt about the abrasions, my dear. But I think we can effect a cure with a simple operation."

"O, my Goad, an operation! Will Ah need to hae an anaesthetic?"

"No, it won't be necessary. You won't feel a thing. Just stand still and close your eyes."

The doctor produced a large scalpel and after a few minutes work stood back.

"There now, step down and walk up and down the surgery once or twice and tell me if the irritation is gone."

"O Doacter, it's a modern miracle. The pain's away. What on earth did ye dae?"

"Not very much, really," said the medic, "I just sliced three inches off the tops of each of your wellies

"When you come to a road block, take a detour."

Mary Kay Ash

CLAN ROSS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2004
JUNE 12TH, 2005
SUMMARY

Each year an AGM is held as required with every second year including a meeting of all members and a full program of activities hosted by one of the local chapters of the Association. June 12, 2005, the meeting was held in Winnipeg with the members of the Executive participating via a conference telephone call. Following is a brief summary of the results of their deliberations and, for those who wish to learn the details, the full minutes of the meeting are published on the website in the "Members Only" section.

Reports

Treasurer Barb Fletcher presented the audited Financial Statements with the final balance showing an increase from 2003-year-end.

As Membership Chair, Barb Fletcher reported 125 memberships at July, 2004 and indicated a significant increase in the current year with 152 to date – a total of 247 members.

Newsletter Co-editor Ian Ross who, with his wife, Co-editor Jacquie Ross, produced the quarterly letter for more than 11 years, reported it had been great fun but was time for a change. He thanked those who had contributed material over the years and informed the meeting that all relevant materials had been forwarded to Shelagh Rayworth who has agreed to take it over on a trial basis.

Regional activity reports were received from Commissioners Dorothy O'Donnell of British Columbia, Wendy Ross of Ontario and Christopher Rayworth of Nova Scotia.

Webmaster Doug Ross informed the meeting that the web space had been renewed for another year and that emphasis focuses on membership development. Members-only access is available to reports such as By-Laws, Minutes, etc., as they are available. An effort will be made to plan a special feature for the 50th Anniversary of Clan Ross-Canada in 2010.

Charitable Status

Application is being pursued for charitable status under the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency. If successful, this will mean that tax receipts can be issued for donations contributed for charitable projects.

Associate Members

The Secretary agreed to prepare a revision of the By-Laws to include a category for Associate Members. This constitutional change will be presented for consideration at the next Annual Meeting in June, 2006. The three conditions of associate membership:

1. Although not Clan Ross/sept descendants, candidates must support the objectives of Clan Ross-Canada
2. Would not be allowed to hold office or vote
3. Would be subject to the same fees as regular members, in order to pay for their newsletter.

US Member Fees

Due to higher costs of mailing and large bank fees, the cost of US membership will be \$21.00 US effective January, 2006.

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National Projects

Clan Ross Canada's list of projects continues to expand across the country!

In Winnipeg, the Old Kildonan Cemetery Project could not be quite finalized due to 2005's extremely wet spring, but it will be completed during the summer. The engraving of the three remaining Alexander Ross pioneer family headstones has been provided for within the existing \$1000 budget. Unfortunately, the deterioration of the church may be so severe that it will not be possible to preserve it, so a Clan Ross Canada recognition plaque will have to be freestanding, if it is permitted by the Cemetery Committee. The Secretary will write the Committee to formally request their support and advice regarding positioning a plaque.

On the Clan Ross Canada website at <http://www.GreatClanRoss.org> under Projects and Events, the fascinating story of the Old Kildonan Cemetery Project, complete with pictures, is told. (If you are not computer literate and would like to read the story in a future newsletter, please drop a note to the newsletter Editor and it is probable that former Newsletter Editor, Ian M. Ross, would provide it to us.)

As one project is finalized, if a one has not already been requested by a provincial chapter and approved, then the Executive of Clan Ross Canada selects a Province. Nominations and suggestions are considered from all sources and the Executive makes the final decision.

Ontario has been chosen as the venue for the next National Project and, following consideration of a lengthy list of potential honourees, Doctor Alexander Milton Ross, ornithologist, abolitionist, writer, physician, and naturalist, of Belleville, Ontario has been selected. During the American Civil War, he played a significant roll in development of the Underground Railroad and in helping slaves escape safely to Canada. Abraham Lincoln credited him for bringing an end to the war a year earlier than it might otherwise have ended. Currently, plans are being finalized for an appropriate memorial to Dr. Ross. It will be constructed in partnership with the Board of Directors on the property of Uncle Tom's Cabin, a museum commemorating the Underground Railroad in Chatham ON. Donations will be welcome and can be accepted by the Clan Ross Canada Treasurer at any time.

At the 2006 AGM in London ON June 23 – 25, Dr. Alexander Ross's biographer Stephen Duff, author of Hunter of Dreams, will speak about the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Dr. Ross. The Program also includes a tour of Uncle Tom's Cabin in Chatham and it is hoped an appropriate plaque will be designed and in place to be unveiled during the weekend.

<http://www.GreatClanRoss.org>

This website is well worth a visit! Once you have dropped by, you will want to stop in again and again to keep up with all the new information. There is even a special area just for members! One of the best features is that there is no advertising on the site, so pop-up ads are not constantly disturbing your enjoyment of the site.

You will find a number of links to other informative sites, including genealogical resources and pictures and stories along with lots of humour. Webmaster Doug Ross is doing a "masterful" job with the site and it is growing, offering information, entertainment and "surfing adventures". If you have a computer, by all means, take a trip to <http://www.GreatClanRoss.org>. It will not be your last!

45th ANNIVERSARY OF CLAN ROSS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, INC. - 2005

HISTORY OF CLAN ROSS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

By Ian Mackay Ross

Clan Ross Association of Canada, 1960

On December 1, 1960 a small group of Scottish Canadians named Ross met in a Montreal hotel. The meeting was convened by Major James J. 'Alec' Ross C.B.E., C.D. and consisted of a handful of prospective members to organize a new clan group for Rosses in Canada. At this time the only organized Scottish groups were some dance and piping groups, and some extended family groups that gathered occasionally. There were several summer Scottish Games in the Maritimes and Ontario and a periodic Tattoo.

Several months earlier, in October, Major Ross had set up a provisional committee to search for interested parties. When they met at the Laurentian Hotel, Alec Ross chaired the meeting as interim President, Mr. Jack Ross of Montreal as the secretary treasurer, and fourteen Rosses the Major knew to be interested. Dr. John R. Ross and Mrs. Eila Ross of Toronto attended and, as most others, joined the fledgling association before leaving the meeting.

Major Alec Ross of Baie d'Urfe, Quebec, was a member of the British Board of Trade and was endeavouring to stimulate participation of Canadian industry in Scotland as well as Scottish commerce in Canada. He had been a member of the Clan Ross Society in Scotland, which was established in the summer of 1958 by Sheriff Charles Campbell Ross, Q.C. Chief Designate of the Clan. In May of 1959 he had been invited to a meeting in Edinburgh, of Clan Ross by Dr. Thomas Douglas Ross of Bearsden and Mr. Hector Ross of Edinburgh. It is from this meeting that Alec Ross initiated Clan Ross Canada.

Hector Ross, Secretary and Treasurer of Clan Ross in Scotland later wrote to the Major on June 11, 1962, "I am pleased to inform you that at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, my suggestion that you be made a Member of the Council with immediate effect was unanimously approved. To keep us constitutionally correct, would you please ask the Canadian Branch to appoint yourself and anyone else whom you care to act as delegates to the Association in Edinburgh." He added, "(Sheriff) Charles has resigned as Convener and has been succeeded by Mr. Maclean Ross, whilst the new Vice-Convener is Charles' son David (now Baron Ross of Ross)".

The second vital meeting of Clan Ross Canada was organized for June 1961 at the Granite Club in Toronto by Dr. John R. Ross to establish a branch in Toronto. The enthusiastic Montreal group sent four ladies and three gentlemen to Toronto. To lend support, representatives from Toronto St. Andrews Society - Mr. Vasey Ash, President, Mr. & Mrs. John A.D. Craig, Mr. Baker, Secretary, and Dr. & Mrs. Harold Robertson, all attended. This inaugural dinner meeting was an outstanding success.

Clan Ross was off to a start with 17 memberships, with \$5.00 annual dues paid! At the end of the Toronto meeting, Major James Ross appointed Dr. John Ross as Vice-President. Members included Dr. Colin Ross, Dr. James W. Ross and Professor H.U. Ross of Toronto and Mr. Jack Ross of Montreal. Already a constitution was being discussed. Major J.J. Ross wrote to Dr. John R. Ross on December 7, 1961, "I am enclosing draft of a formal Constitution for Clan Ross Association of Canada... It is primarily based upon the Constitution of the parent Association in Edinburgh, suitably adjusted to fit Canadian needs." A copy of this document has not been found.

1961 through 1968: Great Clan Ross Book and Growing Membership

Now it was a process of accumulating contacts and soliciting membership in the new organization. Dr. John R. Ross took several trips to Scotland to research and assemble material for a book that he was preparing on the Clan. In addition, names of some Rosses in Canada were obtained from the guest books at both the Tain Museum and Balnagowan.

Through these travels, especially at a Ross gathering in Tain during the summer of 1960, Dr. Ross came to know Chief Rosa Ross of Pitcalnie, who lived in Tain. Being an astute historian herself, she and her good friend Rosemary Mackenzie, the curator at the Tain Museum, shared documents on Clan history and directed him to other avenues of research. Dr. Ross and a number of other Canadians met Miss Rosa and were toured through Balnagowan. The Canadians met some other Scottish Rosses that pivotal summer, especially Sheriff Charles Campbell Ross, the Chief Designate of Clan Ross, Shandwick Branch. The Matriculation of Charles Ross had been recently approved by Lord Lyon, and he was officially designated to follow Miss Rosa Ross as the 35th Chief. This was unfortunately not to be, however, as Charles predeceased her.

Through a number of conversations and correspondence, Sheriff Ross agreed to collaborate on the book Great Clan Ross, together with his son, the current Chief Baron David Ross of Ross. His assistance was invaluable even though he was in declining health. Dr. A.C. Gordon Ross of St. Andrews Fife in Toronto also contributed some short sections of the book.

When 1500 copies of the book were printed in 1968, Dr. John Ross used his mailing lists not just to sell copies, but also to solicit new members to the Canadian Clan association.

Clan Ross in America 1910 to 1915

(Watch for this segment in a future issue!)

Scottish Superstitions

When someone dies at home, all the windows in the house should be opened so that the soul might more easily depart.

As close to the moment of death as possible, every clock in the house should be stopped, so that time can stand still until the corpse leaves on its final journey to the graveyard.

9TH ANNUAL CLAN ROSS - MANITOBA BURNS EVENING

A warm Highland invitation is extended to one and all to attend the 9th Annual Clan Ross (Manitoba Chapter) Burns Dinner. We offer all the traditional formal elements, but within a most congenial atmosphere ... liberally spiced with Scottish wit and humour.

This popular event will be held on Saturday, January 28th, 2006. Once again, we will enjoy the intimately elegant surroundings of the Clubroom at the Fort Garry Hotel on Broadway in Winnipeg, along with a full course dinner from their gourmet kitchens. The ticket price is \$46.50, which includes: dinner, Atholl Brose, door prize, excellent speakers and top-notch entertainment. Cocktails will start at 6:00 with dinner at 7:00.

A fine panel of presenters will be on hand, including the inimitable Dr. Glen Lowther's version of The Immortal Memory. Of course we will have the parading in and Address to a Haggis, the Toast to the Lassies and Response and others in a lighter vein. We are also introducing, this year, a Presentation of the Atholl Brose ... followed by its enthusiastic consumption. Entertainment will include piper, world class Highland Dancers and the stirring male voices (and humour!) of the Rusty Nails, last year's smash hit. You may wish to participate in our silent auction, and we always ensure intervals to visit and chat.

Obtain your tickets early, as this event always manages to be a sell-out. We are happy to accommodate singles, couples, part or full tables. If you "*come a stranger*" you will "*leave a friend*". Contact Denis Fletcher at (204) 257-7511 or Len Perry at (204) 775-7631 for tickets. Recommended dress is Highland formal wear, mess kit or black tie. (Jacket and tie ... *of tartan, we hope!* ... will not be cause for ejection.)

Burns Night Celebrations

Scots everywhere gather, on or about January 25th, to celebrate their heritage with Scottish food, drink, music, song, poetry, and various entertainments. Events are often formal dress affairs with full Scottish attire the order of the evening. Menus may vary, but haggis is frequently piped into the room and shared, with great ceremony, among those present. At every event, even if only a small dinner party or local pub gathering, Burns' Best is recited, read, and enjoyed by all.

Be sure to seek out the Burns celebrations happening in your area. If none are planned, perhaps, you could invite a few friends for a Scottish evening at home, or approach a dining establishment in your community to present Burns Night.

Where we live, the pub organizes the meal including haggis, and volunteers program the entertainment. Those with appropriate attire arrive in full dress while others may be casual or anything in between; regardless, the evening is filled with the culture and heritage of Scotland.

Tickets for a Burns Night Celebration would make great Christmas gifts for the Scots on your list!!

HOW TO BE ON THE CLAN ROSS-CANADA EXECUTIVE

- By National Secretary Ian Ross

Clan Ross – Canada has a process for ensuring a steady supply of experienced national executive officers, but not all members know about it. This article will fill everyone in.

The office of National President is for a 2-year term, with the option of continuing for a second two years. This gives the president enough time to accomplish his/her objectives, but also ensures that person doesn't get "stale in office". Upon retirement of the President (who automatically becomes Past President), the 1st Vice President (VP) moves up to President and the 2nd VP moves up to 1st VP. This ensures continuity, and a ready backup should we ever have a situation where a President cannot continue.

An election for a new 2nd VP is held every second or fourth year, depending upon whether the President chooses to continue for a second term. To ensure maximum voting participation by members, these elections are held at one of our even-year "public" AGMs (which involve a weekend of social events, in addition to the required business meeting) and all members are encouraged to attend. When an election is required, a Nominating Committee is struck by the Past President. To ensure a minimum level of knowledge and dedication, candidates for national office must have been either:

- an officer in a formal regional Chapter, OR
- an appointed regional Commissioner, OR
- a member in good standing for at least two consecutive years

Two other officers, Secretary and Treasurer, are elected for 2-year terms through this process. They can continue for as many additional terms as they wish, if uncontested.

At the recent 2005 AGM business meeting, President Denis Fletcher (who came into office at the 2004 AGM) announced he would continue for a second term. This will take him through to the 2008 AGM before he hands off to 1st VP Don Ross of Winnipeg. Treasurer Barb Fletcher and Secretary Ian Ross, whose terms also expire as of the 2006 AGM, confirmed they would continue for another 2-year term. This means that there will be no need to hold an election at next summer's AGM.

Contesting an election has been a rarity for Clan Ross-Canada. Unfortunately, the Nominating Committee usually has difficulty coming up with more than one qualified candidate when elections are necessary. Slates of single candidates are usually approved by acclamation. We therefore encourage any interested members to start thinking now about running for the positions of 2nd VP, Secretary or Treasurer as of the 2008 AGM.

[It is possible for any qualified member to contest the extension of terms at the 2006 AGM if they wish. If you want to run for an office at the 2006 AGM, rather than wait for the 2008 AGM, contact Secretary Ian Ross in Winnipeg or Past President J. Donaldson Ross in Orillia. Contact information is on the inside front cover of this newsletter.]

*The other day Hamish came home and was greeted by his wife Agnes dressed in a very sexy nightie. "Tie me up," she purred, "and you can do anything you want."
So, Hamish tied her up and went golfing.*

***"Help others achieve their dreams and you will achieve yours."
Les Brown***

The Clan Ross Association of Canada, Inc.

CEUD MILE FAILTE

A Hundred Thousand Welcomes!

Clan Ross Canada is always delighted to welcome new members to our association! We hope that everyone involved will participate with energy and enthusiasm, or simply enjoy the results of efforts put forth by those who are so inclined. For example, you can become involved in the organization itself, contribute articles to the newsletter (please, please...), share genealogical research with other members, find "kindred spirits" and correspond with them, assist with fundraising for CRCA Projects, and the list goes on...

Most importantly though, your membership will, we hope, provide an opportunity for you to "get in touch" with your roots and find new ways to connect with your much extended family.

Thus, from all current members, a hearty "Ceud Mile Failte" to the following:

Donald Ross, Lower Sackville, NS
 Fiona and William G. Day, Halifax, NS
 Robert Leblanc-Ross, Westphal, NS
 Hugh Ross, Grande Prairie, AB
 Marc Lestage and Pierrette Roger, Quebec, QC
 Sylvain Ross, Fleurimont, QC
 Janet L. Ross, Waterloo, ON
 Lynne Ross and Rob Savage, Fort Frances, ON

Happy Anniversary

December 1, 2005: The **45th ANNIVERSARY** of The **CLAN ROSS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA** since the meeting of "revitalized founders" in Montreal on December 1, 1960, the day after St. Andrew's Day. ***Become a member now and be part of the next 45 great years!***

PIPE IN THE NEW YEAR!!

December 29, 2005 - January 5, 2006: Canadian Massed Pipes and Drums Tour to the California Tournament of Roses (with options to include Hawaii). Senior Pipe Major Ross Baxter urges everyone to register early to guarantee your space on this tour. For details, you may visit <http://www.omlpb.ca/Documents/California-Hawaii%20Tour%202006.pdf>.

January 1, 2006: MEMBERSHIP DUES (\$15) FOR THE CLAN ROSS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA ARE DUE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN YOUR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP STATUS. DONATIONS FOR NATIONAL PROJECTS MAY ALSO BE INCLUDED.