

MACAULAY MATTERS

Bringing Our People Together

IT'S ALL ABOUT GATHERINGS!

I've long thought that it's human nature to want to belong to some kind of community. It's also human nature to try to find out where we come from in order to figure out who we are. Joining the Clan MacAulay Association and attending its Clan Gatherings fills both of those buckets, and in this newsletter, you'll read several members' memories of some of those Gatherings.

Why not make some memories of your own? Mark your calendar to join us at the International MacAulay Clan Gathering from August 11-13, 2022, on the Isle of Lewis!

Slàinte mhath!

Rachel L. MacAulay

MacAulay Matters Editor

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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.

The time has arrived! Registration for the 2022 Gathering on the beautiful Isle of Lewis in the town of Stornoway is now open for members (only members may register prior to December 1, 2021). Members recently received an email with the registration details. If you didn't please email clangathering@clanmacaulay.org.uk.

We have lots of fun activities planned for you. Enjoy local food and spirits, see the sights, and learn more about Scottish heritage. Space is limited so please register now. If your plans change, you'll be able to update. Hotel registration details are provided once you have registered to attend.

Thursday, 11 August 2022

Tastings

Welcome Meal and Meet and Greet

Friday, 12 August 2022

Excursion to MacAulay points of interest on the Isle of Lewis

Formal Banquet and Entertainment

Saturday, 13 August 2022

Annual General Meeting

MacAulay Heavy(ish) Games

Genealogy and Concurrent Event

Ceilidh



MACAULAY INTERNATIONAL GATHERING 2000

Christiane MacAulay Readhead, Ambassador, UK

In 2000, I attended my first Gathering; I was thrilled to meet with over 30 or so people with the name MacAulay (all spellings). I felt like I was home.

I wanted to get involved right away, and so I volunteered. Hector MacAulay, then Clan Organizer, was more than happy to have volunteers, so he invited me onto the committee. I was not sure what I could contribute, but I was eager to learn more about Scotland and the history of the clan. I had some skills in family history and photography. So I became the Clan Historian eventually and always had my camera to hand at almost every Gathering I could attend. I tried my best to record the Gatherings as they happened through photographs.

As the clan has grown, many talented MacAulays of all name variations and septs joined in and volunteered for roles to support the ever-growing Clan MacAulay Association. We are now truly international, with an Executive Committee from around the world bringing their talents and new ideas and new processes for our modern world.

Some of the most memorable Gatherings for me have been Scotland's Homecoming 2009, where I got to march up the Royal Mile with hundreds of people from every clan you could name and the Northern Ireland Gatherings in 2011 and 2017. Every Gathering, including two International Gathering in the USA and Canada, has been brilliant, and I have met some fantastic MacAulays who are not related by blood but who are my kinsmen and women in every sense.

My new role from September will be Ambassador for the UK MacAulays, and I'm very much looking forward to developing and expanding membership and visibility of the clan here on home turf.





CLAN GATHERING RHU, DUNBARTONSHIRE, SCOTLAND 2003

Betty Ribble, Clan Gathering Organising Committee

My attendance at the 2003 Gathering in Rhu has been a bit of a standout, as this area holds much of the Clan Macaulay history and the beautiful castle there had been the family home. My husband and two close friends traveled from San Diego, and we had some of the most glorious sunny weather for the season. Our chief, Iain Macaulay, and his wife Nina greeted us with their usual hugs and kisses. This was my second visit with them, and it was like old friends being together. It had been my passion to connect with those in Scotland and Ireland who make the special continuum in our family.

Our hotel was situated just down the hill and a short distance from Ardencaple Castle. It was planned that we go on an outing that would take us around the immediate area and up to the remains of the Ardencaple Tower, which now houses navigation aids for those traveling up the Clyde. In place of the castle, there is now family housing for those in the British military. While driving through the neighborhood below the castle grounds we did spot an unusual garden surrounded by what the homeowner identified as the top of the castle turret. We also were joined by a neighbor who showed some very old photographs of the castle. We viewed a large plaque on the side of the hill that displayed the family coat of arms.

Our stay was topped off by a tree planting in the yard of the hotel. I believe I recently read the tree had grown so large it needed to be relocated to another location in the hotel gardens. Pines do require a bit of room to spread out. Here is a photo of the planting and more can be seen on our Clan website. The Macaulay men assisting the Chief in the effort was quite a sight.

No gathering is complete without a good ceilidh, and we did live up to this in all ways. We were entertained by a young lady who performed Highland dancing with great style. The party went on 'til late in the night. MacAmhlaigh gu brath!





CLAN GATHERING CARNLOUGH, COUNTY ANTRIM, NORTHERN IRELAND 2011

Don Mackenzie, Life Member

My first MacAulay Clan Gathering was observed at a distance...rather like seeing the wonder of the Aurora Borealis in the Northern sky or a beautiful sunset...I wasn't actually close up there, but I certainly came to appreciate the beauty of the event.

My late wife Catriona had just made contact with a long-lost branch of her family in B.C., Canada, and her cousins Arlene and Shirley came over to accompany her to the Clan Gathering in Ireland.

When they returned, they were so happy, and I felt as if I could see a light of joy emanate from them as they told me of the beautiful scenery, the great accommodation, the trips out, the informative talks, and most of all, the warmth of the people. I thought it all sounded wonderful, and it made me want to meet these people.

I have now had the opportunity to do just that, at several Gatherings, and I have been struck by the diverse occupations and myriad interests of members, the wide age ranges, the life experiences, the enthusiasm, the pride in their name and association with the clan. But most of all, just as the others said, the warmth, generosity of spirit, and kindness of the people...a great MacAulay vibe is always very much in existence at these events.

So, whilst it may seem a little bizarre to highlight that first Gathering as special when I wasn't even there, it did light a flame and establish a connection which will always be with me and for which I am extremely grateful.

So this MacKenzie says "MacAmhlaigh gu Brath!" and "See you on the Isle of Lewis in 2022."





CLAN GATHERING CRIEFF, SCOTLAND 2013

Kathleen O'Reilly, Member

My only clan gathering experience (Sterling 2013) had we eight surviving siblings attend to honor both the grandmother we never knew—Canadian-born Mary McCauley O'Reilly—and our father Jim, who lovingly demonstrated the extraordinary skills and wisdom she modeled before her death at age 41. Our presence was also a symbol of pride in our youngest brother Bill, new to clan leadership and Dad's successor as family archivist. I savored stimulating conversations sprinkled with humor with so many relatives—however remotely related.

With me was my stepson Andrew McCornack, Edinburgh University grad (2004). It was bittersweet, as 18 months after my husband Reuben's death, Andrew and I had started our trip in Ayrshire by scattering some of Reuben's ashes at the croft of their ancestor. At age 67 and desperate to survive, this relative had left Bobby Burns country for the U.S.

Andrew has wonderful memories of time in the Stirling hotel pub with MacAulays of every spelling. I will never forget watching Andrew effortlessly teach Bill's three daughters various ceilidh dance steps as they swung from one to the other laughing and having a ball. This, my first trip to Scotland without Reuben, was tinged with memories of other ceilidhs. Oh, how he would have loved this Clan Gathering in Stirling, where we had attended a poignant Veteran's Day service in 2002.

Scottish ancestry is central to our Bobby Burns suppers, as Andrew is now married with three wee ones. His middle son is named Ayan Lewis McCornack. And, yes, "Lewis" is after that Scottish island Andrew came to love.



L-R in ascending order of age: Bill, Mary Ellen, Kevin, Margaret, John, Kathleen, Maureen and Jim



CLAN GATHERING OBAN, SCOTLAND 2015

Marina Wilson, Member

My first Gathering, along with Cody and Luke, was Oban 2015. We hoped to meet up with our cousins from New Zealand, Ruth and Bruce Cooper, but unfortunately, Bruce had taken ill in Switzerland. This was our first trip to Scotland, and we stayed in Paisley. We visited a cemetery there to find MacAulay relatives that Ruth had discovered. She had also given us contact information for clan members Ken and Linda Carter. We had no idea that they would become instrumental to us having a grand time in Oban (as well as from Glasgow to Falkirk to Edinburgh)!

While in Paisley, they had us to their home for a lovely dinner, where we met Ken's mum Nan. She lent me her scarf to wear at the Gathering dinner.

We were to follow Ken and Linda to Oban, but had two—yes, two—flats on the way. When finally in Oban, Ken parked our car and found us some refreshments (Scotch)! That evening, Luke had his first haggis (he liked it) and Cody got to heft the sword.

For the following night's banquet, Ken and Linda came to the rescue, making sure these first-timers had the proper accoutrements. Ken took Luke for a haircut and helped Cody by outfitting him with his vest, bow tie, sgian-dubh, and kilt pin.

It was a wonderful evening of food, drink, entertainment, dancing, and MacAulay warmth. We were so happy to have met Catriona and Don and to be dazzled by the dancing of Hector and Kate. Cody even recalls dancing with Ken!!





CLAN GATHERING OBAN, SCOTLAND 2015

Cyndi Macauley, Commissioner, Pennsylvania

For as long as I remember, my dream was to visit Scotland. The Motherland was calling me home. I started attending Scottish gatherings and was definitely hooked. I discovered the Outlander novels and read every one of them. I also discovered the MacAulay Clan website, which had the invitation to their gathering on the weekend of August 15, 2015. My birthday was August 15, and I decided I would finally go to Scotland and celebrate my 60th birthday! My husband agreed and off we went.

We flew into Glasgow and made our way to the beautiful, quaint town of Oban, along the coast, for the event. To start the festivities, we attended a luncheon and felt right at home with fellow clansmen and women. The group took a beautiful ferry ride to the Isle of Mull, and we toured Duart Castle. What amazed me the most was the thickness of the castle walls! We toured the Oban Distillery, and I discovered my favorite Scotch whisky.

Jim and I still talk about the first time we saw Walter, the former Clan Secretary, wearing his MacAulay tartan "big kilt" with his beautiful border collie sitting next to him...what an awesome sight he was!

Unforgettable too was when a group of us sat around a large table, late at night, singing along with Barry, who played traditional Irish songs on his whistle. We also had the honor of meeting Caitriona for the first time.

So many wonderful memories and people that I will never forget.





CLAN GATHERING CARRICKFERGUS, NORTHERN IRELAND 2017

Susan Caldwell, Committee Member/Technology Director

Sitting on the porch swing with my grandfather John Franklin McCauley and listening to the family “stories,” I had been raised on “McCauley.” There was mystery and magic associated with the family’s origins. So, in 2016 when I found the MacAulay Association’s website, I was delighted to see that there was an International Gathering the next year. I wasn’t exactly sure what a “gathering” was but, always up for a party, I determined right then and there I was going.

The 2017 Gathering was in Northern Ireland, which was thrilling in itself. Then I learned that the MacAulay Clan was to be honored at the annual Edinburgh Military Tattoo celebrating Scotland’s Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology and hosting over 3,000 clansmen and women from 57 clans. The honored clans (two or three each evening) were to march down from the Great Hall of the ancient Edinburgh Castle behind their own pipers and standards to parade and greet the Salute Taker before the start of each show. My itinerary immediately expanded to include this event and what an experience it was.

Dressed in tartan behind our piper, walking over the castle drawbridge and into the castle esplanade to the crowds of cheering spectators, was a “pinch me this can’t be real” moment I will never forget. The thrill persisted throughout the performance, and when the lone piper stood high on the ramparts, I closed my eyes and felt connected to my many ancestors who had come before. Back in Ireland, the magic continued throughout the Gathering, where I made friends of a lifetime—the kind of friends that only come with family, my MacAulay family!





CLAN GATHERING CARRICKFERGUS, NORTHERN IRELAND 2017

Kathy McCauley, Committee Member/Genealogy Coordinator

In August 2017, one of my daughters, both my sisters, and I took our first international trip to our first MacAulay Gathering. It was held in County Antrim, Ireland, the likely home of our McCauley ancestors. First stop was Scotland, though, where Edinburgh's bus tour prepped us for driving on the "wrong side" of the road. Two days later, we picked up our rental car and spent two days searching for Stirling, Roslyn Chapel, and Arbroath Abbey.

Our clan participated in the opening ceremony of the Royal Military Tattoo! "Jacobites" cheered us on as we marched from Edinburgh Castle into the arena packed with 8,000 people! My memory of the Tattoo itself is a blur, but I will never forget the excitement of marching into that arena with my clan!

After a wild, four-day drive through the Highlands, we were off to Carrickfergus to meet our MacAulay Clan members. The tours were fun and educational. We saw Andrew Jackson's family home, Carrickfergus Castle, Layde Cemetery, and the Bushmills distillery. There was a ceilidh, of course, with lots of music and dancing. Our aunt and cousins also came, so we got to have a small family reunion, too.

We met lots of fun, friendly people, many of whom used the trip to research family history, ancestors, and old homeplaces. I felt a new sense of belonging, and I was excited and happy to be there with my family—ones I already knew and ones I had just met.



Front row: Georgia McCauley, Donna McCauley Evans, Hasnah McCauley, Keith McCauley, Cindy McCauley
Back row: Kim McCauley Cornsilk, Shari Brummer, Erin McRae, Kathy McCauley, Marissa McCauley, Susan Caldwell



NORTH AMERICAN CLAN GATHERING CAPE BRETON NS, CANADA 2018

Doug MacAulay, Member

All my life I had a sense I was alone in New Jersey being the only MacAulay. Every October, we would have the Scottish Games, and I loved the whole experience—especially the meat pies. But there wasn't a MacAulay tent, and once again I was alone.

A few years ago, my wife Rachel, who is even more of a Highlander than I am, told me about the Clan MacAulay Facebook page, and about the Clan Gathering being held in Cape Breton in 2019. I was thrilled, and I was not disappointed. In fact, the experience was better than I had anticipated. Meeting our namesakes from all over the U.S. and Canada, playing "altered" versions of the Highland Games, singing Scottish folk songs... and all while we got to know one another. There was this great sense of familiarity.

Of course, I may have read too much into the experience, but there were so many MacAulays with similarities to family members that I felt like I belonged. In the few years that have passed since then, I have wonderful memories and continue to correspond with people I had met there. Both Rachel and I are looking forward to the next Gathering on the Isle of Lewis. And I am even be able to check off a boyhood goal of taking my father to Lewis and introducing him to the Clan. I look forward to seeing all of you next summer on Lewis.



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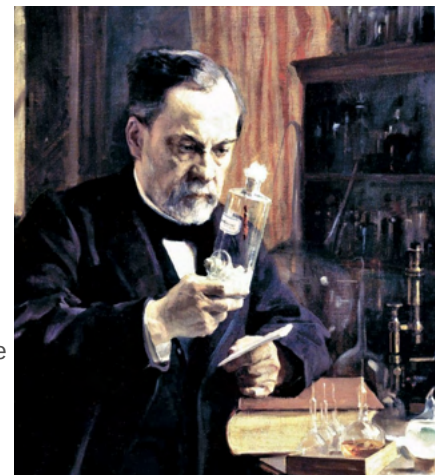
Colin McAulay, Revd



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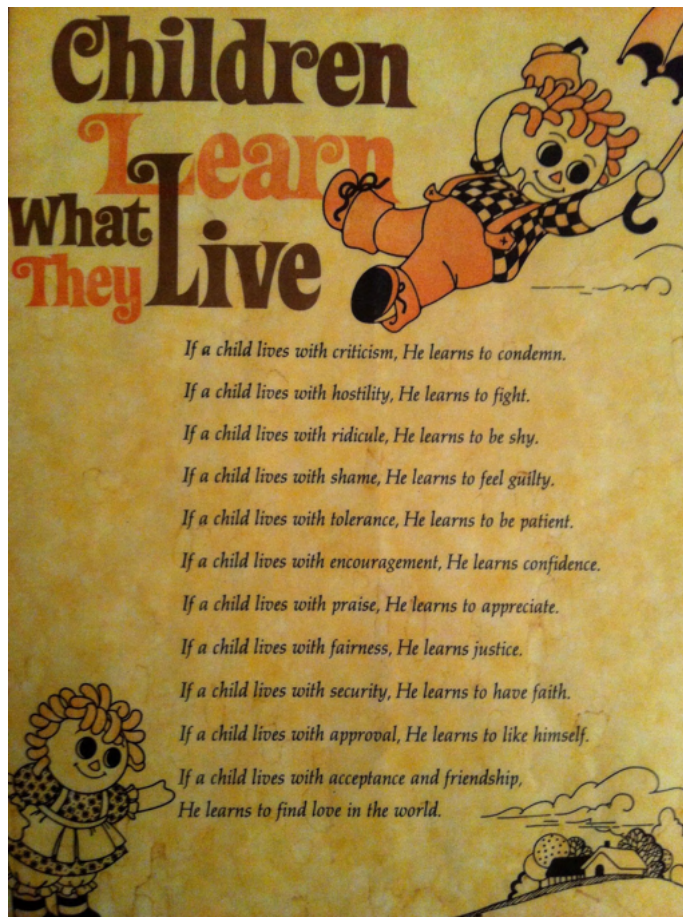
“To Brian for trying.”

These words meant everything to Brian. They were written by a primary school teacher on the flyleaf of a book in the Just William series. Brian’s teacher encouraged him to work harder at his lessons. With this gift, she demonstrated her belief in Brian.



Brian was fortunate to have such an encouraging teacher, unlike one of Louis Pasteur’s teachers. Years ago in France, an election was held to decide who was the most distinguished Frenchman. They chose Louis Pasteur, one of the founders of modern medicine. A school teacher’s report on Louis as a boy stated: “He is the meekest, smallest, and least promising pupil in my class.” Brian wouldn’t have stood a chance in that class!!

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A word of encouragement can work miracles! When was the last time you encouraged someone? Equally important, when did you last get a word of encouragement?

Words of Encouragement to a Child (Dorothy Law Nolte).



Meet the Member

Heidi M. Bauman

Why did you become a member? Traced family history to Clan MacAulay from my great-grandmother's side.

Birthplace? Dardanelle, Arkansas, United States

Currently live? Scranton, Arkansas, United States

Your profession? I work for the Dept. of Veterans Affairs as an AMSA and manager of our family's farming corporation. Prior to that, I worked as a nursing assistant at a local hospital.

Favourite pastime? Reading is my favorite past time.

Who do you admire? My Great Grandma—she had the biggest smile and heart and gave everyone all she had, whether it was time, love, a listening ear, shoulder to cry on, or words of wisdom.

Most unique talent? Finding the silver lining in situations both at work and in my personal life.

Favourite beverage? Sweet tea

Favourite music? I love so many genres, it's hard to pick one.

Favourite place to travel? Anywhere there is mountains, water, and beautiful scenery.

Your personal motto? Put God first, and everything else will be as it should.

Which branch of the MacAulays? McElyea

Oldest MacAulay ancestor? Laughlin McElyea, 1726 Ulster, Galway, Ireland

DNA? Ancestry DNA



Meet the Commissioner

Mike Macauley

Position in Clan MacAulay: Commissioner, Northern Missouri

Why did you become a Commissioner? To learn about, celebrate, and pass on to my kids and grandkids aspects and an appreciation of our rich Scottish and Irish paternal heritage. Also, and equally important, to meet fun, lively, interesting kin from around the world and to share a pint of Guinness with them!

Birthplace? St. Louis, Missouri

Currently live? Manchester, Missouri (a suburb of St. Louis)

Profession? Director, West Region for the United Way of Greater St. Louis

Favourite pastime? Multiple hobbies: clay bird shooting, woodworking, painting, and writing, to name just a few. Absolute #1 favorite pastime is spending time with my kids, grandkids, and extended family (including MacAulay clan members!).

Who is someone you admire? Joseph Campbell. The extensive writings of Mr. Campbell had a profoundly positive influence on my life. Wish I could have met him in person.

Most unique talent? Turning custom pens from either wood or acrylic.

Favourite beverage? Beer. All kinds. All brands. All occasions.

Favourite music? 70's Classic Rock

Favourite travel destination? Difficult question – top three are Ireland, Scotland, and Italy. But Janet and I are still exploring!

Your personal motto? If it's worth doing, do it now. If it's not worth doing, consign it to the dustbin and forget about it.

Branch of the MacAulays? As we do more research it appears the Irish branch. Irish markers are the strongest in our DNA test results. We don't have it narrowed down to a geographic location though.

Oldest MacAulay ancestor? Edward Macauley Jr. Born 1837 – Ireland. Died Feb 26, 1916, Illinois.

DNA? Big-Y through FamilyTree DNA – Completed in 2021.



Meet the Executive

Colin Keath McCawley

Position in Clan MacAulay: Committee Member, Historical Coordinator

Why did you become an executive member of Clan MacAulay? To research and verify the history of our clan and its many members.

Birthplace? Kansas, United States

Currently live? Seattle Metro area

Your profession? Bookseller

Favourite pastime? Historical research, restoring/riding vintage Vespa motor scooters

Who do you admire? My father. He lied about his age to join the Army Air Force in WWII and served in Seething England 448th, 98th BMG. He survived being a guest of the Third Reich and went on to serve as Airborne in the Korean War. Whenever I feel life is difficult I remember him, and it doesn't seem quite so bad.

Most unique talent? Ability to recognize character actors in multiple roles

Favourite beverage? Any beer by Hook Norton brewery

Favourite music? Jazz

Favourite travel destination? The United Kingdom, because it's like going home.

Your personal motto? The Clan's "Dulce Periculum"

Branch of the MacAulays? Ulster/Antrim

Oldest MacAulay ancestor? It's debatable, but a Matthew Mcauley in the late 18th century.

DNA testing? FTDNA



The Chief's Corner

Joan McAulay

One of the advantages of this position is that I get a sneak peek at the articles. As I read the memories of Gatherings past, I smiled, laughed and yes, at times, got a bit misty eyed. To try to capture the experience in words is difficult for me, because each Gathering we've attended has been special and brought a multitude of great memories.

Our first Gathering was Crieff in 2013 and it was an amazing experience. A favourite memory is Ross McAuley dragging us into the bar the first night (it was a tough job, not) to meet other MacAulays. Or Betty, Doug and I trying not to get lost finding our rooms. Or 'adopting' two sons at the bar on Saturday night. With the possible exception of my ghost experience in Stirling Castle, we were hooked.

The following year we again traveled to Scotland to attend Bannockburn 700 in Stirling. The reenactment was amazing and that night we all gathered for a lovely meal together. The most hilarious moment is one I can't share, right Princess Karen? Shall we clap? Or maybe my favourite is when Laurence & Karen, Barry & Lesley-Ann and Doug & I got dirty looks at breakfast because we were laughing so hard.

Then came Oban 2015 and more new friends! I absolutely love Oban and not just their whisky, although I agree with Cyndi, it is a fave. And the beautiful ferry ride to the Isle of Mull. Or maybe it was sitting outside having coffee with Catriona and Betty. Or the many pints consumed at Aulay's Bar with our nearest and dearest MacAulay friends.

2017 took us on our first trip to Ireland and Northern Ireland. Stepping amongst the beauty of Giant's Causeway was amazing. And on excursion day being the last group through Bushmill's and getting extra drams. Or learning that a 'tar' is really a 'tower'. Or singing in the parking lot at 3 am. Great craic all around! Laurence was definitely host extraordinaire!

2018 we stayed in Canada but joined MacAulays in beautiful Cape Breton for our North American Gathering. The first night everyone bonded over trivia and local bevies! Fun excursions and then at the formal watching Bud MacAulay Lush induct Doug and Matt as Commissioners. Our first time experiencing the hilarity of the *MacAulay Heavy(ish) Games*. It was all fun and games until the caber broke! The kitchen party on Saturday night!

2019 took us to beautiful Aviemore and our first time meeting the MacAulay Pipe Band from Italy. They bring a special joy to a Gathering. Music was an important part of the weekend with Don Mackenzie, Donald Black, Barry Macaulay (on his tin whistle) and many others entertaining us so well. Biggest laugh was when the hammer for distance ended up on the roof of the hotel during the MacAulay Heavy(ish) Games - yes, imported from Canada - followed closely by when the haggis finally broke and kitty litter covered the lawn (no wild haggises were harmed).

The past year and a half has been beyond challenging. So with renewed optimism, I look forward to you joining us in Stornoway for the 2022 Gathering. It's time to make new memories!



A CANADIAN'S GRAVE IN ITALY

Luca Salvatore, MacAulay Pipe Band

On a recent vacation, we decided to stay close to home for practical reasons, and the choice fell upon the area around Monte Cassino.

I have a passion for history, so I seized the opportunity to visit the Abbey and the nearby War Cemeteries, legacy of the famous and frightening battles of World War II.

The Commonwealth War Cemetery is a sight that takes the breath away: a vast area of silence, where perfectly lined white stones stand their quiet vigil over the neatly mowed grass. I was alone, and I walked around for a while in contemplation, realizing as I wandered that all of those fallen soldiers were so much younger than me, and probably most of them had never visited Italy before, let alone the fields where they fell.

Then I saw a keeper, and I approached him and asked if the records were available, because I was looking for a specific grave. He was very gentle, and he took me to the little office where the record book was kept. When he asked me for the name of the soldier, I said "MacAulay". Something told me there was one, long before he found the name on the list.

There was a code indicating the sector of the graveyard, and I followed the keeper to the spot where the Canadians are placed to rest. After a short walk, he showed me a row where one tombstone stood, just identical to the others, but the inscription on its smooth, white surface read:

"F.97492 PRIVATE R. MACAULAY, WEST NOVA SCOTIA REGIMENT. 17th May 1944, Age 30. EARTH HAS NO SORROW THAT HEAVEN CANNOT HEAL".

I stood still for some time, reflecting on the tale those few words could conjure, the story of a man so young who died so far from home, leaving behind loved ones who wrote those beautiful words on his tomb.

We of the Scozzesi Offida - MacAulay Pipers are contemplating a band visit to the Cemetery!

Editor's Note: If you recognize this soldier's name or recall the story of this fallen hero, please let us know and we will share the information to honour his memory.



TENNESSEE EVENTS

Jan Perry, Member

Local McCallie Descendants Attend Clan MacAulay Event

Pat Curley, Tennessee Commissioner of Clan MacAulay, and Clan member Jan Owens Perry hosted a Meet and Greet event on Sunday evening, August 8, for local McCallie descendants.

The McCallie family planted deep roots in Chattanooga in 1841 when Colonel Thomas McCallie and his family arrived at Ross' Landing to live and establish a mercantile business in the city. Col. McCallie's father, John McCallie, immigrated from Wigtownshire, Scotland, with his two brothers Andrew and Archibald, arriving in Philadelphia in 1775. John eventually settled in Blount County, Tennessee. Some of John's children remained in Tennessee, others settled in Alabama and Kentucky, with one daughter becoming an Oregon pioneer.

The seventeen McCallie descendants and their spouses spent three hours reconnecting, recounting family lore, showing photos, and learning about the Clan MacAulay Association. I would say our event was a rousing success!

Clan MacAulay, Tennessee Region, Attends Highland Games

Saturday, September 11, was a gorgeous day for convening at the Middle Tennessee Highland Games in Nashville. Commissioner Pat Curley, Susan Caldwell, Jan Perry, and Debra Barnes manned the Clan MacAulay tent. We enjoyed chatting with everyone who stopped by and we gained two new Clan members on the spot! Others went away with information, a membership application, and encouragement. What could be better than taking a beautiful sunny day to honor your heritage with tartans, pipes, Highland dancing, great Scottish foods, and camaraderie!



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MEMBERS-ONLY DIRECTORY DEBUT

Susan Caldwell, Technology Director

Have you seen the Members-Only Directory? One benefit of clan membership that members tout over and over is the friendships they make with MacAulays all over the globe. The Members-Only Directory facilitates making and maintaining those connections. Only those members who opt in are listed, and only listed members can access the Directory. In addition to opting in, members must agree not to use the information in the Directory for commercial purposes —i.e., no spam. The purpose is strictly to enable members to keep in touch. If you haven't opted in and wish to, send an email to clantechnology@clanmacaulay.org.uk.

DUNDEE UNDER ICE: A VIEW OF TAYSIDE DURING THE ICE AGE

Thank you to Mike Macauley, who passed along this very interesting video! Click [here](#) to view.

PAT MACAULAY: RURAL WOMEN OF NEW ZEALAND

And a thank you to Ruth Cooper for submitting this news article!

Auf Wiedersehen, 'Pet', hello 'Post'

■ WYATT RYDER

THE demands of modern life are behind the demise of a Middlesmarch institution which has kept the community informed for almost 40 years.

The Middlesmarch branch of Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ), which has run for 91 years, will have its last meeting at the end of the month.

The group was responsible for publishing *The Taieri Pet*, a local newsletter founded in 1982.

The final issue of the newsletter came out on June 1.

RWNZ Middlesmarch branch treasurer Pat Macaulay said because of the low membership it was not possible to keep the group going.

When she first joined the group in the 1970s there were more than 50 members, but now there were only five.

She believed the declining membership was a symptom of the increased use of social media and the many different responsibilities women faced today, such as travelling for children's sports games.

"There's not enough disposable time in one woman's day for many extras on the side."

The group helped the community with health,

education, farming and social issues.

It was originally called the Women's Division Federated Farmers, but the name changed to Rural Women New Zealand many years ago, she said.

RWNZ had a respected voice on a national level which she believed would be missed in the community.

Their final meeting would be on the last day of the month, which would be an "extremely sad day".

The members had no plans for a farewell celebration, but would probably share a drink at the local cafe.

The closure of *The Pet* would leave a void in the community, Mrs Macaulay said.

The group had published 455 newsletters over the years and had never missed an issue. They even published during the Covid-19 lockdown last year, she said.

Readers had sent the production team messages of support and thanks.

However, the void would not remain unfilled for long.

A new local newsletter, produced with the assistance of the Strath Taieri Lions Club, was being launched in August.

Club president Norma Emerson said *The Rock and Pillar Post* would follow in the



End of an era . . . Pat Macaulay holds a copy of *The Taieri Pet*, a newsletter produced by the Middlesmarch branch of Rural Women New Zealand. PHOTO: GREGOR RICHARDSON

footsteps of *The Pet*, but would be a distinct and new publication. The content and layout of the newsletter would develop over time, but the most distinct

difference was the introduction of colour pages. *The Post* would be distributed to 360 letterboxes in Lee Stream, Hindon, Waipori, Clarks Junction.

Middlesmarch, Hyde and Macraes. It was important to continue delivering news in print as some people in the area did not have access to the internet,

Mrs Emerson said. The final issue of *The Pet* was the end of an era, but she hoped *The Post* would be the start of a new one. wyatt.ryder@odt.co.nz

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NEW MEMBER WELCOME

A very special welcome to our newest members!

Bobby Curtis, Tennessee USA
Cameron McAuley, Tennessee USA
Douglas MacAulay Sr., Texas USA
Duncan & Denise Macaulay, Arizona USA
Drew Macaulay, South Carolina, USA
Fritz & Hilary Macaulay, Wilshire, UK
John & Katie McAuley, South Carolina, USA
Malcolm & Rebecca Macaulay, Saskatchewan, Canada
Matthew & Liliya Engelke, Michigan, USA
Michael Ostermann, New York USA
Tara Louise Searle, ACT Australia

LIFE MEMBER WELCOME

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

Brian McCaulley Sr., Kentucky USA
Ian McCaulley, Kentucky USA
Mary Ostermann, New York USA
Mike & Annie McAuley, Alberta Canada
Nicholas McCaulley, Kentucky USA
Pat & Fred Ware, West Virginia USA

CLAN MACAULAY CONTEST

What better way to let the MacAulays 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 ...

- 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 Life Membership (£200), the referring person will get 10 entries in the pool.
- A draw will be held and the winner will receive a free registration* for our Gathering in 2022.
- The more entries you have, the more chance to win!
- The contest ends January 1, 2022.

Visit the [Membership](https://clanmacaulay.org.uk/membership) page at clanmacaulay.org.uk.

* The registration is non-transferable and not redeemable for cash. If the winner is unable to attend, a second draw will take place.

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. Look forward to hearing from you.

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