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#### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

This is the year of the Clan Wallace Society Gathering in Estes Park on 11-13 September, in conjunction with the Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival. Please see the flyer at end of this newsletter and mail your \$10/person pre-registration to Lisa Donat as soon as possible for lodging information. Rooms are booked well in advance for the Festival so you will want to get lodging where the Society has a great rate on a block of rooms for Gathering attendees. Norma and I look forward to seeing you in Estes Park.

I said something very similar to the following in the Spring 2008 newsletter, but the thought is worth repeating. Work has started for our conveners who are hosting Society tents during the 2009 festival season. Please stop by and chat with your local convener. Better yet offer to help out where needed, for example, staff the tent for a period of time to give the conveners a break. Say, "Thank You for your effort."

Conveners, as soon as you know the locations and dates of the festivals where you will be setting up, provide Jean Wallace, Director of Convener Affairs, an update so she and the webmaster can get the information on the Society website for the benefit of members. After the event please share your experience by submitting articles and photos to the newsletter editor, and photos to the webmaster.

This year's Director's Meeting will be held just before the Gathering on Thursday 10 September (and the AM of Friday 11 Sep if necessary) in the Society hospitality suite. As always members are welcome to attend to observe the meeting.

Similar to last year Norma and I will convene or co-convene at the following events in the Pacific Northwest: OR Scottish Festival in Albany; Eugene Scottish Festival, High Desert Celtic Festival in Madras, OR; Pacific NW Highland Games in Enumclaw; Portland Highland Games in Gresham, OR; Tacoma Highland Games in Graham, WA.

Looking forward to another great festival season and Gathering!

#### Bill

## NEW MEMBERS

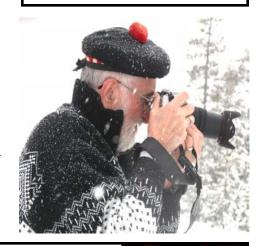
On behalf of Ian Francis Wallace of that Ilk, 35th Chief of Clan Wallace, the President and the Board of Directors welcome the seven individuals listed below to the fellowship of our Society.

#### **Annual Members**

Cyril W. Edworthy Valrico, FL Joshua W. Wallace Lakewood, CO Gary Wallace Plant City, FL Tim Wallace Gilbert, AZ Susan Kelm Danbury, TX Michael David Kotyk Elkins Park, PA

#### Life Member

Douglas C. Tassan Plano, TX



#### **CONVENOR'S CORNER**

By now everyone has received either by email or snail mail the new Convener's Handbook, please read and make note of the changes. Also the updated membership forms are available on the website, please download those and be sure to copy them front and back to save a tree. BE SURE TO THROW AWAY THE OLD ONES, to avoid confusion. The Board decided not to include the four books that Clan Wallace conveners sell in the tents as part of the convener kit. We are getting sales from the website and have not had any of our conveners ask for replacement books for ones that they have sold.

Please let me know about the games you are convening this year. I have already heard from several of you and thank you very much for the updates. It is so helpful to the members to look on our website, to see if anyone is convening in there state or area. Also if you are traveling and come across a game and there is a convener and they are not listed on the website places let us know. Also remember that we do require our

convener and they are not listed on the website please let us know. Also remember that we do require our convener's to be members of the society in order to convene, a \$20.00 annual membership is all that is required.

Enjoy convening this year and hope to see you in Estes Park in September.



#### CWSW REWARDS PROGRAM

Based upon decisions made at the last CWSW Annual Directors Meeting held in Boise, ID in September 2008, the Rewards Program has been given a facelift. From now on, the program and its articles and ads in both the newsletters and on our website will put more emphasis on what we accomplish with the donated funds. We will be highlighting our projects to give those who give and those who might desire to give in the future, a better feeling of what we do to fulfill our Society goals and missions. Of course, we will still dedicate newsletter space to focus upon our generous donors and recognize their dedication and commendable support of Clan Wallace, but you can expect us to be telling you more about where some of the money goes.

The President and the Board of Directors of Clan Wallace Society Worldwide extends its "Appreciation and Thanks" to the many donors who support the Society with participation in this innovative program. We strongly encourage those who have earned the Rewards Medallions, Medals, and Pins to wear them whenever appropriate so that you may be recognized and thus entice others to join us. To date we have received over \$21,000 in donations. The program's continued success will only persist if we receive your help and support.

The Board's Sincerest Congratulations and Thanks go this month to:



CAPT John R. Wallace and Member Russell Harper

for achieving the Circle of the Saltire level with his accumulated donations.

A special "Thank You" from the Board goes this period to Director, Past President, and Circle of the Knight recipient Marcus J. Wallace, Jr. of Corinth, TX for an additional donation of \$ 1000 to the program. His total accumulated contributions have now reached \$ 4000 toward the Circle of Sir William Wallace level. And a further special "Thanks" goes to Circle of the Saltire recipient Marcia Harper of Lewisville, NC, for additional donations to the program. Her total accumulated contributions have now reached \$800 toward the Circle of the Knight.

"Thanks," also to the following members who made initial donations to the Society during this period. These donations demonstrate that contributions regardless of how large or small are all important and assist in our goals.

- **♦ Council Member Wendell Carlisle of** Champaign, IL: \$50
- ♦ Council Member Marilyn B. Gage of Tenants Harbor, ME: \$10
- ♦ Council Member Vincent J. Wallace, Jr of Claverack, NY: \$10

Well done Marcus, Marcia, Wendell, Marilyn, and Vincent. Your loyalty and dedication to Clan Wallace are sincerely acknowledged.

As promised above and highlighted herein for your information is a report on one of out major international projects. The Board of Directors in 2007 approved a donation to the Wallace700 Association in Aberdeen, Scotland of 200 Pounds Sterling per year for 5 years to assist the Association with their annual commemoration ceremonies held in August each year for Sir William Wallace.

Their plan for the 2008 portion of the donation was originally to set up a "Wallace Prize" to be given to an outstanding participant in the Robert Burns World Wide Federation Schools Competition. At the competitions, a three member judging team determined that the

Member Russell Harper of Lewisville, NC competitive levels were so close that they were unable to determine a definitive winner. It was decided therefore, for 2008, to donate the funds to Competition Authorities for their internal use for the encouragement of youngsters in some Scottish Cultural Activity. The Wallace 700 Association will be looking into the program and making decisions in the near future on the use of future CWSW donations.

> REMEMBER!!!! All persons, whether members of the Society or not, may participate in this important Rewards Program and receive the uniquely designed pins, medals, and medallions that represent their tax-exempt donations. All members are encouraged to go on line at home or in their libraries, or with friends to view the newly designed Rewards Web Pages and get a copy of the new Rewards Program Trifold. This information on how to get involved is found on the Website at www.clanwallace.org or by contacting the CWSW Rewards Program Coordinator at:

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#### **COOKING CORNER**

May your laugh, your love and your wine be plenty, thus your happiness will be nothing less.

#### **Hot Clam Dip**

2 small cans Minced Clams with Juice 1 cup Herb Garlic Bread Crumbs ½ cup Butter, melted Dash Salt, Pepper, Garlic, Oregano & Parsley Combine all of the above and pour into glass pie dish. Sprinkle 1 cup shredded Mozzarella Cheese on top and bake 350 for 20 – 25 minutes until lightly browned and bubbly. Serve with hearty crackers like Triscuits.

#### **Easy Cream of Crab Soup**

1 can, 10 3/4 oz. Cream of Asparagus Soup, undiluted
1 can, 10 3/4 oz. Cream of Mushroom Soup, undiluted
½ cup Butter
1 pint Half & Half
1 lb. Crab Meat, picked for shells

pinch, Old Bay Seasoning Salt & Pepper to taste

Mix all of the ingredients in a medium sauce pan, heat thoroughly. Serves 6.

#### Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival



The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual NE Florida Scottish Games were held this year at the Clay County Fairgrounds near Jacksonville, Florida, on a beautiful last weekend in February 2009. Supported by more than 45 Clans and Societies, this excellent event was attended by more than 6,000 enthusiastic visitors who were treated to several Pipe Bands, a full range of Heavy Athletics, and many enjoyable Scottish entertainment and cultural groups. Led by the Convener Team of CWSW Society Director Charles M. Wallace, wife Karen, and daughter Laura, a large group of Wallaces from all over the region filled the Wallace Tent during the day. Three new members joined the Society on Saturday:

- ♦ Jessica L. Nichols (Annual Member) from Homosassa, FL;
- ♦ Bonnie Wallace Greiner (Annual Member) from Jensen Beach, FL;
- Ivan H. Wallace III (Life Member) from Gainesville, FL.

Russell and Marcia Harper, long-time Conveners from North Carolina, were present for the weekend along with many of their family members. Before a large group of Wallaces, Past President and Director John R. Wallace from South Carolina presented the "Circle of the Saltire," Rewards Certificate and Pin to Russ for his many contributions to the Society. New Floridians Larry and Judy Slight, recently moved from Maryland, were also in attendance at the festivities.

All in all this event was well attended, enjoyable, and well worth your consideration next year for a trip to Northern

Florida....so mark your calendars!!!

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Tucson Celtic Festival, Oct 31, Nov 1-2, 2008



Howard Sloane, William J. Wallace, Current President CWSW; William H. Wallace of Mesa, AZ; and Mrs. McBain with McBain Of McBain, Chief of Clan McBain.

Howard Sloane and Ari Sloane of Tucson, AZ co-hosted the tent at the Tucson Celtic Festival last October 31 through November 2, 2008. Howard's wife Ann and Ari's wife Dawn helped at the tent. Also present were current President William J. Wallace and his wife Norma; William H. Wallace of Meza, AZ; and Convenor Dr. Ed Ries and his wife. Charles T. Wallace also attended.



New member Jason Wallace hands his completed application form to oin Howard Sloane.



Howard Sloane, President William J. Wallace, and Tom Wallace of Tucson, AZ





Convenor Howard Sloane, Ann Sloane, President William J. Wallace, Dr. and Mrs. Edward G. Reis of Escondido, California. Dr. Reis is a convenor at San Diego and Kern County, California.



#### FROM OUR CANADIAN ADVISOR DOROTHY KNIGHT



# Winter Poem It's winter in Canada And the gentle breezes blow Seventy miles an hour At thirty five below

# **Oh! How I love Canada**When the snow is up to your butt

You take a breath of winter

And your nose is frozen shut

#### **YES! The weather here is wonderful**

So I guess I'll hang around I could never leave Canada I'm frozen to the friggin' ground

#### To All Ontario CWSW members:

For those who are planning to attend Highland Games in Georgetown, Kincardine, Chatham, and Fergus, please be at the Clan Wallace tent no later than 12 Noon in Wallace attire.

Thanks, Dorothy Knight Convenor, CWSW

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On 26 January 2009, four members of Clan Wallace Society Worldwide gathered in Silver Spring, Maryland, to present to 23 year Council Member James A. Schmelzer an Award of Appreciation for his many years of outstanding dedication and services to the Society. This award was approved by the CWSW Board of Directors at the ADM held in Boise, Idaho in September 2008. The citation letter for this prestigious award credited Jim with being a long time convener and/or coconvener at several Mid-Atlantic Scottish Games and Festivals, including his exceptional work on the planning and hosting of the 2007 International Gathering at Williamsburg in 2007. For years in August, Jim has served as the key Society member involved with the annual Ceremony held

in honor of Sir William Wallace at Druids Park, Baltimore, Maryland, In addition for many years, Jim has set up and organized the Wallace participation in a Burn's Supper held at the Royal Mile Pub in Wheaton, Maryland to which a large number of Mid-Atlantic Wallaces have attended. His work as a Committee Chairman on many occasions for many Society Presidents and his excellent counsel to the Board on many issues through the years has been most welcomed and appreciated. In attendance at the ceremony were Society Member Andrea Wallace of Virginia, Directors Robert Wayne Jones of West Virginia, James L. Wallace of Maryland, and Past President John R. Wallace of South Carolina.



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James A. Schmelzer Receives CWSW Award of Appreciation

#### Wallaces Attend Hogmanay 2009

On Saturday, 3 January 2009, the Saint Andrews Society of Richmond held its annual Hogmanay Celebration at the Virginia Crossing Resort in Glen Allen, Virginia. About 60 members and guests were in attendance, of which seven were Wallace members of the Society. The Wallace contingent included Johnny Wallace, Becky Wallace and Society Treasurer Lisa Donant with her daughter Brooking and husband Michael, plus Judy Wallace Moore and Director/ Past President Captain John R. Wallace. It was a grand evening filled with Scottish music and ethnic foods; all in attendance heartily welcomed in the Scottish New Year.

> CWSW Past President Captain John R. Wallace Receives Award

During their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Burns Nicht Supper held in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on January 24, 2009, the Saint Andrew's Society of Tidewater Virginia honored Clan Wallace Society Worldwide Director John Wallace with their prestigious Special Achievement Award. Captain John, who served as the St Andrews Society President in 2001 and 2002 and on the Board of Trustees until 2008, is cited for his dedicated and meritorious service and contributions during his 20 years of membership. The Award was presented for the Society by current President Stacy Elliot Apelt, FSAScot.





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#### SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES. LOON MOUNTAIN, NH, SEPT 2008

Loon Mountain by Bryan Wallace The New Hampshire Highland Games have been held for a number of years. Usually at Loon Mountain but were held at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds at Contoocook, NH in 2003, about 15 miles N.E. of Concord. That happened

to be the year that Clan Wallace Society (Worldwide) decided to hold their ADM in the Northeast.

Loon Mountain is a ski resort in the mountains of NH and is a beautiful setting for the games. The clan village is located in the center of all the activities and opposite the entrance to the games. My wife Dian and I arrived around noon on Thursday, Sept 18 to set up the Clan Wallace tent. It was a beautiful day but quite windy so there wasn't much to set up The clan tents are set up on pavement so they have to be drilled and nailed to the surface. We left the tables and chairs and the tent at half height so it wouldn't blow away.

#### Friday, Sept 19

The day dawned crisp and chilly and enjoyed our coffee and scotch eggs while completing the setting up of the tent. The below is the result.

The gates opened at 9:00 and people began coming in. One of the early visitors was Scott Wallace of Massachusetts with his family. He attended the games all three days and marched with us in the Clan Parade. That's Scott on the left and myself on the right.





One of the visitors to the tent pointed out that the Games had the honor of having John Wallace as honorary Chieftain Of The Games. At these Games the Chieftain and honored Clan come from different clans. Anyway as it turns out John Wallace is a world renowned classical trumpet and cornet player. Amongst his accomplishments was having played for Princess Diana and Prince Charles at their wedding. Please take the time to Google him, here is a sample link on his background. http:// classicalplus.gmn.com/artists/artist.asp? id=2288&bio=true

We had it on our itinerary to meet him but as it turned out John heard there was a Clan Wallace tent and took the time to stop by introduce himself. He is a great, down to earth guy and spent several minutes speaking with us (see pic be-



My daughter Kerry is on the left followed by myself, John and wife Dian.

Friday was the first day but we were quite busy speaking with several visitors and trying to sign up new members.

Saturday again dawned crisp and chilly but warmed up quickly. Today promised to be a very busy day. In talking with other Clan participants they indicated that the 2007 games were attended by 40,000+ over the 3 day event. The Loon games are the largest in the North-

Today was the day of the Clan Parade and Roll Call. Amongst all the visitors we had we had friends stop by to lend their help. We had help from the Harts of Abington, MA. Don Hart and Dian pictured below.

Sunday threatened rain again but the crowd continued to attend. Thanks to Bryan and Dian



Today, there are 1406 Members of the **Clan Wallace Society** Worldwide.

www.clanwallace.org

#### CENTRAL FLORIDA SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES 2009

The games season started early in Florida this year with the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Central Florida Games being held at its Winter Springs venue near Orlando on 17 and 18 January 2009. The weather was beautiful for the entire weekend and the festival site at Winter Winds Park was superb. Included in the schedule was a full slate of Piping, Dancing, Heavy Scottish Athletic Competitions, plus a Tug o' War, a Kilted Mile Race, and Archery Contests. The Main Stage was alive with excellent entertainment each day, including Albannach, The Wyndbreakers, Tinker's Dam, and The Hooligans. Chivalry First presented its Medieval Combat and Encampment activities and the field was filled with Border Collies and Ceremonies. Although there was no Clan Wallace Tent there for 2009, many Wallaces were in attendance including Director and Past President John R. Wallace. This exceptional Games is sponsored each year by the Scottish American Society of Central Florida. Their President is Chip Crawford, who acted as our hosts for the weekend and bonded with the Wallaces as family and kinsmen. The Clan area contained more than 30 Clans and Societies for this festive occasion. Plan to attend this great event next year; Clan Wallace will have a Tent there in 2010.

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Wallace's on Parade at 2008 Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Festival and Highland Games, November 2008

#### **Book Review....**

Canada

The Stone of Destiny by Ian Hamilton. Foreword: by Rt. Hon. Alex Salmond, First Minister of Scotland.

In 1296, over 650 years ago, the Stone of Destiny was taken by Edward 1,the Hammer of the Scots: it was taken to Westminster Abbey, where the English planned to crown their monarchs.

In 1950, Christmas Eve to be exact, a By Dorothy Knight, Advisory Director for young Ian Hamilton and 3 other university students set out to reclaim the Stone for Scotland. Knowing the risk would be great, they decided in spite of all, it was time to bring the Stone home.

Ian Hamilton, being the instigator of this escapade, tells of the trials they encountered retrieving the Stone; the planning ,calculations, timing, the fear of arrest always with them; another question

came up ....where to hide it ,and that will surprise you...and then of course, getting it across the border!

Touted as heroes by some, villains by others certainly sparked a nation-wide police hunt.

A gripping true story of intrigue and suspense; another part of Scotland's glorious history. One not to be missed.







Penny Wallace of California and Norma Wallace of Oregon have enjoyed sharing books and want to share their ideas about:

The Scotswoman by Inglis Fletcher (1879-1969)Publisher by Bantam Book, 1954

Penny Wallace sent the book to Norma and a note saying, "This book took so long to read because I kept falling asleep."

Norma wasn't enthralled about reading it. She said "To be honest- I took a long time reading it as well. I would take time out to read a faster paced book."

Having said that-why are we recommending it? It really explains how the Scots felt about the Colonies and the Crown and we found that fascinating.

It describes the hardships of Flora Mac-Donald, a real heroine of Scotland... How difficult it was to leave her home in Scotland.

A romantic story with suspense, passion and adventure was intertwined with the history of the United States during Revolutionary times. Learning how the Scots

were involved and their struggles as to which side to fight on was very interesting. There were Scots fighting for both sides. The book's characters were torn between their love for their new country and the loyalty to the Crown.

Fletcher is known for the historical facts being accurate. She developed her interest in the Carolina's and the Scottish history upon learning of her own heritage. She wrote a series of books that became known as the Carolina Series.

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#### **Touring Scotland: Melrose Abbey**

by Bob Wallace

One of the lessons Lois and I learned prior to our first visit to Scotland in 2000 was that one has essentially three options for touring the country: Pick one of the package tours available and get on the tour bus at the airport; fly in to one of Scotland's airports and rent a car, or put your own package together and offer it to others interested in the same areas of Scotland planned for that visit.

Last September, we put a package together that intentionally avoided the majority of roads most tour groups travel, with only one or two exceptions: following the ferry trip out of Oban to Mull and Iona, the usual route back to the Trossachs, and the occasional road that got us from "A" to "B" along our route that happened to utilize one of the busier motorways.

In two visits to Scotland we had never gone south of the beltway between Glasgow and Edinburgh, meaning the Borders region of Scotland. Nor had we visited Robert Burns country in Scotland's southwest. While in Burns country, a quick trip to Culzean Castle on the Firth of Clyde is possible, one of the grandest castles in all Scotland, and a castle with a link to a former president, Dwight David Eisenhower.

One of the items on our list of Borders places to visit were the sites of the Border Abbeys, those ruins authorized by King David I in the 1100s: Kelso in 1128, Melrose in 1136, Jedburgh in 1138 and Dryburgh in 1150. David I was King of Scots from 1124-1153. We chose Melrose and Jedburgh for our tour package.

Each of the four Abbeys is in one state or another of ruins. Abbeys built within a dozen or so miles of the boundary line with England meant that the English raiders would sack everything in sight as they marched north. The Abbeys happened to be some of the first settlements encountered on the way north. One other problem with that boundary line? It kept moving north or south from time to time, depending on which side won the last round of raids.

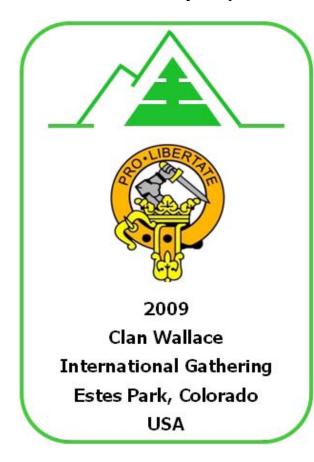
Melrose Abbey occupies a large area in the town and was close to Ettrick Forest, the location used in the late 1200s by Sir William Wallace to hide himself and his band from the English. Following Wallace's execution by King Edward I, "Longshanks," King Robert I assisted in the rebuilding of Melrose Abbey. His help was only part of the story of the Abbey, however. Following his death in 1329, Robert's heart was placed in a small vessel, eventually being buried at Melrose Abbey 684 years to the day after defeating the English army at Bannockburn.



In part, King Robert I's heart being buried at Melrose Abbey is the reason for this piece. You see, during our visit to Melrose Abbey last September, despite a wee drizzle in the neighborhood, we were able to locate the spot at Melrose Abbey where Robert I's heart was placed within the footprint of this ancient Abbey. The inscription on the top says: A Noble Hart May Have Nane Ease Gif Freedom Failye. The translation: A Noble Heart May Have No Ease If Freedom Fail.

#### 2009 CLAN WALLACE INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

## Friday, September 11th ~ Sunday, September 13th



### **Gathering Registration Fee \$15**

Price per person. This is in *addition* to the \$10 Priority List fee per person and covers Mailing, Gathering Souvenir, Decorations, Misc. Expense, Etc.

## **Anticipated Expenditures**

For planning purposes, assume the following Gathering Expense. Adult \$75. Young Adult \$60.

Adult 20 - 6yrs.

**Hospitality:** \$25 \$15

Drinks & Snacks

**Brunch:** \$25 \$20

#### **Host Hotel**

The Host Hotel requires further negotiation due to circumstances beyond our control When details have been finalized we will notify all on the \$10 Priority list and then publish details in the next newsletter.

#### PRIORITY LIST

If you want to receive Hotel registration, Festival and other pertinent information, send your full name(s), ages, 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. Address any questions to Lisa Donant, lisa7454@verizon.net or (804) 730-5580.

Estes Park, Colorado

