

# CLAN MACRAE SOCIETY OF CANADA

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT FOR 2007

to the

### Annual General Meeting, April 5, 2008, Guelph Museum, Ontario

#### Welcome

First, it is my very great pleasure to welcome our Honourary President and most distinguished guest **Marigold MacRae** of Eilean Donan Castle in Kintail. She is President of the Clan MacRae Society of Scotland and the UK and she is here with her husband, **Colonel James Parker**. It is her first visit to Canada and we are thrilled she is with us.

With this visit, Marigold MacRae completes a visit to every Clan MacRae Society: USA, Australia/New Zealand and now Canada. *Ceud Mile Failte: A Hundred Thousand Welcomes* to Marigold and James. Welcome to Guelph, to this city of the famous McCrae; and welcome to members of our Society present from many communities of this vast land.

#### Growth in the Clan Society

Our membership continues to grow and Barbara Duff, our Membership Secretary, has a good report for us. Since our meeting last year in Vancouver, there is a steady growth in households of the Clan – there are now in excess of 150 households, about two-hundred and fourteen active members in total. In less than eight years, we have grown to these numbers! Little did the six Founding Members who met at the Eilean Donan Gathering in 2000 think that, in this short period, we would identify these numbers of MacRaes as full and supporting members. This is but the beginning for there are many more “Scattered Children of Kintail” in Canada. For example, there are in excess of six hundred households listed in the Vancouver phone book alone and there are impressive numbers of MacRaes in almost every community across the country.

There are reasons for this growth:

1. The superb clan MacRae web site: [www.clanmacrae.ca](http://www.clanmacrae.ca) cared-for by our able Web Master, **Leslie McRae**, of Calgary. The site attracts thousands of hits during the year and it has links to all MacRae sites in the world plus history and traditions of the clan.
2. The presence of a clan tent at Highland Games: **Owen MacRae** of Vancouver proved this beyond question with a tent at the BC Highland Games 2007.
3. **Barbara Duff** will tell you of the effectiveness of letters of invitation. She has had an encouraging response from letters of invitation she sent to some forty names drawn from phone books in this area. Some of you are here because of her invitation. Last year, we had a similar response from “MacRaes” in the BC lower mainland whom we had invited to our AGM.
4. The personal invitation to family members is effective as are invitations to join the Clan Society offered to clansfolk living in our community and easily identified by their phone listing.

Those of you who would be prepared to help with these mailings where you live are invited to do so, and we can easily share a suggested letter of invitation with you. In 2007, we grew by seventeen households and this year, already, eleven new households have joined our Society.

## **International Gathering 2009**

Several members of the Clan MacRae Society of Canada have told me about their intention to attend the great **Gathering of the Clans** in Edinburgh, Scotland, July 25-26, 2009. Following this Gathering, Clan MacRae will gather in Kintail for our own clan meetings, July 31-August 2. The numbers attending will likely exceed that of our previous Clan gatherings and I hope Canadians can meet together while we are in Kintail. My advice to anyone who plans to attend the Gathering is: book accommodation now! Do not delay!

I am sure Marigold MacRae can tell us about some of the plans that are now in place for our clan when we meet next year. *Kintail 10* has circulated some of the program planned for next year and more information will be forthcoming in future issues.

## **Promotion Possibilities**

Linda MacRae of Toronto has done a superb job of responding to calls for Clan MacRae Canada T-shirts. These T-shirts are available from her today at the AGM. I raise the question as to whether other merchandise would be of interest to our members. For example, small memorabilia, note pads, pens, insignia and crests, perhaps a cut-glass drinking glass. Your ideas, shared with any of the board members would be appreciated. Perhaps we can take a few moments to talk about it.

I encourage you to take responsibility to set up a table or tent at a community Highland Games in your area. The Society can help: e.g. we can make available a clan banner for you, past copies of *Kintail*, plus application forms. For a clan tent, our Society should have several copies of a three-ring binder similar to that which Barb Duff prepared for her own family gathering. You may want to examine the copy she has brought today. **Owen MacRae** of Vancouver (604-535-3999) is willing to share his advice (drawn from his tenting experience at Highland Games) - advice to assist anyone interested in taking a lead in their own area.

## **Financial**

Our treasurer, Allan MacRae of Calgary, has prepared a splendid report – we are in the black. Each year, our members frequently give over and above the suggested dues of membership. I want to thank you for these gifts. It is so encouraging to those of us who take a good deal of time to promote the Society and your encouragement is much appreciated.

## **Board of Directors**

Thank you, members of our board of directors, who have served during the past year. I must admit that I was not able to provide as much energy to leadership this past year as I wanted to do. Simply put, I was heavily involved with another non-profit society where I also serve as president. The need of that society was such that it required weekly visits to Vancouver from Victoria, a total of five hours each way just for travel! Happily, our problems of the past year are now behind us and I am able to devote more energy and time to our clan society.

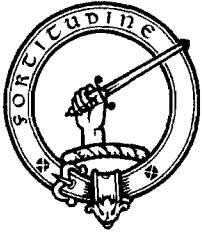
I want to thank Barb and John Duff for their gracious hospitality in their Hamilton home last evening. They have done trojan service during the past year keeping our membership records straight, receiving and depositing all fees, and making the preparations for our meeting here in the Guelph Museum and the McCrae House in Guelph. Thank you, both of you.

*Sgurr Uran!*

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert D. MacRae*

President,  
Clan MacRae Society of Canada



CLAN MACRAE SOCIETY OF CANADA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2006 APRIL 5, 2008,  
GUELPH MUSEUM, ONTARIO

9:30 Coffee and Lecture "McCraes of Guelph"  
by Don Campbell

AGM AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**; Attendance; Welcome to Honourary President  
Marigold MacRae, President Clan MacRae of Scotland/UK  
**Regrets:** Allan MacRae (Calgary); Leslie McRae (Calgary);

**Chair: Honourary President's Greetings**

2. Minutes of 2007 AGM, April 22.07 in Vancouver: **Linda MacRae**  
3. President's Report for 2007 **Robert MacRae**

**4. Greetings to other Clan MacRae Societies**

**Chair Robert MacRae**

5. Treasurer's Report for 2007 **Allan MacRae** Presented by **Peter McRae**  
6. Membership Secretary Report **Barbara Duff**  
7. Business Arising from Minutes:  
a) T-Shirt Program **Linda MacRae**  
b) Continuing Promotion **President**  
8. Budget 2008 **Peter McRae**

9. **Board of Directors:** The Board of Directors' three-year term of office. New directors elected at the annual meeting, begin their term immediately. They may be re-appointed for a further three-year term. While the election takes place at the AGM, the term is for the calendar year and concludes at the AGM following year

9. Nomination Cttee report – The current Board of Directors is:

- 2005-2006-2007 Linda MacRae (Toronto);  
Alton McCrea (Fredericton);  
Allan MacRae (Calgary)  
2006-2007-2008 Robert MacRae (Victoria);  
PeterMcRae (Toronto);  
Barbara Duff (Hamilton)  
2007-2008-2009 Owen MacRae (Vancouver)  
Stirling MacRae (New Glasgow PEI)  
Leslie McRae (Calgary)

10. Report of the Nominating Committee: (Peter McRae (Chair); Barb Duff (Membership Secretary) and Robert MacRae (Ex Officio) for the term 2008\7-2009-2010 **Peter MacRae**

11. Other business a) Note: International Gatherings: July/August 2009

12. Appreciations, adjournment and luncheon: Visit to McCrae House, Guelph

# CLAN MACRAE SOCIETY OF CANADA

## BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

ASSETS		<u>2007</u>
Cash		\$3,355.32
Accounts Receivable		\$0.00
T Shirts		\$0.00
Clan web site (nominal value)		\$1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>\$3,356.32</u></b>

LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable			\$0.00
Reserve for Promotion (unchanged)			\$450.00
Prepaid Memberships			
	2008	10	\$133.33
	2009	30	\$400.00
			<u>\$533.33</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b><u>\$983.33</u></b>

MEMBERS EQUITY (RETAINED EARNINGS)	
Balance, beginning of year	\$459.36
Total Income - Expenses, 2007	\$1,896.96
Change in prepaid memberships	\$16.67
<b>MEMBERS EQUITY December 31, 2007</b>	<b>\$2,372.99</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$3,356.32</u></b>

TRUE

### Statement

I have reviewed the financial records of the Clan MacRae Society of Canada for the year 2007. I believe they accurately represent the financial transactions and records of the Society.

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Treasurer - Allan MacRae

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Reviewer - Brian Hearst

**CLAN MACRAE SOCIETY OF CANADA**  
**RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

RECEIPTS	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Dues	\$1,978.23	\$1,085.00
Donations	\$597.26	\$147.01
Functions	\$575.00	\$0.00
T Shirts	\$1,380.00	\$0.00
Recovery of 2005 Expenses	\$0.00	\$346.63
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$4,530.49</b>	<b>\$1,578.64</b>

DISBURSEMENTS		
Kintail	\$306.23	\$615.28
Tel&Post	\$275.55	\$531.34
Promotion	\$300.57	\$84.98
Office	\$197.22	\$674.27
Travel	\$550.00	\$500.00
Bank	\$81.37	\$60.00
T Shirts	\$922.59	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$2,633.53</b>	<b>\$2,465.87</b>

Bank Balance January 1, 2007	<b>\$1,458.36</b>	\$2,345.59
Bank Balance December 31, 2007	<b>\$3,355.32</b>	\$1,458.36
Total Receipts - Total Disbursements	<b>\$1,896.96</b>	(\$887.23)
	TRUE	TRUE

**NOTES**

Provisions for 2008 Reserve (unchanged)		<b>\$450.00</b>	\$450.00
Prepaid Memberships 2008	10	<b>\$133.33</b>	\$330.00
Prepaid Memberships 2009	30	<b>\$400.00</b>	\$220.00

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## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

2007

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**REVENUES - EXPENSES** **\$1,896.96**

Bank Balance January 1, 2007 **\$1,458.36**

Bank Balance December 31, 2007 **\$3,355.32**

Net Income - Expenses **\$1,896.96**

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## BUDGET

RECEIPTS	<u>Actual 2007</u>	<u>Budget 2008</u>
Dues	\$1,978.23	\$2,000.00
Donations	\$597.26	\$600.00
Functions	\$575.00	\$500.00
T Shirts	\$1,380.00	<u>\$125.00</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>\$4,530.49</u></b>	\$3,225.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Kintail	\$306.23	\$400.00
Tel&Post	\$275.55	\$400.00
Promotion	\$300.57	\$500.00
Office	\$197.22	\$125.00
Functions		\$300.00
Travel	\$550.00	\$700.00
Bank	\$81.37	\$80.00
T Shirts	\$922.59	\$0.00
Contingency		<u>\$720.00</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b><u>\$2,633.53</u></b>	\$3,225.00

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## **2005-2006-2007**

<b>Allan MacRae</b>	<b>AB</b>
<b>Linda MacRae</b>	<b>ON</b>
<b>Alton McCrae</b>	<b>NB</b>

## **2006-2007-2008**

<b>Barbara Duff</b>	<b>ON</b>
<b>Robert MacRae</b>	<b>BC</b>
<b>Peter MacRae</b>	<b>ON</b>

## **2007-2008-2009**

<b>Owen MacRae</b>	<b>BC</b>
<b>Stirling MacRae</b>	<b>PEI</b>
<b>Leslie McRae</b>	<b>AB</b>

## **Proposed Nominations**

## **2008-2009-2010**

<b>Allan MacRae</b>	<b>AB</b>
<b>Linda MacRae</b>	<b>ON</b>
<b>MARITIMES ?</b>	