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Awarded Best Clan in Estes Park, Colorado

By International Newsletter Editor and Publisher, Larry Augsbury

Longs Peak Festival 2007 Clan Champions - Clan Cunningham



© Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival

Longs Peak Festival Clan Coordinator, Kent Woodward, presents the Best Clan of Festival trophy to Larry Augsbury. There were sixty-nine clans represented at this year's festival. (above) Left to right: Val and Chris Cunningham - Colorado Commissioners, Kent Woodward, (Lynn) Forest Cunningham, Larry Augsbury - High Commissioner, and Lynn Cunningham - Wyoming Commissioner.

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Letter to the Editor

I've been editing and publishing our quarterly newsletters now for nearly seven years. Throughout that time I have gained a vast knowledge of Scottish history, and our Cunningham heritage. Even though I find it interesting and even exhilarating, sometimes I wonder why I continue to invest so much of my free time into it. Then, I receive a message like the following one which reminds me that in sharing the experiences of fellow Cunninghams with our world-wide members, some of you actually enjoy these newsletters as much as I have enjoyed publishing them on behalf of our society. Thank you Rose for your generous commentary:

"Hi Larry, Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007

Thanks for sending the invaluable copies of the *Communiqué* (7 back-issues). What a treat! I enjoyed them so much that I looked through all of them that first evening. Then I went back later and read some of the articles more carefully. My favorite was the issue on Robert Burns and the Mauchline years. That one issue was worth the dues I paid (3 years).

Even though I'd been a fan of Robert Burns for years, I felt his story become more compelling after our visits to Scotland and to the Burns sites. I did lots of reading when we returned home, especially about his personal life, and read a couple of biographies. As a retired English teacher, I am very impressed with your scholarship, research, and ability to glean the best and present it to your readers in an accessible and entertaining manner. I'm adding this issue to my Burns collection. Thanks!

All of the issues are excellent in their variety of topics, quality of pictures, and their high professional standards. If there were a competition of clan newsletters, yours would surely win top prize! I hope all the members of Clan Cunningham appreciate the high quality of this newsletter.

I intend to keep my membership up-to-date in the future and apologize for my oversight in the past.

Yours aye, Rose Cunningham Trigg"

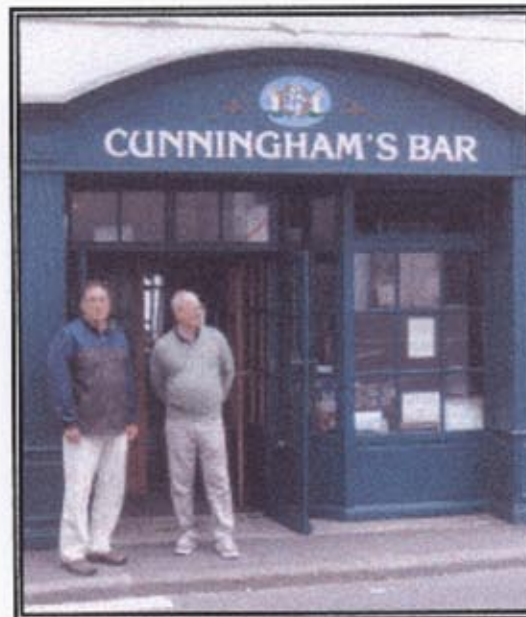
Larry Augsburg - Editor & Publisher of the Clan Cunningham Communique

Clan Cunningham Travel Adventures in France & Scotland! by Ron Cunningham, Michigan Commissioner

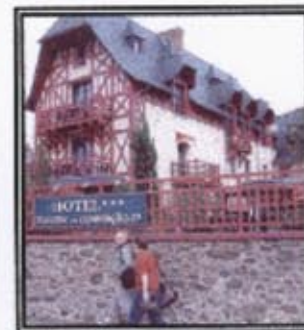
As part of a post D-Day trip to visit battlefields of several wars in Belgium and France, as well as Cunningham sites in Scotland for three marvelous weeks in June, I came across a new Cunningham landmark on the seacoast of France. I was accompanied by my brother, Jerry, a retired Air Force Lt. Col., and a neighbor of our High Commissioner in Westminster, CO., and his son, Mark, who works in the American Embassy in Brussels.

We stayed at a delightful Bed & Breakfast hôtel located right on the bay in St. Malo, Le Manoir du Cunningham, and

just a few yards down the street you'll find Cunningham's Bar! (L to R: below is Ron & Jerry Cunningham in St. Malo, France)



The hotel opened in 1988, the owner's mother was a Cunningham and the bar's nautical theme is in honor of WWII British Admiral Andrew Cunningham, who is held in high esteem by the



people of St. Malo. The hotel has 13 rooms and a great breakfast. When we arrived, (left, Jerry and Mark Cunningham) the pretty desk clerk said we were the first Cunninghams to visit the hotel in her memory. As we were walking over, she called ahead to the Cunningham Bar and the manager welcomed us with a round of free drinks!

St. Malo is a beautiful city with part of the older section within the walls of a 600 year old fort. We came upon a large statue of Jacques Cartier, a local boy who discovered Quebec, Canada. When the morning fog clears, (continued on page 3)



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(continued from page 2) you can see the marina and the dock for the Auto Ferry to England. St. Malo is well worth more than the few hours we spent there!

After touring the Normandy coast, we drove to Cherveux and spent the night with François and Marie-Thérèse Redien at the Château de Cherveux. We had a five hour dinner with wine, local cheeses



Jerry Cunningham, left, and François, right, and guests, sample the Cunningham's Pineau de Cherveux, in the castle's wine cellar before it's mis en bouteille au Château de Cherveux.

and great conversation with the Rediens and Jim and Julie Hutchinson. Jerry presented François with a Colorado Rockies baseball cap (below) which he



accepted even though I'm not sure he knew who the Rockies are! [Editorial Newsflash! At press time the Colorado

Rockies baseball team appears unstoppable. They have won 10 games in a row, having swept the Phillies playoff series, have swept the Diamondbacks in the National League Championship playoff series, have won 21 of their last 22 games, and seem destined to win the World Series. Keep wearing that magic hat François!] Futbol, they understand! Before I left, I pinned a silver Scottish Thistle on the Clan Cunningham banner that stands proudly in the parlor.

After a stop in Paris, we flew to Edinburgh and drove over to the Cunningham and Robert Burns sites in Ayrshire before going north through the Highlands to Inverness. Our experience with the B&Bs in Scotland was outstanding! Each one was special in its own way, but Burnfoot House in Lochwinnoch was exceptional! The house is located across from the Lochwinnoch Golf Club, and our host, Ronnie McCorrisken, proved to be one of a kind! When we told him of our mission to visit Cunningham sites, he began to name several within just a few miles, along with Robert Burns and William Wallace monuments. Then he said, "Get in the car, I'll drive you!" After three hours of Cunningham sites, weavers' cottages, a micro brewery, and dinner at the Fox and Hounds, he called his lady friend who came over and serenaded us with Scottish ballads accompanied by her Irish harp! One of our stops was at the church in Kilbarchan that has a statue of Habbie Simpson, the Piper of Kilbarchan from the 1500s. While we were taking photos, we heard the sound of bagpipes! Ronnie went inside and came out with a red-headed teenager who was playing the

pipes for a dance class in the social hall of the church! (below: Ron-L, Jerry-R) He



gave us a few tunes before he had to go back to his duties.

Our next choice in Ayrshire, Sunnyside B&B in Alloway, was only a mile from Burns Cottage and the Brig O'Doon! We visited the Burns Farm and Memorial in Mauchline, and the Bachelors' Club in Tarbolton, where Robert Burns helped establish a debating society for single men. The Bachelors' Club is on the corner of Burns and Cunningham streets!

We drove north through Glasgow to Rob Roy Macgregor country in the Trossachs to Loch Lomand where we were well received. It seems that when he was on the run for several years, Rob Roy used Cunningham as one of his aliases. We drove on north to Loch Ness and spent the night at the Aslaich B&B in Drumnadrochit on Loch Ness and had a great dinner at Fiddler's Pub. As for spotting Nessie, not a ripple!

We went "over the top" to Inverness and down the east side of the Loch through Perth to Edinburgh for our flight back to Brussels. We saw sights in the Highlands that were so beautiful as to make a strong man cry! I will always remember the hospitality shown to us by those all along the way. It seems that good people appreciate good people!

In 1999, CCSA member Michael Tibbedeaux (pictured at bottom left in the red kilt) presented to John Montgomery as a gift (also pictured bottom far left) the CCSA copyrighted print of Clan Cunningham burning down Montgomery's Eglinton Castle. John had it



framed with the caption which read "Clan Cunningham House Warming Party," and displayed it for years at the Clan Montgomery tent. This picture is on the ground in front of them in the picture at the bottom, below left.

Laurens Montgomerie has recently created and sent me these two images, which incorporated our image of Eglinton castle ablaze. For more info on these images you can visit Laurens site at <http://www.lowlandcelt.com>.



Triennial General Membership Meeting

By Larry Augsbury

The weather was marvelous at Grandfather Mountain last July, if a wee bit chilly Thursday evening for the torch-lit Calling of the Clans ceremony – my favorite event. I called our Clan using a similar script first used last June at the Arlington Games by our Texas Commissioner, Denise Stana, which was well received in North Carolina too. Friday evening's Reception & Dance was terrific, as was the fine food, drinks, dancing, and entertaining speeches, and attended by the Cunninghams (below).



L to R: Fran, Ken, Courtney, Tracy & Cody Powers and Dr. Doris Tucker.

We met lots of Cunninghams with whom we shared good fellowship and food which was in our second tent on the inner ring of the arena, full of chairs for watching the athletics, parades, etc., and a spread of food on Saturday and Sunday. We held our TGM there at the second tent, which was short and sweet, lasting only about 30 minutes. No motions or society business was conducted, in good part due to being evicted from our tent (which caught us by surprise!) so that the grounds could be cleared for the evening's entertainment.

The Celtic Autumn Season

By Jack Cunningham-Western Commissioner

"Autumn is a good time for visiting:
During its short days there is work for all...
There are sweet acorns in the high woods,
Cornstalks are kind over the brown earth."

From an ancient Celtic-Irish poem
translated by Caitlin Matthews in *The Celtic Spirit*

My granddaughters have already begun picking the berries that grow wild near our homes and I love the berry cobbler (with ice cream of course!) the girls—age 4, 6 and 11—make under the supervision of my daughter. Kate, my wife, will soon begin the task of pruning and trimming back the flowers in preparation for winter. Next month is Halloween and then the winter holidays will be upon us.

"This has been our way: Spring for plowing and for sowing; Summer for strengthening the crop, Autumn for grain's ripeness and for reaping; Winter for consuming its goodness."

The Celtic Book of Days by Caitlin Matthews

Long before we were called Scots or Irish, Europe was the lands and peoples of the Celtic nation. The Celts were farmers and divided the year up into four quarters, each

quarter, about three of our months long, represented a season which was celebrated by a festival marking its opening.

"Whatever may have been the exact meaning of the Celtic state worship, there seems to be no doubt that it centered around the four great days in the year which chronicle the rise, progress and decline of the sun..."

Celtic Myths & Legends by Charles Squire

These celebrations began the evening before, and were held in a central location in each tribal area. It was a social time for the tribe to gather together for the election of leaders [both men and women], a time to worship together, to discuss legal matters and revise laws, and of course all disagreements were prohibited as it was a time of fun with a variety of sporting events and games.

The autumn for the Celts actually began on August 1 and was called Lughnasadh [pronounced Loo'nassa] and it lasted through October 31 (of our calendar) when winter began. Lughnasadh was the beginning of the harvest season of the year for the Celts. Even though the days in August are still hot, you can already notice the cooler nights and the start of the time of gathering of the food for winter.

We call it Halloween, they called it Samhain.

The winter half of the year began for the Celts on the evening prior to November 1, and ran approximately through January 31 (again our calendar) each year, and was known as SAMHAIN [pronounced as SOWen]. Myles Dillon and Nora Chadwick in *The Celtic Realms* indicate the word may mean 'the end of summer' but point out they cannot be sure. The winter festival of Samhain was known as a time when the world of the living overlapped with 'the land of youth and beauty' as the Celts called heaven.

"It was the custom at the Feis of Tara to pass six days in feasting together before the sitting of the assembly: three days before Samhain and three days after it, making peace and entering into friendly alliances..."

Forus Feasa ar Eirinn by Geoffrey Keating

At that time of the year the doors of the si (pronounced she) were open. Dillon and Chadwick also tell us that the storytellers of ancient Ireland, the Seanchai (pronounced Shan-aky), spoke of the gods and people of the si as 'des side' or 'sluag side' meaning 'the host of the si'. But by the time the Christian monks recorded the stories of the Celts, they had ceased to have any religious or cult significance. The gods were no longer thought of as actually present or living amongst us.

Our Celtic ancestors religious convictions included: belief in an un-dying soul, they were unafraid of death, and upon death the soul went to heaven where you waited to be re-born into the family once again. The Celts never believed you could be punished for evil deeds on earth by coming back as a cow or other animal, but held fast to a life again as a re-born member of the clan. (As

a child growing up in a Scots/Irish home, I have often heard both Irish and Scottish relatives state in all earnest that she or he speaks, resembles and/or acts just like their deceased relative or a grandfather / grandmother who is gone now.)

The Celtic belief in heaven and re-birth was so strong that money was often loaned by the Celts with a promise to repay the loan in the next life. The Romans (who believed that when you died you went to Hades) recorded this strong belief in the soul and afterlife as the reason the Celt warrior (both men and women) was fearless in battle and disregarded death for victory.

Samhain was the forerunner of our Halloween celebrations today. The Celts did NOT believe in wispy ghosts but during Samhain looked for a solid figure in a person making the crossing over to the land of the living. A Celtic custom that lives on today in Ireland was to place a lighted candle in the window to welcome loved ancestors. The Irish immigrants in America carved turnips and placed candles inside, a prelude to our custom of pumpkin carving and lighting. The Scots tell their children to beware of the terrible Samhanach (goblin) who comes out at Samhain.

Western Regional Commissioner's Report

By Jack Cunningham-Western Commissioner

It has been a very busy quarter for the Western Region of CCSA. It started, for the first time, in Caldwell, ID, for the West Valley games with ID Commissioner, Corby Christensen, on June 9. The City of Tacoma, WA, HG were held on June 23, and then on



L to R: Idaho Commissioner-Corby Christensen, Corby's son and Corby's father.

July 14-15, Debbie and husband Jim were again hosts at the Skagit Valley HG in Mt. Vernon, WA. On July 20-21, CCSA Oregon State Commissioner, Chandler Cole, with his mother as well as numerous Cunningham family members, had the CCSA tent at the Portland 21st annual games at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, OR.



L to R: Corby Christensen-Idaho Commissioner, Jack Cunningham-West Region Commissioner & Chandler Cole-Oregon Commissioner.

CCSA Regional Officer's Reports, Stories and Activities

The big 61st Anniversary of the Pacific Northwest games in Seattle, WA, was on July 27-29. Debbie and Jim had the red carpet out for not only Corby and his lovely wife, Jane, visiting from WA state, and myself, but also our visitors. On August 11, Corby and Jane represented CCSA at the Whidbey Island, WA, HG. Winding down the year, I was joined at the CCSA tent by Corby and Jane at the Kelso, WA, games.



Paul Schoffstall, Jack & Corby at the Cunningham tent at the Boise, ID, games.

Finally on September 7-9 Corby and I were at the Treasure Valley HG in Boise, ID.



Jack congratulates Corby Christensen with his trophy for winning the Bonnie Knees contest at the Boise, ID, games.

To finish off this year, each December Debbie & Jim always represent CCSA at the winter Seattle, WA, big Tartan Ball and this year Corby & Jane and Kate & I plan on joining them for this end of the year gala.

CCSA IS RECRUITING FOR THE WESTERN STATES

We can really use your help at the upcoming games and Clan gatherings.

Anyone interested in accepting the position and the responsibility of a CCSA State Commissioner (where we currently do not have one) or anyone who wants to serve as an Assistant State Commissioner (helping out your existing state commissioner in a Western state) please call me 360/666-1891 or e-mail me at jcprtind@aol.com. The positions are for any of the Western States, the work is not paid, but the rewards...wow!

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR GIFT

Having a tough time deciding what to give uncle/aunt Mac as a gift? Why not get a paid membership for her/him in CCSA.

Washington State Report

by Debbie Larsen, Washington Commissioner

Jim and I have been very busy this year. I will be going to the Fort Worden Workshop, Ceildh and Ball the weekend of 21-23, September. I will be representing CCSA as a dancer and am on the Demonstration Team this year as well. I am also on the committee for the annual Workshop and Ball held November 3 and 4. ALL ARE WELCOME and information is available at andersonmary41@aol.com.

We send our thanks to all who have assisted us this year at games, clan events as well as dances and balls.

Colorado State Report

by Val and Chris Cunningham

Congratulations to CCSA Colorado! At the 2007 Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival, Clan Cunningham won Best of Clans. The Estes Park festival is one of the largest in the U.S. and attended by about 70 Clans, so winning the title of Best of Clans is quite prestigious. Thank you to those who assisted us at the tent and marched in the parades. We were also very happy to see so many Cunninghams from out of state. We enjoyed visiting with each of you and welcome you as new members.

Warm days once again at the Colorado Scottish Festival/Rocky Mountain Highland



L to R: Geri, Larry, Val, Earl & Sheryl; all Cunninghams and Larry Augsbury.

Games. This year I decided on a breakfast treat of Scotch Eggs. Needless to say they were gone as soon as I opened the pan! For anyone who wants a tasty treat, please email me for the recipe at cvalcat@aol.com. A huge thanks to Geri and Earl Cunningham for hosting an after festival BBQ at their beautiful home.

Our upcoming events include:

Saturday, November 17, 2007, is the annual St. Andrews Banquet and Ball.

Sunday, December 2, 2007, is the annual St. Andrew Society Christmas Tea, at the Cherokee Ranch Castle.

Late January is the annual St. Andrew Society of Colorado Robert Burns Supper.

Yahoo! The holidays are right around the corner, so enjoy them safely with the ones you love.

Elizabeth, CO, Celtic Festival

by Larry Augsbury

This 2007 festival was unique in Colorado for its torch-lit "Calling of the Clans" ceremony as one of the scheduled festival events, organized by yours truly himself.

Callers from the Clan Munro (top left), Cunningham (top right) & Stewart (bottom), as pictured below, were among many more



participating clans. Clan Cunningham was honored to be voted by all participating clans, and awarded the engraved sgian dubh (below) which reads "Elizabeth Celtic Festival, Best Clan Overall 2007."



At left: Chris Cunningham and Larry Augsbury hosting the Clan C'ham hospitality tent.

Virginia State Report

by Bill Cunningham, Virginia Commissioner

I've set up the CCSA tent at six festivals to date, three for the first time. Lexington, VA, held its first Scottish Festival this year in April, and though forced indoors by a Northeaster, it was well attended and will be held again next year. The Frederick, MD, festival was well done and afforded me the opportunity to visit the nearby Antietam battlefield and Harper's Ferry.

I attended the Charleston, SC, Scottish Games for the first time on the grounds of the historic Boone Plantation. Clan Cunningham won the award for best clan tent. It is a beautiful trophy - an exact Targe shield replica made of wood, covered with leather and brass studs. It will go well with the other Scottish weapons I have on display. It was very kind of the Charleston Festival to award a first time visitor.

Don Cunningham and his wife from Radford University shared my tent at the Williamsburg Festival a week ago. He said he was with us at Grandfather Mountain in July. I will be going to the Radford Festival this Saturday. The Richmond, VA, Games on the 27-28 of October will be the final festival this year for the mid-Atlantic area.

The National Secretary's Report *respectfully submitted by Larry Augsbury*

With 846 members worldwide, we continue to reach more Cunninghams and are pleased to welcome our twenty-four new members that joined Clan Cunningham during the previous three quarters. We also wish to welcome back the twenty-six members who renewed during that time for their continued support. Welcome back! Your memberships sustain the support needed by our Society allowing us to continue to celebrate our distinguished heritage.

NEW 2007 MEMBERS

Kelly Boatright
 Kelly Wright
 John and Linda Cunningham
 Dr. Doris Tucker
 Ramy and Fred Anderson
 Richard and Shelly Egan
 Richard and Carol Cunningham
 Carleton and Donna Hart
 Nancy and Ronald Piestrack
 Tracy Holland
 Stan and Cathy Cunningham
 Quinn Bradlee
 Ivan Cunningham
 EC and Allison Cunningham
 James and Mary Cunningham
 John and Sandra Cunningham
 William and Kristen Wiebesiek

NEW 2007 MEMBERS cont.

Charlyn and Richard Lewis
 Kathleen and Thomas Allen
 Leigh-Ann and James Hokanson
 Connie Cunningham-Smith
 Paul and Leslie Schoffstall
 Kathleen and James Ingram
 Linda Stevens

SUSTAINING 2007 MEMBERS

Aaron Gurney
 Thomas and Jewel Wellborn
 Chris and Val Cunningham
 Larry Meyer
 Philip and Janice Cunningham
 Denise and David Stana
 James Cunningham
 Ronald Cunningham
 Ken & Tracy Powers

SUSTAINING 2007 MEMBERS

William and Cheryl Cunningham
 Alec and Marilyn Cunningham
 Jerry and Virginia Cunningham
 Glenn and Susan Cunningham
 Teri and Jon Royston
 Sheryl Sherer
 Rose and Gerald Trigg
 Don and Lynn Cunningham
 Randy and Victoria Bateman
 Judy and George Lehmkuhl
 Barbara MacKenzie
 Corby and Jane Christensen
 Julia Whitney
 Evelyn Wittick
 Georganna and Patterson Curtis
 James and Bette Hall
 Leslie Kenyon

Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2007

The following report lists the revenues and expenditures incurred by CCSA during the first three quarters of 2007.

Beginning balance January 1, 2007 **\$ 3,997.57**

Revenue

New Membership Dues	853.44
Renewal - Current Member Dues	502.56
Renewal - Noncurrent Member Dues	176.89
Prepaid Membership Dues	23.50
Bank Credits	0.19
Merchandise	356.80
Tombstone Donations this period	25.00

Total revenue from 01-JAN-07 to 30-SEP-07 **\$1,938.38**

Expenditures

Newsletter Expenditures	651.01
Festival Expenditures	1,007.50
Corporate Annual Report Expenditure	10.00
Postage	115.98
Office Supplies	16.06
Triennial General Meeting Expenditures	137.71
Tombstone Loan Reimbursement	25.00

Total exp. from 01-JAN-07 to 30-SEP-07 **\$ 1,963.26**

Ending balance September 30, 2007 **\$3,972.69**

Memorial donations this period	\$ 25.00
Total Tombstone Donations	\$ 2,978.62
Total Tombstone Expenses	<u>\$(6,298.62)</u>
Total Tombstone Deficit	<u>\$(3,320.00)</u>
Tombstone Loan Amount Forgiven	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
Total Tombstone Deficit (Loan Balance)	<u>\$(1,320.00)</u>

Respectfully submitted by Larry Augsbury, National Treasurer.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIONS

January 31, 2007 Board Meeting

- Approval of Grandfather Mountain as 2007 TGM site.
- Variety of amendments to update the bylaws.

March 18, 2007 Board Meeting

- Bylaws were updated to accommodate the 2007 TGM.

We're **thrilled** to welcome **Leslie Kenyon** as our new **California State Commissioner!**



High Commissioner's Message

Greetings Clan Cunningham members,

How rewarding it feels to be acknowledged as Best Clan at one of the top-ranked festivals in the world! And what a majestic – and heavy – trophy!

It takes a lot of effort and resources from an excellent team of dedicated members to earn such recognition. It was 9 years ago that Michael Tibbedeaux and I co-hosted our first hospitality tent in Estes Park, CO. To our surprise we were awarded Best Clan Tent. But this year's honor encompasses every aspect of festival involvement. So, my thanks and congratulations to everyone who participated. Our tent hosts included Chris, Val, Lynn, Forest, *(from page 1)* Sheryl C'ham, et moi. Marchers in the parades included Judy & George Lehmkuhl, EC & Allison C'ham, Megan C'ham and friends, and Josh & Crystal C'ham among several others. And finally, thank you to all our members who attend our activities and support our society through their loyal sustaining memberships.

October 5th was my 40th birthday, so I invited some of my Cunningham friends to join me at a local British pub for some of their renown fare, which included Bangers and Mash (their garlic mashed potatoes alone were worth the trip), Fish and Chips, Raspberry Truffle, and biscuits, to get us in the proper mood for the Tony award winning theater production of Spamalot, lovingly ripped off from the Brits Monty Python movie, The Holy Grail, at which me, Chris, Doris, Earl, Geri, Val, Tom & Sheryl were caught in the photo at right.



Rev. Thomas E. Cunningham submitted By Dr. Doris Tucker



Born in Washington, D.C., Rev. Thomas E. Cunningham was raised in a God-fearing home with two brothers and four sisters. His father is a Minister and his mother is an Evangelist. At the age of 13, he accepted Christ as his personal Savior.

In 1991, Rev. Cunningham recognized God's call on his life and his call to the ministry. He is the founder of *Men At Work*, a Brotherhood Ministry, *The Coffee House*, a Woman's Ministry and *The Club House*, a Children's Ministry. Rev. Cunningham's passion is evangelism and educating saints. His book ministry has donated thousands of dollars in books in the MD, DC and VA areas, as well as South America and Africa. Rev. Cunningham studied religion at Washington Bible College. He has an Associates degree in Religious Education and is now completing his Bachelors of Theology degree.

In September 2001, Rev. Cunningham founded T.C. Community Development Services, Inc., a non-profit charitable organization designed specifically to provide developmental programs in areas where the need is the greatest. In August 2004, he founded and is the Pastor of **Hear The Word Bible Church**, a non-denominational house of worship where he preaches, teaches, and ministers the love of Jesus Christ to any and all individuals who have an earnest desire to worship God for who He is.

Rev. Cunningham has been happily married for 17 years to Beverly A. Cunningham and has one daughter named Daria.

Rev. Cunningham now feels that God is enlarging his territory, thus preparing him for a great ministry. His favorite scripture is:

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners whom I am chief. However, for this reason, I obtained mercy that in me first, Jesus might show long suffering as a pattern to those who are going to believe on him for everlasting life. (1 Timothy 1:15-16)

Flowers of the Forest

Submitted by Michael Tibbedeaux

Today the Scottish community lost a truly legendary figure, Dick Milne. I have never attended a Highland Games/Celtic Festival without seeing



his bright smiling face. He will be missed most dearly for a long, long time. But as we commit his memory to those hallowed

halls within the House of Gordon, he shall be greeted by his son who passed on while making the trek up Mt. Everest. But, there is a secret which not everyone knows, that not only was he Clan Gordon's beloved leader here in Colorado for so many years, but he was also known as McClaus.

And here is the real secret...

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Enclosed is the proof that in one little girl's heart, Sydney Tibbedeaux, he will always be making toys at the North Pole.



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First Name/s: Larry Last Name: Augsbury Member I.D.: S-3280

Dependent Childs Name (under 18): _____

Dependent Childs Name (under 18): _____

Address: 4575 West 111th Avenue City: Westminster St.: CO Country: USA Zip: 80031-2025

Email: Lapa333@comcast.net Telephone: 303-460-8736 Members Only Web Page Password:

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Date: _____ Signature: _____

Noel Cunningham, Denver philanthropist and owner of Strings restaurant

Excerpt from a Denver Post interview published, Sunday, September 30, 2007, by staff writer Steve Raabe.



Noel Cunningham's "Quarters for Kids" program teaches high schoolers how to make a difference for the truly destitute. *John Prieto, The Denver Post*

Q: You're devoting a lot of energy to raising money for children in Ethiopia. What got you interested?

A: In 1984, when there was terrible famine in Ethiopia, I was working in Los Angeles at a very exclusive private club. It broke my heart that I couldn't get the owners to help with a fundraiser.

Ethiopia is the fourth-poorest country in the world; and the Irish are always rooting for the underdog. (Noel is Irish.) I felt a tremendous amount of guilt that there was this

incredible opulence at the club and we couldn't have a simple fundraiser.

So I made a promise to myself that when I had my own place, I would do something.

Q: How does your "Quarters for Kids" program work?

A: There are 225,000 high school students in Colorado. I would love for them to learn the relative significance, and the insignificance, of one dollar.

In Ethiopia, here's the significance of a dollar: A quarter will buy breakfast, a quarter will buy lunch, a quarter will help pay for education, and a quarter will help to pay for a school uniform and shoes.

Any high school student in Colorado has a dollar; or even \$5. What do you have to give up? A soda, a candy bar, a cup of coffee? We are designating the Monday before Thanksgiving as "no soda, no candy day" to kick it off.

We will take six Colorado students (chosen randomly from all donors) on a trip to Ethiopia to experience firsthand the substantial difference their efforts will create.

Q: What other charitable endeavors is the Cunningham Foundation involved in?

A: We've helped raise \$400,000 for children's food programs at Brandon Shelter and Samaritan Shelter.

We use (Strings restaurant) to have breakfasts, lunches and dinners to raise money for various other programs. We donate the food, the wine, the staff. Over the years, it's turned into a big chunk of change.

Q: How much have you donated in your 21 years owning Strings?

A: No idea. We don't keep track of it; we just do it.

Q: What should the role of small-business owners be in philanthropy?

A: There's a balance in making sure that you're a caring participant in your community, while protecting the viability of your business. For me, that's always been an interesting balance.

When it's all said and done, who cares if you have a second house or if you have three cars? What really matters is if you contribute to something meaningful.



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