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### END OF YEAR REPORT

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Happy belated St. Andrew's Day everybody,

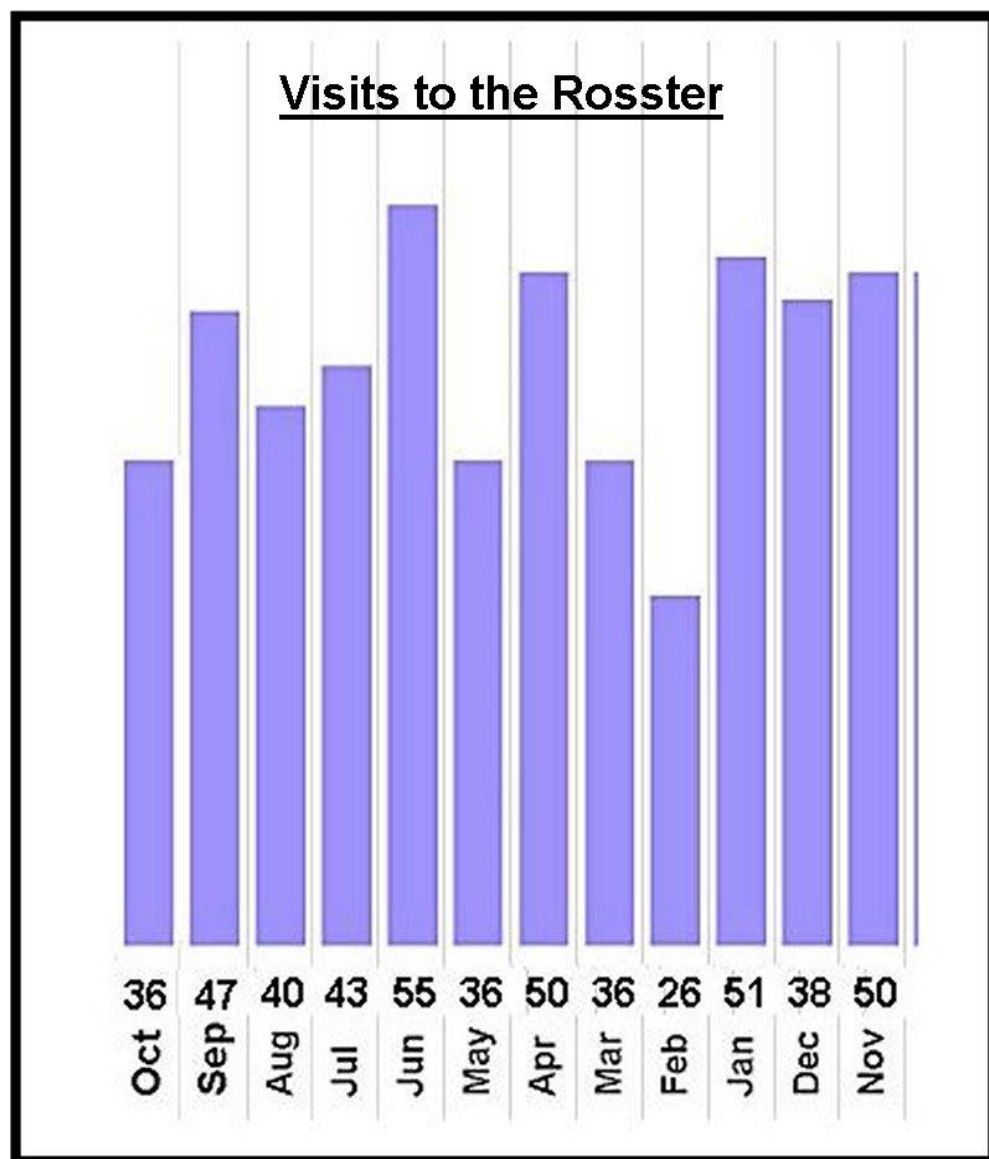
The pandemic finally caught up to Patricia. Since we are in quarantine, our flu shots are Postponed.

John Perrotta, Superintendent of Cemeteries, Public Works of the City of Hamilton, received a prepayment of \$7910.00 in November, 2021, for the installation and maintenance of two glass front niche units in the McGregor-Ross Columbarium. The mausoleum was now equipped to receive urns. On behalf of my family, I received a Certificate of Interment Rights (#46435) in agreement with the cemetery by-laws.



We depend upon members for updates. None were received for 2022.

The Data Subscription Plan remains terminated. The Family Tree basic plan continues to be supported each March. Extreme Tracking changed its format for statistical charts without notice; therefor, a chart for monthly visits has been created.





#### Overview for Our Family



**JENN** Although she was injured a few times this year, she finished a half-marathon in February, and the Vancouver Marathon in May. She also participated in the 8K Victoria Marathon with her mother and placed sixth in her age group.

She spent almost a month in Ontario (Kingston and Niagara) volunteering at CORK and the Canada Summer Games, after which she was able to spend a few days with us in Toronto. She also helped with Martin 242 North Americans in Nanaimo. She was elected Vice-Commodore of the yachting section at the Vancouver Rowing Club for a second year and continues as a club director. This year she was also elected president of BC Sailing, which represents all of the yacht clubs and sailing schools in the province of British Columbia.

**ROB** With covid-19 restrictions lifting around the world, travel is picking up again. Rob had the opportunity this year to visit Thailand. He was able to experience preparing food and feeding it to the elephants living on a sanctuary in Khao Sok National Park. This tour package included staying in a luxury tent in the jungle and the next night, in another tent floating on Cheow Lan Lake, deeper in the rain forest. From temples in Bangkok, to the rain forest, to a beach town in Phuket, this once in a lifetime experience was a nice end to 2022.

{Rob is holding a sugar cane.

AND SO IS THE ELEPHANT.}}





## *The Scottish Saltire*



Flag of Scotland

(an excerpt from an article about the Scottish saltire in the Sunday Herald - March 19, 2000)

The origins of the St. Andrew's Cross are, like most aspects of Scottish history, shrouded in obscurity. Legend has it that the saltire flag has its origins in a battle near Athelstaneford in East Lothian, about 832 AD when Angus mac Fergus, King of the Picts, defeated the army of Athelstane, King of Northumbria.

The night before the battle, the Scots saw a cross formation of clouds in the sky resembling a St. Andrew's cross - the patron saint. They took this sign as an omen and indeed they were successful in battle the next day. Thus the colours in the flag are white to represent the clouds and azure for the evening sky.

"There is no reason why the colour of the saltire should not have changed about the 15th century," said Lynch. While St. Andrew was long adopted as the patron saint of the Scottish nation, it was not until the 15th century that he began to become a royal saint.

While Scotland's pink heritage may be disputed by historians and flagwavers the length and breadth of the land, all agree that the present correct colour for the cross is azure. Sky blue is not the right colour; it is too light, and not a pretty enough colour anyway.



## Patricia's Progress



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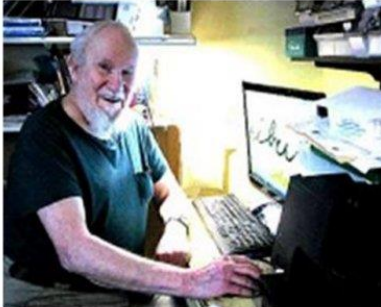


This year, with some of the Covid restrictions eased, Patricia was able to travel. In June, she flew to Vancouver for a week to visit Jenn and to take classes during Quilt Canada's annual meeting. In October, she and Jenn both completed the Royal Victoria Marathon 8K Road Race. After the race, they both enjoyed their tradition of Afternoon Tea at the Empress Hotel. Local road races also returned to in person participation.

Patricia and Rob did the Move Your Paws 5K Zoo Run in March and the Oasis Zoo Run 5K in September. With the exception of the Victoria 8K, where she was awarded a fourth place ribbon, Patricia placed either first or second in her age group (women 80 to 84) in all five of her 5K races.

Early in November Patricia was asked to return to the CNIB [Canadian National Institute for the Blind] Recording Studio to complete reading the book she was narrating over two years ago before everything was shut down. It is hoped that everyone's regular weekly volunteer shifts will resume in the new year.





Not much has changed in my own activities. The older I get, the fewer contacts remain on a regular basis. My physician, Dr. Shim Felsen decided that I should give myself a 0.5 mg injection of Ozempic weekly to control diabetes. I paid an electrician to repair ~~os~~ replace faulty switches and outlets while Patricia was in Vancouver.

One of my projects has remained "on hold" for the past year. That is the My Heritage Ross Family Tree at URL: <https://www.myheritage.com/site-207596231/ross>. The current statistics indicate that 44,975 people have been recorded together with 7901 photos. There are 68 registered members. Susanne White has served as a second manager for many years.

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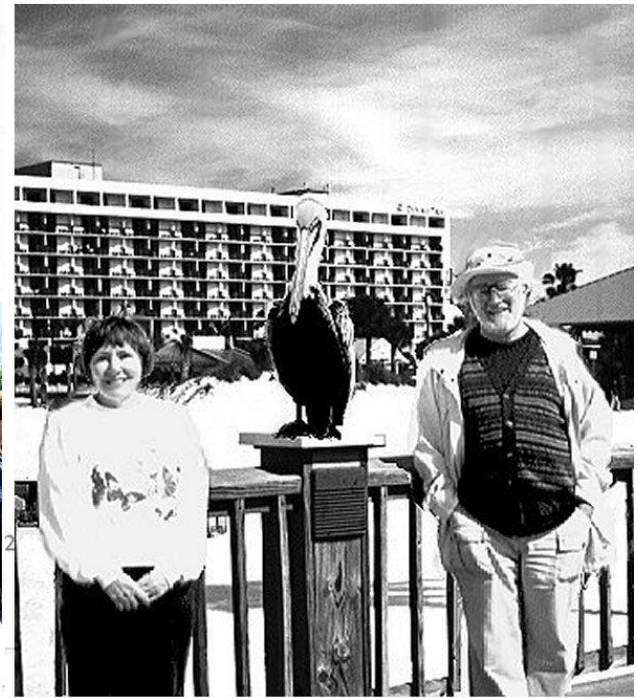
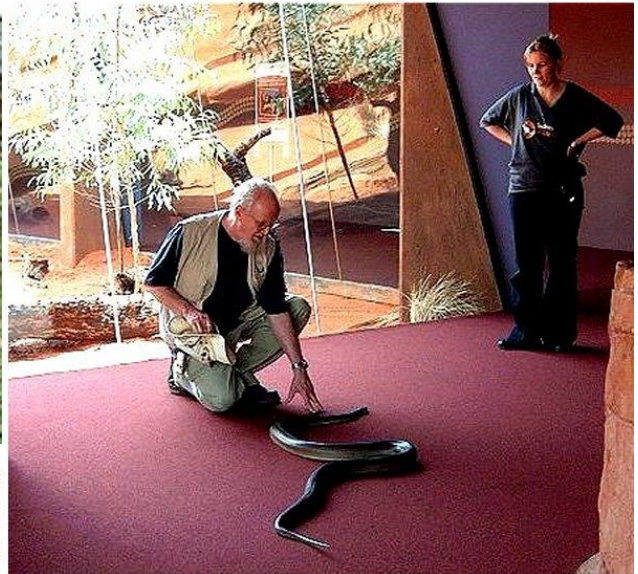
This will be my final year as owner/manager of the site. Therefore, I am looking for someone with sufficient interest in our genealogy to take over.

**The St. Andrew's Spider:** It seems fitting to include this interesting arachnid when the Scottish Saltire is being discussed. It is found in Eastern Australia where it constructs its orb web in low, shrubby vegetation. The spider sits with its eight legs in a paired position, and the ribbon-like silk, which forms the cross, appears like an extension. This strongly reflects ultra-violet light which attracts insects and other small prey. This particular example was on display at Wildlife World (Sydney Zoo) in Darling Harbour, Australia.





## Some of Doug's Favourite Photos



A cartoon illustration of a man in traditional Scottish attire, including a kilt and a tam o' shanter. He is sitting on a bench, leaning back with his eyes closed, and smoking a pipe. A small inset shows a hand holding a pipe.

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