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A Greeting From the Chief



2016 has been a busy year for us. We visited Fergus in Ontario, Canada, for the Scottish Festival and Highland Games and have been working with the Edinburgh Royal Tattoo to bring the event a 'Splash of Tartan' in 2017. It looks as if next year will be busy too! Miranda and I wish all Leslies 'Down Under' a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.
Best wishes

Alex and Miranda Leslie

Rock with a view

I spent this morning on top of Salisbury Crags, overlooking Edinburgh, having my photo taken (a thousand times it seemed) with a Macnab, a Bruce and a Carmichael. This was not some vanity phot shoot, it is part of the beginning of the promotion for next year's Edinburgh Royal Tattoo. The reason we were being photographed was because next year's event is entitled a 'Splash of Tartan'.

Each night at least two Clan Chiefs will march onto the Espanade, along with some followers, and the Guest of Honour. Sadly for you, only the Chief will get to drink the traditional dram of welcome.

Our night, as Leslie, is Friday 11th August.

We will be sharing the Espanade with Moffats and possibly one other.

If you are planning a trip to Scotland and/or Edinburgh next year around this time, please let me know because each Chief has been given an allocation of tickets in various locations around the arena, at various prices, but all discounted. If you live here, you are also most welcome.

If you would like to march with us, also please let me know. The more, the merrier.

The Tattoo is very much hoping that this relationship will continue, as are we. If it does, Scotland will definitely see the benefits.

Another event has dropped onto our radar for next year, as well. Miranda and I are the Honoured Guests at Gallabrae, the Greenville Highland Games, at the end of May next year. Although, it will not be an 'Official' Leslie Gathering (that is being organised for 2018) it will certainly be a Leslie Gathering, and Leslie is the Honoured Clan.

We look forward to seeing as many Leslies as are able to make it, but completely understand that a Gathering a year may be a Gathering too many.

In any case, we will be flying the flag.

What a year! It seems some time ago now that we broke the drought in Fergus, perhaps a little too thoroughly as the field was basically washed away by the storms. But, as always, we felt tremendously welcome and it was a great event. It was particularly good that my cousins Lucinda, Oliver and Hugo were able to join us.

A very Merry Christmas to all Leslies, and a very Happy New Year.

Alex and Miranda



From the Chieftain

As the end of another year gallops along, Colleen and I would like to wish all of our members and all Leslies everywhere the compliments of the season.

It has been a year of contrasts with a lot of good things happening, along with a lot of bad.

We can only hope that the goodwill of the Christmas season can make itself felt throughout the world and that the world will become a more peaceful and tolerant place.

For my birthday this year, Colleen took me on a hot-air balloon trip. I can tell you that drifting quietly along 2300 above the ground, you can look down and see how small things are, and how beautiful the world looks from on high. It truly makes you feel at peace and as one with nature. Maybe those who disrupt the peace or who want to dominate the world should go for a balloon ride?

I have heard that our Past-Commissioner, Barrie, has another operation coming up in 2017, and we wish him all the best. He has asked that we wish you all a Merry Christmas on his behalf.

Our Parton, Kathleen, also sends her greetings to all.

Hoping you all have a great Christmas and a fantastic 2017!

Malcolm and Colleen



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