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## Clan Donald U.S.A

North East Atlantic Region

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from the keyboard of Regional Commissioner, John R. Getty

At long last we have a Commissioner in New York State!. Brian MacDonald is the new State Commissioner and his wife Maureen is the new Deputy State Commissioner. I have known Brian and Maureen for several years and think they will do an excellent job. Make sure you stop by the Clan tent and say hello to Brian and Maureen. We are now in need of Conveners in New York to help at the games and with keeping in contact with members.

I am pleased to announce that Pennsylvania has three new Conveners in Eastern Pennsylvania. Debb Brown and her husband Scott (and baby Paul) who reside in Springfield. I had the pleasure of working with the Brown family at both the Celtic Street Fair in Phoenixville, PA in May and the Celtic Fling in Manhiem, PA in June. Bob Lilly has volunteered his services as a conwerker in Eastern Pa. Bob and his wife Cris reside in West Chester. Bob and I worked together at the Mid-Winter Scottish/Irish Festival.

The Game season is now upon us and we are looking forward to seeing old and new friends at the games. The past year we did 1 game in New Jersey, 5 games in New York and 7 games in Pennsylvania. My sincere thank you to all who helped at the games this year. A special thank you to Susan Kruman, Judith Steele and Sue Daniels for putting together the luncheon at the Ligonier Highland Games. .

For games and festivals the region will be attending go to [www.clandonald.org](http://www.clandonald.org) and page down to the Northeast Atlantic Region. The games will be listed in the calendar section.

The Clan had two tables set up at the Philadelphia Mid-Winter Scottish/Irish Music Festival at the Valley Forge Convention Center. And considering the state of the economy, we did well and had many visitors to the tables.

This your newsletter and we need your input as to what is going on in the life of the members of the Region. We need your pictures and comments to get the newsletter going again.

Yours Aye,

*John*

## Short message from New York state

By Maureen Macdonald

First of all- Good Luck to our cousin, Jeb Sherwood, grandson of Jean Sherwood, member of CDUSA and very active in the Central New York Games in Syracuse. Jeb is also a member of CDUSA and is currently serving in the United States Air Force. Recently stationed in South Korea, he has recently been transferred to Lakenheath Air force base outside London, England. Jeb and his wife Sam recently had their first child in February. Good luck and God speed to Jeb and his new family. Please remember and support all our men and women in uniform.

We added a few new items to the tent this games including a new sign proclaiming our rightful title, our own Clan water horse egg and guard sheep.

Our first festival of the season was at the Bonnie Brae School for Boys. The Bonnie Brae games have been in existence for over 20 years now and always drawn great crowds. The festival included athletics, sheep dog demonstrations and of course lots and lots of bagpipes.

For the first time in recent memory (mine at least) the Bonnie Brae games actually had great weather, with clear skies and temps in the 70's and low humidity. We had a great crowd of visitors to the clan tent and had fun with everyone that showed up. Unfortunately, we were next to dreaded Campbell clan- luckily no blood was shed this day. Of course, the fact that were well armed helped. Side note- Get well quick to Heather Campbell-Smith who fell and broke her hip that morning. One Campbell down- a few more to go.

Our next event was June 20, 2009 at Fort Ticonderoga in the beautiful Adirondack mountains on the shores of Lake Champlain. The weather was cool and threaten rain all day. Luckily for us the rain held off and we had many visitors to the tent at this event, I'd like to welcome new member John McDonald to the Clan.

The Fort was commemorating the anniversary of the fort being won from the French in 1759. It was a battle that saw nearly 500 Scots of the Royal Highland regiment either killed or wounded. Many of the dead were buried right on the battle field. There is a beautiful stone cairn which was built with stones from the ancestral lands of all the clans involved in the battle This was the first time for Clan Donald at this event and look forward to it next year.

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## *FLOWERS OF THE FOREST*

\_\_\_\_\_ On a sad note Henry McEldowney Matthews died suddenly on November 24, 2008. Henry was a life member of Clan Donald, USA and a member of the Northeast Atlantic Region. He served for many years and in various capacities in the region. Henry was also a founding Board Member of the Clan Donald Foundation and Trustee of the Clan Donald Lands Trust in Scotland. Our condolences to his wife Catherine and family.

\_\_\_\_\_ David Peet passed away on October 22, 2009. A Memorial Service was held Thursday, October 29, 2009 at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Mt. Lebanon, PA. David was the former Executive Director of the Ligonier Highland Games and a long time member of Clan Donald.. The Clan and Region extend our deepest Sympathy to his family and many friends..

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Bill and Charlotte Webb and family at the loss of their daughter Linda Carilli of Moorestown NJ. She passed away on October 30 2009.

Our sympathy to the family of Lee Milloy who passed away on Oct 1, 2009. Lee and his wife Barbara were married for 41 years. Lee will be missed by his family, friends, and the Clan.

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**AND THE WINNER OF THE BEST LEGS IN A KILT CONTEST AT THE CELTIC FLING IN JUNE 2009 GOES TO PAUL BROWN SON OF SCOTT AND DEBB BROWN. DEBB AND SCOTT ARE CONVENERS IN EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.**

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