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# CLAN MACKAY BANNER



## August 2018



### A Note from our President

I want to start out by saying thank you to all members of Clan Mackay USA for their support and their love for their Scottish heritage. Over the last two years I have visited two AGMs, in Colorado and California and I have been impressed with the people I have met from across our country.

This year we are re-visiting events in Tennessee and trying to redevelop the mid-west region. If you know folks in these regions, please contact me or the regional VP for that area. Next year we are planning to re-visit Florida with a couple events and we are seeking a commissioner for that state as well.

It is with great sadness that I tell you that our genealogist, Ken Bain has passed away leaving a big shoes to fill. If anyone is interested in this position, I have received the records and materials from his son. We are working on an article for our Flowers of the Forest for him now.

John Allen is our new Southeast VP and is hard at work with several events and rebuilding some voids in a few states, please give him your support as we reach out to members in his area.

choose allegiance to anyone. However, we are interested in folks who are looking for their roots, help track their ancestors or to find out more about Scotland and their heritage. We invite all members and non-members to join us at the various events, some have clan dinners that offer great opportunities for fellowship. That is what we are all about and we are privileged to have some wonderful people in our Society that can assist you with that quest. If we can answer questions that you have or you want to know more about Scotland, please do not hesitate to contact me or any one of our leadership and we will be happy to assist you in finding an answer. Please visit [our website](#) or participate in discussions on our forum and Facebook pages.

*Aye, John Grogan*



Durness -- Photo taken by John Grogan

#### **ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS**

##### **PRESIDENT**

[John Grogan](#), GA

##### **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

[Doug McCoy](#), GA

#### **REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS**

North East: [Madelynne Cable](#), CT

South East: John Allen, FL

Mid-West: [Ann McDonough](#), OH

Rocky Mountain: [Jamey White](#), CO

Central: [John Wells](#), TX

Western: [Jaime Chambers](#), CA

Mid-Atlantic: [David B. McKay](#), VA

TREASURER

[Charles Epperson](#), CO

SECRETARY

[Andrea Cable](#), CTCO/ [Jon Flint](#), TXBanner Editor: [Jaime Chambers](#), CAScholarship Chair: [Cheryl McKay](#) MIWeb Master: [John Grogan](#), GA

Seanachaidh &amp; Genealogist:

Chaplain: [Mark W. Polson](#), OK

## 2019 Clan Mackay AGM- Host Needed

The 2019 AGM will be held in the Mid-West Region (IL, IN, KY, OH, MI, MN, WI) . We are looking for a Commissioner from the mid-west to host the AGM. If you are interested contact [myself](#) or [John Grogan](#).

**SEE 2018 AGM MINUTES AT END OF NEWSLETTER**

## Seven Celtic Nations Flag

<http://www.xmarksthescot.com/forum>

"I've always heard spoke of the "Seven Nations": Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall, Isle of Man, Brittany (France), Galicia (Spain). Gaelic (in either of its two branches) is spoken in six of the nations. Unfortunately, Galicia no longer has the old tongue. The music in all seven nations is remarkably similar, sharing many instruments and musical forms. The region became modern day Galicia, which is in northwest Spain and is today considered the seventh of the original Celtic nations, along with Eire (Ireland), Kernow (Cornwall), Mannin (Isle of Mann), Breizh (Brittany), Alba (Scotland) and Cymru (Wales)."



**Editor's Note:** FYI- The 7 Celtic Nations Pipe Band (out of San Diego) wears the Ancient Blue Mackay kilt!



Sent by proud grandma, Cheryl, 20-month-old Barrett is on the right path- already in a kilt and looking ready to march!

In the last issue of the Mackay Banner there was an article about the curling stones created on the island of Alisa Craig. I received this note "*Just thought you might be interested to know that the curling stones from Ailsa Craig are connected at least through me to the Mackays (Ann Blackmore Key is related to the Kennedy Chiefs of 1175- the island is owned by the hereditary chiefs of Clan Kennedy). BTW Ailsa Craig is for sale (as far as I know) for about 3.5 mil pounds. Maybe the Mackays would like to buy it?*"

## Mackays... Living and Long Past

I received a note from Andrew Betts telling me that the Banner used to have articles about various Mackays around the world. He was involved in some of them- like the Mackay who won the Iditarod Sled Dog Race, a goat milk farmer in Vernon BC, coaches and athletes, writers and actors, etc. Some interesting- others not so much. Some who turned out to not be Mackays at all- like the boxing champion tagged as "The Real McCoy" who had just adopted a stage name. Or the seasoning company in Toledo that developed K-rations for the Army in WW II. Turns out they were Italians, but since Italy was the enemy they used a more "solid and respected" name- Mackay.

It was a lot of fun to read Andrew's note and I would love to include this idea in various issues of the Banner. So, if you come across someone, do some research, write it out, and send it to me! Or send articles you come across. I want *you* to be a part of this process! Now let me introduce...

### Gina McKay

#### [McKay Lodge Art Conservation Laboratory](#)

This internationally renowned company based in Oberlin, OH was founded by Gina McKay and her husband Robert Lodge. It is involved in huge and diverse fine arts, largely sculpture conservation. It has earned [many awards](#) in Conservation of Public Art. They work with museums, art associations, charities, municipalities, churches and much more.

the pride of South Bend. The 122 year-old fountain, which has not been publicly seen for decades was carefully dismantled, rigged and loaded on special trucks to take to the lab in Oberlin.

[Gina McKay-Lodge](#) has practiced Paper Conservation since 1983. She received her graduate degree from University of Delaware. She now oversees many projects and has become known for guiding sensitive media through challenging restoration processes. Her grandfather owned McKay Ice Cream in Greenville, SC.



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## National Museum of Scotland Is Putting Its Entire Collection Online

*Aamna Mohdin Mar 15, 2018, <https://quartzly.qz.com>*

People across the world can now view all the National Museum of Scotland has to offer without even leaving their sofas. Using Google Arts and Culture's museum view experience, which is similar to how Google's Street View works, tourists can view the 20,000 objects on display at the National Museum. The virtual display also includes 1,000 pictures of objects from the Edinburgh museum's collection.

It's the [first museum in Scotland that can be toured online](#), but not the first in the world. The Taj Mahal in India and the Palace of Versailles in France have also opened up their exhibit in a similar way, giving visitors from around the world a novel opportunity to explore their interior. Google Arts and Culture hopes to continue working with institutions to make cultural and historical materials across the globe more easily accessible.

Making tours of cultural institutions available online means more people will be exposed to exhibitions that are difficult to either get to or are sold out very quickly. For example, as the real doors close on the most successful exhibition in the history of the British Library, Harry Potter: A History of Magic, virtual doors open on a version created with the library's curators for the Google Arts and Culture site.

## 2018 AGM MINUTES

*Thank you to Andrea Cable, Clan Secretary for your great work!*

**Treasurer report: Chuck Epperson, Treasurer**

### **A. Bank Accounts**

1). Checking Account

	2017 AGM	2018 AGM	DIFFERENCE
<b>Membership Fees</b>	<b>\$1,821.60</b>	<b>\$2,813.12</b>	<b>\$991.52</b>
<b>Merchandise Sales (Net)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$285.26</b>	<b>\$285.26</b>
<b>Festival/Tent/Clan Expenses</b>	<b>(\$2,663.01)</b>	<b>(\$2,208.47)</b>	<b>\$454.54</b>
<b>Membership Gifts/Postage</b>	<b>(\$1,276.04)</b>	<b>(\$627.61)</b>	<b>\$648.43</b>
<b>Other/Service Fees/Legal/Donation</b>	<b>(\$170.00)</b>	<b>(\$688.80)</b>	<b>(\$595.74)</b>
<b>For Sale Merchandise</b>	<b>(\$2,507.61)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,507.61</b>
<b>NET CASH FLOW</b>	<b>(\$4,718.12)</b>	<b>(\$426.50)</b>	

2). Scholarship Account (Savings)

Balance (4/30/2017) - \$5,403.30

3). 12 Month CD Account

Balance (4/30/2017) - \$8,571.70

4). 18 Month CD Account

Balance (4/30/2017) - \$8,380.88

### **B. New/Renewed Membership (09/01/2017 – 5/4/2018)**

New Annual Individual and Family Members: 31

Renewal Individual and Family Members: 20

New Lifetime Individual and Family Members: 4

**NOTE:** Individuals who pay via Square **DO NOT** get registered as members due to the limitation of the information provided by Square. Commissioners **MUST** turn in new member's information!



status can be revoked if we do not award scholarships- we are presently in violation of our charter. Currently we have \$5403 in the scholarship account. A motion was made and carried to enhance the program and change the name of the scholarship program to Heritage Gift, which will allow us to give gifts to organizations as well as individuals. [Organizations such as Strathnaver Museum; St. Andrews Church; Culloden Battlefield Preservation; etc.] The current application will be revised.

**January Elections:** Our National Vice President and National Secretary both agreed to stay on and no one else applied to run, therefore, elections were not done this past January.

**Old business:**

**Crest Copyright:** Much discussion surrounding the clan crest has been ongoing. Most businesses will not allow us to use a symbol without signed affirmation as to the copyright. Therefore, the badge we have been using ("Manu Forti" on the side) has been copyrighted and is in process of being trademarked for our use. It has been approved by Lord Lyon King of Arms: Great Officer of State in Scotland. We've been given a letter approving the symbol and Lord Reay, Clan Mackays' Clan Chief, has also approved it. It meets all requirements of the crest by Scottish Authority and breaks no laws or rules and adheres to copyright law. This is the corporate symbol of Clan Mackay Society, USA and will be used on anything issued directly from our society. Individual members, including commissioners and tent hosts, are free to use whatever symbol/crest/badge they would like, however by using our copyrighted symbol we show clan unity and do not risk being sued for copyright infringement.

**New Business:**

**2019 AGM** needs to be hosted by the Mid-West. No one from the region on the call. Put something on the website and facebook page to get interest.

**2020 AGM in Edinburgh Scotland:** Trip to be in September (tentative meeting date of 9/4/2020) and then a trip up to Mackay country. Last group trip to Scotland was in 2005. Clan Mackay Scotland has offered a place for the meeting and dinner. John will try to make arrangements with the National Museum of Scotland to view White Banner of Mackay and other relics they have. Trip would go to Mackay country after few days in Edinburgh.

**Social Media Update:** Maddie Cable

Presently we are on Snapchat, Instagram, Pinterest, Facebook and our Website. NE Region wants to start it's own Facebook page- Approved as long as it links to main Facebook page and website. Email pics and videos to Maddie so she can post to different venues. Maddie will provide a sign for clan tents with all link info. She also has contact with a Scottish Youtuber who may be able to promote the clan. If you have an event please send info to Maddie (ie. Central hosts dinner and

**24oz Hot/Cold Tumblers** with lid by Tervis were made incorrectly (purple and green not blue and green), company to pick them up and redo them. Once completed, they will be sold for \$18 each. These will be available online and at clan tents.



Tervis tumblers on sale at  
<https://squareup.com/store/clan-mackay-society-of-the-usa-inc>



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