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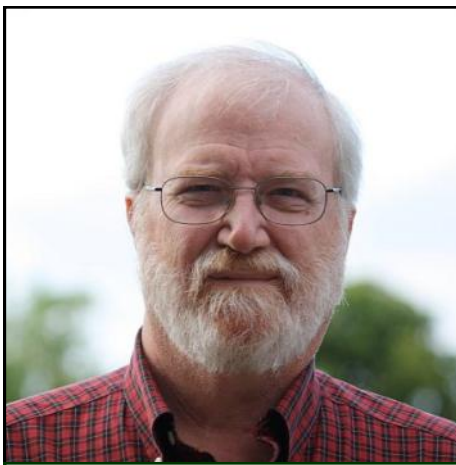
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President Russ Harper

This year, 2016, is shaping up to be a very exciting year for Clan Wallace. There has been so much work done already and we do not expect things to slow down any time soon. The biggest is the plans for the 50th Anniversary Gathering are taking shape and all the details are reported in a flyer that is part of this Newsletter. I had a chance to go to the games in Salado last year and meet with Convener Frank Wallace Leslie and his lovely wife Lynne. Frank and the folks there are working very hard to put together a top notch gathering and I hope all of you will consider coming to Texas this November 10th – 13th to celebrate this momentous occasion.

To mark the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Clan Wallace Society in Salado Texas, a commemorative coin has been created. We are using the coin as a fundraiser for ongoing and future projects. See the included short article on the coin or see clanwallace.org/coin.html to get yours.

Many anniversary celebrations remember the past, an era when things always seemed better, and most definitely were cheaper. Clan Wallace is no different, to bring back the good old days from now until the end of 2016, we are going to roll back the rates for Council membership to the 1996 rates. That means that for a mere \$100 donation new and Annual members can become Council members. Those already Life members can upgrade for a onetime \$50 donation. A special letter will be sent shortly to all current members who are eligible.

The next item I want to report on is that very soon you will be seeing major changes on the Website. Our search for a new Webmaster has finally been successful! Scott Wallace of Jacksonville, FL, has stepped forward to accept the role of Webmaster. He has jumped in with both feet and very soon the website will be live with all kinds of new features. Keep watching the website.

Recently, Marcia and I had the opportunity to visit with our oldest grand-daughter at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas where she is stationed as a member of the U.S. Army. This got us to thinking that since our gathering will include Veteran's Day we should put something together to honor all Wallace related Veterans, no matter the country, no matter when they served. I have asked Board member Ron Heacock, to work with our new Webmaster Scott to come up with a special Webpage to honor these Veterans. We are also looking at ways to honor

FÀILTE !

On behalf of Ian Francis Wallace of that Ilk, 35th Chief of Clan Wallace; Acting Chief Andrew R. Wallace, Younger of that Ilk; and the President and the Board of Directors, we welcome the twelve individuals listed below to their new status within the Clan Wallace Society.

Council Membership

Scott A. Wallace, Jacksonville, FL

Life Membership

Elizabeth Wallace Fleming, Kodiak, AK

Annual Membership

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Joyce Keasling Rhodes, Saint Johns, FL

Quinton Montuori, Jacksonville, FL

Thomas Wallace,
Green Cove Springs, FL

these special Veterans during the Gathering. If you are interested to help or know of Veterans that we should recognize, please contact Ron at director8@clanwallace.org.

There are several other changes in the works, but it is too early to announce them, so please look for them in future newsletters or on the new Website. It is indeed looking like a banner year for Clan Wallace.

Pro Libertate,

Russ Harper

President, Clan Wallace Society

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REWARDS PROGRAM UPDATE

*By Captain John R. Wallace (Ret)
Circle of Sir William Wallace;
Board Member;
Rewards Program Chair*

I am pleased to report to the Membership of Clan Wallace Society that since the last REWARDS PROGRAM Newsletter Report, activity has been quite high with donations received totaling \$2,707.63. Contributions included one new **Circle of the Saltire** member and two new **Circle of the Thistle** members, as follows:

The Circle of the Saltire



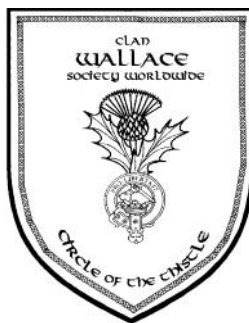
Awarded to **Council Member and Member of the Board**

Darrell L. Wallace

from Deer Park, Washington
for his donation of \$762.11

Plus

The Circle of the Thistle



Awarded to **Council Member Conrad R. Walas** from Novato, California for his donation of \$100.00

Awarded to **Life Member Gregory D. Morehouse** from Rochester, Washing-

ton for his donation of \$100.00. The Certificates and pins recognizing these elevations have been provided to these generous donors. Congratulations and thanks from the Board for this special effort of support.

Also during this period, donations have been received from several other previous donors and are listed herein;

Additional donations of \$1,465.52 from **Circle of Sir William Wallace and Council Member Robert Wayne Jones of Ranson, WV** bringing his total giving to \$7,121.71; and

Circle of the Knight, Council Member, and New Society President Russell Harper, from Lewisville, NC, added three additional donations of \$280.00 to his donation account for a new total of \$2,589.92.

The President of the Society and its Board of Directors sends a heartfelt thanks and well done to all of these donors for their energetic and loyal support of the Society. All members are urged to consider joining the ranks of those many who give. You can participate by contacting me at;

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Make checks out to "Clan Wallace Society" and include your CWS Member Number, a valid mailing address, phone number, and email address.

The funds from this program are utilized principally by the Board to accomplish the goals and missions of the Society as set forth in our By Laws and Documents of Incorporation. All cash donations are tax exempt.

I strongly encourage you to be a part of this important work!

SOCIETY AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED!



Past President Larry Slight (2nd from left) with CWS Award-winners Wayne Jones, Lisa Donant and John R. Wallace.

By John R. Wallace

At the Society's Annual Board of Directors Meeting held on October 2, 2015 at Laurinburg, North Carolina, then President Lawrence Slight made three Awards to Society Members recognizing their many meritorious contributions and services to the Society and to its many Members.

The Certificate of Appreciation, the Society's second highest award, was presented to Council and Board Member Lisa Fetterman Donant, of Mechanicsville, Virginia, for exceptional service for over seven years as Society Treasurer. Also while on the Board, Lisa was a Heritage Convenor and Co-Convenor of many Highland Games, provided vital logistic services in setting up and organizing most of the Gatherings held during her tenure, and was instrumental during two personal trips to Scotland in documenting several Interna-

tional Society Projects at Elderslie, Ro-broyston, and Culloden. She will be missed on the Board as she stepped down on 31 December 2015 having completed nine years of commendable service to the Society.

The President's Award, the Society's third highest award, was presented to Robert Wayne Jones, of Ranson, West Virginia, for contributions to the Board and the Members of the Society during a period when he was not on the Board of Directors. Wayne served his nine years on the Board during the period 2001 to 2010. When he stepped down, the Board was shy of several members due to the lack of eligible and interested Council Members.

Wayne Jones stepped forward to continue with the work he had been doing on the Board as Special Projects Chair Person, but now as a Board Volunteer. He has done that important work for

five years and is most deserving of this special recognition and award.

The President's Award, the Society's third highest award, was also presented to John Robert Wallace, Walterboro, South Carolina, for his continued important and meritorious services to the Board for the period 2010 through 2015. Wallace served 9 years on the Board from 2001 to 2010; the last three years as President of the Society.

Again Board vacancies, due to the lack of volunteer Council Members to fill these vacancies, left positions open where jobs needed to be done. John continued as a Major Chairperson for the Recognition and Rewards Programs, handling the 501 (c) (3) contributions so vital to the Society's continued operation and success. For this volunteer work while not a member of the Board, he is most deserving of this award and recognition.

CHALLENGING THE TRADITIONAL STORY OF WALLACE

By Bob Wallace

For the relatively few of us who take the time to look into the life and times of Sir William Wallace, Scotland's Great Patriot, it becomes readily apparent (very quickly) that not all that much is known about his life: where and when he was born, where and how he lived in his young adult lifetime, and if he owned property in Scotland.

In between Wallace's life and this modern era lie a handful of Medieval-era historians: John Fordoun (c.1330-c.1384), Andrew Wyntoun (1350-1423), Abbot Walter Bower (c.1385-1449) and Blind Harry (1440-1492). The first two of these men lived well before Harry's time. Bower lived long enough to find Harry about nine years of age when Bower died in 1449. Of these men, only Blind Harry references an alleged diary kept by William Wallace's boyhood friend and personal chaplain, John Blair. Whether any such diary existed is open to question. No one has seen it in the intervening years.

Lack of detail on the life of William Wallace leaves readers to dig into one or more of the *traditional* stories about Wallace: the River Irvine fish story, Loudoun Hill, Barns of Ayr and others. Most of them have been discounted by historians over lack of documentation, if any documentation exists at all for such stories. Many of Blind Harry's tales can be discounted, given the known inconsistencies in what he presents as being factual, and the dates that contradict who may have been present at one or another of the incidents involving Wallace's exploits. One such involves Sir John Graham assisting Wallace at a battle after Graham was killed at Falkirk in July of 1298.

What is said to be known of Wallace is that he was born somewhere between 1270 and 1275, that birth for many years thought to have taken place in Elderslie. His father for nearly seven centuries was said to be Malcolm Wal-



The Lubeck Letter (1297), which led to a reassessing of Wallace's formative years.

lace. With publication of the John McGill book, writing under the pen name Craufuird C. Loudoun in 1999, it is McGill's contention that Crawford family documents reveal that William was born on August 5, 1270. McGill based his date of birth for William following a decade of research into the Crawford family papers at Dumfries House.

As late as 1999, it was finally revealed that Wallace's seal, found on the Lubeck letter dating to October 11, 1297, gives his father's name as Alan. Looking through the Ragman Rolls of 1296 finds an Alan Wallace as a crown tenant living in Ayrshire, but not telling us where in Ayrshire he might have lived. Others who signed that document gave only the county they lived in, presumably, and/or the area where they held property.

That William was born and may have lived in Ayrshire is made more likely based on now knowing his father's name and where he, Alan, likely lived. One possibility is at Auchincruive, today known as Auchincruive Estates on Ordnance Survey maps, just across the river from today's city of Ayr and slightly upstream from it. A Wallace family is known to have inhabited that area for some number of decades before dying out in the 1400s. Lack of a surviving family member at the time Blind Harry's book came out around

1475-1480 may explain lack of any specific reference to that family line, according to historian Alexander Grant's essay in *The Wallace Book*, first published in 2007, republished in 2010 and 2014.

Yet another possibility exists, albeit for later in William's life, that being a location near today's New Cumnock in the former King's Kyle region. Two locations are given for that area: William's Castle and Black Craig, each site near to New Cumnock. Lack of any documented evidence stating that William held property there leads back to "tradition says," that point where historians tell us that no documentation means it cannot be proven.

Given the number of locations around Scotland that make reference to being related to William Wallace during his lifetime is a major reason for historians discounting many of them. In some instances, many of these locations are in regions where it is generally accepted that William most likely never visited! Relying on primarily English records to build their case for or against any part of William's life tends to mean that anything of a questionable nature, anything unlikely to be provable, is cast aside.

Since revealing in 1999 that William's seal states that he is the son of Alan Wallace, a large number of books and

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discussions have dealt with what is now known of William versus what had been known primarily, based on Blind Harry's writings. Some historians now lean in the direction that William very likely was born not in Renfrewshire but in Ayrshire, although the exact location of his birth may never be satisfactorily known.

Also likely to be unknown, aside from "tradition says," are all the actions in which William played any part during his lifetime. Killing of the English sheriff in Lanark and running the English judge out of Scone are accepted, as are the Battle of Stirling Bridge in September of 1297, and Falkirk less than one year later. Given the death of Sir Andrew Murray perhaps several months after Stirling Bridge allowed William to serve as sole Guardian of Scotland, something no other man can lay claim to. His resignation following the loss at Falkirk gave the Guardianship to Bruce and Comyn. Within months of that resignation William was off to France to plead for assistance for Scotland from the French king, and is thought to have had visions of visiting the pope in Rome to make the case for Scotland being its own independent kingdom. Knowledge of a letter of safe conduct from the French king dated in 1300 is evidence that William did arrive in France, but no evidence has thus far been found that would acknowledge his visit to Rome.

Where can you find books on Wallace? On occasion, at Games and Festivals one might find a used book vendor with one or more copies of books on Wallace. Searching the internet can be helpful, but will work out much better if the search uses "sir william wallace" as noted here. One search done in mid-July 2015 came up with well over 230,000 hits! Note that books continue to be published on Wallace's life, not all that many of them being given with announcements of their availability. One needs to search on occasion to learn what might have come out more recently.

CONVENER'S CORNER



Clan tents are a feature of Scottish gatherings, promoting community and culture.

By Russ Harper

Help Wanted: rewards include meeting new friends and having a marvelous time. I continuously get emails about games looking for Conveners for Clan Wallace. If you have a desire to help spread the word about Clan Wallace, please let me know at convenor@clanwallace.org. We need all the help we can get.

As you can tell from the Presidents letter, there are a lot of changes going on in the Clan Wallace Society. As the front line representatives of the Society conveners play a very important role like no other person can. You are the front line representative of the society at the games.

We try to make sure you have the latest and greatest news and information from the Clan to share with folks, and we need to hear from you to gives us feedback as to how well things are going. This is our 50th Anniversary and we have lots of things going on at a very rapid pace; especially the one-time special rate for Council membership for the remainder of 2016. We also have a special garden flag to recognize this event that can be displayed at your tent.

We hope our new Webmaster will be able to keep the website updated and informative. But there is always a

need to share information faster than the website. The biggest drawback is that I do not always know at which games Clan Wallace will have a representative. I know that family and work obligations sometimes can result in changes to what games you do, so please let us know so we can get the word out about where Clan Wallace will be represented.

Remember that with a write up of games you do for Clan Wallace, and a receipt, the Society will pay your setup/tent fees for those games up to total of \$300, if desired. If you choose this option, it will eliminate your tax benefits for that amount.

With our special 2016 pricing for Council membership we are hoping that you can use this as a way to get members to sign up. And if they are paid up members they will feel more comfortable about coming back year after year to visit. Incidentally, we do not plan to provide new membership forms, just use the old ones and just cross out the current rates and replace it with the special price mentioned in the Presidents letter.

You do not hear this often enough, but I cannot express how thankful I and the Society are for all the work you do in representing the Society at all the games you do.

NEWS FROM OUR CONVENERS



Lois and Bob Wallace and Kay and Russ Cayler at Pleasanton CA.

Caledonian Club of San Francisco 150th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games

By Bob Wallace

Extra tent space was set aside for this year's Scottish Highland Gathering and Games, held over the Labor Day weekend at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. This was their sesquicentennial event. A handful of clans held their Annual General Meeting during the weekend, several of them adding more tent space to accommodate their members.

Pipe bands from all across the western states filled the hours each day, from individual to band competition. Drum majors were not excluded from competition. One pipe band is selected to play while the drum majors show their abilities. Added to the pipe bands was a Marine Corps military band from southern California. The major event at the closing ceremonies is the massed pipes and drums and the Marine band performing on the track in front of the massive grandstand. Pipers and drummers fill nearly the full

length of the grandstand while lined up for closing ceremonies.

Weather was excellent this year; not too hot, certainly not too cold or wet. Over the years we've attended this event, it's gone from just right to still quite warm late into the evening. Located quite some distance inland from San Francisco Bay means not always

getting the benefit of the late afternoon or early evening on-shore breeze that typically cools San Francisco in the late summer weeks.

The Scottish community in the San Francisco Bay Area has held these events since their first effort held at San Francisco's Hayes Park in 1866 on Thanksgiving Day. Other venues included Sausalito and Oakland before settling on the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa in 1962. Beginning in 1994 the Games moved to its current location in Pleasanton, California.

As a side note, while in the U.S. Navy's fleet music program between 1958 and 1963, I was attached to the Twelfth Naval District Band based at Treasure Island. The first year the Caledonian Club of San Francisco held their Games in Santa Rosa the navy band from

Treasure Island was selected to entertain the audience on both days.

44th Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering

By John R. Wallace

The 44th annual convening of this terrific South Atlantic Festival and Games was held on September 18 - 20, 2015 and was sited again on the grounds of the historic Boone Hall Plantation in Mount Pleasant, SC. Sponsored by the Scottish Society of Charleston and executed by volunteers from the Society's membership, this large and entertaining event raises thousands of dollars each year for several worthwhile charities in the Charleston, SC area, including the local Ronald McDonald House.

This year the Honored Clan, Clan MacLeod, was joined by 41 other Clans and Societies that circled the Scottish Heavy Athletics Field and Entertainment Tent to provide heritage educational opportunities, excellent Celtic music, and warm camaraderie for the thousands who attended. Vendors provided a wide variety of food and goods, and the festival area resounded with Pipes and Drums, excellent music,



Carole Leonard, John Wallace and Alexis Ray at Charleston.



President Russ Harper at Florida Keys.

and colorful banners, flags, and, of course, lads and lassies in traditional Kilts.

A Formal Sponsors Reception in a local hotel on Friday evening always kicks off this wonderful weekend, and the affair is not complete until after a traditional Kirkin' o' the Tartan on Sunday morning at the First (Scots) Presbyterian Church in downtown Charleston.

The Clan Wallace Heritage tent was convened by Society Board Member and Past Clan Wallace Society President Sir John R. Wallace, who was assisted by Society Members Carole and Jack Leonard, and Alexis Ray, a local Charleston friend. The day was busy entertaining tent visitors and generally enjoying the events.

If you are ever in the area at this time of year and want to be well entertained, whether Scottish or no, this is where you need to be.....come by!!!

Florida Keys 3rd Annual Celtic Festival 2016

By Marcia Harper

The 3rd Florida Keys Celtic Festival was held in Marathon Community Park on January 9 and 10, 2016. The Florida Keys beckon you to come as you are. The weather was 82 degrees with bright sunshine. Clan Wallace was the only clan present.

The event is sponsored by the St. Columba Episcopal Church with the cooperation from Celtic Heritage Productions.

Entertainment was provided by West of Galway, The Screaming Orphans, Rathkeltair, Albannach and Marcille Wallis and Friends. The pipe band of the day was the Police Pipe and Drum Corps of Ft. Lauderdale Florida. Women athletes competed (no men, how interesting).

29th Annual Tucson Celtic Festival and Highland Games

By Bob Wallace

Clan Wallace Society was honored clan at this year's Tucson Celtic Festival and Highland Games. This event is held at the Rillito Park Race Track where there

is plenty of space and lots of parking available.

Weekend activities kicked off with a Pirate Pub Party on Friday evening at the main stage. Guests attending the evening event were asked to dress in something looking like pirate attire.

Saturday and Sunday activities got under way at 9:00am, four pipe bands warming up and marching around the large infield inside the race track. Heavy athletics took place at the west end as did some of the dance contests. Vendors were not too far inside the main entrance to the event. Clan tents were located some distance from the vendors, closer to the main stage where live performances could be heard both days. Saturday evening, Celtic Fire dance and concert took place in front of the main stage.

Opening ceremonies took place at Noon on Saturday, with Chief James McBain of McBain doing the honors. Following the parade of clans, Clan Wallace was introduced as this year's Honored Clan with remarks by Howard Sloane, Clan Wallace convener at the Tucson Games for 15 years. The weather from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon could not have been better for those clans and entertain-



Women's Hammer Throw at the Tucson Celtic Festival in November.



Larry and Judy Slight, John Wallace, Charlie and Karen Wallace.

bakery, Scots Corner, and Scots Den.

At the end of the day Clan Wallace was awarded 3rd place in Best clan tent. Don-nachaidh Society of Florida took 2nd place for Best Clan Tent. The Best of the Best for the day was Clan Murray Society of North America. Thanks to all that came out and enjoyed the day.

Celtic Bands playing non-stop for the entire period including crowd pleasing Albannach, Rathkeltair, Seven Nations, Dublin City Ramblers, and five others.

As you can see in the photo attached, we had only a few Wallaces - the usual suspects: Convener Larry Slight (Past President and Board Member) and his wife Judy Slight; Co-Convener Captain John R. Wallace (Past President and Board Member), and Membership Chairman Charlie Wallace and his wife, Karen Wallace (Current Executive Vice-President and Board Member).

The event started on Saturday with the Saint Patrick Day Parade that left the site and went out into the streets of Saint Augustine. It was a great time.

ment present. Attendance appeared to be somewhat lighter this year than last. Inquiries of local Clan Wallace folks revealed that several other events were taking place in Tucson that weekend, they maybe capturing some of the foot traffic we might have expected to see.

23rd Annual Panama City Beach Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

The Panama City Beach Highland Games (FL) was held on March 5, 2016. These games are held at Frank Brown State Park in Panama City Beach, Florida. Sunshine was the weather of the day. There were nine clan tents participating and Clan Wallace was among them. Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

The entertainment included the Santa Rosa Pipes and Drum, Emerald Coast Pipe and Drum, Tallahassee Pipe and Drum, and the Panama City Pipe and Drum, The Breakers, The Blarney Girls and the Krooked Kilts. The Games included heavy athletics, Children's Highland games competition, British Car show, Border Collie Demonstration and Highland dancing. The vendors at the games included, Celtic Store, Cameron British Food, House of Douglas

6th Annual Saint Augustine Celtic Music and Heritage Festival

By John R. Wallace

The 6th Annual 2016 Saint Augustine Celtic Music and Heritage Festival was held on March 11-13, 2016. Clan Wallace was one of 17 Clans and Societies having tents there for the two days of the event. Clan Irwin Association was the Honored Clan. They had the usual ceremonies, loads of vendors and food concessions, Heavy Athletic demonstrations, plus a huge ticket of great



Frank and Lynne Leslie in Midland, TX.

Midland Scottish-Irish Faire

By Frank Leslie

Clan Wallace again was present at the Midland, TX, Scottish-Irish Faire, held on March 12 & 13, 2016, in the Midland Horseshoe Arena complex. This is primarily an indoor venue with Celtic music and entertainment going on both days. The music included The Traveling Murphys, Cleghorn, Jed Marum and others. There was a dress-up Dog Parade, Bonnie Knees Contest, and the Scottish Heavy Athletics were conducted outside for the second year during the Faire. The weather was nice and sunny both days. Five people signed in on the visitors log and received Clan Wallace membership applications and information concerning the 50th Anniversary celebration being planned for Salado, TX in November this year. They all seemed interested in the upcoming Anniversary celebration, and hopefully some will attend.



Russ Harper at Panama City Beach.



President's Medallion given to new President Russ Harper by Past Presidents Lawrence Slight and John R. Wallace.

39th Central Florida Scottish Highland Games

By John R. Wallace

The Central Florida Games kicked off this year with a Major Rain Storm tearing its way across the Peninsula on Friday causing many travelers to duck for cover and did some damage to the tents on the Festival's fields.... But, after that passed, we awoke on Saturday morning in Winter Springs to a fabulous day of Scottish athletics, Celtic entertainment, and great food.

This event is one of the most complete Highland Games in the nation; four teams of lads, and four teams of lassies competed in heavy Scottish athletics representing the East, the West, the South and the North. Seven musical groups played continuously both Traditional Tunes, as well as Celtic Rock and included the infamous and renowned group, ALBANNACH; seven Pipe and Drum Bands from the Region played on the field and competed for prizes. There were Highland Dancing contests, Scottish Country Dancing

demonstrations, Border Collies, Scottish Cooking contests. Seventy (70) Scottish Clans and Societies provided color, tradition, and heritage to the mix, led by The Honored Clan, CLAN KENNEDY. Throw into that fray a field full of Vendors selling Celtic goods, trinkets, and lots of grand vittles and beverages...well it just does not get much better than that!!!

Clan Wallace was well represented this year by the appearance of many of

our Society Members, including our New President, Russ Harper and his wife, Marcia, as well as Past Presidents, John R. Wallace, the Convener for this event, and Larry Slight, our immediate Past President and his wife Judy.

A storm during Saturday night destroyed many more tents in the Village area leaving twisted steel tent structures and their shredded tent tops taller than two men piled up. Sunday



Wallaces Line Up for Clan March at the 2016 Central Florida Scottish Highland Games.

turned out to be bit cool and damp, and sparsely attended, but the Clans and events trooped along.

We had 23 Wallace Family Groups visit with us at the Tent over the two days and many more interested folks came by to chat. All in all it was a nice weekend and well worth attending for your families next year when in the Orlando area in January.

6th Annual Tartan Day South

By Marcia Harper

The 6th Annual Tartan Day South (SC) was held on April 2, 2016. Rainy morning, and cold temperatures on Saturday greeted the eleven clan tents participating and Clan Wallace was among them. Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

Tartan Day South is held at the Historic Columbia Speedway, where Richard Petty won his first NASCAR race.

Carolina British Classic cars and a Quidditch match were some of the things you could enjoy. The entertainment included Rathkiltair, Carolina Ceili, and Tuatha Dea.

The festival included athletics, both men and women, Scottish dancing and Irish dancing, Children's games face painting and storytelling, and four pipe bands.

A special guest was Dr. Bruce Durie, accomplished author, broadcaster, lecturer, and an expert on genealogy. Dr. Durie has been awarded a Fulbright Senior Scottish Studies Fellowship, and will be researching Lowland Scots migration to the Carolinas from January to August 2016.

The parade of tartans was at noon. We were honored to have march with us, Ted Wallace, Laura Carr, Susanne Dykes, Will Wallace, and Allen Wallace.

What a great weekend we had. Thanks to all that came out to enjoy the day with us.



Susanne Dykes, Laura Carr, Will Wallace, and our Society President Russ Harper (background).

22nd Annual Sarasota Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

The Sarasota Highland Games (FL) was held on January 30, 2016. These games are held at Sarasota fair grounds in Sarasota, FL. Sunshine was the weather of the day.

There were twenty clan tents participating and Clan Wallace was among them. Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

The entertainment included the Sarasota Pipes and Drum, Tarbolton, Brendan Nolan and Booby Vesey and Mike

Hickmont. The Games included heavy athletics, Children's Highland games competition, British Car show, Border Collie Demonstration and Highland dancing.

The vendors at the games included, Lumpy's Ice Cream, Celtic Store, Cameron British Food, The house of Douglas bakery, Scots Corner, Scots den, Celtic Designs by Melodye, The Celtic Store, and Faire Isles Trading Company.

Thanks to all that came out and enjoyed the day with us.

COMMEMORATIVE COIN FUNDRAISER



To mark the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Clan Wallace Society in Salado Texas, a commemorative coin has been created. We are using the coin as a fundraiser for ongoing and future projects.

On one side of the coin has the state of Texas with a banner containing the dates 1966-2016. The background is

the Wallace tartan and the Scottish Flag is in the corner. The outside of the coin is encircled with Celtic knots and the words Clan Wallace Society.

The other side of the coin is the Clan Wallace crest surrounded with the plant badge of an oak leaf and acorns. The coins are 1.75" in diameter. In order to obtain your commemorative

coins please fill out the information below and send along with your check made out to Clan Wallace Society to:
Secretary Clan Wallace Society -
PO Box One - Trenton, SC 29847

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State and Zip code: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Coins Desired: _____

Amount of Donation: \$ _____

(Please respect the \$10.00 minimum donation per coin.)

MEET OUR NEW WEBMASTER



Scott Wallace

I was born in 1971 in Burlington, Wisconsin, where I spent most of my life. In 1991, while at Naval Nuclear Prototype in Ballston Spa, New York, I met my wife Shannon Cooney. We were married in 1992 and being active duty we moved around during our early years of marriage. The Navy ultimately moved us to Jacksonville, Florida in 1995, our current home. We have three wonderful children, Allison (23), Kieran (17) and Anna (11).

My uncle, A. Dean Wallace, traced our Wallace lineage to the late 1780's, documenting the movement from Scotland to Ireland to Canada and ultimately Richland Center, Wisconsin. He

has also documented our maternal side (Booher) along with proving lineage to William White, a Mayflower passenger, and thus allowing our family acceptance into the Mayflower Society.

Shannon and I attended the NE Florida Highland Games around 1999, which was my first encounter with Clan Wallace. I was intrigued about the Wallace history, and can recall discussing the film Braveheart with those in the tent. I intended to join, and on every occasion thereafter I told myself I would and finally did this year. What really propelled me was noting that the clan webmaster position was vacant, and having been involved with website design and management I decided to finally quit procrastinating and join the clan along with offering up my service to fulfill this position. I look forward to this new adventure in my life and cannot wait to meet more CWS members.

WANTED Newsletter Editor

The Board of Directors is accepting expressions of interest for a new, permanent **editor** for the CWS Newsletter, *The Guardian*. It is an internationally award-winning newsletter, published quarterly.

Applicants must possess excellent grammar and spelling, as well as proficiency with the following software: MS-Publisher2007, MS Word, e-mail/Outlook and Adobe PDF. The basic commitment is approximately 10-15 hours, every four months. Email your interest to:

**president@
clanwallace.org**

FAMOUS WALLACES: LILA AND DEWITT WALLACE

DeWitt Wallace (1889-1981), American publisher, was the founder of Reader's Digest, one of the world's largest-selling magazines.

William Roy "DeWitt" Wallace was born on November 12, 1889, in St. Paul, Minnesota, where his father was on the faculty (and later president) of Macalester College. DeWitt attended Macalester from 1907 to 1909 but, finding life there too confining, transferred to the University of California at Berkeley. He returned to St. Paul in 1912 and was hired by a publishing firm specializing in farming literature. Much of the company's information was provided without cost by federal and state agencies. Wallace compiled a list of the available public documents, added his own comments, and published the result in 1916 in a pamphlet entitled *Getting the Most Out of Farming*. Acting as his own salesman, Wallace sold nearly 100,000 copies, primarily to rural bankers who offered it to their customers as a promotional device.

When America entered World War I Wallace enlisted in the Army, was sent to France, and in 1918 was seriously wounded in action near Verdun. Wallace passed the hours in a French military hospital editing superfluous words from magazine articles, preparing himself for his next publishing venture—Reader's Digest.

For six months in 1919 Wallace was a constant visitor to the periodical room of the Minneapolis Public Library. He pored through a host of magazines, seeking out those articles that still retained general interest even ten years after publication. The chosen few were then carefully condensed. By January 1920 he had prepared a sample issue of the Reader's Digest, "31 Articles Each Month From Leading Magazines, Each Article of Enduring Value and Interest, In Condensed and Permanent Form." The sample contained all of the essential elements that would make

the Reader's Digest a world-wide success. Unlike most magazines of the day, the Digest contained no fiction, for it was envisioned as a service for busy readers who wanted hard facts conveyed quickly, clearly, and concisely. Wallace edited the Digest to speak directly to the concerns of the average reader, skillfully blending stories of human interest, down-to-earth advice, and good-natured humor. The Digest frankly acknowledged the world's problems but remained ever-confident of their eventual solution.

The Wallaces' initial plans for the Reader's Digest were, in retrospect, quite modest. He offered to give his idea to any publisher who would make him editor of the new magazine. But even on those generous terms no one was interested. So, as a last resort, he decided to publish the Digest himself. A small office was rented in New York City's Greenwich Village and hundreds of circulars were sent out to potential subscribers. His sole partner then, and in the years to come, was Lila Bell Acheson, the sister of a Macalester classmate. The couple were married in October 1921. When they returned from their honeymoon some 1,500 orders awaited them.

The first official edition of Reader's Digest appeared in February 1922. Most magazine publishers readily granted re-publication rights, for they considered a credit in the Digest a form of free advertising for their periodicals. In its early years the Digest itself carried no advertising and was sold solely by subscription. On that basis the magazine grew slowly, but steadily. In 1922 Wallace was able to



Lila Acheson Wallace and her husband, DeWitt.

move the company to its permanent headquarters in Pleasantville, New York. Three years later the Digest had a circulation of 20,000 copies. The real growth of the Reader's Digest did not come until it was sold on the nation's newsstands, but Wallace did not take that step until 1929. He feared that other magazines, sensing new competition, would no longer grant reprint rights. Most of the major periodicals, however, continued with the Digest (some for a fee), and by the end of 1929 circulation had climbed over 100,000.

Wallace constantly adjusted his editorial product to meet the needs of his rapidly growing readership. For example, in February 1933 the Digest began presenting signed, original articles. In time the magazine would produce over half of its own material. As the Digest grew in size and influence it inevitably attracted its share of critics. Some scorned the Digest's brand of condensed English; others objected to its alleged conservative political bias.

Yet the Reader's Digest did have its crusading moments. It was one of the first major periodicals (in 1954) to link cigarette smoking and cancer, and it

SYNOPSIS OF THE 2015 ANNUAL DIRECTORS MEETING

The Annual Directors Meeting (ADM) of the Clan Wallace Society was held in Laurinburg, NC, on October 02, 2015. Here is a synopsis of that meeting.

Directors Attending: Nine Directors attended with one via conference call, and included all four officers. One director voted via proxy. Other attendees included Past Executive Vice President Wayne Jones, Past Director and Membership Chairman Charles Wallace.

Meeting for Fiscal Year 2015

Opening: The ADM was convened by the President, Larry Slight at 9:05am on October 02, 2015.

Reading of 2014 ADM Minutes: The 2014 minutes were unanimously approved by the Directors by email on 10/05/15 with no corrections were made.

Treasurer's FY 2015 Report through September 30, 2015 was presented and approved.

Reports: All reports, statistics and cost figures were presented to cover Fiscal Year October 1, 2014 and (as projected) through September 30, 2015.

A. Election Committee Report: Past Director Jim Wallace presented the only three nominations received for the four open positions, so there was no requirement for an election. Randy Dedrickson and Robbie Wallace were both declared elected as Directors and Larry Slight was re-elected. A fourth position is open and will have to be filled by the next President pursuant to the by-laws.

B. Membership Chair: Charles Wallace reported there were 29 new Annual members with two converting to higher level memberships. Of the total annual members there were 266 inactive and two upgrades. Due to the tremendous contribution made by Linda Eubank for the Maitland Papers and a re-evaluation of her outstanding work, she was upgrade from Life to Council Membership.

C. Newsletter Manager: Wayne Jones reported that the newsletter has remained consistent as to the cost. In FY 2015 an average of 580 newsletters sent by email, 56 were mailed by post with 2 additional mailed to international addresses.

D. Convener Affairs: Russ Harper reported two requests for reimbursement of convening expenses. Conveners need to remember to send receipts and reports with these requests. We have two new

conveners, and a potential new convener in Georgia and a new convener in Virginia. It is important that conveners send information for when they are convening so information can be posted on the website.

E. Secretary: Larry Slight noted that there was no Secretary this year following the resignation of Garret Whiteside. Karen Wallace filled in as the relief and completed the minutes for the 2015 ADM.

F. Recognition Program: John Wallace gave a detailed explanation of the program and its history especially for the new Directors. Budget expenses for both programs were reported. In fiscal year 2015, there were no awards given. There have been only a small number of donors to date. The number of donors is 33 total, but they have given in excess of \$44,000.00 over the 11 years of the program.

G. International Projects: Russ Harper reported that the 2,000 pounds we pledged to support the parade was not forwarded to the Wallace700 Committee. The Committee found adequate funding from other sources and no longer needed our support. The annual donation of 500 pounds will continue.

H. Advisory Director for Canada: Dorothy Knight has been in this position for 10 years and has declined a Director position. Most CWS activities in Canada are done by Dorothy at her own expense. She designs certificates appropriate for use in Canada.

I. Executive Vice President: Russ Harper reported that planning is ongoing for the Salado Games Clan Wallace Gathering and 50th Anniversary Celebration. Russ attended the Salado Games in the fall and talked with those locally about event plans. Andrew Wallace may attend the 50th Anniversary Gathering. The date of the Gathering at Salado Games is November 10-13, 2016.

J. Unfinished Business for 2014: Jim "Bowie" Wallace has stepped down as Webmaster. The Board expressed gratitude for all his help through the years. After the ADM the search for a new Webmaster began.

K. Certification of New Directors: New Directors Larry Slight, Robby Wallace, and Randy Dedrickson were certified.

New Business

A. Election of 2016 Officers

President: Russ Harper - Approved

Executive VP: Karen Wallace - Approved
Secretary: Randy Dedrickson - Approved
Treasurer: Larry Slight - Approved

B. Presentation of 2016 CWS Budget:

There were no changes requested for the 2016 budget. Project funding discussed, amended and approved for next year included: \$500.00 for Wallace 700; High Desert Pipe Band/\$500.00 matching funds; and Lyon College/Scottish Heritage; \$400.00 the Odem Library/\$400.00 matching funds; \$800.00 Membership Books (if needed); \$500.00 Special Project; \$5,000.00 Clan Tent Reimbursement (decreased).

C. Fund Raising - Commemorative Coin:

Randy Dedrickson gave a brief history of the use of coins in the military, civilians and Scottish Organizations. A Clan Wallace Commemorative Coin is a way to raise additional funds for the organization. Money received would be in the form of a donation to CWS. With registration for the Clan Wallace 50th Celebration in Salado, members will receive a coin.

D. 50th Anniversary Banners: Russ Harper discussed the plans for the 50th Anniversary Banner to be designed and made for the Salado Celebration. These would have a similar design as the coin. A larger one would be purchased for Andrew Wallace as a gift for attending the celebration.

E. Celtic Crazy 2016: John Wallace announced a new event, Celtic Crazy 2016 which was held in Titusville, FL on April 8th from 6-9:00 pm to promote Scottish heritage at no cost for Nonprofit Societies.

F. Future Gatherings: Clan Wallace Gathering Celebrations will continue to be every two years; 2018, 2020, 2022, etc.

G. Donations: John Wallace announced two new donations to Clan Wallace. A donation of \$100.00 came from California and a donation of \$150.00 came from Russ Harper for 2016.

H. Awards: President's Awards were made to John Wallace, Board Member, and Wayne Jones, Past EVP. An Award of Appreciation was awarded to Lisa Donant for her contributions for many years as Board Member and Treasurer.

Close Meeting Sine Die

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:20 a.m.

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frequently attacked unfair business practices. The Digest's most famous article, "...And Sudden Death," published in August 1935, graphically portrayed the hazards of reckless driving. It became the most widely reprinted article in magazine history, with four million copies in circulation.

By the end of the 1930s Reader's Digest was moving into the international market. A British edition was produced in 1938, to be followed by editions in

Spanish (1940), Portuguese (1942), Swedish (1943), and, eventually, most of the world's major languages. The foreign editions carried advertising from their inception. The American edition followed suit in 1955, but only after Wallace, in typical fashion, had first surveyed the likely reaction of his readers. Wallace, meanwhile, was reaching out into other areas of publishing, usually successfully. The Reader's Digest Book Club, for example, offered its members quarterly volumes of condensed books, primarily

current novels. When the club started in 1950 it had 183,000 subscribers; in four years there were two and a half million.

Wallace gradually began to withdraw from the active management of the company in the mid-1960s, although he remained as chairman of the board until 1973. He died on March 30, 1981. Lila passed in 1983. At the time of her death over 30 million copies of Reader's Digest were being sold every month to readers in 163 countries.

AYRSHIRE SPOTLIGHT: KILLOCHAN CASTLE



Killochan Castle was constructed in the 14th century, and has a rich history.

Submitted by Wayne Jones

Killochan Castle stands on the banks of the Girvan, about three miles from the town of Girvan. One of the best preserved and impressive castles in Ayrshire, it is an L-shaped tower house with a spiral staircase at one corner leading to five stories of apartments. The entrance is defended by a machicolated projection at parapet level. The walls are pierced by shot-holes. There is an 18th century wing of two stories.

Over the door is inscribed the words: "This work was begun the 1 of Marche

1586 be Johne Cathcart of Carlton and Helene Wallace his spous"; and then follows the pious reminder - "The name of the Lord is ane strang tour and the rychteous in thair troublis rinis unto it and findeth refuge." Not far from the Castle, in the middle of a field sloping down to the Girvan, stands a huge boulder of grey granite, about 37 tons in weight, and 13 yards in circumference, called the "Baron's Stone." Geikie, the Geologist, wrote an article on it, sketching its history, telling how it once formed part of a cliff, 2000 feet over its present site, far away among the hills of Loch Doon, and was borne hither on a field of ice, after having

travelled a distance of at least 18 miles. In historical times, it formed the "Hill of Justice" of the barons of Killochan, where they mustered their men, planned their raids, shared their booty, and hanged their refractory prisoners.

Killochan belongs to a family of great antiquity in the district - the Cathcarts. So far back do their records extend, that I have seen a copy of one of their charters which was granted by Edward Bruce, King of Ireland, about the year 1317, and confirmed by his brother, the great King Robert, seven years after. In this charter, the land is held on condition of the Baron furnishing to the King "three sufficient spears on Christmas day at our head manor of Turnberry"; and that this was no empty claim is shown by the fact that Robert Cathcart of Killochan was one of the nobles who fell at Flodden in 1513. In the faction feuds of the district, the Killochan family, as might have been expected, sided with the Bargany Kennedys; and in the fray near Maybole, where the Laird of Bargany was killed, the young Laird of Carleton led the second detachment of Bargany's forces. John Cathcart, builder of the castle, commanded the rear guard at a battle at Pennynglen, during which Bargany was mortally wounded. The Cathcarts occupied Killochan, although not continuously, until 1954. Oh, and incidentally, the castle is for sale!

THE CWS AT FIFTY: 10-13 NOVEMBER 2016

Mark your calendars now for November 10 – 13, 2016, and plan to attend the 2016 Clan Wallace Society 50th Anniversary Gathering in Salado, Texas. This Anniversary Gathering will be in conjunction with the **Salado Scottish Clan Gathering & Highland Games**, the birthplace of the Society in 1966.

Everything is bigger in Texas, especially Clan Wallace. Come renew old friendships and make new ones at this special event.

Following you will find information on Hotel options, events scheduled, and a Gathering reservation form. Most non-game events and socials will take place at the Holiday Inn Express. Space is limited, so make your reservations early.

Veterans Day occurs during this event. Veterans may want to wear their ribbons or medals, especially on November 11, 2016.

Hope to see you there!



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HOTEL & TRAVEL

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express and the Inn on the Creek (Bed and Breakfast). You may call **now** to make reservations. To make reservations at the Holiday Inn Express, ask for the Clan Wallace Gathering block of rooms. The Block Code is "CWG". To make reservations at the Inn on the Creek, just mention "JoAnne McIntosh" and reserve your room.

September 15, 2016 is the **cut-off date** for reservations. Any questions regarding reservations at the Holiday Inn Express can be made to Larry Slight, Treasurer, at lsight@comcast.net.

Holiday Inn Express Salado (Block of 25 rooms)

1991 N. Stagecoach RD
Salado TX 76571
Phone: 254-947-4004

Thursday and Sunday

\$90 King

\$100 Double (2 Queens)

Friday & Saturday

\$110 King

\$120 Double (2 Queens)

Four wheelchair access rooms

All come with mini fridges, microwave ovens, coffee makers, free Internet, and TV's

Hot breakfast included 6:30 - 9:30am;

7:00 - 10:00am Sat & Sun

Outdoor pool courtyard, two seating areas, business fitness center & meeting room space



Inn on the Creek (19 rooms)

216 Royal Street
Salado TX 76571
Phone: 254-947-5554

\$110 - \$190

Full complimentary breakfast at 9:00am at onsite restaurant, 24-hour fitness center, TV, Wi-Fi, and coffee maker, lobby fireplace.



EVENTS SCHEDULE

TENTATIVE: SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Thursday November 10, 2016

12:00pm - Late on-site registration at Holiday Inn Express

12:00pm - 9:00pm - Hospitality Room

4:00pm - 6:30pm - Social Gathering in Holiday Inn hosted by the President of the Society and (Tentative Whisky tasting hosted by (TBD))

7:00pm - Hotel Buffet Gathering Dinner

Friday November 11, 2016

9:00am - Until - Annual Directors Meeting

12:00pm - 4:00pm - Continued on-site registration as needed)

12:00pm - 9:00pm - Hospitality Room

All Day - Guests at their leisure

6:00pm - Calling of the Clans Ceremony

7:00pm - Society Welcoming Dinner - Johnny's Steak and Bar-B-Q

Saturday November 12, 2016

9:00am - Salado Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games at the Civic Center

12:00 Noon - Opening parade and ceremony

8:00pm - Formal Tartan Dinner at the Terrace (Clan Wallace Honored Clan)

Sunday November 13, 2016

9:00am - 10:00am - "Kirkin of the Tartan," Civic Center-grounds, "Flowers of the Forest" church service - family groups carry banners of family plaids and ask blessings

11:00am to 12:30pm - Farewell Brunch (TBD)

Dog parade, Children's Highland Athletic Games

4:00pm - Closing Ceremony

Airports close to Salado (Both have rental cars):

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) 50 miles South of Salado

Killeen Fort Hood Regional Airport (GRK) 30 miles Northwest of Salado

Salado Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games

The cost of the Salado Games is separate from the Gathering, and will be paid for by attendees. At the time of this printing, game prices have not been set.

The 2015 general admission prices were \$15 for Saturday, \$10 for Sunday, or \$20 for Saturday and Sunday. More details and options including an Order form will be available on the games website at

www.saladoscottishfestival.com

THE GUARDIAN

Registration Form for 2016 50th Anniversary Gathering of Clan Wallace Society

Checks and Money Orders Payable to Clan Wallace Society

Completed form and payment must be received by September 15, 2016 to:

Larry Slight, Treasurer

Clan Wallace Society

906 E Red House Branch Road, St. Augustine, Florida 32084-6505

General Information		# of Guests (if any) _____	Staying at Holiday Inn Express? Yes / No
Name(s) as it would appear on Name Badge		Names: _____	
Name: _____			Inn on the Creek? Yes / No
Address: _____			Other; Address: _____
		Method of Transportation	
		(method of arrival in Salado, TX)	
Phone: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Auto	Contact Number: _____
Email: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Airplane	
Arrival Date: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> RV	Special needs we should be aware of?
Departure Date: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

50th Anniversary Gathering Event Sign Up Options

Gathering Registration Fee	How Many Adults? _____	\$30.00	each
	Children 18 and Under - No Charge	\$50.00	per couple

Fee includes Gathering Commemorative Souvenir, Decorations, Miscellaneous Expenditures, etc.

Registration Fee is Required for All Adult Attendees

Hospitality Room - Holiday Inn Express - Thursday & Friday November 10-11, 2016

Assorted Beverages, Spirits & Snacks

12:00pm - 9:00pm

How Many Adults? _____

CWS

How Many Children? _____

Welcome Buffet & Whisky Tasting - Thursday, November 10, 2016 *

Buffet at Holiday Inn Express

7:00pm - 9:00pm (Reservations Needed)

How Many Adults? _____

\$20.00 (estimate)

How Many Children? _____

Pay Separately

CWS Annual Directors Meeting - Friday, November 11, 2016

9:00am - Until - Holiday Inn Express

How Many Guests? _____

Society Welcome Dinner - Friday, November 11, 2016

Dinner at Johnny's Steaks and Bar-B-Q

7:00pm - (Reservations Needed)

How Many Adults? _____

\$25.00 (estimate)

How Many Children ? _____

Pay Separately

Society/CTAM (Formal) Tartan Dinner, Saturday November 12, 2016, after Festival

8:00pm - the Terrace (Across I-35)

(Reservation Needed - Pay Separately)

How Many Adults? _____

\$35.00

How Many Young Adults? _____

Pay Separately

Wallace Farewell Brunch - Sunday, November 13, 2016

12:00pm - 1:00pm Holiday Inn Express

How Many Adults? _____

Pay Separately

1. Due to construction on I-35, there will be no transportation to events.

2. No personal Hotel costs are included in the Registration Fee

3. Reservations for dinners will be based on responses to registration.

* No one under the age of 21 can attend Whisky Tasting

US Currency Total Enclosed \$ _____