

# Hunters' Halloo



## From the Editors

What a beautiful fall we are having in Ontario so far! I was out for a drive/walk the other day in beautiful 25 degree weather! It's like nature is saying "I know you've all had it hard lately, here's

a little something to make up for it!" I actually visited a small town near us where my daughter has been in the past for highland dance competitions. It really made me stop and realize how much really has been shut down or stopped due to COVID-19. It's good to report that our family are all well, coping, and making the best of what has been dealt this year. I shudder when people call the situation "the new normal" because I certainly don't want this way of living to become normal. I want to hug my friends when I meet them, invite people in for a cup of tea, offer a ride to that neighbour's child down the road because it's raining... but I think we are coping well. All our working from home, extra caution and cleaning, mask wearing, zoom meetings, and isolation will pay off and the really normal life will resume soon. Stay safe everyone, and keep up the good work, just for a little bit longer!



*Lynn & Lizz*

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## From the Clan Officer, Tom Hunter



Greetings fellow Clan Folk, This is the last newsletter of 2020. Let us hope for a healthier 2021 and the final demise of Covid-19. (Wouldn't that be great?)

As they say every cloud has a silver lining and Covid-19 restrictions on meeting face to face has caused a great shift to "Virtual Meeting" on the internet with such software as

Skype, WebEx, and Zoom , just to mention a few.

Earlier in October Madam Pauline started us off with a call to the opening of the new UK Website which was a wonderful success with around 50 people participating. Following quickly on her heels Clan Hunter Canada arranged to have our AGM on line using Zoom software with Madam Pauline as our special guest. As you know we always invite the whole Canadian Membership to attend our AGM but we know many can't possibly attend because of travel limitations. However for the very first time ever when we issued an invitation to everyone to join us at the AGM we actually had a possibility that it could actually happen. However as Robert Burns said in his poem "To a Mouse"... The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men / Gang aft a-gley, (*often go wrong*). We prepared our material for display using PowerPoint etc. We had a Video prepared to show which, we discovered through testing, wouldn't run correctly if we had more than two people on line so we quickly converted it to a slide show and we tested and tested and on the day of the meeting we were confident that everything was in place and we were ready. Ready that is until the allotted time and we discovered that no-one could connect. Lizz was the one who had set up the Zoom account and so she was frantically trying to find out what was wrong. Meanwhile I was trying to field emails from our attendees who couldn't understand why their login sequence wasn't working and now the time was slipping away and was now 20 mins past start time. All in all not a good start to our hopes for a great meeting. Suddenly I received a message from Lizz with a new link to say that although we had deliberately not included a password for this event , Zoom had arbitrarily decided that every event should have one and created one for us. So now I had to try and inform everyone of the new login sequence which I tried to do by mass email. It is no surprise that some folks may have been put off by this unfortunate mishap but the meeting did continue as planned all-be-it a little late and was to all accounts successful with our treasurer in Toronto, Our minutes secretary in Kitchener, our membership secretary in London, Madam Pauline in UK and the rest of the team in London,On. We will certainly continue to plan our AGM in this manner in future.

*Tom*

\*\*\*For those of you who were not able to connect with us for the AGM we offer this link for your interest and hopefully enjoyment. [https://youtu.be/Kr\\_NFRPfQEE](https://youtu.be/Kr_NFRPfQEE)

## Membership Report—Fall 2020



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At the risk of repeating myself, 2020 has been a very different, and sometimes difficult year for all of us, including Clan Hunter

I have only one new member to report since our last Newsletter in the summer.

In September we received a request for membership from our long-time member and dear friend Robert (Bob) Hunter, for his grandson, also **Robert Hunter and Robert's fiancée Adele Lee**. Robert's dad and mom, Paul and Bonnie Hunter, are also long time, active members of

the Association. We would like to welcome Robert and Adele to the Clan Association and look forward to maybe meeting them at the Highland Games sometime in the future. It is so nice to see this tradition being carried down through the generations.

I do hope that this current state of affairs (COVID 19) calms down and lets us get back together in 2021. Make a plan now to go to your local Highland Games and hopefully there will be a Clan Hunter tent at your Games where you can meet with some other members of your clan.

It was so nice at our recent 'on-line' Annual General Meeting to be able to catch up with members we didn't see this year, and also to put a face on members we have only known by name up to this time. Also nice that Madame Pauline was able to join us and bring greetings from Scotland.

Christine Hunter, Membership Secretary

## Connections Corner by Lizz Hunter Thibodeau



Grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles. Extended family can be so important. Many cultures believe that it takes a village to raise a child and the actual birth parents of the child are not the primary carers. One culture I have read about believes that the child is cared for by the parents for the nine months that the baby is in utero. Once the baby is born, it is the responsibility of the village to look after its upbringing.

Last year, a friend of mine finally, after eight years in Canada, succeeded in emigrating his wife and seven children from the Democratic Republic of Congo. While he had been here

on his own, he had been living in a two-bedroom apartment. Obviously, that was not going to be sufficient for a family of nine so three of the daughters moved in with us. We instantly became aunt and uncle – positions of high esteem in Congolese families - to the seven children. In the spring, my friend's niece also moved to Canada with her husband and two young children. We became aunt and uncle to this couple as well, which made us ... grandparents to their children. We learned that there is no such relationship as "great aunt" and "great uncle" in the Congo; all of the grandparents' siblings would also be considered grandparents.

This difference in family relationships has intrigued me. I have spent a considerable amount of time on-line trying to find information about the family structure in the Congo, or even in Africa. I've Googled the role of grandparents, great uncles, family relationships, fictive kin and many other related topics, but what I've found is a surprising lack of information.

As February is Black History Month, we went with our extended family to an activity at our local library, featuring dancing, singing, storytelling and other activities. We had a wonderful time, but it started me thinking about how privileged we are to be able to trace our ancestry, however far back we are able to get. Many countries have no such records. And much worse, many black people were torn away from their families to be sold into slavery. If you are trying to research a line that includes slavery, here is an excellent article: [www.pbs.org/genealogy-roadshow/genealogy-tips/slave-research/](http://www.pbs.org/genealogy-roadshow/genealogy-tips/slave-research/). If, on the other hand, you are trying to research a line using a vast array of online resources, well-documented sources, systematic censuses, and standardized birth, marriage & death certificates, stop for a moment just to appreciate just how rare and special that is.

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# From Clan Hunter UK

## Clan Hunter Genealogy Project

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/huntergenealogy>

Clan Hunter collects Hunter surnamed genealogy data from all our members in order to connect as many as possible to their Scottish origins and potentially to the main branches of the Hunters of Hunterston family tree.

An information exchange is available on our separate facebook page where we also post advice to assist those exploring this challenging activity and where appropriate, expose discrepancies in order to authenticate research.

Clan members are advised that we are not in a position to undertake research on behalf of our extensive membership due to the sheer numbers involved and the voluntary contribution of those operating this project for our Clan Chief.

Our Hunter data is stored on a secure platform (<https://www.tngsitebuilding.com/>) and on joining Clan Hunter members decide if their own records are to be made available through the Genealogy Team to other members. Authorised information disclosure is undertaken only on a selective basis and relevant to the specific research being undertaken. Otherwise the Clan data is secured under the authority of our Clan Chief. Online access will not be permitted at this time.

All material submitted must be in a gedcom file and we require Hunter surnamed data only. If you do not have a Hunter surname then go back until you reach one and from that point backwards, only Hunter named persons please.

All GEDCOM files to be forwarded to Charles Hunter [charleshunterofhunterston@gmail.com](mailto:charleshunterofhunterston@gmail.com) and if too large to email then upload to the Cloud (Google Drive, One Drive, etc.) and send a link for downloading.

There will be online Zoom conference calls specific to genealogy advertised in your newsletters. All Clan members are welcome to join in.

\*\*\*for those unfamiliar with how to create a gedcom file.....Converting your family tree to GEDCOM format will not change your original file. Instead, it creates a second file in the GEDCOM format. The exact steps needed to create a GEDCOM file will vary slightly depending on the software package you are using. The following instructions provide the basic process for creating a GEDCOM file.

1. In your genealogy program, open the family tree you want to submit .
2. Click the **File** drop-down menu.
3. Select **Save as** or **Export** from the menu. A new file window will display.
4. Select the location on your computer where you want to save the file.
5. In the **Save as type** drop-down menu, click the GEDCOM or GED selection.
6. Enter the name of the file in the **File name** field.
7. Click the **Save** button
8. If an export confirmation window displays, click the **OK** button.

The family tree is now saved on your computer as a GEDCOM file .

Repeat this process for each family tree, giving each a unique file name.



Lt Col Mark Hunter met Charles Hunter in 1985 when Charles came to Salt Lake City. Mark attended Westminster College in Salt Lake where he obtained a Bachelors of Science in History. While at this College, Mark learned of his Scottish Hunter Connection. Mark also has a Master of Science and a Doctor of Philosophy in Scottish History. He was made a member of Fellow of Scottish Antiquities (FSA Scot). Mark served in the U.S. Army for 36 years and currently lives in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he continues to pursue his interest in Hunter and Scottish history.



Charles Hunter, younger of Hunterston set up Clan Hunter in 1983 and was invited to Salt Lake City in 1985 by Clan members to make a presentation of life membership to Dr. Howard Hunter who was the President of the Latter

Day Saints Church at that time. Staying as a guest in the home of Mark Hunter, he received an extensive tour of the Church Library facilities where card indexes were being replaced with early computers. Charles holds a BA Hons. from the University of New South Wales and an MA from the University of Technology in Sydney and currently lives in Perth, Western Australia.

**Clan Hunter Knight in shining armour  
Keen to have a name!  
What'll it be?  
Prize for the best name!  
Competition closes  
November 30th**



Send your entries to  
[contact@clanhunterscotland.com](mailto:contact@clanhunterscotland.com)

### Midges coming out for spring



If 2020 was a slide



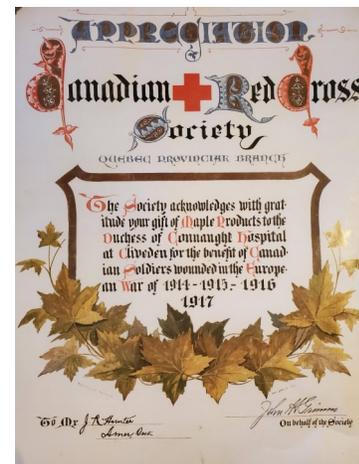
**The adult version of  
"head, shoulders,  
knees and toes"  
is  
"wallet, glasses, keys  
and phone."**

## From the Clansfolk—stories of our family

My favourite car was a 1958 Chev Impala. Finally, I brought one in Alberta 10 years ago and had it shipped to me. I fixed it up and had it painted and put it on the road for 8 years. I had a lot of fun driving it, and the grandkids would play in it and honk the horns. It's a driver and not a show car, I just had it repainted for the second time. The colour is Mediterranean turquoise, funny because I was swimming in the Mediterranean Sea in 1962 when I was in the Canadian Army in Germany. The picture on the continental now is Elvis and Marilyn Monroe. A good way to pass the days now, just drive the old car.



U.E Scrolls from the Red Cross are a thank you to my Grandfather, John Reuben Hunter for the donation of Maple products during the first World War. They went to Connaught Hospital at Cliveden England for the wounded Canadian soldiers in the war. Two scrolls were sent out, 1 for 1914-1915 and the other for 1914-15-16-17. We are proud of these scrolls.



## From the Clansfolk—stories of our family

Thanks to my oldest son Bob, he is the one who found the Hunter clan on the internet. He became member 226 and I found out and joined right away and I became member 228. The Hunter clan crest is so interesting to me, I can even use it on letter heads. Where else can I use it? I make wooden benches and plaques to hang on the wall. I have made benches out of Black Walnut and Eastern Red Cedar. The CNC machines makes it easy, fast and cost efficient. More fun for passing time during COVID 19.

Ken Hunter U.E.



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For funnies, announcements, keeping up with members lives, and all sorts. You can comment on, like, or share any posts that interest you.

Clan Hunter Association, Canada

This newsletter is for members and friends of Clan Hunter Association, Canada. If you have an important event in your family's life that you'd like to share, please send us a photo or two and a brief explanation of what you are celebrating. Graduations, new babies, birthdays, retirements, if you're celebrating, we'd like to know!

## Recipe corner

## Stovies

I have fond memories of my grandmother making us stovies. ( a lot) I'm quite sure she didn't use any beer in them, but there are many recipes for this—it seems each family has their own. It certainly is a good dish to warm you up on a cold winter's day!

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoons [lard](#) (or beef dripping)
- 2 medium onions (or 1 large onion, skinned and roughly diced)

Optional: 4 tablespoons [dark beer](#) (or stout)

- 4 ounces roast beef (cold and diced)
- 1 1/2 pounds potatoes (peeled and quartered)
- Salt (to taste)
- Pepper (to taste)
- 1 1/4 cups [beef stock](#) (or leftover gravy)
- Vegetables (any that you have leftover from the day before)



Steps to Make It

1. Gather the ingredients.
2. Preheat the oven to 375 F / 190 C / Gas 5. Place a Dutch oven or casserole dish on the stove over medium heat. Add the lard or drippings, and melt.
3. Add the onions and cook until soft, but not browned, about 5 to 8 minutes.
4. If using, add the beer or stout and turn the heat up and allow to boil for 2 minutes to burn the alcohol away.
5. Add the meat and stir well.
6. Add the potatoes in layers, seasoning each layer with salt and pepper as you go, before adding the next layer.
7. Pour over the stock or gravy (or both).
8. Cover with a lid and cook in the preheated oven for 45 to 50 minutes, checking from time to time to make sure the stock is not boiling dry. If it is, add a little extra.
9. Ten minutes before the end of cooking, add any leftover vegetables to suit. Stir well and check the seasoning.
10. Cover with the lid and cook for 10 minutes. The meat and vegetables will break up to create a thick, hearty stew-like consistency but still retain their shape. Be careful not to overboil.
11. Serve the stovies in a deep dish or bowl with rough oatcakes and [brown sauce](#), if you like it. Enjoy!