



# THE NEWSBEAT



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## INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

**Be sure to get your reservations in for the Charleston Gathering, and Honored Clan status on September 16-18, in Charleston, SC. Registration forms can be found on our**

**website,**

**[www.clanmacfieofamerica.com](http://www.clanmacfieofamerica.com)**

**Reservations need to be in by August 10, and final payment in by September 1, 2011**

The Newsbeat is published Quarterly, January, April, July and October. If you have any news, pictures, stories, poems, Games reports, or genealogy queries, please send them to Ginger (at the address to the left, preferably e-mail) for inclusion in the next issue. We love to hear from you and the membership wants to know what is happening with other members.

## Dues Schedules

Dues are due each June.

Family \$25.00

Individual \$15.00

Individual (over 65) \$7.00

Associate \$10.00

One time:

Sponsorship \$500.00

Life Membership (over 65) \$200.00

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Annual dues will be due again on June 1, (unless you have joined within the past 6 months or so, in that case your dues will become due until June of 2010). Please check your membership card to see when you need to renew. Thanks to all those who renew their membership, your dues helps us to print and mail out this newsletter, it also helps us to maintain a presence at many of the larger games in the county and be a presence to meet and get to know other Macfies around the country. We encourage you to attend as many Scottish Games as possible, and if you would like to convene, the society will pay half of the games fee. We will also provide a banner, and some items for the table, just contact Ginger at [jgmcafee@charter.net](mailto:jgmcafee@charter.net)

**The Macfie Society of  
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### Macfie Merchandise for Sale

Kilt Pin-\$15.00

25th anniversary pins-\$15.00

Badges \$12.00

Pro Rege T-shirts green-\$12.00

Buff Macfie Warrior T-Shirts \$16.00  
(Only a few Warrior T-shirts left)

Minimal postage will be added to each order. Send order and payment to:

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## Upcoming Games and Events where you are likely to find a Macfie Clan Tent

**September 8-11** Long Peak's Scottish Irish Festival, Estes Park CO; [www.scotfest.com](http://www.scotfest.com)

**September 16-18** New Hampshire Highland Games Loon Mountain, NH <http://www.nhscot.org/>

**September 17:** Davenport, IA Celtic Festival  
[www.celtichighlandgames.org](http://www.celtichighlandgames.org)

**September 16-18, Charleston, SC Scottish Games and Highland Gathering, 18th International Gathering of Clan Macfie, and we will be the honored clan.** <http://charlestonscots.org/> (see pages 4-6 for more details)

**September 24-25, Commander Iain and Fiona** will attend the Bethesda Presbyterian Church Homecoming.

**September 30-October 2,** the Scotland Highland Games in Laurinburg, NC. (Clan Macfie will be the honored clan and Iain and Fiona will be in attendance, see pages 4-6 For more details.)

**October 8,** Indianapolis Highland Games & at the Latvian Center located at 1008 W. 64th Street. [www.indyscot.org](http://www.indyscot.org)

**October 14-16, 2011** Stone Mountain Highland Games Stone Mountain (Atlanta), GA [www.smhg.org](http://www.smhg.org) (Macfie Annual Meeting)

**November 4-6,** Tucson, AZ Celtic Festival,  
<http://tucsoncelticfestival.org/>

**March 3-4-2012: Zephyrhills Celtic Festival Dade City FL**

**March 24-25, 2012** Phoenix , AZ games  
<http://www.arizonascots.com/05games.shtml>

**April 28-29 2012** Triad Games Greensboro NC

**May 27, 2012- Macfie Day**

**Ceud Mile Failte (One hundred thousand welcomes)  
To our newest society members**

Mary Gillard, West Concord MN  
David McAfee, Ocean Springs, MS

## Society News and Games Reports



**Blairsville, GA Scottish Games:** Everyone had a great time at the games this year. The Children's games are the best in the country. John McAfee won for his division in the kilted mile. Lisa McAfee won overall



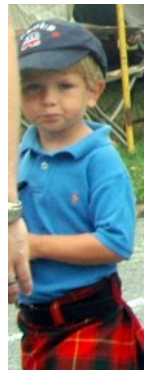
in the women's kilted mile. Congratulations to both. While at Blairsville, we celebrated Cliff McDuffie's birthday at a Mexican Restaurant, hope you had a good one, Cliff. Thanks for celebrating at the games.

**BIG NEWS:** Clan Macfie will be the honored clan at the Blairsville Games in 2012. Make your plans to be with us next year on June 9-10, 2012.



### Grandfather Mountain Scottish Games

The Grandfather Mountain Games were heavily attended, as usual. There were lots of Macfie's present and we met lots of new folks as well. Many thanks to all who came by the tent and visited with us. Next year Steven and Emmy Anthony will be convening for us, and Nick and Ashley Mahaffey will be assisting them. Try to make you plans to go by and give them a hand.



### Coffey/Coffee Reunion Association:

**Commander Iain and Fiona McFie** attended the 75th Anniversary of the Coffey/Coffee Reunion Association in Lubbock Texas, on June 24-26, 2011. Iain spoke to the group about Clan history and the significance of the title of Commander, and shared a film on the sights of Colonsay. It was a very successful reunion. There were 34 in attendance.

**NOTE:** If you would like more information about the Coffey/Coffee Association contact Ilah Coffee Merriman at [ICMerriman@aol.com](mailto:ICMerriman@aol.com)



# The 18<sup>th</sup> Gathering of Clan Macfie

The 18th Gathering of Clan Macfie will be at The Charleston Scottish Highland Games, Mt Pleasant, SC on September 16-18, 2011. The Holiday Inn; 250 Johnnie Dodds Blvd. Mt. Pleasant is our host hotel and they are holding a block of rooms for us at the rate of \$104.00, plus tax so when you call to make reservations, please let them know you are with the Clan Macfie for this special rate. The phone number at the Holiday Inn is 843-884-6000.

The festivities will begin on Friday afternoon, 4:00-6:00 with a **Commander's Reception** to be held at our host hotel, The Holiday Inn, The cost for this will be \$12.00 per person. There will be light refreshments and a cash bar.

**On Friday evening**, the Charleston Scottish Society will host their Dinner, also at the Holiday Inn. Iain and Fiona will be obligated to attend this event, so we will not have an alternate event that evening in order for them to attend this event. You can get information about tickets to the dinner at <http://charlestonscots.org/>

**On Saturday** evening at 7:00 PM, we will have our Clan Banquet, this will be a Buffet, and the cost is \$42.00 per person (this includes tax and tip). You can get more information on our website, [www.clanmacfieofamerica.com](http://www.clanmacfieofamerica.com)

There are a number of other hotels very close to the Holiday Inn, that may be a little cheaper, but we do not have rooms blocked at any of them, but they are in close proximity to the Holiday Inn and close to all the events.

- Days Inn-843-881-1800
- Quality Inn-884-856-8817
- Master's Inn-843-884-2814 (We have stayed at this hotel and it is very nice)
- Sleep Inn-843-856-5000
- Hampton Inn-843-881-3300

We are not going to have any other structured activities or tours, there is so much to see and do in the Charleston area, that it is impossible to narrow it down to one or two. We will try to have information and help with transportation to folks that are flying in and won't have access to a car, so you can make your own plans and see the sites that interest you.. You can check out some of Charleston's attractions on line, [www.charlestoncvb.com](http://www.charlestoncvb.com) and request a visitor's package be sent to you.

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The Charleston games are only the beginning of the Gathering fun, there are 3 straight weekends of Scottish revelry planned, while Iain and Fiona are in the states.

**On the weekend of September 24 and 25**, Iain and Fiona will attend the Bethesda Presbyterian Church Homecoming. The entourage will be staying in Pinehurst, NC, for that event. If you want to join them, and for more information contact John Rosser or his wife, Marty, at [JFRosser@aol.com](mailto:JFRosser@aol.com) or (336-209-7166)

## Friday, September 30

Afternoon: Commander Iain McFie and his wife, Fiona, attend a "meet and greet session" with the leadership of the Scotland County Highland Games.

Evening: Banquet at the Hampton Inn where we gather for a clan social to welcome Iain and Fiona to North Carolina.

## Saturday, October 1

Morning & Afternoon: Highland Games

Evening: Ceilidh at the Cypress Bend Vineyards (GPS address: Wagram NC 21904 Riverton Road)

John Rosser has reserved a bank of 25 rooms at the Hampton Inn for the event. It's located at 115 Hampton Drive, Laurinburg, NC 28352. Phone number is 910-277-1516. Please mention you are with the Macfie Clan Gathering when you call to make reservation

Several years ago, Flora MacDonald Gammon sang this song about Mac-A-Phee, and we asked her for a copy. She recently found our note and sent us the following copy of the Reel just called Mac-A-Phee. She also sent a copy of the words which will appear on the next page.

**REEL**  
**Faster**  $\text{♩} = 144$  *with increasing animation, first time mf, second time f.*

Mac - a - Phee, turn the cat - tle round Loch - a - Fo - ran,  
 Mac - a - Phee! round Loch - a - Fo - ran,

**Faster**  $\text{♩} = 144$  *with increasing animation, first time mf, second time f.*

Mac - a - Phee, turn the cat - tle round Loch - a - Fo - ran, Mac - a - Phee, turn the cat - tle  
 Mac - a - Phee! round Loch - a - Fo - ran, Mac - a - Phee!

round Loch - a - Fo - ran, Here and there and ev'ry - where, The cows are in the corn. —  
 round Loch - a - Fo - ran, Here and there and ev'ry - where, The cows are in the corn. Hoy!

**MAC-A-PHEE**  
**A Gaelic "Mouth music" song**

Gaelic

Mac-a-Phee crack u-lah ke-own Loch-a-Fioran,  
Mac-a-Phee crack u-lah ke-own Loch-a-Fioran,  
Mac-a-Phee crack u-lah ke-own Loch-a-Fioran,  
Gudge-eh air nah go-er, a-ir ch-ore air ah voughn-yah.

Translation

Mac-a-Phee, turn the cattle 'round Loch-a-Foran,  
Mac-a-Phee, turn the cattle 'round Loch-a-Foran,  
Mac-a-Phee, turn the cattle 'round Loch-a-Foran,  
Here and there and everywhere the cows are in the corn.

Lowland Scots version

The broon coos broken loose and eaten a' the corn  
The broon coos broken loose and eaten a' the corn  
The broon coos broken loose and eaten a' the corn  
What she dinna eat the day, ye canna eat the morn.

American traditional verse

Hop high ladies, your cake's all dough  
Hop high ladies, your cake's all dough  
Hop high ladies, your cake's all dough  
Don't matter 'bout the weather 'cause the wind don't blow.

Please note that the Gaelic version above is in American phonetics, not the actual Gaelic spelling. Notice too that the Lowland Scots version is not a translation of the Gaelic. Also note that Americans merely used the tune and made their own song out of it.

I have no clue from whence the sheet music piece came. I know it's a copy, which is illegal, but I don't even know from what book. I share it with you because the " \* part" is the tune to which I am accustomed, and that way you'll know how it should sound. I would venture to guess it is from the work of one Lachlan MacBean who took many traditional Gaelic songs and either translated them into poetic English or gave them new English words back in the early, mid-1900's.

Enjoy,  
Flora MacDonald Gammon  
July, 2011

NOTE: Flora MacDonald Gammon is named for Flora MacDonald, daughter of Ranald MacDonald, the heroin who helped Bonnie Prince Charlie escape by boat to the isle of Skye after Culloden, then settled in North Carolina. This tune can also be heard in the 1945 movie "I know where I'm Going" starring Michael Powell, you can see a clip from the movie and hear the tune sung by the Glasgow Orpheus Choir on Youtube at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHmZqFa3xm4>

## Society Happenings



**Janell MacAfee Hamor** wrote: We've had a busy summer. My daughter Cadell Erickson graduated from Ganado High School on June 3rd. My son, Caleb Erickson graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio on April 1st. He will graduate from tech school (avionic electronics) at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls in September. He'll be home on leave until the beginning of October then he's off to his first duty station at RAF, Mildenhall England. Back on the home front; I became engaged on June 24th, to Richard Kean. We're planning to get married when Caleb is home on leave. I am attaching a picture of Caleb in uniform with his sisters, Cadell and Caprice .



### Prospect School in Blount County, TN

**Edward Guffey**, sent in a picture of the painting on a wall of Prospect School, of him (on the left), when he was in the second grade. This is the oldest school in Blount County, TN' beginning in Fort McTeer in 1784. Robert McTeer brought several men to East Tennessee it was North Carolina then. Cherokee Indians were attacking people as they came over the mountains so the people built a settlement close to the fort and the school was built for the children living in or near the fort. There have been three new school buildings since that time. Edward was on the committee to build and name the newest school.

**Carl and Gwen Whitlock** recently attended the San Diego, CA Scottish Games. Gwen said it was a beautiful mild California day, full of fun and activities.

Be sure to check out **Beth Gay-Freeman's** Newfangled Family Tree at <http://www.electricscotland.com/bnft>

### Flowers of the Forest:



We are very sorry to hear that **James Victor McPhee**, 73, of Vienna, VA., formerly of Shevlin, died Sunday, July 3, 2011, at his daughter Cynthia's residence in Centreville, Va. Mr. McPhee retired from the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife, Virginia (Moses) McPhee; daughters, Victoria (Mark) Edmiston of Lusby, Md., and Cynthia (William) Trinca of Centreville, Va.; son, Michael (Wendy) McPhee of Indianapolis, Ind.; four grandchildren; brothers, Anthony McPhee of Shevlin, Leo McPhee of Winthrop Harbor, Ill.; and Macfie Society Member, **William McPhee** of Phoenix, Ariz., and sister, Beatrice Teeters of Baxter, Minn. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Alexander and John McPhee; and son, James Victor McPhee Jr. James and his brother Bill (along with their wives) attended the International Gathering in Gatlinburg in 2003.



**It is time to pay the piper,** Thanks to all those who renew their membership, please check your membership card to see if you need to renew now. Your dues helps us to print and mail out this newsletter, it also helps us to maintain a presence at many of the larger games in the county and be a presence to meet and get to know other Macfies around the country. It help us to keep Scottish Heritage alive and encourage younger participants to get involved in their own family history. Please send your dues to Mrs. Diane Swenson, Membership Chairperson, her address is on the front.

**Have you seen?** It seems that we are missing some members, Newsletters have been returned, with no forwarding address. If you know where any of these folks are, please let us know.

**Pat McAfee,** last address in Irving, TX

**Muriel MacAfee,** last address in Centerville, MA

**Laura Strauss,** last address in Belfast ME

**Fayrine Temple,** last address in Shreveport, LA

**Martha Fontenot,** last address in Lake Charles, LA

**Carlton Robbins,** last address in Rock Hill, SC

### **Colonsay Calendars:**



We are in the process of making 2012 calendars featuring beautiful color pictures made on Colonsay. They will be \$15.00 each, plus \$2.00 postage. We will have them at Charleston and Stone Mountain Games, or you can order one after September 15. Just send a check made out to the Macfie Clan Society, and mail it to Ginger McAfee, 420 Ash Dr. Baxter, TN 38544



**W Cliff McDuffie wrote about his recent trip to the Dominican Republic.**

Hogar de Niño's, Dominican Republic, June 2011

Getting ready for this trip with my church, First United Methodist of Zephyrhills, was unlike any other trip I have ever taken.

We, all 21 of us, were asked to provide things like sheets, towels, paint scrappers, paint brushes and rollers, t-shirts for kids, health care products all kinds of items which would be left behind or used while at this Children's Home atop a hill in San Cristobel, Dominican Republic.



We left Zephyrhills headed to TIA via bus on Monday, June 20th at 6:45 AM to be gone for a week. Arriving in Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic about 2 PM and then took another bus, provided by the Home, to our destination about an hours drive to the north. This bus was an old school bus (Blue Bird made in Georgia) and was a jolting ride to say the least.

Arriving at Hogar de Niño's (children's home) we were met by about a dozen small boys, all under the age of 12, eager to pull our luggage off the bus and take it to our quarters.

Our group was composed of 7 youth (16-22), 4 middle age (including pastor and wife) the rest, well my age (older). Our goal was to paint 6 class rooms at the school located at the bottom of the hill on the children's home property. This "hill" was about a quarter of a mile in length but also about a 45 degree angle and only 1/3 paved.

Our living quarters were very basic. Separate rooms with bunk and single beds for the singles in the group and upstairs, separate rooms for the married couples. Each room had it's own bath with shower, sink and commode. We learned very quickly that commodes did not accept paper and showers did not always provide water and lights did not always turn on at the flip of a switch! We never knew when the electric would turn on so the pumps, that drew the water from the cistern, could operate and provide water to our showers that had no shower head only an open ended PVC pipe. Some mornings I was unable to use my electric shaver until after noon and with the humidity so high none of us could tell that anyone may need to shower.

The hill down to the school was about a 45 degree angle at the top, leveled out for about thirty feet then took about a 30 degree angle to the bottom. This we traversed at least twice a day walking to the school. The classrooms were small, maybe 12x16 with door and window. Some were larger but not much and had two windows. We first scrapped old paint from the walls, then taped about half way up the side, as they were two colored, painted the top a yellow, let it dry, reversed the tape and painted the bottoms green. Desks, chairs, tables, black boards were all piled in the center of the rooms so we painted around them.

We were scheduled to only paint 6 classrooms. By Wednesday we had accomplished our goal. We asked and received permission to paint more so we finished by painting 15 classrooms by Friday morning.

Thursday afternoon we went to "market" in Santa Domingo, bought souvenirs and gifts for family. Friday afternoon loaded the boys in the bus and drove to the beach.

Sunday was graduation day for the young boys and girls and it was a really great thing to see them all decked out in black pants and white shirts for the boys and all white, long dresses for the little girls.

We had not seen the girls as they were in a different location. Seeing the little guys all dressed up after being with them all week wearing nothing but t-shirts shorts and flip flops was quite a sight. The proud look on the parents faces was worth the whole trip.

The island is very poor and apparently does not have much in the way of sanitation requirements or even building codes. There were many dangerous electric connections in the facility, that would be code violations in the U.S. Our men corrected some of the more blatant electric and plumbing problems.

Mango and coconut trees were aplenty and the boys kept us supplied. They also delighted in catching the hand sized tarantulas at night, for our excitement. Yeah, sure we were excited!

Major transportation, out side large cities, seems to be motorbikes, as we saw them in the thousands. We saw several cylinders being transported on bikes as well as an appliance of some sort, washing machine or dryer.

All the local people we interfaced with, at the Home, beach and market, were very pleasant, smiling and helpful.

## Colonsay, Scotland Named one of the 10 Under-The-Radar Islands Of The World



(Copied from the website

<http://news.travel.aol.com/2011/05/28/10-under-the-radar-islands-of-the-world-photos/#4148220>)

A 2 1/2-hour ferry ride from Scotland's west-coast whisky town of Oban takes visitors to this remote Hebridean island. Sheep far outnumber people, and those who have made the wildflower-carpeted island home are the sort of characters who would have inspired Robert Burns.

There's the naturalist Kevin Byrne 44-1951/200-320; walks for two from \$32), who can name every buzzard flying near the mile-long sands of Kiloran Bay, or proprietor Mike McNicholl of the General Store (44-1951/200-265), who'll tell visitors about the dolphins he just saw and sell you a bottle of Laphroaig. The Howard family owns the Colonsay Hotel (44-1951/200-316;doubles from \$160), a nine-room Georgian inn built in 1750, with white pebble-dashed walls, sloping slate roofs, and spare furnishings. Meet all the locals at the village hall for Saturday's weekly ceilidh dance, as authentic a gathering as you'll find in the British Isles.



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