

CLAN DONNACHAIDH NEWS

Rocky Mountain Branch

Frae the President

By Becky Robertson

Hello everyone. With the Robert Burns Dinner behind us and a quiet February coming to an end our focus is on clan events for the next few months and the pieces are falling into place. Take a look at the events calendar in this issue and mark your calendars! I'm hoping attendance will be high at all of the events.

We have a lot to talk about with the international clan information coming steadily in from Bill Robertson. Bill wants the turnout to be big for the October 1, 2005 AGM in Scotland. Anyone from our branch interested in this trip needs to let Bill know ASAP. We have included in the following pages the latest note from Bill with the information you will need to contact him. You can contact me if you have any questions.

For the months of March and April we have two dates circled on our schedule. March 12th the St. Andrew Society will be marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Denver and the Society has asked for a large turnout from the clans. If anyone is interested in joining the parade, please contact me for details. April 3rd brings us to the Country Buffet outing for our clan. (Details are listed on page 3). And just so you know, at my house April 16th (day after tax season) is a huge holiday! Don't even try to get in touch with me!

Just a short note regarding the council: Nancy MacBride has turned the newsletter over to Dennis Smith. I want to thank Nancy

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for her dedicated work to the newsletter over the past years. She did a great job! Also, Amanda Robertson will be starting her position as acting secretary. Amanda and Dennis are bringing wonderful ideas to these positions and their enthusiasm is great for our council.

With the warmer weather coming I am looking forward to seeing all of you again soon.

Becky Robertson

Did You Know ??

- The raincoat was patented by chemist Charles Macintosh from Glasgow, Scotland.
- Tires were invented by John Boyd Dunlop of Dreghorn, Scotland.
- Adhesive stamps were invented by James Chalmers of Dundee, Scotland.
- Telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell, born in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Upcoming Events

March 12th - St. Patrick's Day Parade,
Denver

April 3rd - Country Buffet, 4:00

May 6th - Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00, Mindy
Bolen's home

May/June - Afternoon gathering at Bob
Robertson's, Evergreen. Date to be
announced.

July 15th - Council Meeting
July - Ice Cream Social, Dennis Smith's
Home

August 6th - Colorado Scottish Festival,
Colorado Springs, CO -this date is tentative

August 13th/14th - Rocky Mountain Highland
Games, Highlands Ranch, CO

September 16th - Council Meeting

September 9th-11th - Longs Peak
Scottish/Irish Highland Festival, Estes park,
CO

October 23rd - AGM, 2:00, Washington Park
United Methodist Church

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

These pictures are from the Robert Burns
Supper 2005.....



Recipe for Scotch Eggs:

By Mindy Bolen

6 hard boiled eggs
1 lb. spicy sausage meat
1/2 tsp. dried thyme
1/2 tsp. dried basil
1/2 C flour, divided
1 C breadcrumbs
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. paprika
2 eggs, beaten

oil for frying

Makes 6 Eggs

Peel the eggs and set aside. Mix sausage and spices in a small bowl. Divide sausage into 6 equal portions, set aside. Mix breadcrumbs with salt, pepper and paprika, set aside.

Dry each egg with a paper towel, then roll lightly in flour to coat. Take one portion of sausage and using hands, shape a coating around the hard boiled egg, completely enclosing it. Roll in flour again, then dip in beaten egg then roll in breadcrumb mixture. Repeat with remaining eggs.

Heat about 2-3 inches of oil in a large skillet. Fry eggs, turning frequently, until golden brown on all sides. Drain on paper towels. Let cool slightly before serving. To serve, cut each in half and serve with some good mustard.



Trip To Scotland

By Mindy Bolen

Fellow Clan Members:

Ever have the overwhelming need to visit Scotland? Well, during our gathering at the Robbie Burns Supper, several of us were talking with our guest speaker about journeying to Scotland during the off-season next year (October 2006). We thought it might be a good time to visit our Clan museum, see the sights, and have a dram or two as representatives of the Rocky Mountain Branch.

I have gotten tentative prices from a travel agent for both 14 and 9-day tours and am looking for additional/lower rates. These prices are tentative ONLY!!

Price Per Person based on double occupancy.

<u>Program</u>	<u>9 Day/ 7 Night</u>	<u>14 Day/ 12 Night</u>
10 Passengers:		\$2,275.00
	\$1,635.00	
15 Passengers:		\$2,245.00
	\$1,620.00	
20 Passengers:		\$2,220.00
	\$1,610.00	
Single Supplement:		\$ 350.00
	\$ 250.00	

Exchange Rate: Pricing is quoted at Pound of 1.88 and US Dollar of 1.00 and is also subject to change!

Includes:

- Round Trip airfare from Denver
- 12 or 7-night accommodations at a nice tourist class hotel (Ramada Inn Perth)
- Daily Scottish Breakfast and 2 dinners
- Roundtrip airport transfers

Not Included:

- Air Taxes (Roughly \$160.00 pp)
- Tips/Gratuities
- Lunches/Dinners not listed above
- Optional Travel Insurance
- Optional Pilgrim Payment Processing
- Optional Credit Card payments (additional 3%)

If you are interested in joining us, please complete the following form and return it to: Mindy Bolen

(See Form At Back Of Newsletter)

A Thank You

The clan received a thank you card from Charlene Sullivan for the "parting president gift" she received at the Burns Dinner. The note reads:

Dear Clan Donnachaidh,

I'm so grateful for the glass globe you presented me. Each time I see it, it brings thoughts of good times with good people. Thank you so much for your friendship and common interest.

Love, Charlene

OCTOBER IN SCOTLAND

By Bill Robertson, Int. Vice Chairman

Although it's only the beginning of March, October will be here before we know it...which means that we have just a bit more than six months to plan for activities at this year's AGM in Pitlochry on the 1st of October.

Although I have no firm numbers, preliminary indications are that quite a few Clan Donnachaidh members will be in Scotland for the AGM, and many have indicated they'll be there for the full week leading up to the Saturday meeting.

If there's enough interest, guided bus tours can be arranged, including a trip to the Culloden battlefield, a tour of our Clan territory, and perhaps another tour tracing the route of the Clan in 1685 in its invasion of Argyllshire to hang 17 Campbell lairds from the town walls. This route would take in Tyndrum, where Stout Duncan was with Robert the Bruce when he lost his brooch to the MacDougalls. These tours can be spread out during the week so that members may participate in one or all.

Tours must be arranged well in advance, so it's very important to let me know how many of your members will be making the trip and, of these, how many would like to be included in one or more of the tours. The cost per bus seat for each tour will be roughly 10 pounds sterling.

It's also important to know in advance how many plan to attend the annual clan banquet on Saturday evening, in order that a hall of adequate size can be reserved.

Therefore, please get in touch with each of your members, perhaps in your next news letter, and ask those planning to make the trip to complete and return this form to you or your branch secretary.

See form at end of Newsletter.

Let's get together!!

Sunday, April 3, 2005

4:00 p.m.

Country Buffet

5220 Wadsworth Bypass

Arvada, CO

RSVP: Nancy MacBride, 303-364-0140 by March 31

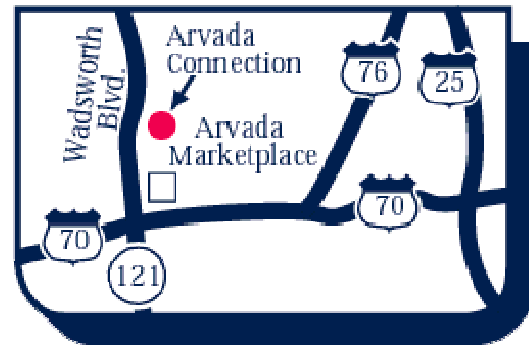
Arvada Connection

5220 Wadsworth Bypass

I-70, exit on Wadsworth, north one block.

We are in Arvada Connection Shopping Center, behind Pier 1 & Taco Bell

Wadsworth Blvd. & W. 52nd Ave.



THANK YOU!!

The Clan Donnachaidh would like to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to Kathleen Cahoon for coordinating the recent Robert Burns supper. For the second consecutive year she put forth a lot of time and effort to bring it all together. We all had a wonderful time and look forward to a repeat in 2006. Kathleen is always fun to work with along with being highly efficient. Thanks again, Kathleen!