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"Splash of Tartan"



Photo Credit Kaitlin Wallace



Letter from the President

Welcome to the New *Guardian*! After many months of looking we finally have a new newsletter editor, Todd Wallace. I hope you will be as pleased with it as I am. Well done Todd (and CJ)!! With Todd taking over the newsletter, I want to thank his predecessor, Wayne Jones for his many years of doing a great job.

Last summer, Scotland hosted an event in Edinburgh, called "A Splash of Tartan". (See the wonderful articles about it later in this newsletter.) Todd contacted me and had some questions about the event, and some general questions about the Clan Wallace Society. Marcia and I were planning a trip to Detroit so agreed to meet him and his lovely family on the way. We spent over six hours at a Denny's getting to know him, his lovely wife Connie, their son CJ and his wife Erin (along with their 2 little ones). As a result of our discussion, Todd has volunteered to do the newsletter, become a convener, and joined the Board of Directors!! I cannot thank Todd (and his family) enough for their friendship and willingness to take all of this on.

We are always looking for help making CWS a great organization, please consider Todd's example and reach out to one of us and find out what you can do to help.

This begins my Third (and last) year as President. I have tried to get to as many games in new areas as I can. My first year we did games in the east (FL, GA, NC, SC, PA, NY, NH, TX, and ME). Last year we did games in the Midwest (MI, ON, IN, WI, MO, OK, and TN). This year we will be doing games in the West. (Alberta, WA, OR, CA, NV, and UT). Please check the website and come join us at a game (or two) in your area.

Russ

Letter from the Editor

Greetings Clan Wallace!

I just want to take a minute to introduce myself. My name is Todd Wallace and I am the new newsletter editor for Clan Wallace Society. My wife is Connie and we have two grown children, Kaitlin and CJ. My son is married to Erin and they have two boys Sirion and Xander. They are just way too cute and a lot of fun! We live in central Ohio where we will also be convening.

I would like to thank Wayne Jones for all of the hard work and service he has put into the newsletter the past several years. He has been a great support in helping me get oriented to my new task. I have some mighty big shoes to fill and I must say it's a little intimidating. Thank you, Wayne for all of your dedication!

With the help of my son and my wife I hope I can produce a fun and informative newsletter for your reading enjoyment and that will live up to the high standard that has been set. I look forward to hearing from our conveners, the rest of the directors and our members. I welcome your thoughts on the types of articles you like to read along with any submissions you would like to offer. I have some ideas that I would like to add myself. I hope everybody has a wonderful 2018 and as Marcia Harper says **"Without you there is no Clan Wallace!"**

Todd

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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



**William (Bill) Roy Bierwirth
II**

**September 1953 - January
2018**

The Clan Wallace Society (CWS) has lost another good friend. William Roy Bierwirth II (Bill) passed away in Richmond, Virginia on January 15th.

Bill was a CWS Council member for over 35 years and attended and convened many Scottish Games and Festivals in the Virginia area, where many members got to meet this likeable man. Bill was active in several other organizations including the Scottish American Military Society; Saint Andrews Society of Richmond where he was Vice President; and the SAS's in Knoxville and Williamsburg. He helped organize and was a past President of the Williamsburg Highland Games.



Bill with grandson Connor

Bill was a graduate of East Michigan University and a member of the Army ROTC. He served during the Cold War as an Armor officer commanding a M-60 tank unit in West Germany. He was honorably discharged from the Army with the rank of Captain. The discipline and leadership skills honed during his military service were applied when he took on the challenge of teaching fourth graders at Richmond Preparatory Academy, his last and most enjoyable teaching position.

Bill is survived by his daughter Erin; son SSG. Sean J. Bierwirth (stationed in Germany); father William Roy Bierwirth I; brothers, Roy and Bruce; former wife and friend Christine; and four grandchildren, four nieces and seven nephews; and special friend, Kathleen Dart.

Bill was a loving father, grandfather, son, brother and a good friend. He will be dearly missed by his family, and his Clan Wallace Society family.



GLENMORANGIE 175th ANNIVERSARY

Glenmorangie to Celebrate 175th Anniversary with Plans for Expansion

Thanks to Author Sean Murphy of 'The Scotsman'

Submitted by Bob Wallace



A Highland distillery is to celebrate its 175th anniversary by announcing plans for a multi-million-pound expansion. Glenmorangie (pronounced Glen-MOR-in-gee) will mark the celebration with plans to build a new still house.

Funded by investment from its owner The Glenmorangie Company, the expansion will house two more of Glenmorangie's signature copper stills (one wash still, one spirit still).

The proposals have been submitted, and subject to approval, the distillery, which is based in Tain, Ross-shire, aims to start work on the project this year, with a completion date in 2019 and the distillery running as normal throughout the construction.

The team at Glenmorangie say the proposed new still house will be a fitting celebration of the Distillery's 175th anniversary, allowing them to increase their capacity in line with the rising global demand for single malt Scotch.

Glenmorangie confirmed that it remains committed to the local Highland community in which it has been rooted since its inception in 1843 and in the coming weeks, it will invite local residents to a meeting where they can hear about the expansion plans first hand.

This new building will work in tandem with the existing still house and showcase two more of Glenmorangie's signature copper stills, the tallest in Scotland – at 5m (16ft) high.

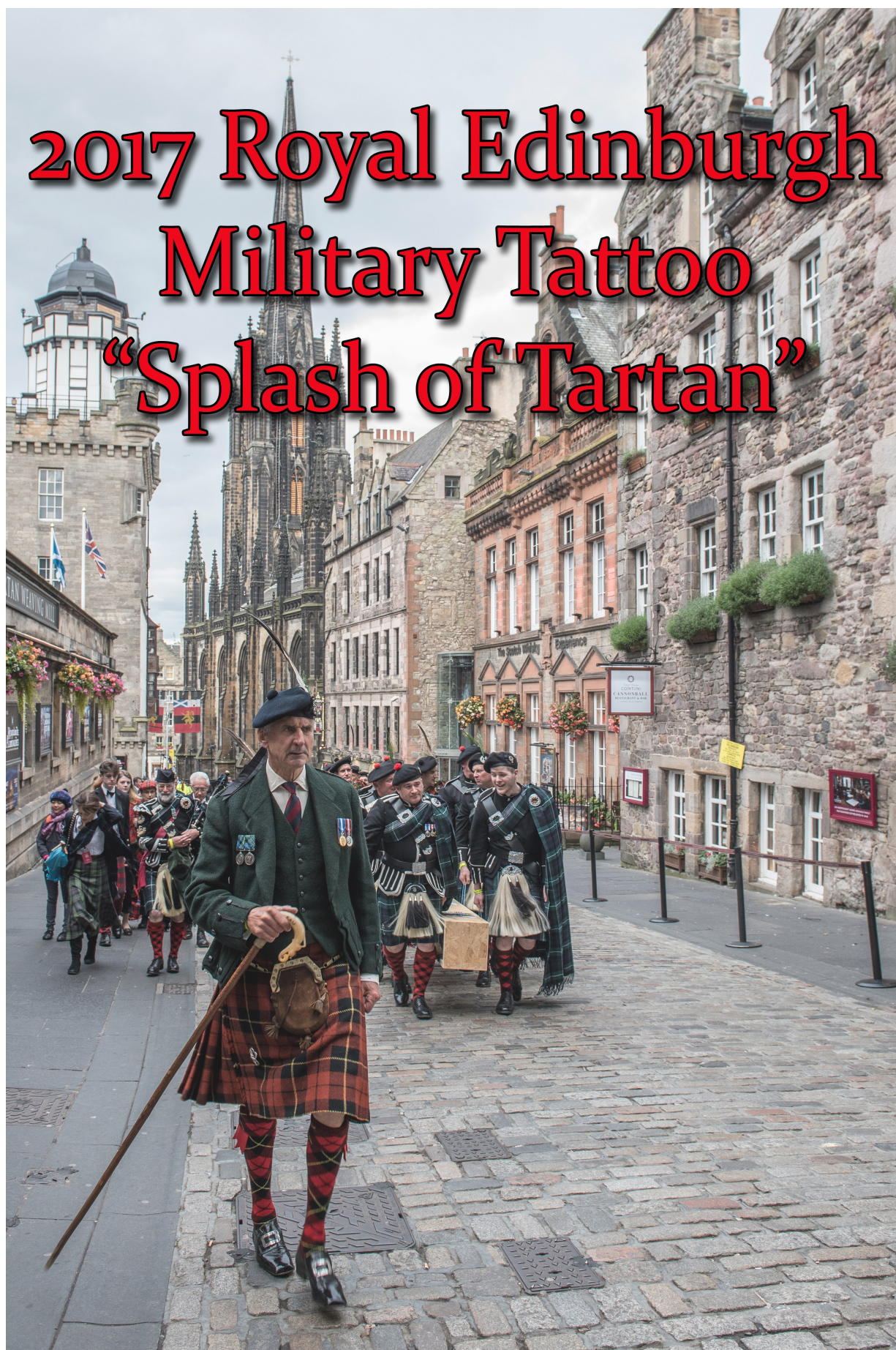
The new structure will regenerate a site currently occupied by a unused grain store and plans have also been proposed for a separate building to provide additional mashing and fermentation facilities.

Marc Hoellinger, president and CEO of The Glenmorangie Company, said: "It is a testament to the success of Glenmorangie, and to the increasing appreciation of our whisky creators' vision and expertise, that we are able to plan with confidence for the future.

"We believe the proposed investment will support the Distillery's growth and ensure that many more discerning single malt whisky drinkers can discover the delights of our exceptional Highland single malt Scotch whisky."

Glenmorangie also announced the launch of its first single malt whisky fully matured in American ex-rye whiskey casks as part of its popular Private Edition series – the Spìos (Scots Gaelic for 'spice' and pronounced 'spee-oss') is described as "sweet and spicy" and went on sale on Tuesday (30th January).

2017 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo “Splash of Tartan”



“SPLASH OF TARTAN”

It was the start of our big day. I was in our room with my kilt, hose, sporran, shirt and tie laid out before me. I began to dress paying attention to every little detail. Are my Ghillie laces centered? Is my kilt pin straight? Is my tie the proper length? The significance of the event was not lost on me, after all the clans haven't been formerly invited to Edinburgh castle since the 1740's. I was about to have the time of my life and a day full of wonderful experiences.

We headed to old Edinburgh. After getting off the bus a multitude of strangers stopped me to pose for pictures. It seemed I couldn't walk 20 feet without a photo request. Five Muslim girls offered money to pose in a photo. I told them to keep their money and shared a big smile for the camera. One man even asked me to hug his wife. It was so refreshing not to see racial, religious or political barriers. It felt like true freedom.



Photo Credit Jeffery Brown

The first Wallace I ran into was Thomas from Indiana in his Prince Charlie jacket and tartan. We posed for more photos as we made our way to the meeting point just inside the security barrier. The Wallace Clan started to arrive from all over: New York, Texas, Ohio, Indiana and Arizona. Falconer Wallace and his men the Lonach Highlanders arrived. They dressed in the Wallace tartan and carried long crates. The crates held a pike for each Highlander. Now we had our own army to march with us.

As we headed to the castle the Wallace Pipes and Drums from Malta met us and marched ahead, playing as they led us to the castle. Our small group had grown to about 75. I thought it couldn't get much better than this. I was wrong.

At the main entrance of the castle the massed pipes and drums lined both sides of the walkway all the way to the great hall. There had to be 300 pipes and drums playing to welcome us as we walked between them. I can't begin to describe the rush of emotion. Several times I had to wipe away a tear. I've never felt so honored.

The Forbes Clan with their own pike led highlanders joined us in the great hall. The show director commented we were the largest and most formidable group presenting for the Splash of Tartan. After a short reception, we were escorted across the drawbridge to the red carpet in the arena and introduced to a sellout crowd of thousands of cheering people. The Falconer and Clan Forbes Chief shared a Scottish toast with quich and all the fanfare and then we were ushered to our seats to watch the show.

By Todd Wallace



Photo credit Steven Rennie

Gaelic Toast

Gathering in the Great Hall at Edinburgh Castle, with two dozen other Wallace's to take part in the opening sequence of the Royal Military Tattoo the evening of Aug 14th was the start of an experience of a lifetime! Being in the Great Hall with our Clan members and those of Clan Forbes. The feeling that we were there as honored guests not tourists who just happened to wander in was fabulous. The Wallace Pipes and Drums from Malta honored us by playing as they led the two groups down the hill. Stepping through the gate and on to the Esplanade in front of 10,000 attendees for that evening's performance was thrilling. Standing there during the ceremony of the toast, looking up to those in the stands, demonstrating the pride we have in our clan and heritage, was one of our proudest moments.

By Bob and Lois Wallace



Bob and Lois Wallace



Photo credit Steven Rennie

The first thing I noticed as we convened was the sheer height of the Wallace Highlander men and the Falconer who led them. I could have sworn there were few shorter than six and a half feet tall and the Falconer Wallace's eagle feather in his bonnet made him appear well over seven. I wondered to myself why is it that most of the American Wallace men I knew ranged from 5' 8" to 5'11"?

The Highlanders proceeded to bring out their pike that created the look of a well armed troop. As we lined up the Wallace Band from Malta fell in behind our Highland escorts. I didn't think the pomp and circumstance could rise any higher as I very humbly joined the back of the line. I was wrong.



Photo credit Steven Rennie

Wallace Introduction

you are invited guests, please don't lay siege here today ". He commented that our group was the largest and most impressive to participate to date. He assigned us a guide. He gave us our marching orders and sent us out.

We entered the Castle Esplanade to line up along a red carpet. We looked to the stands to witness thousands of spectators. The Falconer and Lt. General Joseph Anderson finished their toasts and kissed the bottom of their quach to seal our peaceful alliance. We were invited to take our seats. It occurred to me that I might never see such an inspiring gathering of the diaspora again in my lifetime and my heart swelled to know I had walked in and the Clan Wallace. created history with

By Connie Wallace

As we crossed the bridge and headed to the Great Hall we were greeted by a 300 piece Massed Pipe and Drum band. They played for us as we passed. There was hardly a dry eye as we

were honored by their reverence. Close behind us the Forbes were led by their own pike carrying Highlanders. I could only describe the assembly as impressive. I remembered the quote from the promotional news story, "This is the first time that Scotland's clans have been welcomed into the Castle since the Highland Clans marched to the City of Edinburgh to lay siege to the Castle during the Jacobite uprisings in 1745." The thought occurred to me the 900 clansmen that marched in August of 1745 were led by Bonnie Charles, my maternal ancestor. I was bringing my ancestors home from exile to a hero's welcome.

The sight we made and historical significance were not lost on the event Chief Executive and Producer, Brigadier David Allfrey. He said with a cheeky laugh, "My I've never seen such a gnarly bunch of pirates come to the castle. We were going to give you Jacobite escorts but you've brought your own army. Remember Wallaces



Connie Wallace and Lynn Wallace Brown



Photo Credit Jeffery Brown

Lonach Highlanders



Photo credit Steven Rennie

Massed Pipes And Drums



Kaitlin Wallace With Press Pass

I had the amazing opportunity to be the Clan Wallace press representative. Hours before the event I had to go to the official office for the Military Tattoo and sign my papers to get my press pass. I then knew this was only the beginning of the best night ever! Later, I got to meet a lot of awesome people, I mean after all most of us were Wallace's. We were then taken to a part of the castle to rehearse walking in. As everyone began to walk down to the arena, the event media director and I ran to be in front of everyone, so I could begin taking photos. I stopped and snapped a few photos of everyone walking down, before bobbing and weaving through the busy crowd to beat everyone to the arena. I don't mean to brag when I tell you I had the best seat in the house! I was dead center right next to the BBC cameras. I thought that this could not be real or that someone would end up telling me to go sit down. I may have been rained on and had to stand for a few hours, but it was worth it in my book. I got to capture a truly amazing event. The night continued as all the Wallace's from the USA met up at a nearby pub. We drank, we laughed, we shared memories, history, pictures, and stories. This was an amazing night with an amazing family that I will never forget! Our toast was a traditional Scottish toast "To nights we won't remember with friends we will never forget".

By Kaitlin Wallace



Photo credit Steven Rennie

Her Majesty's Royal Marines

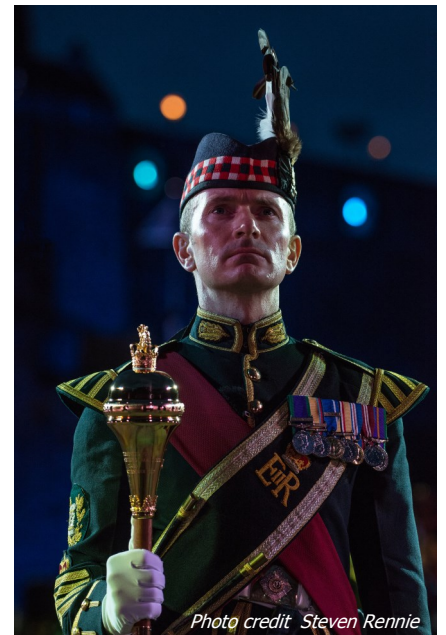


Photo credit Steven Rennie

154 Scottish Regiment Royal Logistics Corps



Photo credit Steven Rennie

The Shetland Fiddlers Viking Heritage



Photo credit Steven Rennie

Indian Naval Band Performers



Photo credit Steven Rennie

The Tattoo Dance Company



Her Majesty's Royal Marines



Fireworks Over The Castle



The Royal Regiment Of Scotland



The Lone Piper

NEWS FROM THE WALLACE 700 ASSOCIATION

Dear Freens,

Despite the threat of a wet evening the numbers attending this year's Ceremony were slightly greater than last. Grateful thanks to those who contributed to this dignified and worthy event. Rev.Emsley Nimmo, as Convener; Gordon Casely, piping; Rev Stephen Taylor, dedication; and Yvonne Morton, "Freedom Come Aa Ye." The magnificent wreath was, as always, donated by Moira MacAuley. Last, but certainly not least, many thanks to Carmine Scarpellino, for keeping his renowned Pizza and Pasta Howff open well past normal closing time so that he could provide us with a welcome cup of coffee after the wreath had been secured.

We may have to revise our wreath laying next year as the City Council is pushing ahead with fairly massive reconstruction of UT Gardens and the public area adjacent to the Wallace Statue. You will recall that on your behalf we raised concerns with City Planners, in February about the proposed water feature to be created surrounding our Wallace Monument. Sad to say these were of no avail, obviously the powers that be still regard this as a good idea. Formal planning applications for these works were submitted in May. Not only is the water feature still in place it is considerably larger than previously shown, with semi-mature trees embedded within this egg-shaped structure. The grand title given to this piece of Civic daftness is "The Reflective Pool."

My apologies for not thanking sooner, all those who have contributed to this year's ceremony, it has been a rather busy autumn. When sending out notice of our October AGM, I shall include formal acknowledgement of your greatly appreciated donations. For the pukkil fowk who still have that 'wee broon' slip tucked behind the clock on the mantle -shelf, "now's the day and"

Aa gweed wishes

John.

J.A. Mackay

Secretary

Wallace 700 Association



SCOTS GAELIC GREETINGS

English - Scots Gaelic - Pronunciation

Welcome - madainn mhath - matin vah

Good day - fàilte - faaltshæ

Good morning - madainn mhath - matin vah

Good day - latha math - laah mah

Good afternoon/evening - feashar math - fesker mah

Good night - oidhche mhath - oychæ vah

Bye for now - tiaraidh an dràsda - tsheearree an draasha

Goodbye - beannachd leibh - byannachk leyv

Excuse me - gabh mo leisgeul - gav mo leshæ

I am sorry - tha mi duilich - haa mee doolich

Thank you - tapadh leibh - tahpæ leyv

Many thanks - mòran taing - mohræn tigh -ng

You're welcome - 's e ur beatha - shey oor behah

NEWS FROM CONVENERS

The 168th Annual Detroit Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

The Detroit Highland Games (MI) was held on August 5, 2017. A cool and windy start on Saturday greeted the 29 clan tents participating and Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent. The Council of Scottish Clans and Associations and Scottish Culture, Grant's Company and St. Andrews Society of Detroit were also present.

These games are held at Greenmead Historical Park Livonia, Michigan. Greenmead is a historical farm site that was purchased by the city of Livonia to preserve the legacy of Michigan's agricultural heritage.

At 11:00am there was the blessing of the tartans followed by the parade of tartans. We were joined by Nancy Wallace and Jim Wagner as we marched around the parade field.



Russ Harper And Nancy Wallace

We were delighted to meet two retired nurses, Mary Wallace and Julie Tenbusch who own Wallace Scones. These ladies have the best scones I have ever tasted. If you are interested in trying these delicious scones you can contact them at wallacescones@hotmail.com. You won't be disappointed.

The games hosted a Tug o' war, Highland Dancing competition, Heavy Athletics, Wee Bairns area, Whisky Tasting, Highland Tea, and Shortbread contest.

Our thanks to all who came out and enjoy the weekend with us. Without YOU there is no Clan Wallace. Can't wait to see you all next year!

16th Annual Wisconsin Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

The Wisconsin Highland Games (WI) was held September 1-3, 2017 at Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha, Wisconsin. A cool and windy Saturday greeted the 20 clan tents, the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations and Scottish Culture, SAMS (Scottish American Military Society), Robert Burns Club of Milwaukee and St. Andrews Society of Milwaukee. Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

Friday night fish fry and calling of the clans started the weekend festivities off with a great start. David Wallace joined Russ at the calling of the clans.

Saturday at noon we participated in the Parade of Tartans. We were joined by David Wallace as we marched around the parade field. We were recognized as Best of Clan in the parade of tartans.

The games hosted Highland and Irish dancing competition, heavy athletics, wee bairns area, Pipe and Drum

competition, sheep and duck herding, Queens Court, Archery competition, Haggis Hurl, and Battle Axe and Knife Throwing.

Our thanks to all who came out and enjoy the weekend with us. Without YOU there is no Clan Wallace. Can't wait to see you all next year!



Russ And Marcia Harper With The Queen Of Scots



Russ Harper With Best Clan Tent Award

The 38th Annual Scotfest, Tulsa Oklahoma

By Marcia Harper

The 38th annual Scotfest (OK) was held on September 16th, 17th 2017 at River West Festival Park, Tulsa Oklahoma. Hot and 20 mile an hour wind greeted the twenty clan tents participating and Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent. The Scottish Club of Tulsa and United Scottish Clans of Oklahoma also were present.

Saturday after the Parade of Tartans at noon, we were recognized as having the best clan tent. Sir James Graham, Eighth Duke of Montrose and Chief of Clan Graham stopped by the tent to congratulate us on winning Best Clan Tent.

The games hosted a Highland Dancing Competition, Heavy Athletics, Wee Bairns Area, and a Rugby Game.

Our special thanks to our newest annual member, 12 year old Arjun Badi from Plano, Texas. Thanks to all that came out and enjoy the weekend with us. Can't wait to see you all next year!



Russ Harper With Arjun Badi



Russ And Marcia Harper, Best Clan Tent In Tulsa.

Highland Weekend

By Connie Wallace

Clan Wallace attended the Ohio Renaissance Festival Highlands Weekend on October 7-8, 2017 in Waynesville, Ohio. Our tent pitched perfectly for clear views of the jousting arena. We kept warm in the cold rains all weekend with friendship toasts in our quach brought back from Scotland. We befriended the Gunns, Stewarts and Davidsons and Highland Games Crew and talked to many visitors, Wallace or not, seeking to learn about their heritage.

The Renaissance King and Queen and their court graced us with their visit to

our tent. The Clans marched in the Parade of Cabers both days. Saturday's Highland game activities included: Haggis Toss, Haggis Eating Contest, Caber Toss for men and women, and Sheaf Toss. The band Albannach serenaded us throughout the weekend with their modern take on traditional Scottish music complete with bag pipes and drums.

Todd and Connie Wallace hosted the Clan Wallace Tent with their family: Kaitlin Wallace, CJ Wallace, Erin Wallace, and the grandkids Sirion and Xander Wallace. A special thanks to our new friends Steve Wallace, Emma Wallace and Carrie Carr for their help and companionship in the rain.



Todd, Connie And Steve Wallace



CJ, Randy, Bill, Elmer, Marcia, Russ, Larry, Todd, Jim and Darrell

The 17th Annual St. Louis Scottish Games

By Marcia Harper

The St. Louis Scottish Games (MO) was held on September 29, 30 2017. Sunny skies and 70 degree weather, greeted the 23 clan tents participating and Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

These games are held at the Spirit of St. Louis Airpark in Chesterfield, Missouri. Russ did the calling of the Clans and stirred up the Scots with his call for FREEDOM!!!!!!

Our Annual Board of Directors meeting was held on Friday. The Wallace tent was a blazed of Tartan from all of the clansmen that were in attendance: Darrell Wallace from Washington State, Jim Wallace and Bill Wallace from Maryland, Elmer Inman from Utah, Todd and CJ Wallace from Ohio, Larry Slight from Florida and Randy Dedrickson from South Carolina. Many thanks for all of the help and support manning the tent. Dick and Jean Wallace were also at the meeting, but was unable to attend the Games.

The parade of tartans was held at 11:30 am before opening ceremonies.

The entertainment included Cleghorn, Plaid to the Bone, John Taylor, Jill Chambless, Scooter Muse, The Wee Heavies, Duddy Breeks, and Peat Fire Flame along with five pipe bands that

were in the Piping and Drum Major Competitions. The Games included Heavy Athletics, World Bird Sanctuary, Black Knights Swordplay Demonstrations, Scottish Country Highland Dancing and Irish Dancing, Border Collie Competition, and Children's events.

Russ and I would like to thank all the folks that came out and enjoyed the day with us.

**Without YOU there is no
Clan Wallace!**

Salado, Texas

Clan Wallace Society attended the 56th Gathering of the Scottish Clans & Highland games held at the Civic Center in Salado, Tx, November 11-12, 2017. The weather was good. Mostly cool with clouds and some sun, especially on Sunday.

Overall attendance at the Gathering was up from last year making the Gathering a success. We participated in the opening parade held at noon on Saturday and greeted and talked to all who stopped by whether they were Wallaces or just inquiring about Scotland and whether their last name may be of Scottish origin or not.

The Closing Ceremony was conducted at 3 PM on Sunday with Frank awarding, on behalf of Bill & Marion Paul of Kerr Imports, the Best Youth Piper plaque to Bill Wei of St. Thomas Episcopal School "B" Band of Houston Texas.

Yours Aye,

Frank & Lynne Leslie



Frank And Lynn Leslie

The 9th Annual Scotland County Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

The Scotland County Highland Games (NC) were held on October 7, 2017. These games are held at John Blue House in Laurinburg, North Carolina. Rain, Rain, go away, come again another day greeted the 20 clan tents participating and Clan Wallace was among them. Other participants included the SAMS (Scottish American Military Society), Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Scottish Heritage USA, and St. Andrews Society of North Carolina.

The parade of tartans was held at 11:30 am after opening ceremonies. Clan Wallace waited patiently in the light misty rain.

The entertainment included Colin Grant Adams, and Belles on Strings. Thirty-nine pipe bands competed. The Games included Heavy Athletics, Border Collies, and Children's events.

Special thanks to Frank Randall and all of the rest of the folks that came by the Wallace tent to make the day so special. You are the reason we are here in the rain.



Russ Harper With Best Clan Award



The 26th Annual Columbus Scottish Festival

By Marcia Harper

The Columbus Scottish Festival (IN) was held on September 9th and 10th, 2017. These games are held at Bartholomew County Fairgrounds in Columbus, Indiana.

A cool and windy start on Saturday greeted the 23 clan tents participating. Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

Sunday at noon at the Parade of Tartans, we were recognized for having the Best Clan tent at the games.

The games hosted Highland Dancing Competition, Heavy Athletics for men and women, Wee Bairns Area, Pipe and Drum Competition, Car Show and Sheep Herding. The entertainment for the weekend was The Sprigs, Dublin O'Shea, and the Mudmen.

Our thanks to all that came out and enjoyed the weekend with us. Can't wait to see you all next year!



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The 24th Annual Sarasota Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

The Sarasota Highland Games (FL) was held on January 27, 2018. These games are held at Sarasota Fair Grounds in Sarasota, Florida. Sunshine and windy was the weather of the day. There were 21 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, Dunedin Pipes and Drums, Brendan Nolan and Bobby 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, 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.



FREEDOM!