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An Cirean Ceann Cinnidh



Photo by P. D. Ross

Overlooking the Inner Sound in Broadford, Isle of Skye, a small garden surrounds a monument. The inscription reads - *CREATED TO THE MEMORY OF JAMES ROSS, BROADFORD SKYE, BY HIS MANY FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES AS A TOKEN OF THEIR ESTEEM. 1845 – 1902.* James Ross is credited with creating the recipe for the modern day Drambuie.

THE CLAN ROSS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, INC.

Motto: *Spem successus alit* (Success nourishes hope)

Gaelic name: Clann Aindrias (Clan Andrew)

Crest: A hand holding a garland of juniper, proper

Badge: Juniper

Pipe Music: The Earl of Ross March

Septs: (according to Scottish Kith & Kin/Chief of Clan Ross)

Anderson	Denoon	Gear	MacCulloch	Taggart
Ansison	Denune	Gillanders	MacLulich	Tullo
Andrew/s	Dingwall	Hagart	MacTaggart	Tulloch
Corbett/tt	Duthie	Haggart	MacTear	Tyre
Crow/e	Fair	MacAndrew	MacTier	Vass
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STANDARD OF CHIEF DAVID CAMPBELL ROSS

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers:

On our trip to Scotland in May, our tour guides informed us that Rosses have made many significant contributions to community life on the Orkneys and the Western Islands. The monument on the cover page illustrates one example.

BREAKING NEWS (submitted by Ian Ross)

Your executive, Nova Scotia Commissioner Christopher Rayworth, and Don Ross have been hard at work planning the.....

CLAN ROSS AGM CAPE BRETON 2008

Plan to attend the 2008 Clan Ross Annual General Meeting in beautiful, historic Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

DATES: July 11-13, 2008

PLACE: Highland Heights Inn in Iona, Cape Breton

Special \$95 room rate, call (902) 725-2360 to reserve

EVENTS:

- Friday evening wine and cheese
- Saturday bus tour being finalized. Potentially includes Ross Pioneer cemetery, Gaelic College in St. Ann's, Ross Ferry, Margaree River valley portion of Cabot Trail, Glenora Distillery
- Saturday evening "ceilidh dinner" with Burns' Address to a Haggis, slide presentation on Cape Breton, piper and Gaelic fiddler
- Sunday formal meeting and self-tour of Highland Village Museum in Iona

More information and a registration form will be available in the Fall (November) issue of the Clan Ross newsletter, at www.GreatClanRoss.org, or contact Nova Scotia Commissioner Chris Rayworth at smore@ns.sympatico.ca.

The **final date** for submission of photos, articles, etc., for the Fall newsletter is October 24, 2007.

I hope you are enjoying the some of wonderful variety of Highland Games taking place across Canada and the USA this summer.

Patricia D. Ross
Editor



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ms Ross,

A year or so ago I submitted a piece to the newsletter about my effort to investigate the origins of the clan motto in order to raise a question about the standard translation. As Ian Ross's article repeats, it is usually rendered as "Success nourishes hope", whereas I had argued that the Latin and the thrust of similar aphorisms would better support a translation of "Hope nourishes success". My research was inconclusive, so I was pleased to find another piece of the puzzle in Ian's article, where he stated that the clan chief thought that the phrase came from Vergil. I checked the *Aeneid* and found the likely source in Book 5, line 231: ***Hos successus alit: possunt, quia posse videntur*** (**Success encourages them: they can, because they think they can.**)

There are three points worth noting:

1. as you can see, the noun '**spem**' does not appear, suggesting that the Ross clan motto is a construct rather than a complete literal borrowing
2. by substituting '**spem**' for '**hos**', the literal translation would indeed become '**success encourages/nourishes hope**'
3. the phrase that appears after the colon and is thus made equal to the first phrase does, by itself, support the idea of 'Hope nourishes success'; when joined with the preceding phrase, however, the standard translation of 'Success nourishes hope' does seem to be the better rendering.

Regards,
Dr. Campbell Ross,
Grande Prairie, AB

MEET OUR NEW 2nd VP, DENIS ALEXANDER ROSS, AND HIS WIFE SHIRLEY

[Earlier this spring your Executive appointed Denis Ross of Kincardine, Ontario, as 2nd VP, pending formal election at the next "all-members" AGM in 2008.]

I was born in Edmonton, Alberta on October 17, 1933. My father, Dexter Alfred Ross, was born in Devils Lake, North Dakota in 1887. My Great Grandfather, Alexander Ross, came from Scotland to New York about 1831.

After 36 years of marriage, my first wife Dorothy died of cancer. We had three children, Nancy (Napanee), Donald (Mississauga) and Jennifer (Chelmsford). I have six grandchildren, with two being adopted Chinese girls. Shirley and I were married October 29, 1994. Shirley has two sons. Both live in Ottawa and one is married with two children.



I worked 19 years in oil and gas production in Alberta and British Columbia. My last position was with Hudson Bay Oil & Gas as plant superintendent. In 1971, I came to Kincardine to work for Ontario Power Generation at the Bruce Nuclear Power Plant as Shift Supervisor. After 22 years I took early retirement so I could care for my first wife Dorothy during her final months. I was also in the Reserve Army for four years, reaching the rank of Sergeant.

Shirley worked as a Nursing Supervisor at our local hospital and the last 12 years as a Home Care Case Manager, before taking early retirement in 1995. Shirley has been on the executive of the Kincardine Scottish Festival since its inception in 1998. I have been involved as a volunteer, conscripted by Shirley to work on decorating, security and in the Hospitality Tent.

We attend many Scottish Festivals in Ontario and Florida, enjoy musical stage productions and were thrilled to see The Scottish Fiddle Orchestra in Toronto two years ago. We are members of the Kincardine United Church, Royal Canadian Legion Br.183 and Kincardine Probus Club, and have been volunteers for many years at the Bluewater Summer Playhouse in Kincardine. I also belong to the Kincardine Golf & Country Club and the Kincardine Lawn Bowling Club. In 1995 we bought our first RV and travel 6 months of the year in Canada, the United States and Mexico.

We joined Clan Ross in 2002 and enjoy reading the newsletter and visiting the website. It was a great pleasure meeting everyone at the 2006 AGM in London. All clan members were very friendly and made us feel welcome. We look forward to meeting all again at the AGM in Cape Breton in 2008.

As hosts of the Clan of Honour (Ross) at the 2007 Kincardine Scottish Festival (held July 6-8 in Victoria Park on the shores of "Loch" Huron) we look forward to welcoming President Denis Fletcher and his wife, Treasurer Barbara. We appreciate the support Commissioner Wendy Ross has given and also look forward to seeing her there.



CONDENSED MINUTES, JUNE 23/07 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

[In odd-numbered years the AGM attended by the Executive only, as opposed to even-numbered years when it is part of a week-end long event for all members to enjoy. If you would like a copy of the complete minutes, contact Secretary Ian Ross at (204) 889-6125 or imross@mts.net]

President Denis Fletcher called the meeting to order with Secretary Ian Ross and Treasurer Barbara Fletcher in Winnipeg and ... via telephone ... 1st VP Andrew Thibodeau of London, Ontario and appointed 2nd VP Denis Ross of Kincardine, Ontario.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM 2006 MINUTES

Current National Project (Dr. A. M. Ross plaque in Chatham, Ontario)

1st VP Andy Thibodeau reported that ground breaking for the Freedom Park in downtown Chatham will commence this summer. A design template is being developed for plaques and we can expect erection of the Clan Ross-funded plaque in 2008.

Charitable Association Application

Secretary Ian reported the application would be in the mail to the Federal Government that afternoon. Clan Ross could not qualify for "relief of poverty", "advancement of education" (requires formal teaching or a scholarship program) or "advancement of religion". However, we should qualify for being "beneficial to the community at large", through our national projects. The application concentrates on this series of educational historical plaques in public places, which benefit the general public as well as being of interest to people of Ross heritage. The application also noted Clan Ross provides beneficial information on Celtic-Canadian history, language, and traditions to scholars and the general public through its newsletters (on file at the University of Guelph and through the Electric Scotland website) and through its own website.

We should receive a response from the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency later this fall.

Free Newsletters for Indigent Members in Nursing Homes

MOTION: (I. Ross/A. Thibodeau) Clan Ross members be advised they should bring indigent members in nursing homes (or equivalent level of care) to the attention of the Executive so that waiver of membership fees could be arranged on a case-by-case basis. Such members would continue all benefits of regular membership, including receipt of the newsletter. **CARRIED**

Method of Handling Chapter Sales

Secretary Ian noted our Fiscal Policy that "proceeds from the sale of Clan Ross badges and handicrafts are retained by the local regions and do not pass through the national books", so that local areas benefit from local projects. Treasurer Barb confirmed that no regional funds go through the national books and that Manitoba's annual sale of handicrafts is processed through the Manitoba Chapter's books. 1st VP Andy noted no profit yet on his program of Clan Ross clothing at minimal markup, and that he worked with Ontario Commissioner Wendy Ross on the sale, at minimal markup, of Clan Ross souvenirs at Ontario events ... not yet in a profit mode. Both activities were done as a service, but any profits would support Ontario activities.

Treasurer Barb encouraged 1st VP Andy and 2nd VP Denis to assist Commissioner Wendy in forming an Ontario Chapter Executive, complete with an Ontario Treasurer and books.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Barb presented the audited statement for the 2006 fiscal year (ending December 31). Income: \$8,030.03; expenses: \$7,681.64. Bank balance at year-end was \$6,495.57. The 2006 AGM was run at a virtual break-even. The healthy bank balance, coupled with a reduction in newsletter printing costs, would readily accommodate the \$2,500.00 pledged to the Dr. A. M. Ross plaque and the 2007 membership fees "holiday".

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Chair Barb reported 149 memberships (246 members), including 6 Honorary and 1 Life Member, at June 23, 2007. This is an almost complete regain of the drop from the 152 high of June 12/05 to the 122 of June 20/06. Nine new members were gained through the website. Of the total, 131 memberships (221 members) are in Canada, 16 memberships (23 members) in the USA and 2 memberships (2 members) in Scotland. There were no known bereavements.

REPORTS

National President Denis Fletcher

- Thanks to Andy Thibodeau of London for moving up to 1st VP and continuing the Dr. A. M. Ross national project.
- Thanks to Denis Ross of Kincardine for agreeing to be appointed 2nd VP.
- Thanks to Ian Ross, Barb Fletcher, Doug Ross and Patricia Ross for their work as Secretary, Treasurer/Membership Chair, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor.
- Thanks to Don Ross of Winnipeg who had to step down as 1st VP in mid term.
- Thanks to Chris Rayworth and Doug Ross, organizing the 2008 AGM in Cape Breton.

British Columbia Commissioner Dorothy O'Donnell

- Norma Tener and Dorothy are phoning all Rosses in the Victoria phone book with invitations to join Clan Ross.

Manitoba Commissioner Christine Turnbull

- Successful table at Folklorama selling Ross crafts. Thanks to crafts chair Patricia Ross.
- A new event starting June, 2007 ... an old-fashioned BBQ at Assiniboine Park.
- Thanks to "one-man phoning committee" Denis Fletcher.

Nova Scotia Commissioner Christopher Rayworth

- Tent set up at 2006 Halifax games but no new members signed.
- The current tent not allowed in 2007 due to fire code.
- Plans are proceeding for the 2008 AGM in Cape Breton.

Webmaster Doug Ross

- Several changes were made, including a countdown to our 50th anniversary (2010).
- An annual contribution of \$100.00 has been instituted to the website host, NetDesign Network Holdings, towards the cost of running the website.
- Doug does not expect to require a successor in the immediate future. He recommends that provincial Chapters establish local websites to promote local happenings. In this way members could gain website experience, for future backup. He can offer advice in this area.
- A new website-tracking tool has been implemented. It confirms significant and growing readership of the GreatClanRoss website from around the world.

Newsletter Editor Patricia Ross

- Aim is four newsletters annually, with three published since she took over last December.
- Thanks to Barb Fletcher for performing all production duties and reducing printing costs.
- Thanks to all those who have contributed to past issues. All Association members are encouraged to send in contributions.

HONORARY MEMBERS

The Executive received an official request from the Manitoba Chapter that we consider Isabel and Les Archibald. President Denis and Secretary Ian outlined the Archibalds' contributions towards the Scottish community in Manitoba over the years.

MOTION: (I. Ross/B. Fletcher) that Isabel and Les Archibald be made Honorary Members (Voting Category). **CARRIED**

ELECTION REQUIREMENTS AT 2008 "public" AGM

Secretary Ian advised:

- President Denis completes max. two 2-year terms and automatically becomes Past President.
- 1st VP automatically moves up to President. 1st VP Andy agreed to assume the office.
- The Executive appointed Denis Ross 2nd VP this spring, to fill the vacancy when Don Ross withdrew. As an Ordinary Member can't join the Executive without being elected, he must be confirmed by an election at the 2008 AGM. Assuming confirmation, he will immediately move up to 1st VP, to which Denis agreed. This will require nomination of candidates and election of a new 2nd VP.
- Secretary and Treasurer are elected for two-year terms, with the option of running for an unlimited number of additional terms. Secretary Ian, in the position since 2000, and Treasurer Barb, in the

position since 1993, advised they would not seek reelection. This will require nomination of candidates and election of a new Secretary and a new Treasurer. The Executive appoints the Membership Chair. Membership Chair Barb, in the position since 1994, advised she would not return to office. She noted that prime duties of the Treasurer and the Membership Chair involve collection and tracking of membership dues. The two functions should be held by the same person or by two persons in the same area working closely together.

NEW BUSINESS

Plans for the 50th Anniversary of Clan Ross-Canada in 2010

Webmaster Doug had pointed out the 50th Anniversary of Clan Ross-Canada was in December, 2010 and that celebrations were in order. Secretary Ian observed 2010 was a "public" AGM year, so it would be best to have the celebrations at the AGM (June or July) when the largest number of Clan Ross members were assembled, and at the site in Ontario where the inaugural meeting was held. 1st VP Andy suggested that might be linked to the Fergus Games. He will "talk up" possibilities with Ontario members. Secretary Ian will research the inaugural meeting location.

Expanded Access to the Family History Corner on the GreatClanRoss website

Webmaster Doug had observed that the Family History Section of the website has had no entries since November 30, 2004. He recommended that entries be opened up to non-members of Clan Ross, but that they should be relative to the surname Ross or its septs, have some connection to Canada, and appear in the newsletter first. The Executive agreed.

STATUS OF NEXT "PUBLIC" AGM IN CAPE BRETON, 2008

Nova Scotia Commissioner Christopher Rayworth reported:

- 20 rooms have been reserved at the Highland Heights Inn in Iona at \$95 plus tax for the weekend of July 11-13. Individuals can book by calling (902) 725-2360.
- the meeting room has been reserved for a wine and cheese on Friday night, dinner and entertainment on Saturday and the AGM meeting Sunday morning.
- Saturday's bus tour plans are under review.
- Saturday night dinner is being planned, but entertainment has not been arranged.
- further details will be in the August newsletter, and a registration form in the fall newsletter.



SCOTTISH HUMOUR

. Auld Angus says to the doctor, "I think my wife is deaf, but she won't admit it. How can I test her?" The doctor advised Angus to go home and ask her the same question in a normal tone, four times ... once from 30 feet away, once from 20 feet away, once from 10 feet and then once from right beside her. If she didn't respond then he could be sure she was deaf. Angus arrives home and sees Morag down the hallway in the kitchen. In a normal tone he asks, "What's for dinner, dear?" Morag doesn't answer. Angus goes halfway down the hall and says, "What's for dinner, dear?" Still no answer. From the kitchen doorway, Angus again says, "What's for dinner, dear?" No reply again. The fourth time, Angus goes right up beside Morag at the kitchen sink and says, "What's for dinner, dear?" "Are ye daft, man? Or have ye no memory left at all?", says Morag. "I've told ye three times now!"



"Jock ... I hear you're a great believer in free speech."
"Aye, I am that, Angus"
"Well, then. Do you mind if I make a long distance call on your phone?"



NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OPENINGS IN 2008

- National Secretary Ian Ross

Consider running for national office at the 2008 AGM next July. There will be quite an opportunity for current members, as four positions will become vacant at that time.

The office of President is for a 2-year term, with the option of running for a second term. This gives the President enough time to accomplish his/her objectives, but also ensures that person doesn't get "stale" in office. Upon retirement, the President automatically becomes Past President, the 1st Vice President moves up to President and the 2nd Vice President moves up to 1st VP. This ensures continuity, and ready backup. President Denis Fletcher of Winnipeg completes his second 2-year term as of the 2008 AGM. 1st VP Andrew Thibodeau of London has agreed to move up to President at that time, and "appointed 2nd VP" Denis Ross of Kincardine agrees to move up to 1st VP. This means we will have a requirement to elect a new 2nd VP at the 2008 AGM.

*(It is actually a little more complicated. In the last year Andrew already moved from 2nd to 1st VP when 1st VP Don Ross of Winnipeg decided to withdraw. Your Executive appointed Denis Ross of Kincardine to fill the 2nd VP vacancy. Our By-Laws allow such appointments, but also require all Executive members be elected. It was agreed that Denis' appointment would be until the 2008 AGM, when an election could be held. When confirmed as 2nd VP, Denis immediately moves to 1st VP and we will have **another** election for 2nd VP!)*

Secretary and Treasurer positions are also for 2-year terms, with the right to run for unlimited repeat terms. Secretary Ian Ross (in the position since 2000) and Treasurer Barb Fletcher (in the position since 1993) will not seek re-election, so we must elect a new Secretary and new Treasurer at the 2008 AGM as well.

The Executive appoints the position of Membership Chair. Barb Fletcher (also in this position since 1994) will retire as of the 2008 AGM. Barb advises the positions of Membership Chair and Treasurer are closely related. A large part of their duties involves the receipt and recording of membership dues. She suggests the two positions either be held by one person, or by two persons in the same area working closely together.

This is an excellent opportunity for members to be directly involved in decision-making and serve their fellow Clan Ross members. Duties are not onerous. There is a brief flurry of activity at AGM time, but typically it only requires a few hours monthly. The prerequisites for being nominated are straightforward. You must have been either:

- an officer in a formal regional Chapter, OR
- an appointed Regional Commissioner, OR
- a member in good standing for at least two consecutive years, AND ... IN ALL CASES, you must be a permanent resident of Canada

If you would like to be nominated, contact Past President J. Donaldson Ross, President Denis Fletcher or Secretary Ian Ross. Contact information is on the inside front cover.



CEUD MILE FAILTE

A hundred thousand welcomes to our new members

Doug and Denise Ross Ilwaco, WA, USA

KINCARDINE SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES

Friday, July 6 to Sunday, July 8, 2007

Kincardine, Ontario

- Barb and Denis Fletcher, Photographs submitted by Denis and Shirley Ross

Victoria Park in downtown Kincardine was the setting for the Avenue of Clans, piping and drumming competitions, highland dance competitions, food and regalia vendors and Celtic entertainment. The Canadian Scottish Athletic Federation's 2007 championships were held a short shuttle bus ride away at the St. Anthony's School grounds.

Clan Ross was this year's clan of honour and lead Saturday's Parade of Clans. Clan Ross National President Denis Fletcher, National Second Vice-President Denis Ross, and National Treasurer and Membership Chair Barb Fletcher were in the lead car followed by Ontario Commissioner Wendy Ross and Festival Second Vice-Chair Shirley Ross.



From left to right: Barb Fletcher, Denis Fletcher, & Denis Ross.



From left to right: Wendy Ross and Shirley Ross.

The Clan Ross banner was carried by Denis and Shirley Ross's grandchildren followed by other members of their family, and Clan Ross folk from Ontario and the USA.



Clan Ross leading the parade of clans.

The Ross Clan tent was set up all day Saturday, thanks to Wendy Ross. Many people dropped by and a number of inquiries were made about membership. The Ross Clan 2008 annual meeting in Cape Breton was promoted.

The piping, highland dancing, and heavy games competitions were outstanding; 25 pipe bands participated. The stage entertainment each day was excellent. The festival program included a fine article by Wendy Ross on the Clan Ross Association.

Many thanks to Shirley and Denis Ross for being such gracious hosts and organizing everything for us out-of-town clan members.

If you have never been to the Kincardine Scottish Festival you are missing a great event. Plan to attend in the future.

ANNUAL SELKIRK SETTLERS COMMEMORATIVE

On Saturday, September 8, 2007 the St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg is sponsoring the third annual celebration of the arrival of the Selkirk Settlers in what is now the City of Winnipeg. This event is open to the public. Members of the Society, many other Scottish cultural organizations, their guests and all supporters of Manitoba's Scottish heritage will gather at the Winnipeg City Hall Courtyard at 11:00 a.m.

Starting at 11:15, the Society's Pipe Band, and other pipe bands, will lead this gathering in a short parade via Main Street and Bannatyne Avenue to the roundabout of Waterfront Drive. They will pause there at the soon-to-be-erected "Settlers' Monument", to honor the memory of those Scottish antecedents dispossessed in the Clearances.

They will then parade on to the Scots' "Thistle" Monument where greetings will be delivered by a number of guests, including a keynote address by The Honorable Bill Blaikie, M.P. At the conclusion of formal activities, and to the skirl of the pipes and drums, a hospitable meet and greet will occur. Light refreshments will be provided at no charge.

Attendees are encouraged to wear the tartan and bring along their friends.

For further information contact Rob Bruce-Barron at (204) 772-2548 or northstt@mts.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

From: <http://www.GreatClanRoss.org>

August 3 - 4, 2007: Maxville, ON. Glengarry Highland Games. Agricultural Grounds. 1-888-298-1666.

August 4, 2007: Iona, NS. Highland Village Day. Located in Iona, Cape Breton Island.

Phone: (902) 725-2272.

August 5 - 11, 2007: Winnipeg, MB. Pavilion of Scotland . . . Folklorama. Location: Heather Curling Club.

August 8 - 12, 2007: Pictou, NS. 20th Ship Hector Festival Phone: (902) -485-8848.

August 10 - 12, 2007: 31st Anniversary Clan Ross Association USA Annual General Meeting. Location: Highland Heritage Park, 9651 S. Quebec St., Highlands Ranch, Colorado (2 miles south of C-470). Contact: Janet Van Eps, Colorado Clan Ross Commissioner, 2115 Ames Street, Edgewater, CO 80214-1247, Phone: 303-237-0651, Cell: (303) 882-1298. The AGM includes the 43rd Annual Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Highland Games on August 11-12, 2007.

August 10 - 12, 2007: Goderich, ON. 15th Annual Celtic Roots Festival. Lion's Harbour Park, West Street. Phone: (519) 524-8221.

August 10 - 12, 2007: Fergus, ON. 61st Fergus Scottish Festival and Premier North American Highland Games. Fergus Community Centre. Phone: (519) 787-0099.

August 25, 2007: Almonte, ON. North Lanark Highland Games at the North Lanark Agricultural Society fairgrounds. Phone: (613) 256-2064 ext. 221.

September 1, 2007: Calgary, AB. Calgary Highland Games. Shouldice Athletic Park. Phone: (403)280-9670.

September 1 - 2, 2007: Quebec, QC. 2nd Quebec City Celtic Festival.

September 2, 2007: Toronto, ON. 16th Annual Scottish Cruise aboard the Sailing Ship "Empire Sandy". Times: 11:30 AM and 2:00 PM from pier 27 at Queen's Quay West harbourfront. Celebrate the voyage of the Ship Hector. Further information at the Scottish Studies Society or telephone Robert Stewart at 905-294-4389.

September 2, 2007: Canmore, AB. 17th Annual Canmore Highland Games. Centennial Park.

Phone: (403) 678-9454.

September 15, 2007: Toronto, ON. The 3rd Beach Celtic Festival at Kew Gardens. Phone Toll Free: 1-888-699-1549.

October 5 -13, 2007: Cape Breton Island, NS. Celtic Colours International Festival in various communities throughout Cape Breton. Phone: 1-877-285-2321.

November 24, 2007: Toronto, ON. St. Andrew's Ball, co-sponsored by the 48th Highlanders and the St. Andrew's Society of Toronto. Held at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. Reception begins at 6:00 PM. Phone: (416) 449-8070.

November 30, 2007: ST. ANDREW'S DAY. Scots around the world celebrate this day to honour the Patron Saint of Scotland. Traditionally, Advent begins on the Sunday nearest St. Andrew's Day and lasts from 21 to 28 days.

December 1, 2007: The 47th ANNIVERSARY of The CLAN ROSS ASSOCIATION Of CANADA in terms of its continuous existence since the meeting of "revitalized founders" in Montreal on December 1, 1960, the day after St. Andrew's Day.