



NEWSBEAT

Time to pay the piper, dues are due on June 1. (Unless you just joined in the past 8 months) We depend on your dues and donations to help us maintain a presence on the Internet through our website, as well as being able to convene at some of the larger Scottish games around the country. If you have not yet paid 2013 dues please consider doing so to help us keep the Macfie Clan Society of America viable and strong.

Dues Schedules

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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The Newsbeat is published three times a year, Spring-Summer and Fall/Winter. 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.

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Big News: Many folks have asked for it, here it is. New Macfie T-shirts. They are black with white lettering. The shirts are \$17.00 each with \$2.00 postage (in the US). If you would like to order one, send a check made out to Macfie Clan Society of AM, to Jim McAfee, 420 Ash Dr. Baxter, TN 38544

Ceud Mile Failte (One hundred thousand welcomes)

To our newest Society members

Ellen Fay Macfie, Essex Junction, VT

Casual Macfie Kilts Available



Casual Kilts in the Macfie tartan are now available in Poly Viscose material (65%/35%) which is an 11-12 oz, machine washable fabric for about \$99.00.
<http://www.usakilts.com/casual-kilt.html>

NATIONAL TARTAN DAY, April 6: Americans of Scottish descent have played a vibrant and influential role in the development of the United States. From the framers of the Declaration of Independence to the first man on the moon, Scottish-Americans have contributed mightily to the fields of the arts, science, politics, law, and more. Today, over eleven million Americans claim Scottish and Scots-Irish roots -- making them the eighth largest ethnic group in the United States. These are the people and accomplishments that are honored on National Tartan Day, April 6th

Society Happenings

W. Cliff McDuffie wrote: I accepted a proclamation recently, in Zephyrhills, FL, proclaiming April 6th as National Tartan Day, on behalf The Macfie Clan plus all US citizens of Scottish decent. Of course I wore my kilt and will provide photos if I can get them. I was also surprised by the Mayor with a proclamation for me and the key to the city for my lifetime of community service. I have requested that all our church members wear their tartan on Sunday the 6th and also will have thistles on the alter and a kirking of the tartan, by our minister.



Cliff also told us that he had entered photographs in the Pasco County FL fair this year and received a blue ribbon for a picture taken at the well at Jerico and an honorable mention for a picture of Granddaughter, Olive.



Get well wishes got out to **Joyce McDuffie**, who has been under the weather for the past few months. Hope you are well and able to attend some of the upcoming Scottish Games

Gwen (McAfee) Whitlock writes: Our granddaughter is interested in going to Belmont University in Nashville. She is a singer/song writer. Imaging her surprise when she saw the huge MCAFEE music building on campus! Gwen then asks if anyone knows of these McAfees

Editor's note: *The school is named after Jim and Carolyn McAfee, who also funded a McAfee School of Music and McAfee Theological School at Mercer University. in Georgia. I understand it is in honor of Cleland B. McAfee, who was a Presbyterian Minister and wrote "Near to the Heart of God" His father John McAfee, (also a minister) founded Park College in MO. I don't know how they are all related, but that is the information that I was given. If anyone has any more information, please send it for inclusion in the next "Newsbeat".*

Some upcoming Games where you are likely to find a Macfie Clan Tent

Amy Fee wrote: The next games in Arizona will be March 22-23 at the Steele Indian School Park 300 E Indian School Road, Phoenix AZ. Come enjoy warm weather in March. <http://www.arizonascots.com/05games.shtml>.

April 11-14- Loch Norman Games, NC

April 26-27, Janell Macafee Kean, will be convening a clan tent at the Houston TX Celtic Festival and Highland Games; Janell is also serving as Clan Supervisor for the games this year. More info at <http://www.houstonhighlandgames.com>

May 3rd, WV Games in Bridgeport -Clarksburg WV Terry Schoolcraft will be convening <http://www.northcentralwestvirginiascottishfestival.com/>

May 16-18 -The Smoky Mts. TN Games www.gsfa.org

June 14-15-Jim and Linda McAfee invites everyone to the Blairsville Scottish Festival & Highland Games **June 13** – Kilted Golf Classic - tee time 11:00. And a Ceilidh-on-the-Square.....a more casual venue for concert and other entertainment.....walk around if your wish in downtown Blairsville. Begins at 6pm thru 9pm The festival & games will be in the beautiful Meeks Park--- activities 9am thru 5pm both days.website: blairsvillescottishfestival.org you can call local Chamber of Commerce for more details 1-877-745-5789

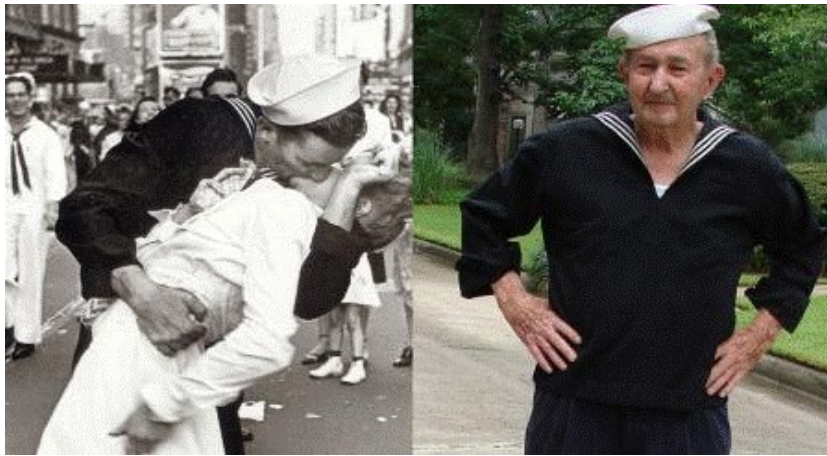
July 10-14- Grandfather Mt. NC Games <http://www.gmhg.org/>

Happy 93rd Birthday Truett Cathy



Samuel Truett Cathy the founder of Chick-fil-A was born in Eatonton, GA, in 1921. He attended Boys High School, now Grady High School, in Atlanta, He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Cathy began the chain in an Atlanta suburb , in 1946 with a restaurant called the Dwarf Grill, named because of its small size. It was there that he, along with his brother and business partner, Ben, created the chicken sandwich that later became the signature menu item for Chick-fil-A. The original restaurant, since renamed Dwarf House, is still in operation, and the company operates other Dwarf House locations in the metro Atlanta area. He married Jeanette and had three children: Trudy, Bubba and Dan, who is currently president and CEO of Chick-fil-A.



HOUSTON (KABC) -- Glenn Edward McDuffie, the young sailor who was featured in one of the most iconic photos from the end of World War II, has died. You've certainly seen the photo of McDuffie. He's the sailor grabbing and kissing a nurse in the middle of Times Square after finding out WWII was over. The photo was shot August 14, 1945. McDuffie passed away Sunday, March 9, in Texas at the age of 86. He was positively identified as the sailor in that photo back in 2007 after many men claimed it was them.

McDuffie, a native of Kannapolis, North Carolina, moved to Houston in 1960 and lived here until 2009, when he moved to the Dallas area to spend his last years near his daughter.



From Norman MacAfee: Photos by Miguel Cervantes-Cervantes: at the opening night of the new production of *Les Misérables* at the Imperial Theater, New York City, and the after-party, March 23, 2014. Lee Fahnestock and I (wearing Macfie tartan tie from Inverness 2005) hold copies of the Signet Classics edition of Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*, which we translated in 1986. It is the official tie-in edition to the musical. As guests of the musical's production company, Cameron Mackintosh, we saw the show then went to the after-party at the Metropolitan Club on East 60th Street at Central Park. Miguel's selfie with me, too, both very happy. A good time was had by all.

It is time once again to elect our officers for two years. If you have someone that you would like to nominate, please make sure they are willing to serve in that office and then send in their nomination to the address below by July 1, 2014. Ballots will be in the Summer edition of the Newsbeat, you will be able to vote either by mail or at the annual meeting at Stone Mountain in October.

All offices are open to any member whose dues are up to date.

Macfie Clan Society of America Nomination Form

I nominate the following people

President: _____

Vice President _____

Treasurer _____

Your Name _____

I have spoken with the above named candidates and they have agreed to serve if elected.

Signed _____

Clip and send the nomination form to membership chairperson

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2014 Mini-Gathering in New Zealand

From The Macfie Clan Newsletter

By Commander Iain McFie

It is normal practice to hold a Mini- Gathering at some time during the second year after the Parliament. All the Clan Societies are encouraged to put in a bid to be the host Society. Only one Society put in a bid at this Parliament. However, there was a slight deviation from the typical proposal. The bid was made by the New Zealand Society, but they asked if the Mini- Gathering could be held in September/ October, 2014. This proposal was accepted by those present at the Parliament. Clan Commissioner for New Zealand, James McPhee, explained that in 2014 the New Zealand Society would be celebrating its thirtieth anniversary. The previous Commander, Sandy McPhie, attended the Society's fifteenth; therefore, it was agreed it would be a good idea to invite the current Commander and his wife Fiona to attend the thirtieth celebration. All Clan members will be welcome to take part in what will be a wonderful event. The Australian Society has kindly invited the Commander and Fiona to extend their visit to the Southern Hemisphere by traveling over the Tasman Sea to spend another three weeks there. It would seem practical and financially sensible to accept the invitation.

Fiona and I are looking forward to the trip, and we hope we will be joined by many others to enjoy the celebration along with our New Zealand and Australian kinfolk.

We will be giving more updates on the Mini-Gathering as plans are further develop.

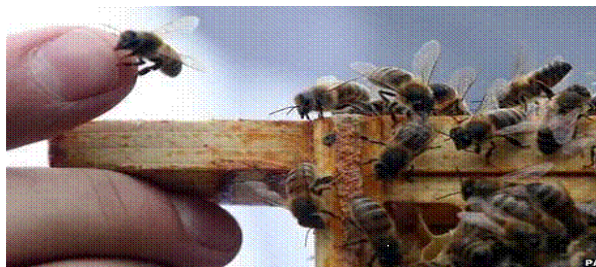
"The Islands of Colonsay and Oronsay are to become a Native Honeybee Sanctuary"

From the Clan Macfie Newsletter

A new law will come into effect January 1st, making it illegal to import any bee other than the *Apis mellifera mellifera* to the area. The Hebridean islands have about 50 colonies of the species and the new order aims to protect them from cross-breeding and disease. The varroa mite, which has devastated bee colonies across the country, has not affected Colonsay or Oronsay.

There are 250 species of bee in the UK consisting of 24 species of bumblebees, but only one honeybee species, the native Black Bee (*Apis mellifera mellifera*). The species is much hardier than the Italian Bee (*Apis mellifera ligustica*), which means the bees can survive the harsh climate of the Inner Hebrides.

The Scottish government granted the order after a public consultation received overwhelming support. The Bee Keeping (Colonsay and Oronsay) Order 2013 is a targeted measure to protect an important population of black bees on Colonsay from hybridization with non-native bees.





Important Happenings from the 2013 Parliament Edited from the Clan Macfie Newsletter

One of the major items discussed and approved at the Parliament was a new, official "Macfie Hunting Tartan." This tartan was designed by Commander Iain. The actual Tartan will have all the required colors and thread counts. The picture to the left is from The House of Edgar, but the official tartan will be a little different from that

MACFIE DAY

May 27th is International Macfie Day. Following the worldwide rallying of Clan Macfie members, by Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee of Vancouver, BC, the Lord Lyon King of Arms officially recognized the clan on May 27, 1981 as once again being an active clan. In 1993, Clan Macfie met in Parliament of the island of Colonsay for the first time in 370 years. About 129 Macfies, representing Macfie societies around the world, met on the ancestral homeland. Thus May 27th was chosen for Clan Macfie Day by the members attending that Gathering and Parliament meeting.

Make plans to celebrate Macfie Day 2014, and let Ginger know so we can include your celebration in the next issue of "The Newsbeat".

Mystery Family

Rita Conley writes: Our family was adopted into the McAfee family around 1880. Before that, their name was Smith. Will Smith was born somewhere in Tennessee, we think Nashville or Covington, in 1872 and his sister Nannie was born in Tennessee in 1875.

Mrs. Smith passed away sometime between 1875 and 1880 and so Mr. Smith somehow made his way to Greeley, Colorado where he gave his children to James and Sarah McAfee for adoption.

I have no idea how these two families knew each other and am wondering if James and Sarah McAfee were somehow related to the Smith family. So far I have found no evidence of James and Sarah McAfee in Tennessee. Is there something else I can do to find this particular McAfee family and how they might be related to the Smith family in Tennessee?

If you have any information that might help solve this mystery please contact:

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