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Welcoming in a New Year...

As we embark on a new year I offer a Celtic blessing:

May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and the road downhill all the way to your door. May life be kind to all of us in the coming year.

Dear friends,

Another year is off and running and with it a flood of things that need to be done. We would like you to know your friends at Clan MacMillan understand and are there for you. At all the games we offer a place to relax and reacquaint ourselves with old friends, as well as provide information about the Clan.

The Clan though is a team effort shared by all of us, and we are always looking for volunteers to help. Stopping by to say hello, share information, help out with the tent (especially set up and take down), or to provide an article for the newsletter contributes to the fun, carefree atmosphere for all of us.

So please stop by the tent, pay your dues, say hello, or offer to help in some small way it will truly be appreciated by one and all.

Humbly yours,
The Clan

Clan Members,

I want to wish everyone a happy 2004!!! I hope everyone had a good time throughout the holidays and were able to spend some time with family & friends. Since the last newsletter Clan MacMillan, Pacific Branch attended the 1st Seaside Highland Games in Ventura, California. It was a long trip for some of us, but well worth it. We gathered together with Clan Donald and others on Saturday night for a Ceilidh.

We will soon begin planning for our Celtic New Year celebration. It is going to take some hard work to make this happen. I want to encourage everyone to lend whatever help you can in putting this together. One of the first things we need and the hardest to find is a location. Please help us out if you know of a place that would fit the needs of this event.

We will be having a fundraiser for the Clan Center in Scotland this year. We will be raffling a MacMillan Kilt!!! The material could be used for many different projects even if the kilt does not fit you. Please help support the Clan Center by buy a few raffle tickets the next time you visit the clan tent.

Best wishes to all of us in 2004.

Yours aye,
Ron

Up Coming Events...

Queen Mary Games
Feb. 14th & 15th
Bakersfield Game

Apr. 4th

Costa Mesa Games
May 29th-30th
(Annual General Meeting)

San Diego Games
Jun. 19th-20th

A story from the MacMillan past...



Harold Maurice Macmillan (1894-1986)

*One story of how MacMillan's
have contributed to history.*

The son of an American-born mother and the grandson of a founder of the London publishing house of Macmillan & Co., he was educated at Balliol College, Oxford. He distinguished himself in combat during World War I and entered politics after the war. He sat in the House of Commons from 1924 to 1929 and from 1931 to 1964. When Winston Churchill formed his World War II coalition government (May 1940), Macmillan, who had bitterly condemned British "appeasement" of Nazi Germany in the late

1930s, was appointed parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Supply. After 10 months as colonial under secretary, he was sent (Dec. 30, 1942) to northwest Africa as British minister resident at Allied Forces Headquarters, Mediterranean Command. There his efforts to secure good relations with Dwight D. Eisenhower, Charles de Gaulle, and other high Allied officers improved his skills as a politician. At the end of the war in Europe, Macmillan was secretary of state for air in Churchill's "caretaker" government (May-July 1945). After the Conservatives regained power in 1951, he was successively appointed minister of housing and local government (October 1951) and minister of defense (October 1954) by Churchill and then served as foreign secretary (April-December 1955) and chancellor of the exchequer (1955-57) under Sir Anthony Eden. He was appointed prime minister on Jan. 10, 1957, following the resignation of Eden in the wake of the Suez crisis, and was elected leader of the Conservative Party 12 days later.

Macmillan immediately had to deal with a national shortage of money, and his Chancellor of the Exchequer, Peter Thorneycroft, resigned (January 1958) in protest against government spending. Macmillan worked to improve British-U.S. relations, which had been strained by the Suez crisis, and his old partnership with General, now President, Eisenhower was helpful in this regard. Macmillan himself supervised the conduct of foreign policy as prime minister. He had several conferences with presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy, and he visited Nikita S.

Khrushchev in Moscow (February 1959). At home, Macmillan gave firm support to Britain's array of postwar social programs. He led the Conservative Party to a resounding victory in the 1959 general election by effectively contrasting Britain's prewar unemployment with its postwar full employment under the slogan "You've never had it so good."

The Nassau agreement (December 1962) between Macmillan and Kennedy, that the United States should furnish nuclear missiles for British submarines, enraged Charles de Gaulle, who then was head of the French state and who insisted on a Europe uncontrolled by the United States. The subsequent French veto (Jan. 29, 1963) of Great Britain's entry into the European Economic Community was a severe blow to Macmillan. For most of his term Macmillan had been held in high esteem by his party. But Britain's adverse balance of payments led the government to impose a wage freeze and other deflationary measures from 1961 on, and this caused Macmillan's government to lose popularity. Another setback was an apparent Soviet espionage attempt involving John Profumo, the secretary of state for war, which ended in the latter's resignation (June 1963). Macmillan's reputation was partly rehabilitated by the successful negotiations (July 1963) among Great Britain, the United States, and the Soviet Union for the Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, but demands continued within his own party for a new and younger leader, and, after undergoing surgery, he resigned his office on Oct. 18, 1963.

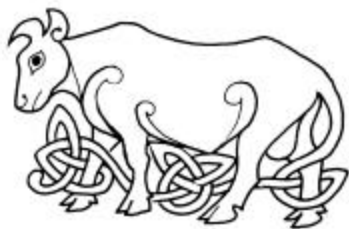
Macmillan refused a peerage and retired from the House of Commons in September 1964. He then began producing his memoirs: *Winds of Change, 1914-1939* (1966); *The Blast*

of War, 1939-1945 (1967); Tides of Fortune, 1945-1955 (1969); Riding the Storm, 1956-1959 (1971); Pointing the Way, 1959-1961 (1972); At the End of the Day, 1961-63 (1973); and The Past Masters: Politics and Politicians, 1906-1939 (1975). He later accepted a peerage and was created an earl in 1984.

Courtesy of:
<http://www.md1g05075.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/macmillan.htm>

Please send in and share your stories of MacMillan accomplishments both great and small to me so that I may publish them in upcoming newsletters. All stories will be considered for publication.

Michelle



Here is something I found on the internet at www.haggishunt.com

Whisky with haggis chaser

Ingredients
 Large bottle of malt whisky
 A Haggis
 A glass
 A very very small amount of water (dinnae droon it laddie)

Method
 Place generous amount of whisky in glass. Wave water over whisky. Drink whisky. Cook haggis the following morning and serve on toast with brown sauce as an excellent hangover cure.

Bloody haggis

Ingredients
 Large bottle of malt whisky
 A glass
 A very very small jug of water
 Tomato juice
 Worcester sauce
 Stick of celery
 Bottle of vodka

Method
 Place generous amount of whisky in glass. Wave water quickly over whisky. Reserve tomato juice for the next time you cook linguine. Place celery in bunnet. Dab Worcester sauce behind ears. You are now ready for a night on the town. Put vodka somewhere that local teenagers will be unable to find it. Drink whisky. Cook haggis the following morning and serve on toast with brown sauce as an excellent hangover cure.

Haggis sunrise

Ingredients
 Large bottle of malt whisky
 A large carton of orange juice
 A Haggis
 A glass
 A very very small jug of water

Method
 Dash eight sloshes of whisky into glass. Show water to whisky from minimum distance of ten yards. Carefully put carton of orange juice unopened in

fridge lest it go off. Drink whisky. Cook haggis the following morning and serve on toast with brown sauce as an excellent hangover cure.

Haggis on the beach

Ingredients
 Large bottle of malt whisky
 A haggis
 A very very small jug of water
 Bag of sand

Method
 Pour sand on ground. Pour water on ground. Strip down to your underwear. You are now at the beach. Use haggis as a beachball. Drink whisky from the bottle.

Haggis margarita

Ingredients
 Large bottle of malt whisky
 A Haggis
 A lime
 Lime juice
 Bottle of tequila
 Salt
 A glass
 Another glass
 Small jug of water.

Method
 Wet rim of glass and dip in salt. Cut lime into slices and attach to rim of glass. Wet bottom of glass with lime juice. Fill glass to rim with tequila. Drop lit match into glass. Now you have made a nice home-made heater, sit down beside it, rest your feet on the haggis and enjoy a wee dram

Future Generation of Clan MacMillan Athletes

Katie & Amanda represent Clan MacMillan during Children's games at Seaside Highland Games.



← Katie tries out the Caber toss.

→ Amanda perfects the haggis throw.



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