

# MACAULAY MATTERS

Bringing Our People Together

## A NEW LOOK FOR MACAULAY MATTERS

With a new editor comes a new look for your MacAulay Matters newsletter. We hope you will enjoy the new layout.

As spring is finally here, this issue is focused on weddings, so you'll have the opportunity to learn about some wedding traditions and peek in on the weddings of members and family members.

Our summer issue will be all about travel. We hope that you will share one of your travel adventures to Scotland and/or Northern Ireland/Ireland.

This newsletter is about you, and for you. Enjoy!

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*This is your newsletter. We welcome  
interesting stories and pictures. No  
limits to your creativity! It's about  
sharing everything MacAulay.*

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# GRETNA GREEN

*Rachel L. MacAulay*

As seen recently in the popular Netflix series “Bridgerton” and, of course, as made famous by Jane Austen in her novels, Gretna Green has long been associated with elopement. This association began more than 250 years ago, when Lord Hardwicke’s Marriage Act was passed in England in 1754. This said that couples who wanted to marry without their parents’ or guardians’ consent had to be older than 21 and their marriage had to take place publicly in their parish with a member of the Church clergy officiating.

Meanwhile, just over the Scottish border, the marriage requirements remained the same as they’d been for centuries: Anyone over the age of 15 could be married, as long as they weren’t closely related to their betrothed or engaged to somebody else. The marriage would be a public or private ceremony, witnessed by one person or 100 people—it didn’t matter. Couples began making a break for “the border”—a trip that became easier in the 1770s when a direct toll road from London was built.

Interestingly, it was the village blacksmith and not the priest who became synonymous with Gretna Green weddings. Because of the importance of blacksmiths in a village back in the mid-1700s, the Blacksmith’s Forge became the favored wedding “venue” and couples were known as marrying “over the anvil” (with the blacksmiths known as “anvil priests”). To this day, Gretna Green remains a popular place to get married, with nearly 13% of all weddings in Scotland taking place there (according to [GretnaGreen.com](http://GretnaGreen.com)). If Gretna Green is in your wedding plans, just know that you can’t just show up and get married—you have to allow at least one month for the paperwork to clear.



Sean and Verity McAuley wed at Gretna Green, accompanied by daughter Charli.

# SCOTTISH TRADITIONS IN WEDDINGS

Colin McAulay, Revd

When I was a young boy, the best and most lucrative Scottish tradition was the “SCRAMBLE.” The bride’s father would throw a handful or two of coins from the bridal car, in the hope of good luck for the bride. I have lost count of the number of “scrambles” my pals and I benefited from! I don’t think the “SCRAMBLE” is so common today — probably for safety reasons,

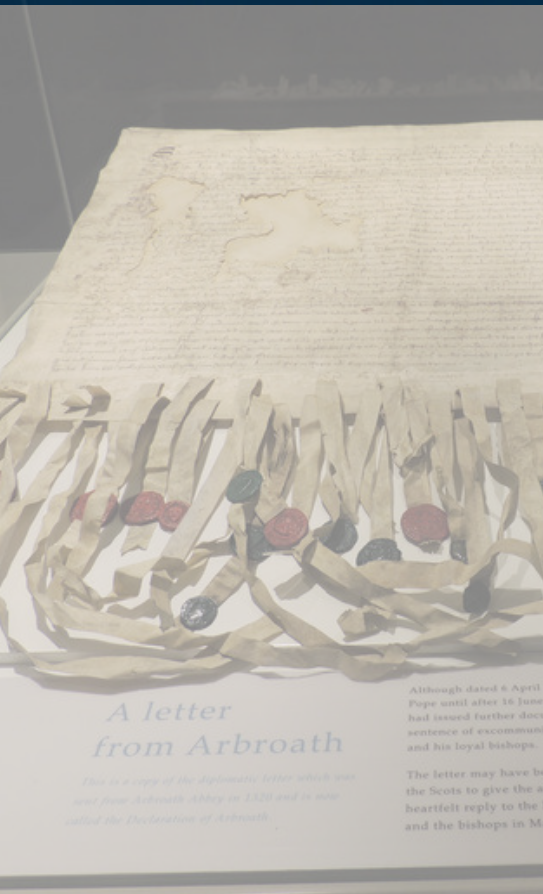
At the majority of Scottish weddings, the groom, best man, and male guests wear kilts. The bridesmaids usually wear a tartan sash. As you can imagine, this makes for the most colourful display. The bridesmaids in attendance at my own wedding, 53 years ago, wore the McAulay Tartan sash. Some still have their sash today!

At the reception, the tables may take the names of well-known Scottish Lochs, including Lochs Lomond, Ness, Long, Leven, Katrine, Awe, Lochy, and Tay. Each guest is gifted with a miniature bottle of whisky placed at their spot at the table. Being Scottish, this small gift is greatly appreciated!

During the signing of the marriage schedule, it’s not uncommon for one of Robert Burn’s poems to be read or sung, For example, “My love is like a red, red, rose” or “A fond kiss.” Surely including the works of the Scottish Bard is bound to make the whole celebration particularly Scottish!

Lucky White Heather. A sprig of white heather is sometimes included in the bride’s bouquet in the hope of bringing good luck to the couple.

The bagpipes often play a major role at Scottish weddings. The bride may be piped into the church to “Highland Cathedral” and exit to “Marie’s Wedding.”



**IT IS IN TRUTH NOT  
FOR GLORY, NOR  
RICHES, NOR  
HONOURS THAT WE  
ARE FIGHTING, BUT  
FOR FREEDOM, FOR  
THAT ALONE, WHICH  
NO HONEST MAN  
GIVES UP BUT WITH  
LIFE ITSELF.**

**DECLARATION OF  
ARBROATH  
6 APRIL 1320**



# SCOTTISH TRADITIONS IN WEDDINGS

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“Step we gaily, on we go  
Heel for heel and toe for toe  
Arm in arm and row on row  
All for Marie’s wedding”

“Oh plenty herring, plenty meal  
Plenty peat to fill her creel  
Plenty bonny bairns as well  
That’s the toast for Marie”

Just a couple of verses to give you the flavour of the song.

The Grand March is the first dance to take place at the reception. The bride and groom are first to begin the March, usually accompanied by the bagpipes. The bride and groom are followed by the chief bridesmaid and best man, followed by the in-laws and guests.

The rest of the reception continues to the sound of music, laughter, and of course, the clinking of wine and whisky glasses.

Several years ago, I was invited to officiate at a marriage to be conducted in a helicopter flying over the two spectacular bridges on the River Forth! This couple loved Scotland and decided to view part of the country on the most significant day of their lives. I was a little nervous, but thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

I trust this brief article will give you the “flavour” of a Scottish wedding.

Slainte mhath,

Colin McAulay

**CLAN MACAULAY  
WAR CRY  
MACAMHLAIDH GU  
BRATH!  
(MACAULAY  
FOREVER!)**





L-R Groomsman, Doug (not his beer) and the Groom

## MAKING A SPLASH

*Doug Doughty*

When we were in Northern Ireland and Ireland in 2017, I found myself standing outside the Castle at Carrickfergus, and I watched as two guys came walking down the beach. One was dressed rather well for a stroll on the beach. He then turned and walked into the water ... in his tuxedo! I asked our local tour guide at the castle, "What just happened?" He asked to what was I referring? And I told him what I saw. He explained that it was an Irish wedding tradition for the groom (and sometimes his groomsmen) to jump into the water on the wedding day. I wonder if that is where the term "getting cold feet" came from.

Later, on that same trip, Joan and I were staying in the delightful town of Lisdoonvarna. We were about to head out to one of the Aran Islands when Joan ran back to our room to grab her camera. While I was waiting, I spotted a woman standing nearby, and I asked her about the "Matchmaking Festival" which was advertised everywhere around the town. She answered, "I don't know. I'm from Toronto. I just flew in for the weekend to attend my friend's wedding." About that time, Joan had come back, and after a few more minutes chatting we headed to the ferry.

While we were waiting for the ferry, we spotted a group of guys in their underpants jumping off the pier into Galway Bay; it wasn't due to it being a hot summer day, as it was pretty early in the morning and the weather was about 15°C, or 59°F. They climbed the ladder and started again. Thank you, cell phones, for having cameras! I got my phone ready and filmed them jumping a second time. When they climbed out that time, we went over, and I told them I thought they were nuts, but I got a great video of it. I showed them the video, and they asked me to forward it. So, I forwarded the video and thought nothing more about it.

The next day, after our trip to another Aran island, we headed to the chemist to pick up a couple of things, and we encountered three guys coming down the street toward us. They were arm in arm, singing and drinking beer. When they reached us, one said "give us some money." Joan laughed and answered, "Why? You're the ones with the beer!" Then one of the other guys cried out "DOUG!" It was one of the guys who jumped into Galway Bay the day before. Joan turned to one of the men and said, "Sorry, we didn't recognize you with your clothes on." He looked somewhat taken aback. Turns out, he wasn't with them the day before. We showed him the video, and we all had a great laugh! Although, they still didn't share their beer.

In fact, it was the groom and his friends; the same wedding that the lady from Toronto had come to attend. It really is a small world. And how cool was it that on my first trip to Northern Ireland and Ireland, in two different towns, I was able to witness such an unusual wedding day ritual!

Want to see  
the guys take  
the jump?  
Here's the  
[video](https://youtu.be/a6BPv1fzxSY) ...

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e/a6BPv1fzxSY](https://youtu.be/a6BPv1fzxSY)



## THE ANCIENT CELTIC TRADITION OF HANDFASTING

*Dr. W.G. (Bud) MacAulay Lush*

Taking each other's hand in marriage is a well-known phrase, but have you ever stopped to think about where it comes from? Handfasting is probably the answer ...

Getting married is a big thing, with many wedding venues fully booked up to two years in advance. Perhaps this, together with the escalating costs involved, is the reason why the practice of handfasting is becoming more and more popular.

Put very simply, handfasting is the practice of couples committing to each other by having their hands tied together with braid, or something similar, and exchanging rings and vows in a traditional non-religious ceremony. Knots are often tied in the braid at the making of each vow. When the handfasting is over and the braids are removed, the couple are left with a keepsake which can be used for future vow renewals or just a reminder of a very special day.

This form of commitment generally lasted for a year and a day, after which the couples could renew their vows for a further year and a day, marry, or separate—depending on how well the year went!

It is widely believed that the custom of handfasting was first practiced by the ancient Celts, so it made sense that the Scottish Crannog Centre should hold very special Handfasting Renewal of Vows ceremonies in the Crannog itself.

Handfasting is a symbolic unity ritual in which a couple stand face to face as their hands are tied together—hence the phrase, tying the knot! Handfasting rituals are associated with pagan ceremonies, but are now often seen in secular, spiritual, and even some Christian ceremonies.

### What Does Handfasting Symbolise?

Handfasting ceremonies date back more than 2,000 years. An ancient Celtic tradition, it was originally used to symbolise a betrothal, during which a Druid priest would declare that the couple would be bound together.

**CLAN MACAULAY  
PRAYER  
"LORD MAKE ME  
RIGHT, FOR I CANNA  
CHANGE MA MIND"**



## THE ANCIENT CELTIC TRADITION OF HANDFASTING

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This engagement would last a year, as a sort of ‘trial marriage’, after which you’d decide to opt in or opt out! In later times, it was used in a marriage ceremony in lieu of the presence of a priest.

Today, Celtic hand-fasting rituals are particularly common among couples from overseas getting married in Ireland and Scotland. But more and more Irish, Scots, and British couples are featuring them in their own ceremonies too, to symbolise the binding together of their separate lives and the commitment they’re making together.

### What's a Handfasting Cord?

A handfasting cord is a ribbon or long piece of fabric used to bind your hands. Some couples use one or two cords, while others use several. Some couples also take fabric that’s significant to them (clan or county tartans), whether it’s from a family heirloom, made or gifted from family members, or cord in colors or patterns that have a significance.

A single handfasting cord should be about 1–2 metres long, so it can loop around your joined wrists and hands.

### How Do You Do a Handfasting?

You can choose to bind with one hand each or two. For one hand, stand side-by-side and hold out your arms together. If you choose two, stand face-to-face and clasp each other by the hands (or wrists for a more secure grasp). Many couples cross their arms, with one’s left hand linking the other’s right, which looks like an infinity knot from above. There are no hard or fast rules—try it out beforehand and see what’s comfortable for you!

You can ask either your celebrant or chosen members of your family or friends to do the fasting—some couples ask lots of different guests to come and place a ribbon over their hands.

**Slainte mhor agus  
a h-uile  
beannachd duibh**





## THE ANCIENT CELTIC TRADITION OF HANDFASTING

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There are several ways to tie the ribbon, from a simple knot to a more elaborate wrapping of the wrists that results in an impressive infinity knot.

Whatever technique you choose, it shouldn't be so tight that you can't pull yourselves loose afterward.

As the knots are tied, some couples will plan to recite vows of commitment to one another (more on that below).

After the ceremony, you'll have your cord as a keepsake of your vows.

### What Should You Say During a Handfasting?

It's a good idea to introduce the handfasting ritual, explaining the meaning behind it and the reason you've chosen it for your wedding. This can be done either by your celebrant or in your ceremony booklet.

Depending on your celebrant, they may have a tried-and-tested hand-fasting ritual structure that they'll be able to share. If you're creating your own ceremony, have a good look around and see what works for you. You can say a few lines to each other before the ritual begins, or if you have several cords, exchange a different vow for each one. You could also leave your vows until later in the ceremony.

There are lots of hand-fasting vows online, but to be honest, most of them are pretty cheesy! You're probably better off writing something yourself that will feel more authentic and natural when you recite it on the day.

Additional significance often comes from the colors the couple chooses for their cords or cloth. Each color has its own meaning, from red (love, passion, strength) and yellow (balance, joy, harmony) to green (fertility, luck, health) and gold (longevity, unity, wealth).

**"Lang may yer lum reek!"**

# REFLECTIONS

*Colin McAulay, Revd*

Some time ago, I read about people who had triumphed over extremely difficult circumstances in their lives. One such person was the late Dr. Mary Verghese, a gifted surgeon from India.

When Mary was initiated into the medical sisterhood, she was sprinkled with water from a hose-pipe and given a new name. “I christen you Mighty Atom,” pronounced a fellow student. It was only long afterward, when a road accident had paralysed Mary and she had wonderfully triumphed over her suffering, that it occurred to someone there was special aptness in the nickname—for an atom is broken before it reveals its power. Following rehabilitation, Mary was able to sit in her wheelchair and operate on the hands of people with leprosy. Surely this is a classic example of someone who had triumphed over extremely difficult circumstances!

This true story reminds me of the fact that it's not what happens to us but how we deal with it that matters the most. I've often heard this said and found it to be true. Whether we have suffered loss, experienced life-changing injuries, been diagnosed with a life-limiting illness, or had another similar circumstance, how we deal with it is what matters most.



We can face each day in the confidence that adverse circumstances need not define us as people.

I trust this reflection shall encourage us in our time of adversity.

REFLECTIONS WILL  
BE A REGULARLY  
RECURRING  
SEGMENT OF  
MACAULAY  
MATTERS, WITH  
THANKS TO COLIN  
MCAULAY FOR  
CONTRIBUTING



# Meet the Member

## ***Patricia Mae (McCauley) Ware***

**Why did you become a member of Clan MacAulay?** My younger brother agreeing to take the Y-DNA test for me at FTDNA.com. Sometime after we got his results, I became aware of the MacAulay DNA Project, and I joined the group in my brother's name. Then, I was contacted about the Clan Gathering in 2017 in Northern Ireland. When Clan MacAulay started doing virtual meetings through Zoom, I was curious and wanted to see what it was all about.

**Birthplace?** Mill Creek, Randolph County, West Virginia

**Currently live?** Morgantown, Monongalia County, West Virginia

**Your profession?** Retired teacher — I taught 4th and 5th grades and Learning Disabilities 9-12. While I was at the high school level, I also supervised Student Council.

**Favourite pastime?** My family will tell you that I have 1,001 hobbies. I'm a crafter, a sewer (not a seamstress), and a rugmaker. Another great love is gardening. Genealogy has become as important to me as anything else I do. I spend a lot of time researching family history.

**Who do you admire?** I admire people who can stand strong with what they believe even when it goes against popular thinking, have compassion, kind hearts and empathy for others. I like people who make me grin with the clever things they say and do. I enjoy people who think outside the box. I love when someone makes me go "Aha!"

**Most unique talent?** I think I am a good listener. I am, definitely a better listener than a talker. I enjoy putting words on paper and playing around with them until they flow in a good way.

**Favourite beverage?** I like strawberry lemonade and lemon in my iced tea. I prefer Pepsi over Coke, when I have a choice.



# Meet the Member (cont'd)

## *Patricia Mae (McCauley) Ware*


**Favourite music?** I am a music lover. I love Big Band, Old Country, Blue Grass, Easy Listening, Oldies but Goodies ('50s and '60s), hits from Broadway and the movies, and Souza marches. In our senior year of high school, three other girls and I dressed up in suits, mussed our hair up a bit, and borrowed some guitars to become the Beatles. Between acts of our senior play, we pantomimed "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and "She Loves You." Some other girls stood at the foot of the stage, screaming and totally going nuts. We were a big hit!

**Favourite travels?** I love being by the ocean and watching the sun come up early in the morning. I love walking in the sand on the beach. I love the sunshine and the warmth and the breeze. I love the waves coming in and covering my feet. I love the pattern of foam that is sometimes left behind when the waves come in and go out. I love the birds flying about and calling overhead. I love searching for shells and sea glass. I love the scent that is always there and so different from the mountains.

**Which branch of the MacAulays do you hail from?** DNA points to my family having a presence in County Antrim. I've learned, also, that our ethnicity is Scottish Gael. Other than that, I do not know very much about the family's origin. There is no definite paper trail to County Antrim or Scotland. In my research I have discovered diaries and genealogies written by distant cousins that have given me clues about the family. In one of the diaries kept by a distant cousin from the 1800s, he wrote that his great grandfather was an "Irishman" from "the north of Ireland." That is sort of a paper trail, maybe?

**Oldest MacAulay ancestor?** My family's founding ancestor in America was Brian "Barney" McCauley, who settled in Cecil County, Maryland. He came to America sometime in the 1740s. I don't know an exact date of birth, but it would be approximately 1725. He married about 1750.

**DNA testing?** Autosomal DNA test at [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) and the mtDNA test at [familytreedna.com](https://www.familytreedna.com). Olivia, my granddaughter, tested more than 70% Scottish. That makes her more Scottish than any of the rest her family.



**PAT'S PERSONAL  
MOTTO:  
THERE BUT FOR THE  
GRACE OF GOD GO I.**





**GEOFF'S PERSONAL MOTTO: THE SAME AS WRITTEN ON THE BACK COVER OF THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY: DON'T PANIC! THIS HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY USEFUL WHEN I GET LOST IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY—BECAUSE, IF YOU DO NOT PANIC, IT IS AMAZING WHAT NEW EXPERIENCES OPEN TO YOU.**

# Meet the Ambassador

## *GEOFFREY ALBERT DERRICK*

**Position in Clan MacAulay:** Ambassador for Australia. The “promotion” was decided upon soon after I was made the Commissioner for Australia, because it will eventually be necessary for several Commissioners to cover the sixth-largest country in the world, although a lot of it is sand and spinifex. There is much work to do to increase the Australian membership. I am also a member of the Clan Executive Committee.

**Why did you become a Commissioner/Ambassador of Clan MacAulay?** I was asked by Joan McAulay and accepted immediately. I always believe a topic is best looked at from many directions, so an Australian viewpoint would not go astray. I have found that the other people on the Executive are enthusiastic and original, and that is always a pleasure to see on committees.

**Birthplace?** I was the only sibling of a country family to be born in Sydney, Australia.

**Currently live?** I live about 60 kilometres southwest of Sydney, Australia. This is still a semi-rural area, although suburbia is rapidly approaching from the north. I am not a city person—a city is to me merely a place with an airport to arrive and depart from.

**Profession?** I trained as an agronomist and now am a shareholder in an Australian agricultural chemical company specialising in production horticulture (orchards and vineyards) and recreational turf (golf clubs, etc). This gives me chance to be outside in the bush, and also travel to non-tourist areas overseas.

**Favourite pastime?** Travel and trains, especially steam. These naturally work well together because you never know when you are going to come across a steam museum. My Facebook page is littered with these museums, from the museum in Kyoto in Japan, to Indian Railways Museum in Delhi, to the railway museum in Temuco in Chile.

**Most unique talent?** I leave that for other people to say.

**Favourite beverage?** Depends on the situation, but generally revolves around a good Australian Shiraz, 18-year-old Glenmorangie single malt, and very good quality stouts. When we were in Ireland in 2017, I confirmed what I always thought—Irish stouts from the smaller breweries are world-beaters.

# Meet the Ambassador (cont'd)

## *GEOFFREY ALBERT DERRICK*

**Favourite music?** I have an eclectic taste in music, ranging from the rock and roll of the 1960s, when life was much simpler, and the music of The King, to classical music especially from Gustav Mahler and Sergei Rachmaninov.

**Favourite travels?** This is easy—everywhere! I cannot understand why some people always go back to the same place for a holiday. There are myriad places to go in this world and not enough time, all offering different experiences and an education for anyone wanting to be absorbed into the local hum. Anywhere in the outback of Australia is great where we can sit outside with a good port, and it is so dark and clear that it is possible to feel the weight of all the stars pressing down on us.

**Branch of the MacAulays?** I trace to the Macauleys (M'Cauleys) of Northern Ireland, and in particular, from Drumquin in County Tyrone.

**Which MacAulay came to Australia?** It was John Macauley who arrived in Sydney, Australia, in 1840 onboard the ship “Brothers” with his wife Eleanor. Cheap passage to Australia was obtained in those days because Australia wanted more agriculturalists and settlers, and therefore John’s official occupation was farmer, and Eleanor’s was dairy maid. They settled in the Collector district in New South Wales, and my branch eventually moved to Young and Temora in NSW.

**Oldest MacAulay ancestor?** The oldest Macauley is my 3G grandfather Arthur Macauley (b. ca. 1780 – d.?) from Drumquin in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland. I know this from the research of my late second cousin once removed, Edward (Ted) Macauley, who carried out much work on this, but I could never find any more about Arthur—his birth and death dates still remain a mystery. I did confirm Arthur, however, as the oldest by working back through the generations and finding the siblings of John Macauley. Even a stay of several days in the area in 2017 failed to find him in local cemeteries. Obviously, more time (and stout) is needed in County Tyrone.

### **Have you taken a DNA test?**

I have not done a Y-DNA test because it was my mother who was a Macauley. However, I have arranged Y-DNA tests from the late Edward Macauley and followed up with his son Robert when a Big Y DNA test was required for the Clan history. These tests confirmed the Irish origin.

**WHO DOES GEOFF  
ADMIRE? ANYONE  
WHO HAS BEEN  
SUCCESSFUL AND  
DOES NOT BEAT  
THEIR OWN DRUM.**







# Meet the Executive

## *Bob Macauley*

**Position in Clan MacAulay:** Executive Committee (Marketing Co-ordinator)

**Why did you become an executive member of Clan**

**MacAulay?** My daughter Kaetlyn presented my father, Ed Macauley, with an ink stamp of the Clan Shield, and after he passed, my brother Mike looked up the clan on the Internet and realized there was a worldwide organization of MacAulays. We decided to honor our father by participating as members and Commissioners for Missouri. I attended the Clan Gathering in Carrickfergus, when Chief Joan was still Secretary at the time, and with her remarkable gift of persuasion, I was “voluntold” to be a member of the Executive Committee. I am very thankful and grateful to Joan for her persistence.

**Birthplace?** St. Louis, Missouri, USA

**Currently live?** St. Louis, Missouri, USA

**Your profession?** I worked for Anheuser-Busch, Inc—now AB InBev—for 28 years in Sales and Marketing.

**Favourite pastime?** Celebrating and enjoying time with my children and grandchildren. Geri and I celebrated our 40th anniversary by renting a house in Gulf Shores, Alabama, for a week, and all the kids and grandkids joined in the celebration. It was an epic time for all of us, and there is nothing more satisfying than having fun with the whole family. A close second is shooting sporting clays with family and friends.

**Who do you admire?** I honestly have to put my father, Ed Macauley, at the top of the list. He came from humble beginnings and achieved tremendous success as a professional basketball player. His father was bedridden from an auto accident when Dad was a young boy, so he did not have an active father figure in his life. Dad made up for what he missed growing up by providing his children with opportunities to participate in any activity or pursuit we



# Meet the Executive (cont'd)

## *Bob Macauley*

wanted to. He supported us, encouraged us, and always put his family above himself. Nothing made him prouder than watching his children and grandchildren enjoying life together. He was a remarkable man, and I am blessed to be his son.

**Most unique talent?** I have been told by others that, when facing a challenge, “Bob finds a way.” I don’t always end up with the “correct” solution, but I find “a” solution.

**Favourite beverage?** Having worked for a beer company most of my career, I love a good stout or an Irish Red Ale. After dinner, an Irish Cream on the rocks can’t be beat.

**Favourite music?** Growing up in the '70s, I attended many outdoor concerts, and to this day, I still enjoy the rock bands of that era. My favorite band is “The Who,” and I never tire of listening to their fifth studio album, “Who’s Next.”

**Favourite travel?** I have been to Italy twice. First time with my wife Geri, celebrating a wedding anniversary. Second time to meet up with daughter Kaetlyn, who had attended Loyola University in Rome. As many know, the “worst” meal you have in Italy is still fantastic, and we were careful to find some of the eateries off the beaten path to enjoy their amazing cuisine. I did get pickpocketed on a bus to St. Peter’s Square, and after it happened, I told a member of their police force, the Carabinieri. He smiled at me, nodded, and said, “Yes, they are very good, aren’t they!” It has been a great story to tell over the years.

**Branch of MacAulays?** We are doing DNA testing with Lucas McCaw to determine where we hail from for sure. Name of oldest MacAulay ancestor? Edward Macauley Jr., born in 1837 in Ireland, migrated to the U.S. and resided on a farm in Calhoun County, Illinois. I hope to get more info after Brother Mike’s Big Y results are returned and viewed by Lucas McCaw.

**DNA testing?** My brother Mike took the Standard Y DNA Test, but we are working with Lucas McCaw to take the Big Y test and learn more about our ancestors.

**BOB'S PERSONAL  
MOTTO: “CONFLICT  
IS NOTHING MORE  
THAN A FAILURE TO  
MEET  
EXPECTATIONS.”  
MANAGING  
EXPECTATIONS AND  
CLOSING THE GAP  
BETWEEN OPPOSING  
EXPECTATIONS  
GOES A LONG WAY  
TO LIMITING  
CONFLICT. SAY  
WHAT YOU’LL DO  
AND DO WHAT YOU  
SAY IS A  
COROLLARY OF THE  
MOTTO.**



**LIFE'S AN  
ADVENTURE; LIVE  
THE JOURNEY  
~ JOAN**

# The Chief's Corner

## *Joan McAulay*

Since the pandemic, we haven't been able to experience the travels that many of us enjoy. So, I thought I would dig into my memory bank and share with you some stories from our travels to Scotland and Ireland. For this issue, I thought I'd share a story that I found immensely amusing. Doug, a little less so.

On our first trip to Scotland in 2013, we visited Cradhlastadh (Crowlista) in Uig on the Isle of Lewis so I could stand on the croft where my branch of the MacAulays hailed from. This was the home of my 3X great-grandfather, John "Old Soldier" MacAulay, and it is one of the most beautiful spots I've ever seen with its white sand beaches and the Caribbean-blue sea stretching out in front of us. This is without a doubt the place in Scotland I feel most strongly connected with.

When we made the decision to return to Scotland in 2014 for the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn, a top priority was to stay in Cradhlastadh. We found a lovely B&B named Suinaival to stay for a few days. Absolutely gorgeous location and a wonderful place to stay. For their son's 15th birthday, they gave him a henhouse, and soon two hens were providing fresh eggs for their guests' breakfasts.

On our first morning, we were sitting outside having our morning coffee, enjoying the view and discussing the day ahead, when the hens came to introduce themselves. Having been raised on a farm and having been pecked by more than one hen while gathering eggs, I warned Doug to be careful they didn't peck him as he leaned forward holding his coffee to talk to them. No sooner were the words out my mouth than one of the hens reached out and pecked Doug, hard! I'm not ashamed to admit that I laughed, a lot. The lady of Suinaival was less pleased. But as I pointed out to Doug, at least now he could finally say he was henpecked.

Later that journey, we arrived in Stirling to attend the Bannockburn festivities and hang with our fellow MacAulays. We were outside the hotel one morning having a visit with a Scottish gentleman, and I'm not sure how it came up, but I relayed the story of Doug being henpecked. He looked at me and said "I'm not henpecked. I'm just frightened." Moments later, his wife came out and literally shrieked his name. He just looked at us and said, "See?" Yikes!

Doug's experience with hens continued the following year, again on the Isle of Lewis. While eating lunch seated at the picnic tables outside an amazing eatery in Bragar, we noticed that their free-range hens were roaming about. Interestingly enough, every single one of those hens came over to say hello to Doug. Not me, just Doug. This prompted Doug to ask, "What am I, the hen whisperer?"

Perhaps next time I'll share the story of the feral goat. Or the seagull that did yoga on our hotel windowsill in Oban.



# CLAN MACAULAY HERITAGE FUND

*Treasurer Sean McAuley*

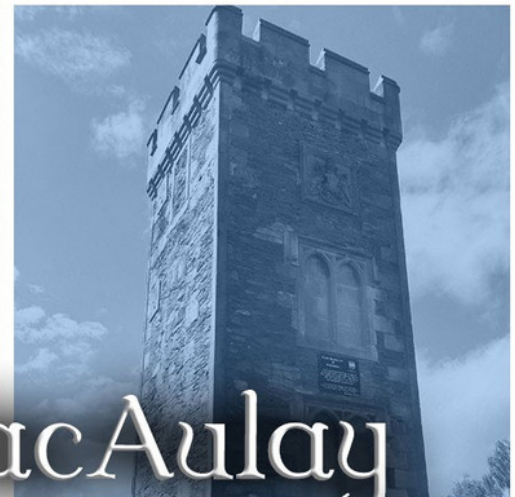
Would making a gift to the Clan Heritage Fund be something that fits with your sense of your family's place in the history and heritage of Scotland, Ireland and its wider diaspora?

The Clan is dedicated to offering support to projects that directly relate to MacAulay heritage and history and maintains a dedicated fund for this purpose. The Zachary MacAulay Memorial and restoration of the Conan Pictish Stone are examples of the projects Clan MacAulay has supported.

Your support could be in the form of a financial donation or perhaps a small legacy gift. Join us in the journey to discover and preserve our MacAulay heritage for today's Clan and our future generations.

To discuss making a gift, please email Sean at [clantreasurer@clanmacaulay.org.uk](mailto:clantreasurer@clanmacaulay.org.uk). Look forward to hearing from you.

**CLAN MACAULAY MOTTO**  
**DULCE PERICULUM**  
**"DANGER IS SWEET"**





## MACKENZIE AGRICULTURAL & PASTORAL SHOW

*Ruth Cooper, Ambassador, New Zealand*

It was a very windy day and my new member David Hooley and Bruce spent a lot of time holding onto the roof of the tent.

I was also busy presenting Horse rugs donated by Craighead Diocesan School to champions of 2 horse events. A real country show with good crowds after cancellation last year with Covid.

No Macaulays came by but people were pleased we were part of the four Clans at the show. Mackenzie, Pringle, Donald and Macaulay.







## NEW MEMBER WELCOME

A very special welcome to the 31 members (40 with spouses for Family Memberships) who have joined Clan MacAulay since 25 Aug 2020.

Robert Prescott-Allen, Canada  
Cristiano Aleandri, Italy  
Emily Dalton , United States (Family)  
Marjorie Climie, Scotland  
Sandro Simonetti, Italy  
Tiziano Di Girolamo, Italy  
William Galetti, Italy  
Colin MacAulay, Scotland  
Massimo Colletta, Italy  
Paolo Mecozzi, Italy  
Luca Salvatore, Italy (Family)  
Peter Macaulay, New Zealand  
Jim McCauley, United States (Family)  
Amanda McCauley, United States  
Joshua McCauley, United States (Family)  
Indigo Williamson, United States  
David Hooley, New Zealand (Family)  
Benjamin Hooley, New Zealand  
John McCauley, Jr. United States (Family)  
Christie McCaulley, United States  
Rory MacLeod, England  
Cheryl MacAulay, Canada  
Gabriel McCauley, United States (Family)  
Amelia Denslow, United States (Family)  
Albert Quiery, Jr. United States (Family)  
Gord MacAulay, Canada  
Tamaris Dolton, United States (Family)  
Sean Macaulay, United States  
Bob MacAulay, United States (Life Member)  
Ren Wilker, United States (Life Member)  
Janene Eagleton, Australia

## LIFE MEMBERS

A special thank you to our current members who have made the commitment to upgrade to Life Member status!

Beth MacAulay Court, Canada  
Christiane MacAulay Readhead England  
Colin McCawley, United States  
Donna McCauley Evans, United States  
Sean McAuley, England





# MacAulay

Clan Emblems: Cranberry, Scots Pine

Motto: Dulce Periculum  
(Danger is Sweet)

War Cry: MacAmhlaidh Gu Brath  
(MacAulay Forever)

Hail from: Scotland (Ardencaple,  
Isle of Lewis, Ullapool & Loch  
Broom) and Northern Ireland

The Clan MacAulay Association welcomes  
new members with any connection to the  
name MacAulay and its variants.

bringing our people together



[clanmacaulay.org.uk](http://clanmacaulay.org.uk)

## UPCOMING SCOTTISH FESTIVALS AND HIGHLAND GAMES



May 1-2, 2021 ~ Australia



Australian readers and their MacAulay friends (and even non-MacAulay friends) are invited to visit the Clan MacAulay tent at the Australian Celtic Festival to be held at the Australian Standing Stones at Glen Innes in NSW on 1-2 May 2021.

Geoff Derrick, Ambassador, Australia, Clan MacAulay

<https://gleninneshighlands.com/australian-celtic-festival.html>



May 15-16, 2021 ~ Tennessee



Your Tennessee Clan Members are excited to announce that we will be attending the Smoky Mountain Highland Games in Maryville, Tennessee just outside of Knoxville. Come pop in to our brand new MacAulay Tent and join us for "a wee dram or three!"

Sláinte Mhath!

Pat Curley, Commissioner of Tennessee, Clan MacAulay

<https://smokymountaingames.org/>



**WANT TO CATCH  
UP ON PAST  
ISSUES OF  
MACAULAY  
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## CLAN MACAULAY CONTEST

What better way to let the MacAulay in your life know you love them than by buying them a Clan MacAulay Membership. They'll receive a lovely certificate and all the latest news from Clan MacAulay.

Even better, you could win a prize! We're having a contest and you could win your registration to the 2022 Clan MacAulay International Gathering in Stornoway! Here are the rules ... and here's the link to the Clan MacAulay [Membership Form](#)!

- For every new Adult Membership (£10), the person entering them (the "referring person") will get one entry in the pool.
- For every new Family Membership (£20), the referring person will get two entries in the pool.
- For every Lifetime Membership (£200), the referring person will get 10 entries in the pool.
- A drawing will be held and the winner of the drawing will receive a free registration for our Gathering in 2022.
- The contest goes until January 1, 2022.



## MACAULAY 2022 INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

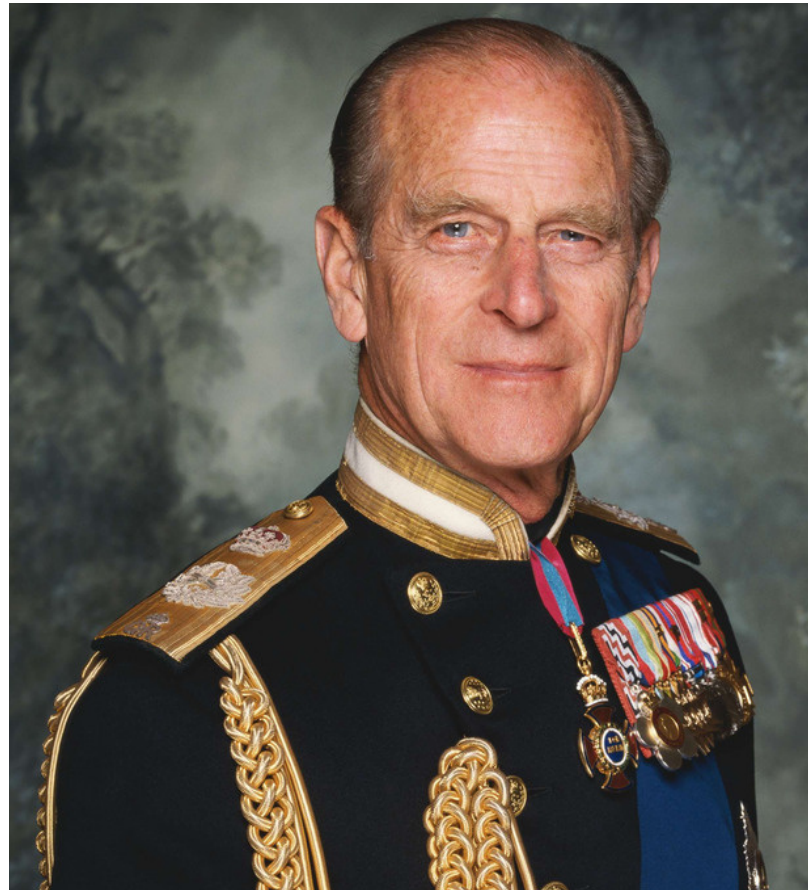
We're excited to have you join your fellow MacAulays 11-13 August 2022. Our International Gathering will be held in Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis. The MacAulays have a large presence in the Western Isles and the Caladh Inn in Stornoway will be the MacAulays' home base for three days as we gather our people together and explore historical points of interest on Lewis. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

More details will be shared in the MacAulay Matters Summer 2021 issue. Registration and hotel booking information will follow this summer and will be available to members first.



## MAY HE REST IN PEACE

**Prince Philip  
Duke of Edinburgh  
10 June 1921 – 9 April 2021**



"It is with deep sorrow that Her Majesty The Queen has announced the death of her beloved husband, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh."

Philip served as consort to Queen Elizabeth II for over 70 years.

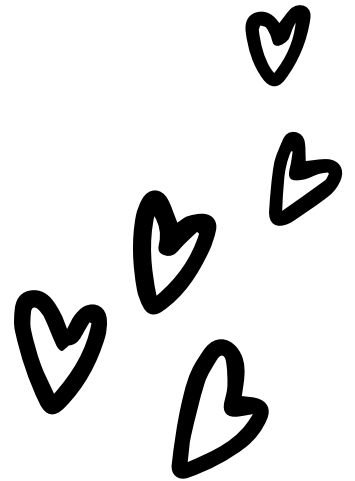
He created the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in 1956. The award, open to people aged 14 to 24, is considered the "world's youth achievement award." Its four elements are "Service, Skills, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey."

As Duke of Edinburgh, Philip also served as president or patron to hundreds of organizations including the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).



## Clan MacAulay Weddings ...

Proud Papa  
Tony  
Macaulay with  
daughter Beth



Proud parents  
Lesley and Tony  
with the beautiful  
brides Beth  
Macaulay and  
Amy Hamilton ~  
Ballyscullion  
House, Bellaghy.  
Bellaghy, Co  
Londonderry



» love «

## Clan MacAulay Weddings...

Our very own  
Chief Emeritus  
Hector  
MacAulay and  
his bride, the  
always lovely  
Kate



# Clan MacAulay Weddings...

A very happy  
John and Beth  
MacAulay  
Court on their  
wedding day. A  
beautiful  
couple!





## Clan MacAulay Weddings...

Absolutely  
stunning! A  
beaming Bill  
O'Reilly and his  
radiant bride  
Becky Layne



## Clan MacAulay Weddings...

How romantic  
and perfect is  
this?

Doug and  
Rachel  
MacAulay





## Clan MacAulay Weddings...

The  
incomparable  
Ruth and  
Bruce Cooper.  
As lovely then  
as they are  
now.





## Clan MacAulay Weddings...

Chief Joan  
McAulay and  
husband (and  
Clan Standard  
Bearer) Doug  
Doughty on  
the banks of  
the Mystic  
River



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**Discover your Scottish or Irish MacAulay roots.**

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