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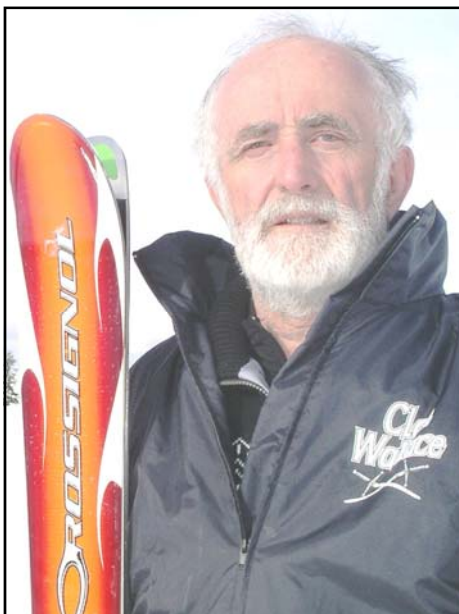
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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



President William "Bill" J. Wallace

By the time this is published the 2008 Games and Festivals season will have kicked off. I encourage all to visit your convener's tents, say 'Thanks' and give the conveners a hand, if needed, in hosting visitors who want to learn about their Scots and Wallace heritage. If you are a convener and haven't provided Jean an update on the events where you will host a tent please do so right away – Event name/location/dates/web site and your name and e-mail address. Jean and Jim Bowie need that information so that our web site is helpful to Wallace's trying to determine the events where they will find Wallace hospitality.

For preliminary information concerning the 2009 CWS Gathering in Estes Park see the flyer at the end of this newsletter. To ensure that you get the latest information in a timely manner and sign up forms get your \$10/person pre-registration fee into Lisa ASAP. I hope to see many of you in

Estes Park at what promises to be a great event – fellowship with Wallace 'cousins' AND a premier Highland Game.

Pursuant to last year's Board decision, the CWS has made the first of five annual £200 contributions to assist the Wallace700 Association in continuing Aberdeen's annual commemoration of William Wallace's martyrdom in 1305. Similarly, your Society made a one time \$3,000.00 contribution to the Culloden Battlefield restoration project. The Society contribution will be recognized by an engraved paving stone in the walkway to the new visitor's center. You can find more information on the CWS web site as well as a link to the Culloden Battlefield web site.

The 2008 Annual Director's Meeting will be held just before the Treasure Valley Games in Boise, ID on 25/26 Sep this year. If you can get there please come by the meeting and tent to meet your board. Hope to see you there!

Norma and I hope to meet many CWS members in the Pacific Northwest this year. We will host a tent/table at the at the WA Tartan Day event in Puyallup during late March and the OR Scottish Festival in Albany early April. And of course, closer to home, the High Desert Celtic Festival in Madras, OR during August. We will assist Darrell and Lori Wallace at the Pacific Northwest Games in Enumclaw during July. Norma will be at the Oak Brook, IL Games assisting new convener Peter Aishton in mid-June. I will be checking out the Estes Park festival come September. In early November both of us will visit old friends at the Tucson AZ Celtic Festival.

Y'all have a great games season.
Slainte mhaith!
Bill.

NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of Ian Francis Wallace of that ilk, 35th Chief of Clan Wallace, the President and the Board of Directors welcome the twelve individuals listed below to the fellowship of our Society.

Council Members

Peter K. Aishton Des Plains, IL
Mary Ellen Aishton, Des Plains, IL

Life Members

Jennifer Knight, Sault St. Marie, Ontario
Ann Glaze, Rockwall, TX
James E. Hillman, Sherwood, OR
William Richard Wallace, Berry Creek, CA

Annual Members

Cyril W. Edworthy, Valrico, FL
Lynne M. Wallace, Buffalo, NY
Sharon Lois Wallace, White Rock, British Columbia
William Martin Wallace, White Rock, British Columbia
Penny Wallace, Berry Creek, CA
William Wallace, Cherryville, NC

**WITH THE BEGINNING
OF THE 2008
GAMES SEASON,
IT IS IMPORTANT TO
RECRUIT NEW
CONVENORS.**

SEE PAGES 7 AND 8.

**TODAY, THERE ARE 1348
MEMBERS OF THE
CLAN WALLACE SOCIETY
WORLDWIDE.**

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CONVENOR'S CORNER



What a ideas or volunteer to help with this project. Starting next year I want to highlight different convenors around the country so please send me any special projects or awards that you have done or received so nice to this year or in the past few years. Also be able to a photo of you with your tent would be a wonderful addition for the newsletter. with the Do not forget that this is the time to start names of sending in your list of festivals where some of the you will convene in 2008 to me so that convenors we can get them on the web site. For the that I have members reading this article please corresponded with over the year. We are check out the web site to see where planning to have a convenor workshop games are in your area, this is the easiest at the next International gathering in way to find out what is happening in Estes Park so please start sending in Clan Wallace.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL OF YOUR ARTICLES, NEWS AND "FLOWERS OF THE FOREST" TO US ELECTRONICALLY AT EDITOR@CLANWALLACE.ORG

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NEWS FROM THE CONVENORS

Burns Night, Fergus, Ontario

On January 24th, St. Joseph's Church in Fergus, ON, held its annual luncheon to honour Robert Burns' birthday. Society



(L-R): Fr. Ian Duffy, Beverly Rock, Dorothy Knight and Piper Sam Herrop at St. Joseph's Burns Night.

member Beverly Rock planned and organized the event. She and Dorothy Wallace Knight had the honour of presenting the haggis. Father Ian Duffy said grace before Beverly and Dorothy and the haggis were piped in by Sam Herrop of the Fergus Pipes and Drums' Ian the addressed the haggis in Scots dialect with much cere-

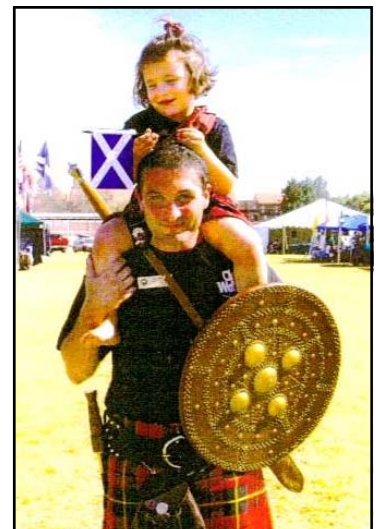
mony. After a delicious lunch, Dorothy gave her talk "Life and Times of Robert Burns and other Scottish Stuff..." (text appears on Page 4). The talk was well-received earned many compliments. In advance, Dorothy purchased several books, which she highly recommends. They are: *How the Scots invented the Modern World* by Arthur Herman, *The Mark of the Scots* by Duncan Bruce, *Great Scots... How the Scots Created Canada* by Mathew Shaw, and *Scotland Farewell (The Story of The Hector)* by Donald MacKay.



Bill Wallace, Howard Sloane, Ari Sloane, his daughter, Evelyn, and Dawn Sloane

Tucson Celtic Festival & Highland Games

Clan Wallace was well represented at the 21st Annual Tucson Celtic Festival and Scottish Highland Games. Convenor Howard Sloane and his son Ari with assistance from Bill Wallace from Mesa. Ari's wife Dawn also helped. The weekend was beautiful.



SCOTTISH COOKING CORNER: A WEE BIT O' THE IRISH

May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go.

Ruben Dip

- 1 pkg. 8oz. Cream Cheese
- 1 cont 8oz. Sour Cream
- 1 cup Swiss Cheese, shredded
- 1 / 2 lb. thinly sliced Corned Beef (see notes)
- 1 pkg. Sauerkraut, drained (see notes)
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire Sauce
- 2 Tbsp. Milk
- 1 / 2 tsp. Garlic Powder

Place the cream cheese, sour cream and swiss cheese in a slow cooker/crockpot. Coarsely chop the corned beef and add to crockpot, stir. Add sauerkraut, stir. Cover and cook on highest setting for 1 hour. Add worcestershire sauce, milk and garlic powder and stir until mixture is well combined.

Cover the cooker and continue to cook 30 minutes longer or until hot throughout

(after it's very hot, the dip can continue to cook 30 minutes more without a change in taste, after that, remove from heat.) Just before serving, stir the dip once more and spoon into a serving dish. Garnish with parsley if desired.

Serve hot with assorted hearty crackers.

Notes: Buy the corned beef from the deli and ask them to slice it on the thinnest setting. Buy refrigerated, not canned sauerkraut.

Irish Cream Brownie Bars

- 1 box Yellow Cake Mix
- 3 Eggs
- 2 / 3 cup Irish Cream Liquor
- 1 / 3 cup Oil

For Swirl

- 1 can Cream Cheese Frosting
- 1 pkg. White Chocolate Chips
- 1 / 4 cup Irish Cream Liquor

Preheat oven to 350°

Prepare a jelly roll pan (about 15"x10"x1"). Mix cake mix with eggs, Irish Cream and oil. Set aside 1/2 cup of prepared cake batter for swirl. Pour cake batter into prepared pan.

In a small bowl, blend all swirl ingredients. Drop by large spoonfuls of swirl mixture over the cake batter (but not too close to the edge). Swirl with a fork to make a marble effect. Bake 25 - 30 minutes. Cool and cut into squares.

Makes about 36 Brownies.

Irish Cream Brownie Icing

- 1 / 3 cup. Bailey Irish Cream
- 8 oz. White Chocolate – chopped

In small saucepan heat Irish Cream to low boil. Remove from heat and add chocolate. Whisk until smooth. Refrigerate until thick enough to spread. Spread over prepared brownies. Cool to set. Refrigerate.

WALLACE TRIVIA

By Marilyn Baumister

A few years ago The Guardian published information about Wallace (town and county) Kansas and Fort Wallace, Kansas. Recently From The President's Desk talked about Wallace, Idaho. How about you members in the other listed states sending the editor something about the Wallace place in your state?

Idaho—Indiana—Kansas
Nebraska—New York—
South Dakota—Virginia—
West Virginia—Michigan
And North Carolina—

Does your state or province have a Wallace? Or a Wallacetown, a Wallis or a Wallace State Park?

Put it on the map. Send us your info!

CELTIC WEDDING TRADITIONS

In each of the weddings featured in "The Guardian" during the past several years different Scottish traditions have been cited and observed. Each bride and groom has chosen to observe different traditions. Do you have a wedding coming up in your family that is observing some Scottish traditions? Perhaps you would want to include these two traditions in your ceremony.

Did you know that the traditional Scottish token of good luck for weddings is to wear a sprig of white heather?



Luckenbooth brooches of late 19th or early 20th century origin are also traditionally presented to brides. It is usually of engraved silver in the shape of a heart or two hearts entwined, is used



chiefly as a love token or betrothal brooch. Sometimes a crown is part of the brooch. The heart (love) and crown (loyalty) both appear on the Irish claddagh ring also. Sometimes the brooch was pinned to the couple's firstborn's blanket as a good luck charm.

After your wedding we would like to learn about the traditions you honored. Please submit an article with pictures to the editor.

SOME REFLECTIONS ON ROBERT BURNS

Tonight we are paying tribute to Rabbie Burns, one of Scotland's most famous poets and songwriters. Burns enjoyed music as much as his poems. In fact, he would compose a song and then set words to the music.

Most of you are familiar with his most famous works; some are. "Tam o' Shanter," "Afton Water," "For a' That and a' That," "A Red, Red Rose," "The Selkirk Grace," and, of course, "Auld Lang Syne." One other that has turned out to be a nationalist battle hymn is "Scots Wha Hae," which was composed from the address of King Robert the Bruce to his men before the Battle of Bannockburn, in 1314, 694 years ago.

It is said that Burns, as a young man, was quite moved while reading the stories of Blind Harry and Thomas the Rhymer on the exploits of Wallace and Bruce, thus the song/poem "Scots Wha Hae." (an excerpt was given)

Burns was born in Alloway, Ayrshire in 1759 to William Burnes and Agnes Broun. His father was a poor tenant farmer, and Rabbie was the eldest of seven. Most of his young life was spent working on his father's farm. Even tho they were extremely poor, Rabbie was well read, at the insistence of his father. The Scots, on the whole, are well educated people, hence the reason for so many doctors scientists, inventors, mathematicians etc. that have come out of Scotland.

Rabbie was the main worker on the farm, and he didn't care for it at all. This prompted him to begin writing, in order to find some kind of counterpoise for his circumstances. Once, while ploughing in the field, he turned up a mouse nest, which he felt sorry for, and prompted him to write "To a Mouse," a cute little tale.

It was at age 15 that he wrote his first verse, "My Handsome Nell," which was an ode to other subjects that dominated his life, namely scotch and women.

His father died in 1784, and that is when he and his brother became partners in the farm. But Rabbie was more interested in the romantic nature of poetry, than the dullness of ploughing. He had some mis-

adventures with the ladies, however. A set of twins was born to the lady who would later become his wife, but he decided to go to the West Indies. When he decided to give up farming, his first collection of poems was published, entitled *Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect* (Kilmarnock Edition). This received much acclaim. Together, with pride of being a father and success with the first printing, he decided to stay in Scotland. He moved around the country and eventually arrived in Edinburgh, where he rubbed elbows with the artists and writers – the rich and the famous – who were impressed with the "Ploughman Poet."

In a matter of weeks, he was rich and famous – well, famous anyway. It was then that Jean Amour's father permitted her to marry him, now that he had some status. However, fame did not bring him fortunes and he got a job as an exciseman to support his income. All the while he continued to write. More than 400 of Burns' songs are still in existence. His last years were devoted to penning great masterpieces, such as "Tam o' Shanter" and "A Red, Red Rose."

He died at age 37, of heart disease, brought on by the hard manual work, when he was young. His death occurred the day his wife gave birth to his son, Maxwell. On the day of his burial, more than 10,000 people came to pay their respects. However, his popularity then was nothing to compare to the heights it has achieved since.

I must add that there is a tartan called "Burns (Robert)" to distinguish it from the regular Burns Tartan which is [mostly] red. Robert Burns' Tartan was originally a black and white check, or a shepherd's check, that was commonly worn in the Lowlands. Now, subtle shades of green and brown have been added. This is to represent the Ayrshire countryside.

On the anniversary of his birth, Scots both at home and abroad celebrate Robert Burns with a supper, where they address the haggis, the ladies, and the [Scottish] whisky – a celebration which would undoubtedly make him proud. Pro Libertate!

Dorothy Knight

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5TH CLAN WALLACE INTERNATIONAL GATHERING: SEPT 11-13, 2009

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the 2009 Clan Wallace International Gathering to be held in Estes Park, Colorado September 11th – 13th in conjunction with the 33rd Longs Peak Scottish / Irish Highland Festival.

We're proud to announce that Clan Wallace has been chosen as one of the Honored Clans for the 2009 Festival.

Over 75,000 are expected to attend the Festival, one of the largest in the United States. Over 50 events run throughout the weekend including a US / International Jousting Competition, Amateur & Professional Scottish Athletics Championships, Evening Tattoo's with Pipe Bands from around the country performing. Dancers, Food, Clan Exhibitions, Dog Competitions, 100+ Celtic Importers and Crafters, nightly Concerts and much, much more!

The cost of the Festival and their events are separate from the Gathering and it's costs will be borne by those wanting to

attend. Please check out their website at www.scotsfest.com for Festival structure and pricing.

We are currently in the process of securing hotel rooms for the Gathering and preparing a Gathering schedule. Format and pricing will be made available in the near future.

If you want to receive Hotel, Festival and other pertinent information, send your full name(s), ages if youth, address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses along with a non-refundable payment of **\$10 per person** made payable to CWSW and mail to Lisa Donant, CWSW Treasurer, 7454 Plum Rose Court, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

Persons responding will be placed on a Priority List for the Gathering and provided with all required information for attendance to be mailed early 2009. Ad-



dress any questions to Lisa Donant at lisa7454@verizon.net or 804-730-5580.

ARIZONA GAMES MOVE TO PHOENIX

The Phoenix Games have moved from Mesa to Phoenix this year. They were held Feb 24-25, 2008, and the following report from Penny Wallace indicates they were a complete success.

"Just wanted to let you know what a pleasant time Dick and I had this weekend! It was really nice to see so many folks from Williamsburg. Ben was again a life of the party with his infectious "good ol' boy"

jokes and Bob, got his licks in too. Kathy and Lois were just like old friends and Suzanne, with Thomas from Tucson, too. Dick and Janice got there also. She is such a sweet lady.

It was a very interesting turnout in Phoenix and I was impressed with the professional level of the games and music competitions and the accommodations made for entertaining the children and teenagers.

She also was delighted with the Bar-B-Que at Sir Bill's Daughters home. Jim and Allison Swanson have hosted a Bar-B-Que on the Saturday evening of the Mesa/Phoenix games for several years. This has been one of the bright spots of the games circuit every year and I hope to be able to attend next year. "Sir Bill" Wallace, his son Hamilton and his sister Anna



Kathy, Ben, Dick and Penny at Phoenix Games



Lois and Bob Wallace at the Phoenix Games

Cocklin have been keeping the Society presence at these games for many years. There is usually an excellent turnout with many repeats and a few new members added each year. If you are in the Southwest part of the States, you should put these games on your schedule."

When only a few weeks of winter remain, choosing to fly off to a weekend of Highland Games makes good sense. Such was the case this last weekend of February when Lois and I flew to Phoenix, Arizona for our first round of Games for 2008, leav-

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ing the Reno/Sparks, Carson City and Dayton area of northern Nevada behind for a few days, including the weather that came in while we were away.

This year in Phoenix makes the first time we've visited the Highland Games in central Phoenix, a move made following last year's Games at Mesa Community College. The site for this year's Games was Margaret T. Hance Park, located near downtown Phoenix, with Clan tents located on the west side of the Central Avenue overpass, most of the vendor tents and competition at the opposite side of the park, all of which is built over the Interstate 10 Freeway through Phoenix. Pipes and Drums were loud enough that we never heard any freeway noise, which is a good thing!

Clan Wallace's tent was hosted by William Wallace and his son, Hamilton. Nearly 20 Wallace or Wallace-related folks spent some time at the tent on Saturday and Sunday, a number of others stopped by for a few minutes, signed the guest book, picked up some of the papers William and Hamilton had available at the tent, and looked longingly at the replica Wallace swords standing in front of the tent.

One of the good things about having one's tent near the Pipe band competition area is that lots of folks congregate near the tent during the period the several bands are performing their music, which works out well for the Clan tents in that area when folks stop by on their way to the competition or on their way out. Quite a few visitors to the Games site watch the bands march in, go through their musical selections while being judged on their performance, then march out to make way for the next band.



CWSW EVP Robert "Bob" Bruce Wallace of Dayton, NV, at Wallace's Well, Robroyston, Scotland.

SCOTLAND 2008: THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

By Bob and Lois Wallace

As some of you will recall, we announced earlier in 2007 two tours to Scotland for September of 2008 that we are organizing and leading. We have made some changes to the itinerary and distilled it to a shorter timeframe and a smaller group. "The Roads Less Traveled" tour is still on, but has had a slight change of itinerary over the course of the days between September 9-18, 2008. Several of the changes will have us traveling over roads we'd not thought of earlier, making this trip even more eventful and enjoyable for our group, with 16 being the maximum number of travelers, this smaller group allowing for easier transportation and additional flexibility.

Following arrival in Glasgow, we'll travel along the south side of the Clyde River to catch a ferry across the Firth of Clyde to venture through the Argyll Forest Park, on to Inveraray and around to Oban on the western shores of Scotland's mainland. For those of us fresh off the overnight flights from the U.S., there should be more than enough to keep your eyes open all the way to Oban. Catching a few winks on the flight over will help, too.

The second day includes another ferry, this from Oban to the Isle of Mull, across the Isle to catch the small ferry that crosses between Mull and Iona, the cradle of Christianity in Scotland settled by St. Columba in the 6th century. Following our visit to the very small island of Iona, we'll get back across that narrow strait to board our coach for the trip back to the quaint little village of Tobermory at the far end of Mull before returning to the ferry dock for the voyage back to Oban.

From Oban, we'll travel back to the Lowlands by way of Kilchurn Castle, Dochart and Loch Tay on our way through the Trossachs (Rob Roy country) and on to Peebles for several nights. Saturday the 13th will find us visiting in and around



Lanark, including several locations tied to Sir William Wallace in that area. We'll follow that up with a visit to New Lanark, St. Kentigern's Church and the Lanark Museum. Sunday the 14th will be a treat for everyone: Highland Games in Peebles!

Following Peebles, we'll take a specially designed tour of the Borders, including former Abbeys at Melrose, Jedburgh and Dryburgh; then on to Abbotsford, the former country home of Sir Walter Scott. Our tour will end the day with travel through Ettrick Forest on our way to Dumfries for an overnight stay.

Tuesday the 16th will find us deep in Robert Burns country, including the Burns House Museum, The Globe Inn, and Ellisland, the Robert Burns Farm. On Wednesday we'll be on our way to Culzean Castle, home of the Kennedys. Culzean Castle has a most important connection with the U.S., as a private apartment was made available to then-General Eisenhower following World War II. Later in the day we'll continue through the Ayrshire countryside on our way back to Glasgow where we'll have a marvelous Farewell Dinner for everyone.

Thursday it's off to Glasgow Airport for your flight back to the U.S., or on your way to some other destination in the U.K. or across the Channel to the continent. Further information on this specialty tour can be had by contacting Travel Unlimited, Attn: Gail Pratt, 1105 Terminal Way, Suite 111, Reno, Nevada 89502; or contact Lois and Bob Wallace: lois-wallace@charter.net -or- bob-wallace@charter.net. We can email you the full information. Gail Pratt's direct line is 775-824-4551. Lois and Bob's home phone is 775-246-8316.

Note that this specialty tour is not a Clan-affiliated or Clan-sponsored tour package.

ARE YOU PROUD OF YOUR SCOTTISH HERITAGE?

Wouldn't it be great to share
your history with others?



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I sign up?

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Get a Convenor's Kit from the Society

Three!

Represent Clan Wallace at your local Scottish Festival

Join by completing the CWSW membership application – send it and the check to the membership chairman.

Ask Clan Wallace Director of Convener Affairs, Jean Wallace

(e-mail: jrwallace6@sbcglobal.net) if there is anyone convening the game where you are interested in convening. If there is – you might be able to help him/her. If not go to step 3. All expenses you incur in convening are your responsibility and can be deducted from your taxes if you itemize. Clan Wallace Society does not reimburse its convenors for games.

A Convener Kit is available from Jean that includes all of the essentials to get started setting up a Clan Tent. Basic forms and handouts are free. Adding a Clan Wallace flag, Wallace table cloth, etc adds cost.

In addition, Jean is there to help you with any questions.

Contact the Clan Coordinator of any Highland Games, Festivals or Celtic

Festival to reserve a tent space. Get a tent — some games you can rent them, some festivals are inside and you don't need them. "Easy Up" tents are sold at sporting good stores, Wal-Mart and K-Mart) Look at other Clan displays to get ideas for planning your own Clan Wallace display.

You'll have fun and make new friends !

For more info, visit us at www.clanwallace.org