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## Clan Buchanan Society International has a Chief for the first time since 1681

One of Scotland's largest and most ancient clans has appointed its first clan chief in 337 years.

The Clan Buchanan will be led by John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan, who first made his claim to the title more than 20 years ago.

The chiefship was last held by John Buchanan until his death without a male heir in 1681.

The new chief, whose formal title will be "The Buchanan," said he was "honoured and proud" to take up the role.

It has taken decades of genealogical research to back up his claim.

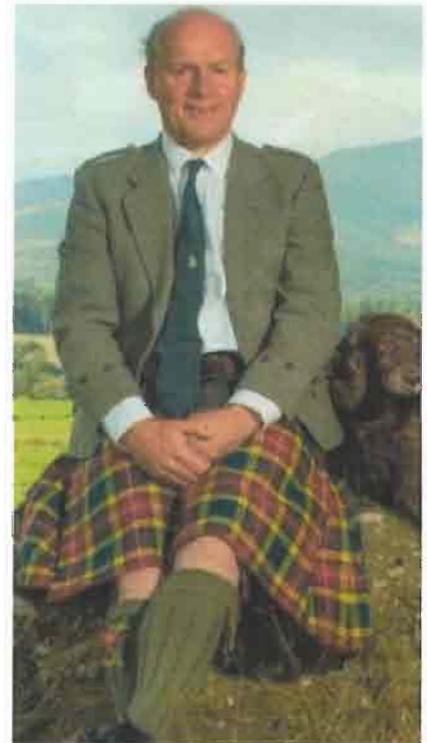
The Lord Lyon King of Arms, who is head of the Lyon Court, which regulates Scottish heraldry, formally upheld a petition for Mr. Buchanan to assume the chiefship.

It follows decades of research conducted by renowned genealogist, Hugh Peskett, who traced former US President Ronald Reagan's Irish ancestry in the 1980s.

Mr Buchanan, who is the manager of Cambusmore Estate in Callander, Stirlingshire, said it had been "a long journey" to prove his family's lineage.

He said: "There has not been a chief for a very long time - over 337 years - but there is a thriving community of Buchanan clansmen, clanswomen and septs around the world.

"I look forward to meeting members of the clan,



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committing myself to clan matters in Scotland and attending some of the popular clan functions that take place overseas."

He added: "My family has been acknowledged as leaders of one of the principal clan septs, the Buchanans of Leny and Arnprior, for many years but we have also believed that we had a good case for the overall chiefship.

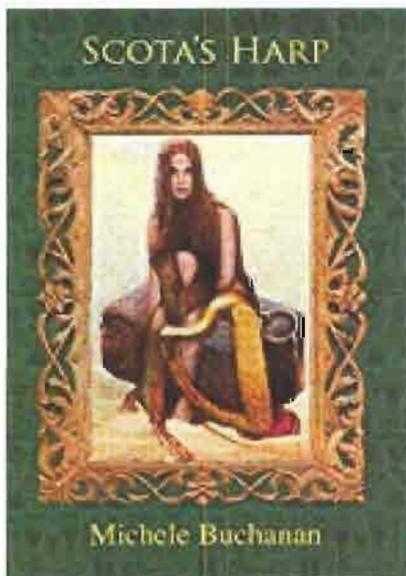
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# CBSI member Michele Buchanan has written *Scota's Harp!*

Scotland is named after an Egyptian princess named Scota? What a wild thought! But it may very well be true, simply because the oral legends kept by the Irish invaders and the Scoticonicon, talk about an Egyptian pharaoh named Nectanebus. BUT, they couldn't have known this name until after the Rosetta Stone was deciphered in 1822.

This novel is an exciting story of an American archaeologist who falls in with thieves, and nearly loses his life. And, you get a glossary of all the foreign names, Egyptian words, and Broad Scots the author included in the story as our hero travels from Spain to Ireland and Scotland.



The Stone of Scone was at one time engraved with hieroglyphics, to prove Scota's royalty. Don't believe that lumpy rock in Edinburgh castle is anything but a privy stone to fool Edward I!

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# from the PRESIDENT

David Byrne, President, CBSI

Dear Clan Members:

This past July Lloyd Gibson resigned as President of the CBSI for personal reasons. Lloyd served through several very difficult years for the Society. With his leadership many critical issues were resolved and important decisions made which will change how the Society functions in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Understandably all of this took a toll on Lloyd just at a time in his life when I'm sure all he wanted to do was enjoy traveling around in his camper with his wife. We thank Lloyd for his hard work and leadership in making tough decisions. Lloyd has promised to remain active in the Society.

With his resignation came a restructuring of the Executive Council of the CBSI. Normally the 1st Vice President, Kevin Buchanan, would have assumed the position of President until the next election. But if you have been following anything about our new membership initiatives you may have noticed that Kevin is leading that effort. He has decided that 100% of his attention is required completing that work.

Therefore it has come to me to assume the position of CBSI President. I have served as both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Executive Council in past years. I have also been Commissioner of Region 1 – New England for many years and convened a clan tent at almost all of the games in that region at one time or another. I continue to convene in Connecticut and at the always impressive New Hampshire Highland Games where we enjoy a tremendous turnout for our Clan. I have attended Scottish festivals across the U.S. and marched with fifty Buchanans at

the Edinburgh Tattoo last year.

Replacing me at 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President will be Bill McQuatters, CBSI Co-

Commissioner for the State of Texas (along with his wife Gina). Bill recently retired as Assistant Fire Chief of the Arlington Texas Fire Department. I appointed Bill to fill the term until the next election. Bill has indicated he does not intend to run for election and we have two other members who have entered their names as candidates. I did not feel it appropriate to show any favoritism by appointing one of them at this time.

Therefore the newly constituted Executive Council of the CBSI is:

President – David Byrne, Connecticut

1st Vice President – Kevin Buchanan, California

2nd Vice President – Bill McQuatters, Texas

Secretary – Stacy Harper, Georgia

Treasurer – John Brice, South Dakota

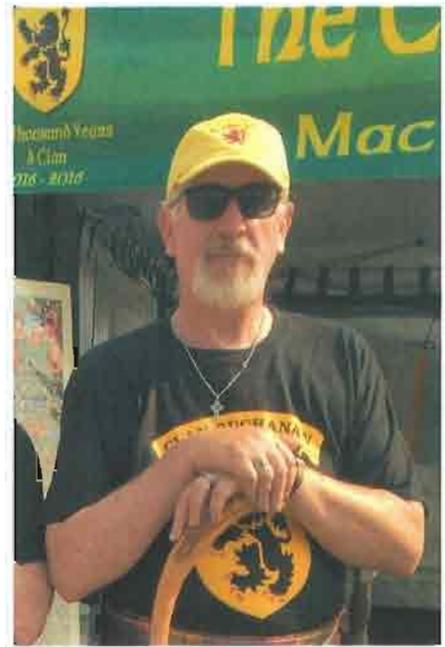
Membership Secretary – Karen Buchanan, Virginia

We will begin working immediately to bring to a successful conclusion the initiatives Lloyd has started and to serve the membership of the Clan Buchanan Society International, Inc.

Aye yours,

David Byrne

President CBSI





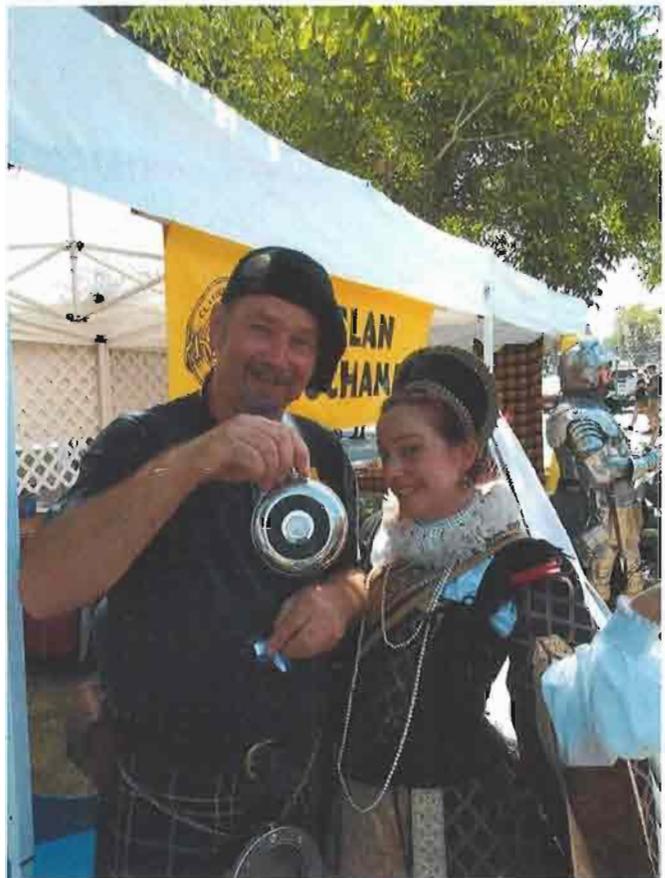
Panama City Beach  
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John Gibson writes: “I wanted to let you know I have reserved a spot at the Panama City Beach Scottish Festival on March 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 for the Buchanan Clan.

I would welcome help from anyone who would like to join me. Please call me at 850-345-5092.”

Thank you!



## **Buchanan meets Queen of Scots at Pleasanton Games!**

Pictured above are CBSI member, Brook Weir and “Mary Queen of Scots” at the Pleasanton Scottish Highland Games, presented by the Caledonian Society of San Francisco.

You’ll see more about the Pleasanton Games in the pages of this publication.



# Jerry Harper recognized in Tennessee for service to CBSI for over three decades

As part of the 2018 AGM at Pikes Peak Celtic Fest in Colorado, then Clan President, Lloyd Gibson announced an award had been prepared for Jerry Harper, Regent of Tennessee, for his service in convening the Clan Buchanan tent for over thirty years.

Due to some health problems, including conflicting doctors appointments, Jerry was unable to attend the games in Colorado.

Jerry has given service in Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, and Kentucky through the years. His first games to convene a tent were at Grandfather Mountain. His later years of service include Scottish games at Gatlinburg, Maryville, and all the locations around Nashville, Tennessee,

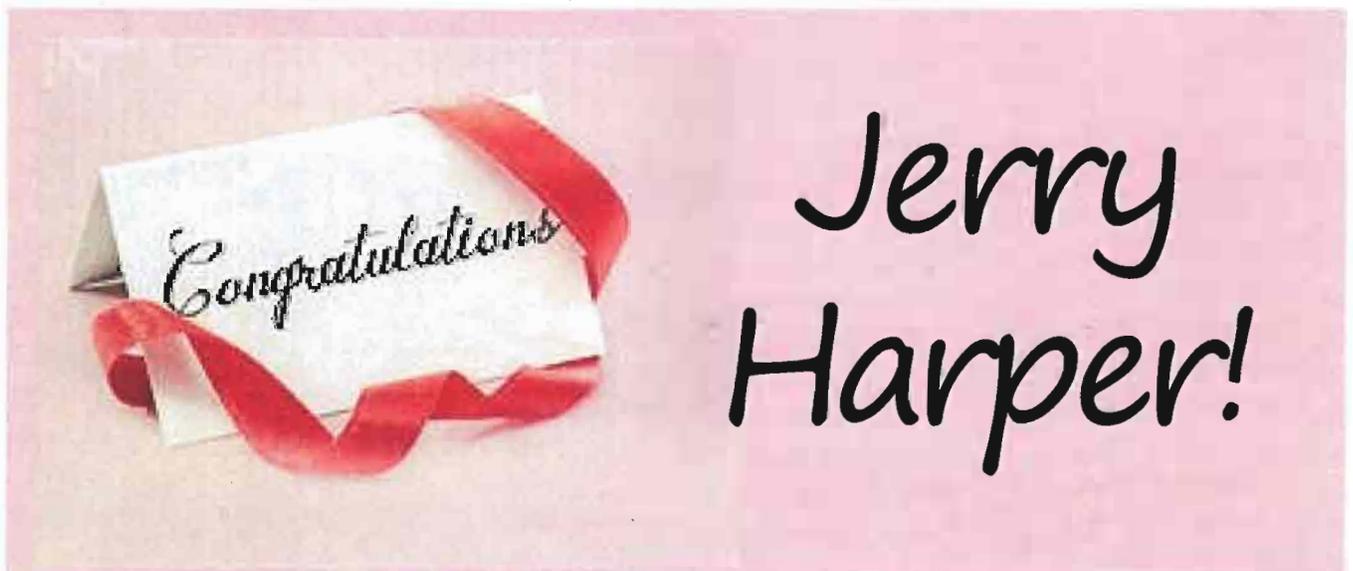
Working with then President, Lloyd Gibson, the Southeastern Commissioner, Barbara Buchanan Parsons, arranged to make the presentation at the Middle Tennessee Highland Games held at the Hermitage, his-

toric home of Andrew Jackson, in Hermitage, Tennessee.

Mrs. Parsons had reached out to then President Gibson in late 2017, and asked if Clan Buchanan International had any kind of award for those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty, and done so for many years.

We all give service, volunteer our time and donate our money, however, when you know of a person who has been faithful to serve your organization for over three decades it is good to recognize them.

“Jerry Harper, a life member of Clan Buchanan, has been the rock holding the Clan Buchanan International together in our area, and we are grateful to him,” Mrs. Parsons added. Being the humble person that he is, Jerry's comment was, “The award was really nice. I am proud of it.”





# Rugby Bucky & Clan Buchanan

Robert Buchanan <robertbuchanan53@gmail.com> Call: 608.347.8708

On March 27, 1871, Scotland defeated England in the first ever international rugby match. Did you

know that Scotland's rugby team member, **Angus Buchanan**, scored first in this match in front of 4,000 spectators at Raeburn Place in Edinburgh? Therefore, Angus became the first rugby player in world history to score a try in international rugby competition!

The Buchanan family in Madison, Wisconsin, has kept alive the memory of Angus Buchanan and our clan's commitment to rugby.

Parents, Gene and Marge Buchanan, hosted many rugby players from other nations throughout the 1970s.

For three decades, their son, Robert, daughter, Marykay, and son-in-law, Dale Lawrence, played rugby throughout our nation and occasionally in other countries.

Consequently, when the University of Wisconsin and the Madison Area Sports Commission announced their plans for **Buckys on Parade**, the state's largest art event in 2018, this family knew just what to contribute to honor Clan Buchanan.

Eighty-five artists were commissioned to creatively decorate six-foot-tall statues of the UW-Madison's mascot, Bucky Badger to be placed in public areas around the City of Madison during the four months of summer.

The funds raised from sponsors support cancer research, area sports, and local charities. Of course, the Scots Gaelic word, bochaidh (pronounced *bucky* in English), means something very different to the Buchanan family in Madison, while also differing from the University of Wisconsin's story for Bucky Badger's origin.

However, such an explanation would need to be told in a completely separate article.

More importantly, the Buchanans of Madison sponsored the creation of **Rugby Bucky**; \$1,000 of their sponsorship also funded youth flag rugby.

Nationally renowned sculptor and former Milwaukee Rugby Club player, Tom Queoff, turned the Buchanan family's design for **Rugby Bucky** into one of the most popular statues in the event.

*Rugby Bucky* has been featured in various newspapers, on the landing page for the national rugby newsletter, *FLORUGBY*, and on a variety of merchandise: glasses, magnets, decals and t-shirts.

At the conclusion of the **Buckys on Parade** events, the Buchanan family will donate the statue to the University of Wisconsin for permanent display.

Rugby Bucky wears the jersey, shorts, and socks worn by Robert Buchanan during the many years he played #8 for the Wisconsin Rugby Club (WRC).

Most importantly, the black lion rampant is prominently displayed on the front of the white rugby shorts to honor



Rugby Bucky & Robert Buchanan



Rugby Bucky & Ellsworth Brown

played on the front of the white rugby shorts to honor

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## Rugby Bucky & Clan Buchanan, *Continued from page 6*

the rugby accomplishments of Angus Buchanan and our clan. The front of the statue's base reads, "Rugby Since 1880," which was the year in which rugby was first played

on the UW-Madison's campus.

The rear of the statue's base reads, "COURAGE, HONOR, RESPECT."

These primary values of the Gael are defined as: **Courage**, helping others in need and exercising positive risk-taking, **Honor**, telling the truth while also following through on your commitments, and **Respect**, seeking equity and justice for all people, living things and the environment.

These three values of the Gael also form the basis for the Ethos of Rugby.

What better way could there be to remember the Scottish rugger, Angus Buchanan?

The statue also reflects many of the interests of Robert Buchanan. He played rugby for decades with the WRC and the Wisconsin Select-Side, while also providing leadership in rugby for over 40 years in many roles: Club President, Badger State Games Rugby Commissioner, Director of Development for the Wisconsin Rugby Sports Complex, and currently as the Curator of the National Sports Heritage Collection.

More information about his family background, his work, and the museum, library and archives collection can be found at the website, [nationalsportsheritage.com](http://nationalsportsheritage.com).

Interestingly, Robert's grandfather, Milton Buchanan also played American rugby football.

In addition, Robert taught oral traditions of the Gael, i.e., spoken word, visual arts, and dance, to students, teachers and parents in schools and communities in Madison and Scotland for nearly 40 years.

Furthermore, he studied and performed Highland Dance (and ballet) with his two children, Audrey and Andrew, throughout Wisconsin and occasionally in Canada and Scotland for a decade.

Robert also attended summer Gaelic courses at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig on Skye and at Colaisdena Gàidhlig on Cape Breton with his children.



## 81st Milwaukee Scottish Highland Games lovely day!

**Erin Buchanan - Darnick,**  
Region 6 Great Lakes Wisconsin Regent

Clan Buchanan represented at the Milwaukee Highland Games at Hart Park in Pewaukee, Wisconsin on June 2, 2018.

This was the second year that we hosted a tent at this one day event. Traffic was a little slow, but we had beautiful weather.

Bill and Heather Palmer assisted Erin Buchanan-Darnick (Wisconsin Regent) with manning the tent and greeting guests.

Both families proudly represented the clan during the parade of clans. Also present at the games was a Buchanan pipe band.



*Photos by Erin Buchanan-Darnick. Pictured in the parade at top of page, from the left are Erin Buchanan-Darnick, Simon Darnick, Alayna Palmer, Heather Palmer, and Isiah Palmer (behind Heather).*

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# A True Tennessee Volunteer

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**NASHVILLE** — Somewhere between exercising, working tirelessly in his yard, rebuilding classic cars, cutting hair and serving multiple roles as a lay leader at his church, 82-year-old renaissance man, Neal Buchanan, still finds time to volunteer as a reading tutor at the elementary school near his home.

Buchanan, a member of Lincoya Hills Baptist Church in Donelson, has been passionate about childhood literacy for his entire adult life. He was recently honored for his devotion to the cause by being featured on two brands of Kellogg's cereal boxes — Fruit Loops and Frosted Flakes.

"I am not sure why they selected me; I guess it's because I have been doing it longer than anyone else," said Buchanan in his typical humble manner.

"I think they chose him because he is the oldest one on the list," joked his wife, Gail.

Buchanan, a former school principal, has been volunteering at Pennington Elementary School on a weekly basis since 1999. He visits the school once a week, working with three or four students for 30 minutes each.

When he first started volunteering, it's unlikely that he ever envisioned that he'd one day end up sharing the spotlight with Tony the Tiger and Toucan Sam. But that's exactly what happened.

This past spring, Buchanan was contacted by Dollar General — which has a partnership with

Kellogg's — and was told that they wanted to recognize him for his commitment to literacy. He landed on the cover of the cereal boxes several weeks later, and his friends and family members began seeing his picture on the boxes at supermarkets around the nation.

Kellogg's is a sponsor of Dollar General's Literacy Foundation, which awards grants to support literacy.

As a DG Literacy Foundation grant recipient, the FiftyForward initiative — a volunteer tutoring program — pairs older adults with children who need help strengthening their reading skills. Buchanan has been a part of FiftyForward for 17 years.

"They notified me that I had been selected, and then they sent a photographer from Denver,

and he came and took pictures at Pennington (Elementary School)," Buchanan said.

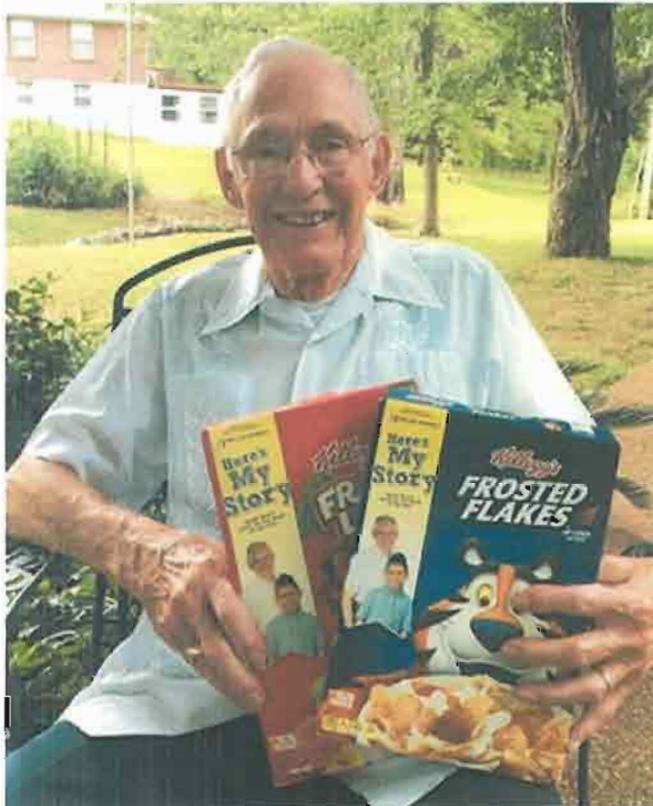
Although Buchanan was surprised by the recognition, those who know him best probably were not.

In fact, anyone who is familiar with "Mr. B" probably assumed it was just a matter of time before he ended up on the cover of a cereal box — although "Wheaties" might have been the more likely choice.

Buchanan is a champion in many capacities, both in terms of being a hero of the faith and a role model for healthy living.

He strictly maintains a daily exercise routine that

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**A true Tennessee volunteer**, *continued from page 8*

includes running a mile and a half and then walking three and a half additional miles. Buchanan rarely misses a day, regardless of the weather or any other obstacles that many people would use as an excuse.

Buchanan also stays busy with other outdoor activities, including yard work. He is known among his neighbors for his “Energizer Bunny” style work ethic when it comes to pulling weeds, mowing the grass, trimming hedges and other duties.

He is equally effective at projects *inside* the house. Buchanan is a bona fide “Mr. Fix It” on virtually anything — plumbing, painting, electrical work, etc. — and is a wizard with automobiles, too, as evidenced by the 1922 Ford Model T that he restored.

On top of all this, the ultimate handyman is also a barber (he got a barber’s chair for Christmas last year) and cuts hair for several friends.

Buchanan continuously uses his talents to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus. Whether it’s repairing the roof on a church member’s house, visiting an ailing neighbor in the hospital, serving on church committees, or simply offering the use of his truck to haul supplies and other items, Buchanan embodies the concept of having a “servant’s heart.” His love for Jesus is evident to all those who know him.

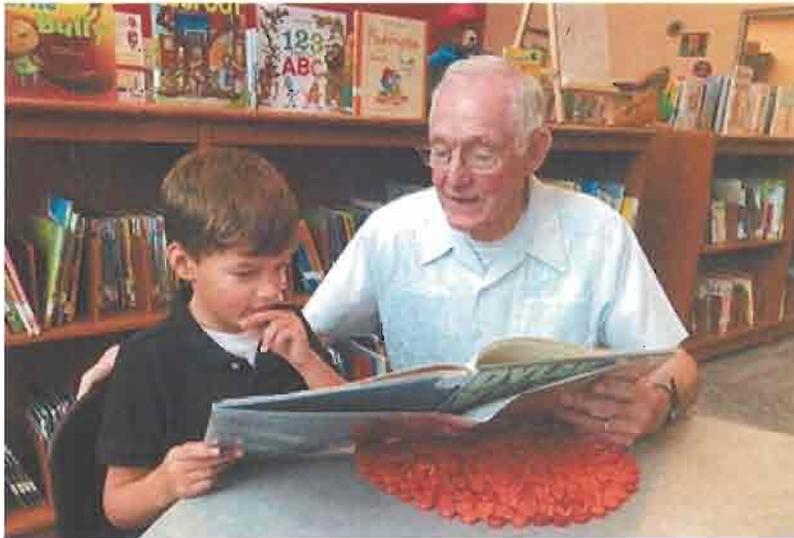
And yet, despite having so many irons in the fire, Buchanan makes sure that his volunteer work at the school remains a top priority.

He was pictured on the cereal boxes with one of his tutoring students, Noah DeJesus, who attends

Pennington Elementary and has made great strides in his reading in recent months. (Buchanan said he was allowed to “suggest” a student for the picture).

“It was a big deal for Noah,” said Buchanan. “He was a celebrity at school.”

Buchanan’s role at Pennington is just one of the many stops that he has made in his career as an educator, both in paid and unpaid positions. “I’ve worked with two-year-olds up to graduate students in college,” he said with a smile.



*Neal Buchanan (right), a member of Lincoya Hills Baptist Church in Nashville's Donelson community, works with Jonah, 8, a second-grade student at Pennington Elementary. Buchanan has been serving as a volunteer tutor at the school near his house for almost 20 years.*

Buchanan also worked as an editor, including editing children’s literature, at the Sunday School board (now *LifeWay*) for 23 years. During this time, he also co-authored a book and developed the *ABCs of Salvation* — a teaching tool that is still in circulation today. It is used to tell children, and adults, too, about Jesus.

He also was the principal of a program for emotionally disturbed

children in North Carolina and for a psychiatric school in Memphis.

“I have been involved in teaching, in some form or another, all my life,” he said.

Hopefully, he won’t stop teaching any time soon. After all, as a close friend of his likes to say, we all can stand to learn a thing or two from “Mr. Neal.”

With thanks to CBSI member, Marjorie Kindiger, who suggested this article!

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# Thoughts From Texas

Bill and Gina McQuatters, Texas Conveners

Not much to report from Texas this time of year as it is simply too hot to hold a festival outside. As I write this the heat is finally breaking and the 100 + degree days are, hopefully, behind us for another year. The older I get the less I enjoy the extreme heat. With the coming of fall it will soon be time for the Scottish Gathering and Highland Games in Salado, Texas. This is always one of our favorite places to convene the Buchanan Tent, lots of small town atmosphere and the weather is usually pleasant.

During the summer we made a trip to San Antonio for a little vacation with some of our good friends.

Being a Native Texan and from San Antonio I always make a point to stop by The Alamo to pay respects to the brave defenders who died for Texas Independence.

If you have ever visited the shrine it is a very moving experience, however once outside, the surrounding area takes on a more carnival atmosphere.

There are several tourist attractions that are totally unrelated to the Texas fight for independence and I'm not a big fan.

However, this is not a soapbox nor am I inviting reprisals on my statement. Thankfully there is a Master Plan in the works to return the site of the Alamo to what it looked like during the siege, thereby removing many of the unrelated attractions.

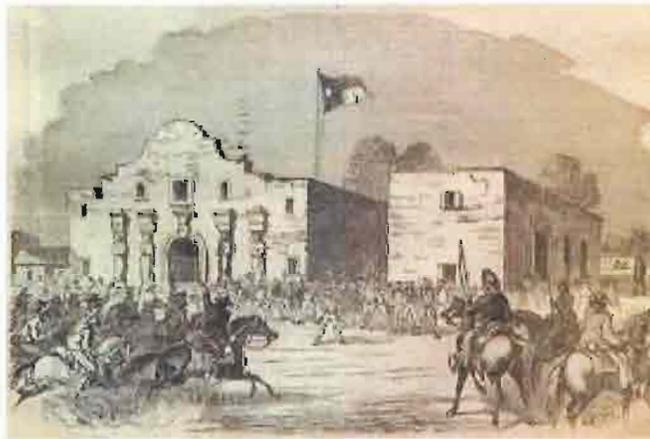
When visiting the Alamo one of the first things a visitor will see are the many flags, both state and

country, with a small banner at the top.

This banner identifies the number of defenders who died in the battle that were native to that country or state.

Scotland's flag has a banner showing that there were four defenders killed in the Alamo that were native to Scotland.

However this really doesn't show the deep connection between Scotland, The Alamo and the fight for Texas Independence.



All together history records that there were 187 defenders who died in the Alamo. Research has determined that there were a grand total of 256 known combatants in the Alamo and that 212 died during the siege, 43 survivors and 1 escapee who later died due to wounds.

We have all heard the names Travis, Crockett, Bowie, Seguin, Houston, Fannin, and others. But there were many others who immigrated to Texas that can claim Scottish heritage.

Family names like Campbell, Crawford, Cummings, Cunningham, MacClelland, and MacGregor are but a few, and even one Buchanan. Many had roots back to their Celtic Home even though they were born in the United States

James Buchanan was born in Alabama and married Mary McGee in 1833. He and his wife Mary, emigrated to Coahuila y Texas, Mexico.

They registered in 1834 as members of Stephen F. Austin's fifth colony.

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On October 19, 1835, James received a land grant of one league, 4428 acres, from the Mexican government. The land is located in the Birch area of present Burleson County, Texas.

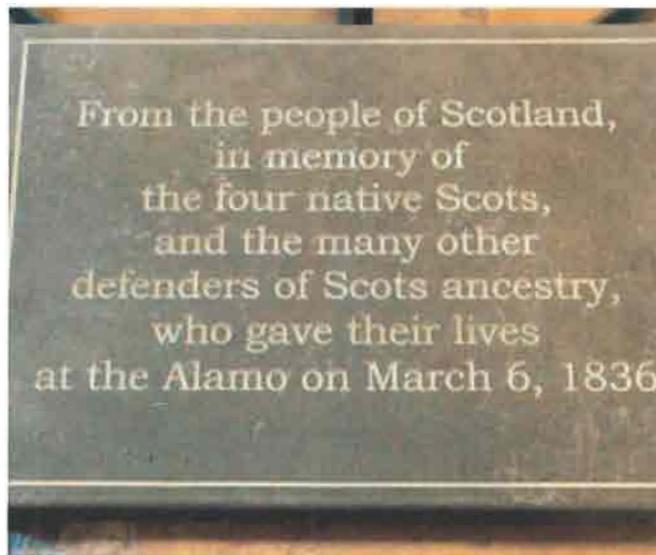
As a member of the Alamo garrison, he died in the battle of the Alamo.

Our own Ellis Buchanan is a direct descendent of James Buchanan, who is his fifth-great uncle.

To reinforce the bond between Scotland and the brave Alamo defenders, there is a stone that sits at the base of the Scottish Flag, near the front door of the shrine.

The stone was dedicated in 2010 and is of handcrafted Caithness stone. It is engraved to honor the four Scottish defenders and the other defenders of Scottish ancestry who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

My granddaughter was complaining over the summer that this year she “Had” to take Texas history and thought it was so boring. Now I’m no expert on the subject, but I know enough to know it is



far from boring. There is so much more to the story of Texas Independence than just the story of the Alamo. So many people of Celtic heritage helped secure Texas Independence and helped settle this land. Our Scottish roots go very deep.

### ***Now's the Day and Now's the Hour:***

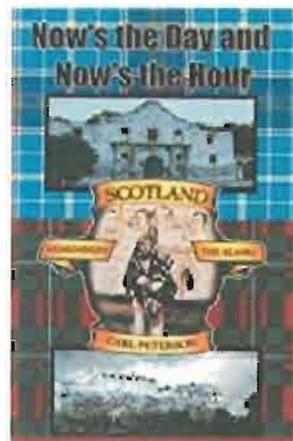
## ***Scotland Remembers the Alamo***

The author is our beloved friend and entertainer

***Carl Peterson***

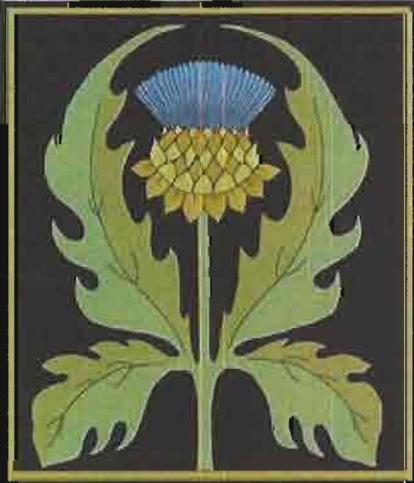
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Photos here and on page 7 are from both the Minnesota and Milwaukee Scottish Games. All are taken by Erin Buchanan-Darnick.



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# 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games



**Erin Buchanan - Darnick,**  
Region 6 Great Lakes Wisconsin Regent



Clan Buchanan returned to the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games July 20, 2018.

Erin Buchanan-Darnick, the regent in Wisconsin for Region 6 traveled to make sure our clan would be represented at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual games.

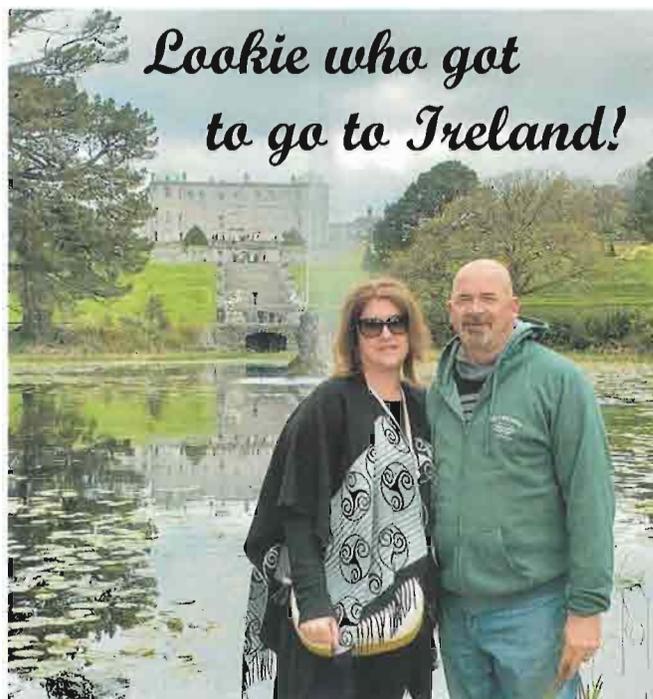
It was estimated that about 8,000 people attended the event, evidenced by the number of guests at the tent.

There were many guests and cousins who joined us, with two renewals and one new member joining the clan.

We had the largest group for the parade of clans and we send out thanks to all who marched with us.

Additional thanks go out to Chris Lacher, Commissioner Emeritus, for his assistance and providing additional display materials for the tent.

Chris also competed with the Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band at the games this year.



*Ken and Anne Buchanan at Powerscourt Estate, Wicklow, Ireland. It was really, really cold that day.*

**Jonathan H. Prestage  
designed this!**



CBSI's Jonathan H. Prestage writes, "Is anyone else in Clan Buchanan a Mason and a Knight of the Royal Order?"

I designed this (see above) combining the two!"

# WISCONSIN HIGHLAND GAMES

## featuring the **Chicago Stockyard Kilty Band**

Erin Buchanan - Darnick, Region 6 Great Lakes Wisconsin Regent

Rain, then humidity, then rain, and then some more humidity (plus lots of sun)! Mother Nature kept us on our toes this year. The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Wisconsin Highland Games kicked off on Friday, August 31, with the calling of the clans. The clans were a little sparse that evening as the rain and thunderstorms were on their way.

We spent Saturday morning setting up in the rain, and hanging out with the Palmer family under the tent until the rain finally gave us a break. That afternoon the sun came out and things slowly started to dry out. We had a few members come visit us, Dorthy Tinkham Delo and Jennifer Rittmann. It is nice to meet people to put a face with the name and find people willing to help out with future games.

Arriving Sunday morning, a few of the tents

needed some TLC. Our tent had a couple of legs pulled up but no major damage. The tent next to us, Clan McNeil, did not fare so well. Deb and Pastor Ron Johnson's tent collapsed overnight during the storm and it was not salvageable. As we helped them clean up, they decided they were going to go home early. I invited them to take over our second tent, we had a full house with my family and the Palmer family, but we couldn't let them go home feeling so defeated. They graciously accepted our offer and we made great friends with Deb and Ron that day. We were glad we could help them out and allow them to stay and enjoy the last day of the games.

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*All photos by Erin Buchanan - Darnick*



*Top photo: Erin Buchanan-Darnick and Peggy Buchanan.*

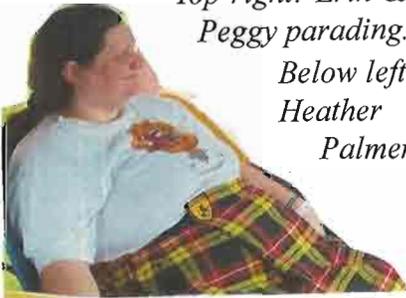
*On the right: The Palmer family: (l-r) Isiah, Bill, Josiah, Heather and Alayna Palmer.*



*Top: The Chicago Stockyard Kilty Band in their Buchanan kilts.*

*Top right: Erin & Peggy parading.*

*Below left: Heather Palmer.*



*The Macneils: Pastor Ron Johnson and his wife, Deb Johnson, Erin Buchanan-Darnick.*

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The tent was plenty busy both Saturday and Sunday with kids getting passports stamped and visitors coming to sample Buchanan Scotch Whisky. Our youngest clan member, Josiah, helped out stamping the passports, and I made sure the whisky was shared.

We also had a visit from a couple who were able to give us great information about the Buchanan Log House in Nashville, TN. Our guest Natalie was very knowledgeable about the family's history and thought it would be a great place to have a Buchanan gathering in the future. I plan to contact her mother, who is in charge of overseeing the Buchanan Log House, to get more information.

The last highlight of the games was the Chicago Stockyard Kilty Band. They were competing in grades 3, 4, and 5, as well as individual pipers competing.

I had a chance to speak with some of the pipers to learn about the history of the band and to ask how

they chose the Buchanan tartan. The band, one of the oldest continuous pipe bands in the United States, was formed in 1921. The band first performed in 1922 and was known as the British Legion Pipe Band, and wore the British Legion uniform.

In 1934, the band lost all its equipment in the Great Stockyard Fires of Chicago. The Chicago Stockyard American Legion Post #333 purchased new drums for the band and helped raise funds for new uniforms.

When I asked how they chose the Buchanan tartan, I was told there were a variety of tartans shown to them and they chose Buchanan because they liked it the best.

This was the last festival for the season in Wisconsin and I am looking forward to another successful year in 2019 as I while away the 2018-2019 winter months!



# Can anyone help our own William Watson find his family?

I am searching for any additional information about my great-great-great-grandfather, **JOHN HENRY WATSON**. Records I have found indicate he may have been born September 4, 1780, and family legend maintains that he immigrated to the United States from Scotland as a child or young man. He lived most of his life in Danville, Virginia, where he is buried. His wife's name was **MARGARET ELIZABETH GREENE** and they had three children – **CAROLINE M.** born August 24, 1805; my great-great-great grandfather **ALANSON LEE WATSON** born August 26, 1808 and **WILLIAM B. WATSON** born October 1811. I would be particularly interested to learn from where in Scotland **JOHN HENRY WATSON** emigrated, and when. Additionally, any further information about his parents or family would be of interest. My contact information is [wwwatson@earthlink.net](mailto:wwwatson@earthlink.net).



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Genealogical Queries (see above) are FREE in *The Buchanan Banner*. All you have to do is to send your information to <[bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com)> anytime. There is no limit to length or number of queries except that they be reasonable.

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## Coleman - Knauer engagement

I am happy to announce my augmentation to Heather Knauer. We will be married on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Ms. Heather Knauer has a professional background in childcare and is experienced in animal rehabilitation.

She's a handicrafts enthusiast and manages her own traveling business at the local farmer's markets.

Heather spends her days with her dog, raises rabbits, and loves to travel.

Rev. Frank Coleman is a professional writer that as regularly as possible.



volunteers as a minister serving a unique statewide community.

He worked as a hospice spiritual care worker, as a retail manger, and a non-profit para-professional for years.

Rev. Coleman is a Mason, an avid outdoorsman who loves fishing, shooting sports, and homesteading. He also loves his dog and enjoys to travel.

They visit the Alma Highland Festival in Michigan

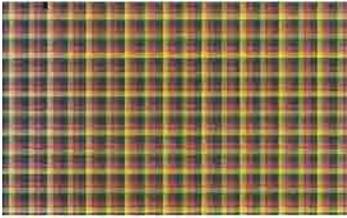
# CBSI Piper, Col. USAF (ret.) Jim Ling pipes for the departure of 2018 Northern CO Honor Flight to DC

CBSI member Jim Ling, Colonel USAF(ret), is shown here piping for the departure of Northern Colorado Honor Flight on Sept. 9, 2018.

Honor Flight takes WWII, Korea, and Vietnam war veterans to Washington, DC.

The veterans and their guardians visit war memorials in the DC area and return home after a day and a half. Jim has piped for this event for ten years.





# **CBSJ Candidates for Election 2018**

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## **David J. Byrne Candidate for President**

It has been my privilege to serve the CBSI as President of the Executive Council and as Commissioner for Region 1 (New England). I am a member of CBSI through my mother who was a Watt. I am former Regent for the State of Connecticut and a former 1st and 2nd Vice President of CBSI. I have convened at Scottish festivals in every state in our Region. I currently convene at the Round Hill Highland Games, the New Hampshire Highland Games and the Scotland Games in Connecticut. I represented the Society at the Buchanan gathering at the world famous Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 2017.

The Society is in the middle of a transition year as we modernize our membership services and stabilize expenses. This has been a difficult process but I feel that I have been responsive to the questions and concerns of our members. I look forward to the opportunity to bring the transition to a successful conclusion.



## **Lloyd Gibson Candidate for President**

I was born to blue collar parents in northern Indiana.

Father went to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad at the age of 14 and retired on his deathbed in 1960.

I entered the U.S. Air Force in 1962. I was trained and worked as a Independent Duty Medic. I did acquire and held the highest skill level awarded.

I was on several Mobility Teams as the only medic on the team. My responsibilities were the medical care of members of the team, approximately 50 men.

I supervised several outpatient clinics in several locations around the world and supervised several clinics in USAF Dispensaries.

My major at the University of New Mexico was in Small Business Management. After leaving the USAF, I continued in the medical field. My job was as manager of first line Emergency Department care in several locations. I trained and hired Basic EMT personnel.

I was Director of Emergency Medical Services for Jay County. I was hired with an idea from the County Commissioners, purchased equipment, hired and supervised forty EMT's.

Several years later, I was hired by The Indiana Department of Corrections to provide medical care and treatment for inmates.

Fast forward to 2000, retired and Nancy and I operated a franchise of clan crested clothing for two years then became interested in CBSI and set out on the circuit after taking over as Regent for Arizona from



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Sam and Deb Neihardt.

When the Commissioner for Region Ten died, I was asked by Kenneth Buchanan to step up and become Commissioner for Region Ten. It was then that I was then elected First Vice President.

The next step upward was when Eric Bullard stepped down as president and I was elevated to President CBSI. So, you see, I came up through the ranks over a sixteen year period.

Am I qualified for another term? I think so. I hope I can count on your vote for President Thanks for reading this communication, it began as a short note. BUT.....Lloyd Gibson, Past President of CBSI.

## **Kevin “Buck” Buchanan Candidate for 1st Vice President**

Kevin “Buck” Buchanan (Incumbent) – I am an Eagle Scout and a graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. I have been a CBSI member since the 1980s and I became actively involved with CBSI in 2005, as a Convener, helping to host our tents at Northern California Events. Eventually I worked my way up to Regent and then Chapter Co-Commissioner with my brother Michael.

In 2017, I was honored to be elected by the membership as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of CBSI. I have brought to the Executive Council during tenure, experience gained from being an active member and leader at Clan events for 13 years. Additionally, I retired from a 32 ½ year law enforcement career in 2017, where I held leadership positions and became the president of a professional association.



During my time on the CBSI Executive Council, I’ve been hard at work drawing from my experiences, to modernize the organization to better connect with our members and potential members. While CBSI has been good at connecting with the Greatest Generation and Baby Boomers, we’ve lost our way connecting with Generation X, Millennials and Generation Z; who conduct much of their business by means other than mail. It is with this in mind, our membership will see the introduction of the membership platform MemberPlanet, to connect Clan Buchanan members globally; as well as lowering the membership dues for international members on the electronic platforms.

I would like your support in reelecting me to another term as your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, so that I can continue to work on serving Clan Buchanan members in all areas. There remains work to be done on MemberPlanet and with our appointed officers, Webmaster Tammy Tobin and Information Technology John Gibson; in continuing to better connect with our membership. We are planning new content for all our platforms; providing more information on genealogy, Clan history, events in your area and growing internationally.

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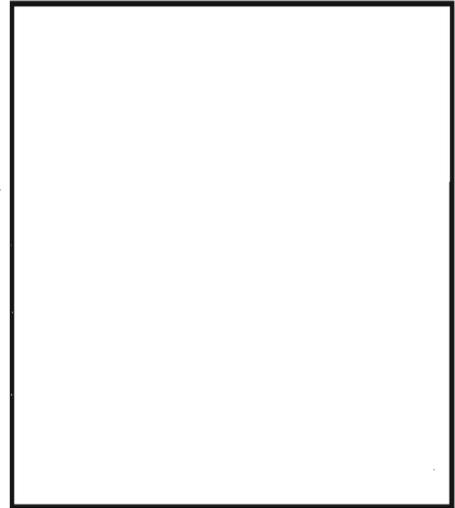
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## **Ray Buchanan Candidate for 1st Vice President**

A native of Texas, Ray Buchanan earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Doctor of Divinity from Shenandoah University and a Doctor of Humane Letters from North Carolina State University. He founded STOP HUNGER NOW (recently rebranded as RISE AGAINST HUNGER), in 1998, following an 18-year career as the founder and co-director of the SOCIETY OF SAINT ANDREW, a Virginia based domestic food relief organization. Ray also served 4 years in the U.S. Marine Corps including 14 months in the Far East (Okinawa, Japan & Vietnam.)



An ordained United Methodist minister, he is fueled by the vision of ending hunger in his lifetime and, to that end, has dedicated himself to helping those in the greatest need. Ray is the recipient of numerous awards in recognition of his humanitarian efforts. His awards include the University of North Carolina at Wilmington Alumnus of the Year Award, the Caring Institute National Caring Award, the National Association of Christians and Jews Humanitarian Award and the Maxwell House "Real American Hero Award," the North Carolina International Human Rights Award, and the International Affairs Council's Citizen of the World award.

Ray has previously served the Clan in several positions, including Clan Chaplain, Mid-Atlantic Region Commissioner, Contributing Editor to the *Buchanan Banner* and Clan Buchanan Society International President.

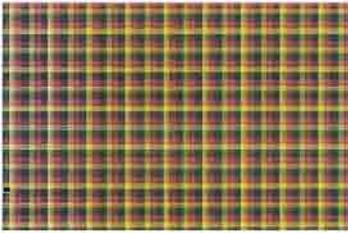
Ray currently teaches in the Nonprofit Leadership Program at the University of Lynchburg and is active with several local and international nonprofit boards. He has recently returned to active participation with the Clan and is interested in helping it grow.

## **James F. Gibson Candidate for Second Vice President**



I ask for your consideration to represent our club as the Second Vice-President. I feel that I am a highly qualified candidate for this role because of my extensive experience in all aspects of the operations of our society. Finally, my professional experience has prepared me with the skill set required to function within various diverse groups while successfully expressing my own viewpoint. I am a seasoned representative with all levels of contacts within both industry and government. This illustrates my abilities and successes that I expect to utilize as our second vice president. I solicit your vote in the upcoming election

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Clan Buchanan Society International Experience CBSI:

I acted as Assistant Membership Secretary for my wife, Joyce, from 1996 thru 2003.

I was elected Treasurer in 2005 and served in that capacity until 2017.

I have convened the Buchanan Tent at the Southeast Alabama Highland Games in Dothan, Alabama for each of the three years of their existence.

Joyce, I, and both of our daughters have been LIFE Members of CBSI since the mid-1990s.

Other Scottish Activity: I am currently the Designated Convener for the State of Georgia for the Scottish District Families Association which includes the SMHG in 2018.

We have researched both lines of my family back as far as their emigration from Scotland in the late 1740s.

I have been actively involved in the sport of dogs since 1972. We are life members of three kennel clubs, the Atlanta Kennel Club and Kennesaw Kennel Clubs since 1974 and the Borzoi Club of America since 1975. I have served these organizations in many responsible capacities. This experience indicates the ability to work within various hobby organizations.

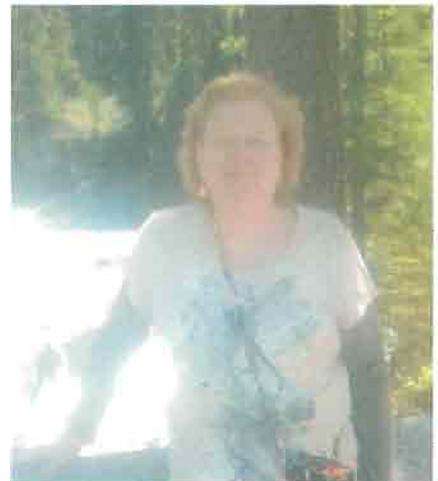
I am an Engineering graduate of Auburn University (Class of 1961). I retired from the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company in Advanced Design after 38+ years of service and am currently a self-employed Aerospace Engineering Consultant. My experiences involved both technical presentations and industry expertise to senior level contacts within the United States Air Force as well as other organizations such as AIRBUS Industries in Bremen, Germany.

I have held memberships on Technical Standards Committees of both the Aerospace Industries Association and the Society of Automotive Engineers.

## **Shelagh Colledge**

### **Candidate for Recording Secretary**

My name is Shelagh and I come to Clan Buchanan through my Weir/McWhirter septs. I previously held the position of Recording Secretary in the late 90s to early 00s. I took my job seriously and attended all AGMs during my calling. I enjoyed meeting cousin's across the United States. If I'm elected again to serve Clan Buchanan as Recording Secretary I will do all that is asked for to support the Executive Council and Clan Buchanan. Slainte.



## **Karen Buchanan**

### **Candidate for Membership Secretary**

“She and her husband are enjoying their retirement in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia “.

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## Clan Buchanan Chief, continued from page 1

"We first approached the Lyon Court informally over 20 years ago and it has taken decades of genealogical research to back up our claim.

"I am indebted to Hugh Peskett, my fellow Buchanan clansman, for his meticulous research and enduring tenacity."

George Lauder McAusland, commissioner for Scotland and the UK of the Clan Buchanan International Society, congratulated Mr. Buchanan on his appointment.

He said: "Clan Buchanan has members worldwide and having a chief for the first time in over 300 years will be an exciting time and a great opportunity to promote our great clan to even greater heights."

The Clan Buchanan, whose historic seat was the now-ruined Buchanan Auld House in Stirlingshire, can be traced back to 1010 in Scotland.

There are Buchanans in countries including the UK, the United States of America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Jamaica.

David J. Byrne, President of Clan Buchanan Society International, Inc., said: "On behalf of the Clan Buchanan Society International, I offer my sincerest congratulations to John Michael Buchanan on his being confirmed by the Court of the Lord Lyon as Chief of the Name and Arms of Buchanan.

"After 337 years our Clan is complete once again

and we celebrate this historic event. I look forward to working with Michael as we continue to grow the traditions, history and honour of our Clan name. I join with Clan members of the name Buchanan and our many other sept names around the world in welcoming Michael as our chief!"

Patty Hopkinson, the Clan Buchanan Society International's genealogist, said: "I could not be more pleased by the announcement of this wonderful news regarding the Lord Lyon recognising John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan's petition to assume the

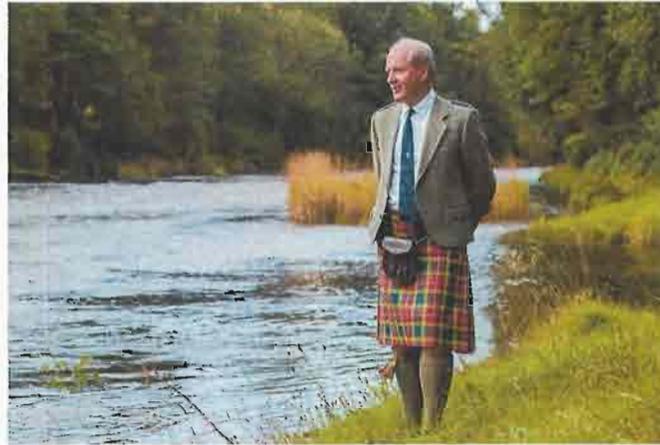
chiefship of our wonderful clan. This is an exciting time for Clan Buchanan and for Buchanan genealogy. I look forward to lending my full support to our new chief."

The Clan Buchanan Society International flies a banner at Highland games around the world which features a lion rampant with tears of sorrow to represent the sadness of clansmen without a chief.

The new chief has four children with his wife The Lady Buchanan including heir apparent, Angus John Buchanan younger of that Ilk, Bruce, Lucy and Rory.

As well as those with the surname Buchanan, clansmen and women also include those with Scottish roots and surnames such as Bohannon, Coleman, Colman, Cormack, Dewar, Dove, Dow, Gibb, Gib-

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# We have a Chief! Michael Buchanan

## *A personal message from The Buchanan!*

I am pleased to be able to announce that my claim to the chiefship of Clan Buchanan has just been upheld by Lord Lyon. The clan is one of the oldest and largest Scottish clans and I consider this a great honour.

I have always known that I was at least the Buchanan of Leny and Arnprior. My family have also long believed that we had a good case for the chiefship. Proving this belief has been a long process. We first approached the Lyon Court informally over 20 years ago and commissioned Hugh Peskett to undertake the necessary research 15 years ago. As well as being a highly respected genealogist, Hugh is also a fellow clansman.

I am indebted to him for the meticulous research he has conducted. The case he compiled runs to a hundred pages, goes back to 1370 in places and references 300 other documents.

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### **Clan Buchanan Chief**, continued from page 22

Richardson, Rush, Rusk, Walter, Walters, Wasson, Waters, Watson, Watt, Watters and Weir. These are known as septs.

Clan Chiefs must be approved by the Lord Lyon King of Arms. The Lord Lyon, through the Lyon Court, has full judicial powers to enforce use of heraldry and coats of arms in Scotland as a "Court of Chivalry" and it is the last surviving court of chivalry in the world. Its powers are governed by an Act of the Scots Parliament in 1672. The court sits with judge and advocates in wigs and robes.

For more information about Hugh Peskett including his website and contact details, please visit: [hughpeskett.co.uk](http://hughpeskett.co.uk).

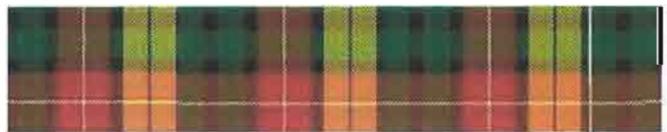
Throughout this lengthy process, I have been cautious about what I could say publicly about my claim to the chiefship. An earlier claim relating to a different clan appears to have foundered in part because the applicant spoke publicly before his claim was proven. With that in mind, I resolved to wait until my claim was proven unequivocally before speaking out. It has taken me 20 years to get to that point.

There has not been a chief for a very long time – at least 337 years. Given the lack of a chief I am not surprised that some clansmen have been looking to find a chief through an election or elsehow. However the rules of Scottish genealogy are quite clear that genealogy takes precedence and a Derbfine (election) can only be held as a matter of last resort. To anyone who may be disappointed not to have had an election I can only say that I hope that I will become the chief you would have wanted to vote for.

I now intend committing some of my time to clan matters and travelling to clan functions in Scotland and overseas. The clan is already well represented by two capable societies and I look forward to liaising with and supporting both of these societies in the good works they do for the clan whilst leaving them both to continue administering their own internal affairs.

Along with my wife Paula, children Angus, Bruce, Lucy and Rory I look forward to involving myself in clan matters and meeting many of my fellow clansmen at home and abroad.

*Mike Buchanan of that Ilk*



# Clan Buchanan Honored Clan at the Bitterroot Celtic Games & Gathering

**Donna McCammond, Regent Montana**

**You just couldn't miss the fact that we were Honored Clan!** The game organizers used the modern Buchanan Tartan as a border in all their advertising, as well featuring our clan crest and "2018 Honored Clan Buchanan" in all their ads, post card mailings, programs, posters, etc. It truly was an honor and Don McCammon, Montana Regent, was distinguished as Honored Chieftain of the games!

They were held August 18-19, 2018 at the Daly Mansion, Hamilton, Montana.

Don stepped away from playing the pipes with the Celtic Dragon Pipe Band for the weekend to welcome everyone to the games at the opening ceremonies; concluding his speech "with the tossing of the caber by the Scottish American Athletic Association, Montana Chapter, LET THE GAMES BEGIN!"

So many members and guests stopped in to help out at the tent .... Too many to mention, but I do want to give a special "shout out" to:

◆ Dave & Leigh Adams for being such great help at the clan tent and for the great photos!

◆ Karen & Matt Buchanan from Spokane, WA who had just joined Clan Buchanan two weekends prior. They had so much fun in Spokane that they came to see us again!

◆ Amy Williams and Bruce Truett. They were tied up at the Athletic events most of the time but found time to stop in. Both will be competing in the Worlds Competition in Stuttgart this fall. Two very amazing athletes!

◆ Toni Luggar for her never waning enthusiasm and participation in all things Buchanan!

◆ Larry Buchanan, Jr. traveled over from Tieton, WA and is the bass drummer for the Tacoma Scots Pipe Band. He was most generous to us – and to our wee guests wanting to learn about drumming!



**Don McCammon, Montana Regent, and  
Honored Chieftain of the Games!**

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# Spokane, Washington Scottish Highland Games great fun!

Donna & Don McCammon,  
Regents



**August 4, 2018  
Spokane,  
Washington**

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Games in Spokane did not disappoint! Clan Buchanan was one of eight clans in attendance for this one day event packed with Highland Dancing, Athletic Events, Piping & Drumming Competitions and (our favorite!) the Robert Burns poetry recitation and poetry slam

led by none other than Bruce Ridley.

Bruce and Susan Ridley are long time supporters of the Spokane Highland Games – and this year became official members of the Clan Buchanan! A special welcome to our newest members:

- ◆ Nora Tiffany (Watson is her mother's maiden name)
- ◆ Karen and Matthew Buchanan
- ◆ Bruce and Susan Ridley (for the Coleman lineage!)
- ◆ Suzanne Pate (from the Watson line!)

After enjoying Mr. Ridley's inspiring Robbie Burns performances there was also a British car display, highland cows, Celtic blacksmithing, an appearance by "Clan Claus" (in traditional Santa Claus col-

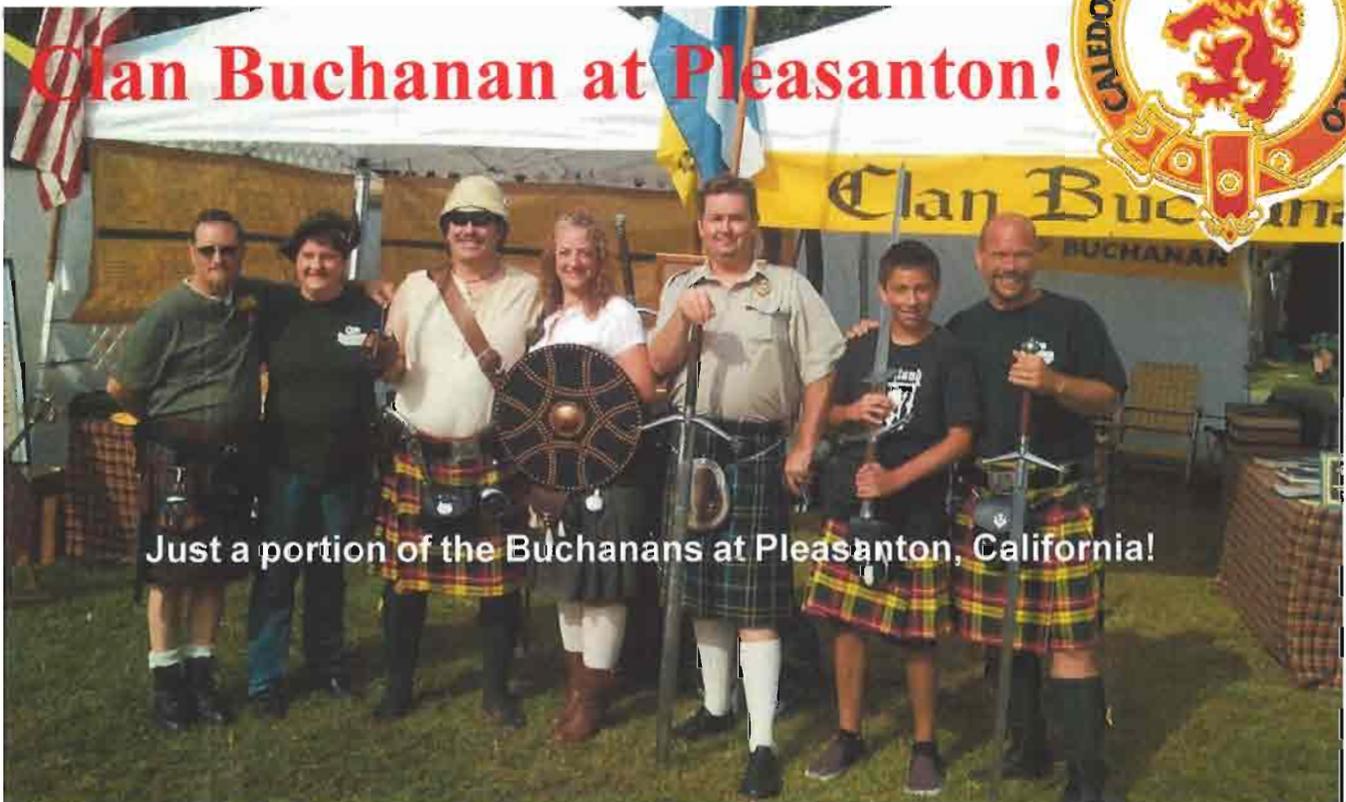
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ors!), and sheep and duck herding demonstrations!

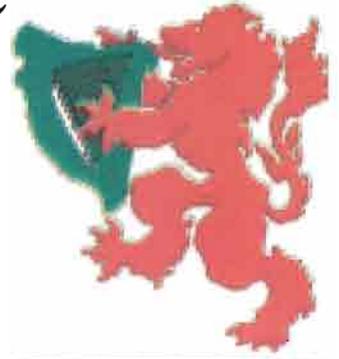
As you would expect – it was getting together with old friends and making new friends that truly makes this event shine! Again – a *special welcome* to our newest members and to the many more expressing an interest in Clan Buchanan



Just a portion of the Buchanans at Pleasanton, California!



# Quad Cities Celtic Festival & Highland Games much fun



Danny McMurphy,  
CBSI Quartermaster



Clan Buchanan was represented at the Quad Cities Celtic Festival in Davenport, IA on September 14th and 15th. This was the 20th Annual Festival for the Quad Cities but only the 2nd time that Clan Buchanan has attended this festival by our Region 7-Midwest Commissioner (and Missouri Regent) Danny McMurphy, from Sullivan, Missouri.



Last year only 3 Clans attended but this year a total of 8 Clans were there to help give a bit more Scottish to the Festival. The Highland Games went on all day nearby and the attendees listened to a bit of the pipes by the local Black Hawk Pipers who were there all day and led the Clan Parade at noon. It was a warm day but well attended and Clan Buchanan had a big flow of people coming by with a booth full of Irish Wolfhounds as neighbors.

*Photos, from the top left: Danny McMurphy, the pipe band and the clan tent in the background, the neighbors at the games, the Wolfhounds. The very bottom of the page, the games site. Photos by Danny McMurphy*



# CBSI 2018 BALLOT

Please mark your ballots with your choice of candidates and then mail to the Judge of Elections:

**Beth Gay Freeman, 688 Camp Yonah Road, Clarkesville, GA 30523**

- President: Lloyd Gibson
- President: David Byrne
  
- 1st Vice President: Kevin “Buck” Buchanan
- 1st Vice President: Ray Buchanan
  
- 2nd Vice President: James Gibson
  
- Recording Secretary: Shelagh Colledge
  
- Membership Secretary: Karen Buchanan
  
- Treasurer: John Brice

If you cannot print this page, just use a piece of plain paper and write down the persons you wish to have your vote.

If there is more than one CBSI member in your household, each one gets a vote. Just either print this page or use a plain piece of paper. For example: husband and wife = 2 votes.

Ballots must be returned by 15 November 2018.

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## A favor, please!

To be efficient, as we are trying to get a correct and current list of the USPS and email addresses for our CBSI members, would each member please write their correct USPS address and email addresses on a piece of paper and include in the mailing? Thank you.

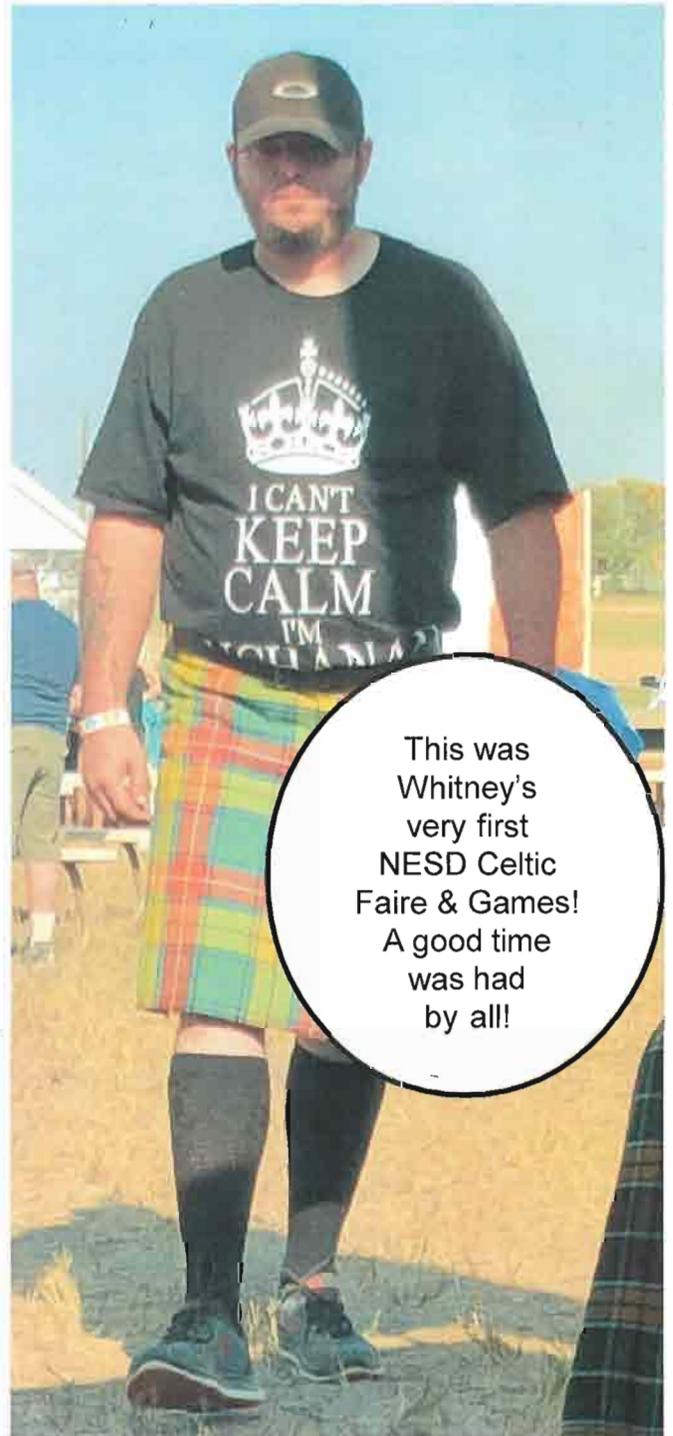
**If you would rather**, it's fine to send your USPS address and email to [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com). I'll send them on to the proper folks.



# I can't keep calm, I'm Buchanan!

Whitney M. Buchanan

The Northeast South Dakota Celtic Faire and Games is a family-friendly festival based in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and is held in the Centennial Village at the Brown County Fairgrounds the third weekend in September.



This was Whitney's very first NESD Celtic Faire & Games! A good time was had by all!

# How I became a CBSI Regent!

Mark Masterton, Regent for Nebraska

Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska: The name is Masterton, not Masterson. I get the “son” all the time. I could understand it if my family was from Poland



and you mispronounced the “cwyz” at the end. I was told at the Estes Park Festival that many times the “Mastertons” from Scotland would say their name was actually “Masterson” to confuse the tax collector, and hopefully avoid payment. I wonder if that would work today?

At that same Estes Park (Colorado) Highland Games, I found out I was a Buchanan.

I kind of expected that because of my dad, who had told me his family was from Scotland. He had also told me that his mom and dad and older sister were natives of Glasgow, Scotland.

I tell you all this as a precursor to me signing up to be the Regent for the Buchanan’s in Nebraska. I mean, I didn’t have to go through a campaign and an election to earn this esteemed ranking. The spot was open and I was officially

appointed by the guy in the booth.

There may have been alcohol involved, not sure though, and the next thing I knew I saw my name in print in the *Banner*: “Mark J Masterton, REGENT, Nebraska”..... So I knew I was official, and the single malt was incidental to the actual taking of the job.

So, If I were an official of the Clan, I had to buy a kilt and the sporran and the sox and the belt and the Sgian Dubh and the pin to hold that flap together. I never knew what “going Commando” meant until I started wearing the kilt. That part wasn’t explained by the booth guy in Estes.

I’m a reasonably smart guy, and I should have known better than to commit to this elevated position as a Buchanan. And I’ll tell you why. When I paid that outrageous fee to get in to Estes, I asked the guy in the first tent that I saw (I think now he was a Stewart) if he knew where the Buchanan tent was.

I told him that I thought I was one; and ya know what? He said that the Buchannan’s were nothing but drunken sheep thieves and offered me a wee dram of that Glenfiddich nectar of the gods. I decided right then and there that the Stewarts were OK guys and that I’d fit right in with the Buchanans.

So, I searched out the Buchanan tent and made instant friends. The rest is history.

Now, I had no idea what a Regent did to maintain the title until a guy from the home office called and wanted me to put on an event. So I did, and I’ll tell you more about that in the next issue of the *Banner*.

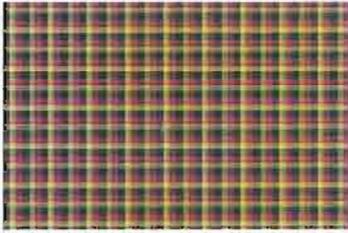
Aye, Mark



## Michele Buchanan leads Celtic Singers in New Mexico

The Celtic Singers formed over 20 years ago, and now Michele Buchanan (with the Celtic harp) is the facilitator/leader.

The group sings all sorts of Celtic music, and sing in Scots Gaidhlig, Irish Gaelic, Welsh, Manx, Broad Scots, and even English!



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## **John Joseph Brice, III Candidate for Treasurer**

I was born in 1958 to John Joseph Brice, Jr. and Catherine Leggit Taylor Watson. My mother was born in Scotland and immigrated to Canada when she was 12 and to the USA 10 years later.

I was born in California and graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in Geology.

While at SJSU I met my wife and we were married in 1981. We have two children.

I worked for the US Geological Survey and for two cities and retired in 2017 from a civil engineering company.

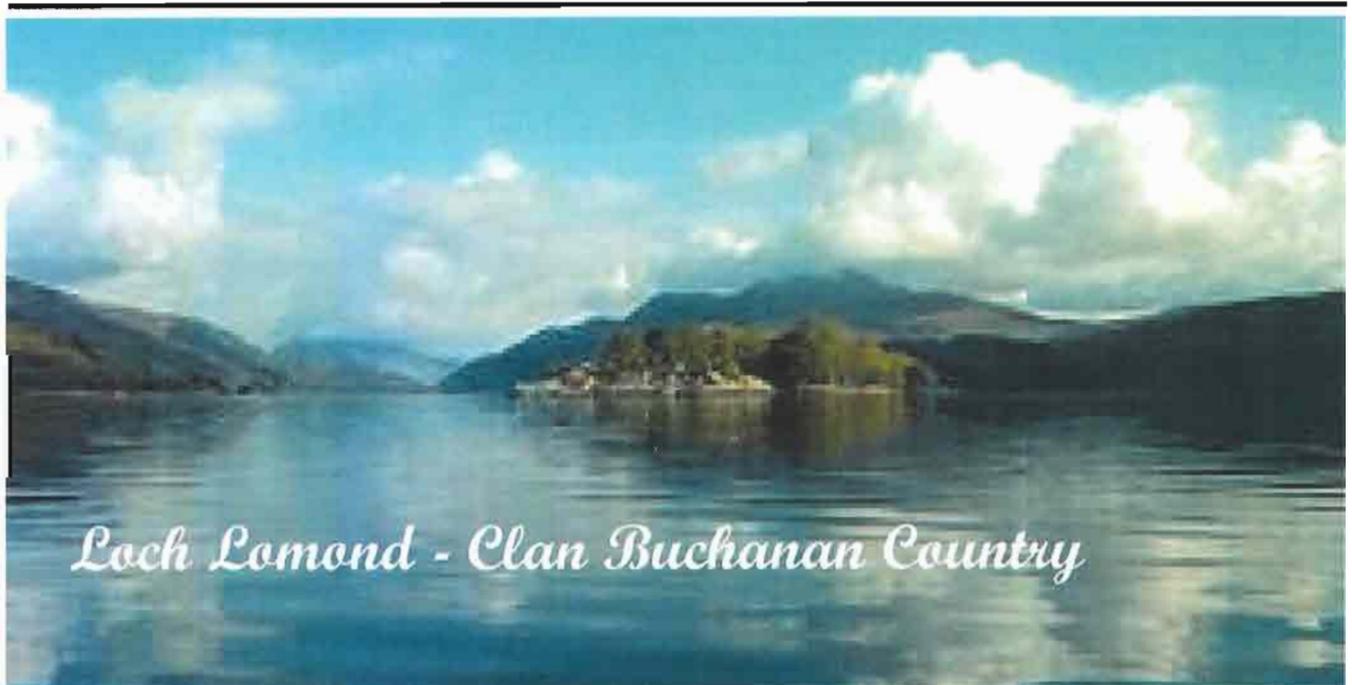
My wife also retired with 32 years working with a City in 2017. We moved in 2017 to our new home in South Dakota.



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*Loch Lomond - Clan Buchanan Country*

# Our 15<sup>th</sup> US President was James Buchanan



James Buchanan, nicknamed "Old Buck," was born in a log cabin in Cove Gap, Pennsylvania on April 23, 1791. Buchanan was a staunch supporter of Andrew Jackson. Following are ten key facts that are important to understanding the life and presidency of James Buchanan.

James Buchanan was the only president who was never married. He had been engaged to a woman named Anne Colman. However, in 1819 after a fight, she called off the engagement. She died later that year in what some have said was a suicide. Buchanan had a ward named Harriet Lane who served as his First Lady while he was in office.

Buchanan began his professional career as a lawyer but decided to volunteer for a company of dragoons to fight in the War of 1812. He was involved in the March on Baltimore. He was honorably discharged after the war.

Buchanan was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives after the War of 1812. He was not reelected after serving one term and instead returned to his law practice. He served in the US House of Representatives from 1821 to 1831 first as a Federalist and then as a Democrat. He staunchly supported Andrew Jackson and was outspoken against the 'corrupt bargain' that gave the 1824 election to John Quincy Adams over Jackson. (More on James Buchanan in the next *Buchanan Banner* issue.)



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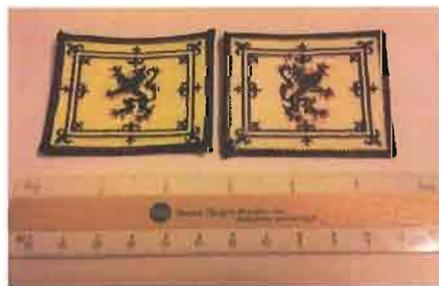
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