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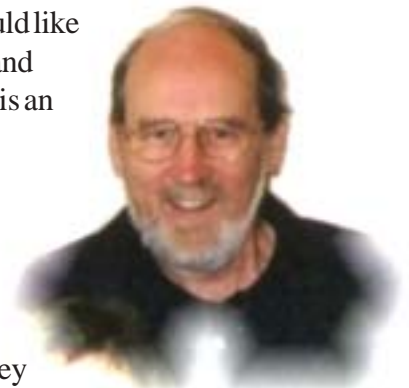
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Greeting fellow Clan Members,

As you will see, we have included a copy of the 2015 AGM minutes within this news letter. I would like to highlight one item discussed and passed and that is our new Youth Heritage Fund. This is an effort on our part to encourage our young people to expand their involvement in our Scottish Heritage and where possible to assist them financially in some small way.

We don't want to create a list of possibilities but rather have the young applicant (18 yrs and under) tell us what they want to do and why. Hopefully our contribution will help them towards their goal. Application forms can be acquired by contacting the Clan Officer



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Applications must be received by 15th July and successful Applicants will be notified after the AGM at Fergus in August.

Tom

Dear All,

Thank you so very much all of you for your continued support and for all your hard work in encouraging Hunters to become connected with their heritage and roots at Hunterston Castle.

Well done everyone for increasing your membership, we have had new members through the website and Facebook page.

Please check out our Facebook page at Clan Hunter UK, it is a great way to keep connected.

Thank you all for your input for the date for the next International Gathering which will be on the 28th, 29th, and 30th July 2017.

Yours aye,
Pauline



Terry Fox Marathon of Hope - Hunter Corn Maze

The Hunter Brothers Farm in Florenceville, NB is proud to be a part of the 35th anniversary celebration of Terry's Marathon of Hope. Their annual corn maze features a larger than life image of Terry running up Route 105 along the Saint John River, just as he did thirty-five years ago. Chip Hunter actually shook Terry's hand. If you're in the neighbourhood please drop by and say hello from us.



Every year, as part of the maze, Hunter Brothers have a series of questions that are hidden in the maze to challenge participants to learn about the history of the person that the maze commemorates. It is challenging to find all the questions and answer each correctly. Bragging rights for those that do. Terry will continue to educate others through this fantastic educational maze.

Clan Family News

October 3rd, 2015, was the Wedding Day (outdoors) for Alex Cridland and Brittany Madigan at the Ancaster Mill in Ancaster Ontario. Although it was an extremely cold day, particularly in the afternoon, the guests donned winter coats and gloves and made the best of it. Alex is the son of Clan member Barb Cridland and grandson of members Don and Marion Hunter. His sister Heather was a proud bridesmaid all dressed in purple. Alex is studying for his PHD in Astro Physics at McMaster University while Brittany has already achieved several degrees in social work and works in Brantford.



left to right – Heather Cridland, Brittany Madigan, Alex Cridland, Barb Cridland and Jeff Cridland.

Connections Corner



Lizz Thibodeau

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Sometimes tracing our genealogy ends up being a long list of names and dates. But sometimes we are fortunate enough to have something interesting pop up. Of course, the definition of “interesting” changes from person to person, but I certainly think that anything which qualifies you to receive a certificate would fall in that category. Marion and Don Hunter have been active members of Clan Hunter Canada for many years. Marion’s genealogy quest has become quite interesting.

MARION HUNTER UE

A FAMILY HISTORY STORY

My interest in family history was started by the four family scrapbooks prepared by my mother, Muriel Mann. In these scrapbooks she had traced the families back a number of generations using personal records, family photos and newspaper clippings. Using this information, I started a family tree

 **We are Family, I’ve got all my cousins with me!**



in a commercial family tree program. Then Don and I began doing research on the internet, visiting cemeteries and joining genealogical organizations. This interest has been passed on to our son, Gordon, and daughter, Barbara.

Most of my ancestors came to Canada in the mid-1800s and settled in Northumberland County, Ontario, the Manns and Carstairs from Scotland and the Nobles and Egans from Ireland. I have received Centenary Club certificates from the Ontario Genealogical Society for three of these families, two for 150 years and one for 100 years. These certificates celebrate that these families have lived in Ontario for at least the number of years indicated on the certificate.

Gordon, after his retirement, has taken on the task of seeing if the various generations can be

traced back even further. He transferred my data base to his computer and continues to do research on the internet and through travel. While researching the Egans and Williams families, he discovered that two of my ancestors had been United Empire Loyalists. Gord and his wife Beth spent some time last summer in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island tracing these ancestors who had come to Canada from the United States. After considerable work he was able to produce the documentation necessary for me to make application to The United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada to prove I was descended from one of the UEL ancestors. I can now use the initials UE after my name. These Loyalist ancestral lines arrived in North America in the 1620–1650 time-periods and in the mid-1780s would be when the first of my family arrived in Canada.

Gordon is in the process of preparing and publishing family histories of each of my family lines and of Don’s. These will be made available to our family members when ready.

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CLAN HUNTER CANADA
Annual General Meeting
Fergus, Ontario. August 9th. 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Clan Officer, Tom Hunter who then welcomed the 20 members present including, two guests, Alan and Christine Hunters, members of the UK Clan Hunter Association. Alan and Christine spent some time with Lianne and John Hunter at the Victoria, BC games in May.

Clan Officer's report.

Tom reported that he and Christine had to miss attending a couple of Games this summer due to medical reasons. He also reported on the death, due to lung cancer, of Nigel, one of Madame Pauline's brothers. Condolences were sent to Pauline. Tom also announced that Madam Pauline is moving back into "Hunterston House" as is her brother, Charles.

He also reported that in January of this year the remains of some kind of settlement including evidence of a wooden tower were uncovered on the sands of Hunterston and we are awaiting further developments on what that might mean. At the beginning of this week, word was received that during the excavation of the site for the new power station on Hunterston land, archaeological evidence had been discovered of an early iron Smelting community dating back 3000 years.

Tom also made mention of "Empire Sandy" annual cruise out of Toronto on Labour Day week-end and mentioned the detailed information that was in the last Newsletter. He also had a flyer available for anyone interested.



Minutes of the 2014 AGM.

The minutes of the 2014AGM were read and approved on a motion by Mida Lecocq, seconded by Don Hunter. **Carried.**

Business arising

Youth Heritage Fund. Tom asked that the report of this be moved to "New Business" as the Committee is prepared to make some proposals Regarding this fund. **Agreed.**

Financial Report

Our Treasurer, Don Hunter handed out copies of our Statement of Receipts and Disbursement for the year ending June 30, 2014. He then elaborated on it and stated that we are in a good financial situation, having \$2,126.09 available for Clan use after all dispersements have been made. He then answered questions and moved the acceptance of his report, seconded by Tom Hunter of Hagersville. **Carried.**



Tom, our Clan Officer complimented Don on a job well done.



Membership Report (Christine Hunter)

Christine mentioned that it has been a really quiet year since last years August report. Four new members in that time: Patrick Hunter from Quebec City; Adam Hunter from Louisdale, Nova Scotia, Dawn Maire Hunter Blanchette from The Pas, Manitoba and Ian Hunter from Toronto, Ontario. All four of these members filled out their membership form on the web and paid through PayPal. Presently we have just over 100 members, and most years about 75% of our members pay their yearly dues. Our constitution states that "if a member pays no dues for 2 consecutive years, they will be inactivated. We do inactivate a few members each year,

but if they start paying again, we are happy to re-instate them. They never truly "lose" their membership.

Christine moved the acceptance of her report, seconded by Jane Ann Hunter. **Carried.**

Genealogy Report (Lizz)

Because there were no requests for help this year, Lizz did not do any true research but instead focused on writing articles for the newsletter encouraging people to do their own research and seeing the fun side of genealogy.

One of the newsletter articles highlighted a letter from the 1800's from a Hunter who moved to Canada. It was fascinating to read the letter written to his father, which mentioned the death of his son as an aside, describing life in the new country.

Another article focused on genealogy in popular fiction.

The third article emphasized the importance of researching the maternal line as well as the paternal. Many cultures, unlike ours, value the maternal line more than the paternal.

The final article wasn't really about genealogy at all but about the Gaelic language and how it came to Scotland and included an interesting reference to a brooch found at Hunterston and credit's the influence of the Vikings on the distinctions between Irish Gaelic and Scottish Gaelic.

Lizz moved the acceptance of her report, seconded by Jane Ann Hunter.

Newsletter and Website (Tom)

Newsletters continue to be a challenge but we always seem to be able to find enough content. We send out 42 by email and 56 by regular mail. We have established that the printer we are using now gives us by far the best quality. I would like to have more Hunterston content but sometimes there is nothing to share on that front

Tom moved the acceptance of his report, seconded by Andrew Thibodeau. **Carried.**

New Business.

The Youth Heritage Fund

Our Clan Officer, Tom Hunter, presented the following proposal



- that the Youth Heritage Fund be instituted and that a call for applications be made in the Fall and Spring with details to be published in the Fall newsletter.
- applications to be received by mid-July
- applications received will be emailed to Committee members for considerations.
- Committee to meet during the afternoon at Fergus to finalize successful applicants.
- The names of successful applicants will be announced at the AGM.

The answers to the following questions to be discussed and given at this year's AGM.

- How much money will Clan Hunter Canada donate each year?
- How will it be dispersed?
- How will it be divided between all worthy applicants?
- What will be the eligibility requirements for applicants (ie. Age, relationship to Clan members and how many years.?)

Tom moved, seconded by Paul Hunter, that this proposal be received for discussion.

Carried.

Following discussion by those present, the following motions were made, seconded and Carried.

1. Moved by Lizz Thibodeau, seconded by Jane-Ann Hunter that 10% of the surplus in our Clan Funds be put into the Heritage Fund each year.
2. Moved by our Treasurer, Don Hunter, seconded by Lizz Thibodeau, that we transfer \$200.00 from This year's surplus to the Fund.
3. Moved by Christine Hunter, seconded by Jane-Ann Hunter that we give three, \$100. burseries.
4. Moved by Andrew Thibodeau, seconded by Lizz Thibodeau that eligibility of applicants be 18 years of age or younger.
5. Moved by Lizz Thibodeau, seconded by Paul Hunter, that in subsequent years preference be given to awarding burseries to those who had not previously been given one.
6. Moved by Tom Hunter (Hagersville) seconded by Paul Hunter, that the grant process be reviewed each year, both for Committee members and financial matters.
7. Moved by Bob Hunter, seconded by Tom Hunter (Hagersville), that we accept with thanks the offers of Paul Hunter, Lizz Thibodeau and Don Hunter to sit on the selection committee. Our Clan Officer, Tom Hunter, will be a member ex-officio of the Committee.
8. Moved by Bob Hunter, seconded by Jane-Ann, that this fund be named "**The Doctor Nadene Hunter Scottish Youth Heritage Fund**" in honour of our long -time member.

It was moved by Don Hunter, seconded by Tom Hunter (Hagersville) that Clan Hunter Canada make a suitable donation to the new Youth Heritage Fund in honour of, Nigel Hunter the recently deceased brother of our Chief, Madam Pauline.

Carried

Don Hunter moved we adjourn at 6:40pm

Following the AGM a delicious buffet dinner was enjoyed by those present.

Respectfully submitted
Mida Hunter Lecocq

St Andrew - Patron Saint of Scotland

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Several legends state that the relics of Andrew were brought by divine guidance from Constantinople to the place where the modern town of St Andrews stands today (Gaelic, Cill Rìmhinn). The oldest surviving manuscripts are two: one is among the manuscripts collected by Jean-Baptiste Colbert and willed to Louis XIV of France, now in the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, the other is the Harleian Mss in the British Library, London. They state that the relics of Andrew were brought by one Regulus to the Pictish king Óengus mac Fergusa (729–761). The only historical Regulus (Riagail or Rule) whose name is preserved in the tower of St Rule was an Irish monk expelled from Ireland with Saint Columba; his dates, however, are c 573 – 600. There are good reasons for supposing that the relics were originally in the collection of Acca, bishop of Hexham, who took them into Pictish country when he was driven from Hexham (c. 732), and founded a see, not, according to tradition, in Galloway, but on the site of St Andrews.

According to legend, in 832 AD, Óengus II led an army of Picts and Scots into battle against the Angles, led by Æthelstan, near modern-day Athelstaneford, East Lothian. The legend states that he was heavily outnumbered and hence whilst engaged in prayer on the eve of battle, Óengus vowed that if granted victory he would appoint Saint Andrew as the Patron Saint of Scotland. On the morning of battle white clouds forming an X shape in the sky were said to have appeared. Óengus and his combined force, emboldened by this apparent divine intervention, took to the field and despite being inferior in numbers were victorious. Having interpreted the cloud phenomenon as representing the crux decussata upon which Saint Andrew was crucified, Óengus honoured his pre-battle pledge and duly appointed Saint Andrew as the Patron Saint of Scotland. The white saltire set against a celestial blue background is said to have been adopted as the design of the flag of Scotland on the basis of this legend. However, there is evidence that Andrew was venerated in Scotland before this.



St. Andrew, carving c.1500
in the National Museum of
Scotland

Andrew's connection with Scotland may have been reinforced following the Synod of Whitby, when the Celtic Church felt that Columba had been "outranked" by Peter and that Peter's brother would make a higher ranking patron. The 1320 Declaration of Arbroath cites Scotland's conversion to Christianity by Andrew, "the first to be an Apostle". Numerous parish churches in the Church of Scotland and congregations of other Christian churches in Scotland are named after Andrew. The national church of the Scottish people in Rome, Sant'Andrea degli Scozzesi is dedicated to St Andrew.

A local superstition uses the cross of Saint Andrew as a hex sign on the fireplaces in northern England and Scotland to prevent witches from flying down the chimney and entering the house to do mischief. By placing the St Andrew's cross on one of the fireplace posts or lintels, witches are prevented from entering through this opening. In this case, it is similar to the use of a witch ball, although the cross will actively prevent witches from entering, and the witch ball will passively delay or entice the witch, and perhaps entrap it.

Shortbread

Traditionally served on Hogmanay (New Years Eve) in Scotland.

Traditional Shortbread (3 / 6 / 9 Shortbread)

3 oz sugar

6 oz butter

9 oz all purpose flour

Cream butter and sugar, add flour. Mix with hands to get a good smooth dough. (If it is too dry, I add a table-spoon of milk)!

Spread evenly in a 9X 9 pan and mark evenly (in rows) with a fork!

Bake at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes, until lightly golden brown.

Cut into squares while still slightly warm. (I use a plastic knife for this – to avoid damage to the baking pan)!

Cool on a wire rack and enjoy!

If you want a slightly fancier shortbread try this one

Millionaires Shortbread

Base 4 oz margarine
 2 oz sugar
 5 of all purpose flour

Caramel 4 oz margarine
 ½ tin condensed milk
 4 oz sugar
 2 tablespoons corn syrup

Make shortbread base as per above recipe. Spread in a 9x12 pan and bake as above. Allow to cool.

Caramel – put all ingredients into a saucepan and bring to a boil. Boil 3-5 minutes stirring all the time. It should be thickened and like soft toffee by this time. Cool – but do not allow to get cold enough to set! Spread evenly over the shortbread base. Coat with melted chocolate and cut into fingers. (I usually allow the chocolate to cool and set, then I turn it out onto a bread board and cut it there. Again – this avoids damage to your pan)!

Hope you enjoy these recipes – they are from my mother's recipe book but I have made them often over the years! Christine Hunter

Membership News

Since my last report, we have had two new members:

Ian Hunter joined us in August through our website. Ian lives in Toronto – and I hope that means we may get the chance to meet Ian at next year's Highland Games in Fergus. Our clan always has a good representation there, and we have our Annual General Meeting and Dinner at the Holiday Inn on the Saturday evening! A good day to visit the Games and the Clan Association!

Andrew Salgo hails from Mississauga, and first caught up with us at the Clan tent at the Fergus Highland Games in August. Andrew traces his ancestry back to his Hunter roots through England and Ireland. Andrew sent us a copy of his family tree and hopes to fill in some blanks with further research.

This is always an exciting search and Tom (Clan Officer) and Lizz – our daughter, are always happy to try and help fill in these blanks when they can! They both enjoy “the search” and “the challenge”!

I hope you both enjoy being part of our Association – and we look forward to getting to know you, and your history, better.

Housekeeping Note: Membership dues are coming in slowly – and I would just encourage you to take a minute and send off a cheque to cover your \$30.00 fee at your earliest convenience. Let's see how quickly we can get to a more comfortable level! Feel free to send an e-mail if you can't find your membership card, and I will let you know if you are paid for this year or not! cbhhunter@rogers.com

Wishing you all a very blessed Christmas,

Christine Hunter, membership Secretary