



Clan Donnachaidh News

Rocky Mountain Branch

January 2006

Frae the President

By Becky Robertson

Happy New Year to all of you in the Clan!

Clan Donnachaidh's first outing for 2006 is the Robert Burns Supper. It's scheduled for January 21, 2006 at the **Radisson Graystone Castle**. We will be having a cash bar, buffet dinner with haggis (of course), and an auction. You will find the reservation form within this newsletter. So please be prompt in sending in your RSVP to Kathleen Cahoon by January 14th. We want a big attendance again this year!

The council sent out our November 2005 newsletter both mail and by email. We had mixed reviews on the emailed version. Some members were unable to access, some just wanted it mailed, and others were delighted with this colorful version. Please let us know if you did not receive your newsletter and to which delivery you would like it sent.

Donald Robertson gave a great history lesson that was well attended. We had a chance to expand with questions of our own and I had fun hearing bits of history I hadn't heard before. I highly recommend going to the next scheduled meeting at the end of this month.

We will be planning the next six months of events soon. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

See you soon,

Becky Robertson

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Robert Burns Supper Auction

Up for auction at the Burns Supper will be a gift basket containing four clan crest pub glasses, a four-pack of Guinness and a variety of fun Scottish items. Bidding will start at \$75.00. Proceeds will go towards the upcoming summer games. Bring your cash!

There will be additional items raffled off at the table. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact one of the council members



News from Nancy MacBride

Roger MacBride had back surgery December 29, 2005 and returned home December 30th. I am hoping his recovery will be quick and the surgery will have relieved his back pain.

Upcoming Events

January 6, 2006 – Council Meeting** at Mindy Bolens, 7:00pm

January 21, 2006 - Robert Burns Supper, Radisson Graystone Castle

January 28, 2006 - History lesson with Donald Robertson, 2-4pm at his home in Aurora.

**Council meetings have been changed to the 1st Friday every other month at Mindy Bolen's home unless otherwise noted.

Additional Scottish Events 2006

January 28, 2006 - St. Andrew Robert Burns Supper

Upcoming Highland Games

Gaelic Highland Festival

TBA
Canyon City, CO

Rocky Mountains Highlands Games

August 13 and 14, 2005
9 am - 4:30 pm

Highland Heritage Park
9651 S. Quebec St.
Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival

September 7-10, 2006

Estes Park, CO 80517

Burns Supper Info

The dinner will be buffet style this year.

Price per person - \$40

Cocktail hour from 6:00-7:00

Dinner 7:00-8:00

Entertainment following

Cash Bar

Raffle Items

Set of 4 glasses

Full 12 months of Whisky Magazine

Clan History Book

Other Books

Bottle of Glen Fidich

Large basket with goodies for silent auction!!

More to come!!

Order form (included) for tickets must be received by January 14, 2006



New Book

The Robertsons, Clan Donnachaidh in Atholl By James Irvine Robertson

The first history of the Clan for more than half a century with over 100 pages, which includes maps of the Clan country and 45 illustrations. The author, James Robertson, has edited the Clan Donnachaidh Annual for ten years and has written several Histories of aspects of Atholl and its clans.



The clan has made several copies available for purchase for our members. The cost of this wonderful history is \$15.00, cash or check made out to Clan Donnachaidh.

If you'd like a copy of your own, please send your check to:

Mindy Bolen,
3604 E. 88th Cir. N.,
Thornton, CO 80229.

If you'd like it mailed to you, please add \$1.50 for cost of media mail postage and envelope. (Please include your current mailing address!) These will be sold on a first come, first serve basis, so get yours while they last!



Sub Committees added at AGM

- **Promotional Committee**

This committee is pulling together “Clan Specific” items that we will have available to members and friends alike. Some of the items that this committee have already made and provided include the buttons, and bookmarks, as well as tartan ribbon and pint glasses with the Clan Crest on the front. This is an excited group of people, and they would love any input from other members. Contact Nancy Bigley for more information

- **Recruitment Committee**

This group will be concentrating on the membership numbers and how to increase them. They will also be doing some investigations into other events, including Highland Games other than just Highlands Ranch and Estes Park, and evaluating them to see if we should spend more time at them. We have members in the Cheyenne area that will also be looking into the number of “northerners” we have and how to get as many of our Clans folk involved. Please contact Becky Robertson or Amanda Robertson for more information.

- **History Committee**

This group is going to be taking on the daunting, but wonderful task of documenting the history of our clan in 2 interesting ways. The first historical icon they will tackle is our own Donald Robertson. Committee members will be spending evenings or weekend days with Donald, recording with audio and video the tales of our history that have attracted so many of us to the Clan from the beginning. Donald has said he welcomes anyone to come by, and visit with him, and we all know that he never lacks a story to share. The second historical work this group will tackle is the genealogical work, another thing that interests so many of us. There has been talk of trying to start “at the top” and working our way down, and maybe meeting up with some of the folks that have gone back as far as they could. Our New VP Rich is the contact for this committee.



Clan Board 2006

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Past Presidents

Mark Donnachaidh,
Curtis Roberts,
Bob Robertson,
Charlene Sullivan

CLAN HISTORY WITH DONALD

There will be a second CLAN HISTORY WITH DONALD from 2pm to 4pm on January 28th at Donald's house in Aurora. We had a wonderful class on November 17th. It was a cold night in November and I know that not everyone was aware of the class. We discovered that several people preferred that we do this class on a weekend. We hope that you can attend.

Donald will present four lessons during a two-hour period, the last time Donald's computer was down for the count but it has since recovered. I believe that Donald has some music that he would like for you to hear as a part of the class. For those of you who attended the first class, this class is a repeat of the same material, but as always you can always learn more by hearing a lesson for the second time. If you plan to attend, please call Donald so that he can prepare enough handouts. Donald's home is located at the Heather Gardens Complex, address is: 13626 E. Bates Ave. #103, phone 303-337-1143. In attendance for the first class were Tom Reed, Cliff Robertson, Becky Robertson, Bob & Silva Robertson, and Rich Matthews.

Robert Burns Supper
Saturday, January 21, 2006
Radisson Graystone Castle
83 East 120th Avenue (1-25 & 120th)
Thornton, Colorado

Menu:

Buffet Style with Cash Bar

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Cocktails, Dinner, Entertainment:
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Send check made payable to Clan Donnachaidh to:

Kathleen Cahoon,
186 Denver St,
Brighton CO 80601,
303-659-8095

RSVP by January 14, 2006

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of People: _____