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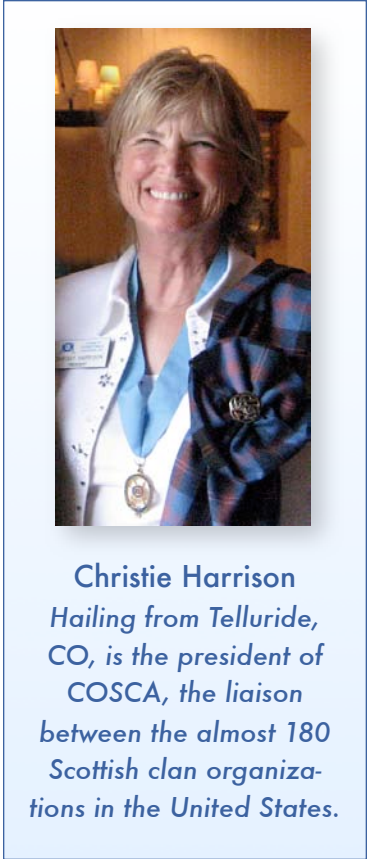
At the annual general membership meeting at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, NC, Christie Harrison was elected president of COSCA. Since then, she has introduced an ambitious agenda, including creating a database of people wishing to receive COSCA news electronically, making *The Claymore* available as an e-newsletter, updating the COSCA website to be a more viable resource for clan members, and seeking regional directors who will organize state leaders in representing the various clans at Highland Games throughout the United States.

Christie's goals for COSCA are to improve communications between the organization and the clans, Scottish societies and the general public attending the games. To do this, she has put in hundreds of hours tracking down current email contacts of representatives of the various clans and associations.

"For the majority of you, the electronic edition of *The Claymore* you are reading today is the first step in that communications process. The newsletter has been converted from the traditional postal mailing to an electronic-format going out to more than 2,000 people. An abbreviated online version of the e-newsletter will go out monthly starting in June. COSCA will continue a postal delivery of the newsletter annually in May, to those requesting it," said

President Christie Harrison. **"If you want to receive an up-to-date, monthly electronic-newsletter from COSCA, please send your email address to president@COSCA.net."**

Christie is a Realtor® in Telluride, Colorado, as well as Program Coordinator of the University Centers of the San Miguel. She began searching her Scottish roots when she studied Scottish-



Christie Harrison
Hailing from Telluride, CO, is the president of COSCA, the liaison between the almost 180 Scottish clan organizations in the United States.





American relationships as a graduate student in 1997 at the University of Aberdeen. While there, she traced her ancestors to the Angus District of Scotland. Christie is a member of the Scottish District Families Association, Scottish Heritage USA, the Caledonian Foundation, the St. Andrew Society of Colorado, and the Western Colorado Celtic Society. She also represents COSCA as a board member to The Scottish Coalition, which was instrumental in the establishment of Tartan Day in the U.S. Christie can be contacted at president@cosca.net.

Busy Board Members

With wide-ranging backgrounds and expertise, new faces joined continuing Board members in the administrative arm of COSCA. Continuing Board members include Presidents Emeritus George Douglas, Robert McWilliam, and Vice President Bob Heston. Also continuing are Treasurer Dr. William Keith, Director of Communication Scotty Gallamore, as well as Trustees Renny McLeod, Judith Lloyd, Royce McNeil, Phillip Smith, and Jim Walters. Newcomers include Trustees Gus Noble, Tom Badger, Secretary Peggy Ruetz, and Claymore Editor Sally Badger. Over subsequent issues, this paper will introduce these various volunteers, old and new, who expend many hours on behalf of our organization's mission.

As a reminder, the purpose of COSCA is to preserve and promote the customs, traditions, and heritage of the Scottish people by educating the public regarding Scottish history, literature, music, poetry, art, and culture. Additionally, COSCA works, through a variety of means, to provide service to the various clan and family associations of the Scottish community. In pursuit of this mission over the past year, Board Members have been representing COSCA at several venues, both in the United States and in Scotland.

Vice President Bob Heston (pictured right) is a past COSCA President, a member of Clan Graham, the Scottish District Families Association, Scottish Heritage USA, and author of the COSCA Research Reference Book. Bob's principle focus throughout his tenure with COSCA has been, and remains, increasing and improving the presence of COSCA at the games. He continues to maintain a relationship with the games management across the USA that will help COSCA researchers with tent space at their games. He is actively working with Rob Halpin, the COSCA Webmaster, to set up a better look and feel to the website, and he has been active in the re-activation of the COSCA state and regional infrastructure.



Vice President Bob Heston



Bob McWilliam & Christie Harrison at the Scottish North-American Leadership Conference

Based in Manassas, VA, and an avid motorcyclist, Bob is also a program manager and subject matter expert on joint military combat operations. Bob spent fourteen years in Europe (10 in England), during his nearly 31 years of active military service, but did not find out about his Scottish roots until near the end of his military career in the USA. "I came into the service of COSCA as a 'volunteered' Trustee several years ago, all because my mother-in-law did not want the added work of being a Trustee," Bob reports.



As Master of Ceremonies, Trustee Gus Noble joins a piper in opening the Scottish North American Leadership Conference

He has been with the organization ever since. If you have questions about the Reference Book, the state and regional management, or participation as a COSCA representative at the games, please contact Bob at vice-president@cosca.net

Scottish North American Leadership Conference

The Scottish North American Leadership Conference, cosponsored by The American-Scottish Foundation and the Illinois St. Andrew Society, was held in Chicago last October. Two COSCA Board members were speakers there: Gus Noble (President & CEO of the Illinois St. Andrew Society), and Bob McWilliam, representing COSCA. Others in attendance included President Christie Harrison, Newsletter Editor Sally Badger, and Secretary Peggy Reutz. Much was done and learned there; a report of the conference will be given at COSCA's Annual Meeting in July. This conference was held at The Scottish Home in Chicago, a retirement home for elderly people of Scottish descent. (More about this wonderful facility in a subsequent newsletter).

Tartan Day

As Gus Noble (pictured above) pointed out, "Increasing numbers of Americans of Scottish descent are joining regional Scottish and clan societies, attending Highland games, and subscribing to Scottish-oriented publications". People in Scotland are becoming more aware of the global feeling of kinship those of Scottish descent have for the shared values of their ancestral homeland. This is evident in the number of successful Tartan Day celebrations, which are held in the US and throughout the world. In New York, for example, during Tartan Week, "the Rt. Hon George Reid led 1800 pipers, drummers, clans and 50 tail-wagging Westies and Scotties up 6th Avenue on a beautiful Saturday this past April 14th."



*Photo courtesy
of the
Clan Currie Society*

*To get the full flavor of these events, complete with music,
go to the following website: <http://www.tartanweek.com>*

*To see the nation-wide reach of National Tartan Day,
click on the following website: <http://www.tartanday.org/national.htm>.*



Photo courtesy of the Clan Currie Society

To support and promote Tartan Day, the Clan Currie Society produced a colorful celebration at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, the sixth year they have facilitated one of the best attended Tartan Day events in the country. Over 12 thousand visitors came to the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island National Monument on April 7. Their 2007 program featured a multimedia presentation entitled, *The Island Tapes in the Ellis Island Theater*, along with demonstrations of Scottish music, dance, and storytelling.



The picture on the preceding page comes from their website. Check it out at: http://clancurrie.org/press/2007_march14.html

A number of clans and associations across the United States have expressed interest in improving their administration and publicity regarding Tartan Day & local highland games. In response to several suggestions, we plan to have a workshop in 2008 at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (GMHG), and also through our website, which allows us to make the workshop available to those who are not able to get to the GMHG.

The Scottish Symposium

The Scottish Symposium, held in Sarasota, Florida, was sponsored once again by the Caledonian Foundation. Christie Harrison, representing COSCA, reports that this meeting was "amazing, fantastic, and productive. Great things are happening here in the U.S.," she thinks, "which are contributing to Scottish American dialogue. The Scottish Executive is beginning to act upon the recognition that the United States is a great resource for Scotland and is beginning to work with Scottish-American organizations to achieve the goals of a stronger engagement with the USA. According to the Scottish Executive, the United States is Scotland's largest overseas trading partner, inward investor, tourism market, and also one of its largest sources for foreign students. As a result, the Scottish Executive is allocating funds to market Scotland in the United States."



Trustee Bob McWilliam

Robin Blair, Lord Lyon King of Arms, was the principle guest speaker. Other speakers included Michael Kellet, First Secretary Scottish Affairs, based in the British Embassy in Washington, DC; Lord Jamie Sempill, Vice-Congener of Scotland's Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs; Professor Malcolm McLeod from the University of Glasgow, Chair of the Caledonian Foundation USA; Bob McWilliam, representing Scottish Heritage USA; Robert Murdoch who heads Tartan Day USA; Alan Bain of the American-Scottish Foundation; and our President, Christie Harrison, representing COSCA. The Symposium created a valuable opportunity for a think tank in which attendees brainstormed with First Secretary Michael Kellet for methods to help the Scottish Executive achieve the goals of the Scottish Executive for a stronger engagement with the United States.

The Odom Library: Resource for Scottish Research on the East Coast

At our annual meeting last summer, several clan representatives asked Christie Harrison to evaluate the service our clans are receiving from the Ellen Payne Odom Library. COSCA continues to hear good reports about the various collections housed there and the fine help of its staff.

Located in Moultrie, Georgia, the Ellen Payne Odom Library for Genealogical Research (a wing of the Moultrie/Colquitt County Library) has for some years been recognized for its impressive genealogical collection, seminars, and sponsorship of research trips...." (Burke's Peerage & Gentry: <http://www.burkes-peerage.net/articles/news/news150502.aspx>.) One hundred fifteen Scottish clans have deposited their genealogical archives in the Odom Library since its opening in 1990. (COSCA's former secretary, Beth Gay, was instrumental in the growth of this facility.) Because so many Scots settled in the East, and from there migrated west, it is a logical place to begin research. It is located at 204 5th Street, SE; Moultrie, GA 31768. Telephone: 229/985-6540. An online list of clans who have deposited their records there can be found at the following web address, which also lists some upcoming clan events in the Southeast:

http://www.colquitt.k12.ga.us/public_lib/Genealogy/Repository/repository_index.htm



*Part of Scottish Collection
of the Odom Library*



News from Scotland

Name Change for the Isle of Skye

In anticipation of May's Parliamentary Elections, the Highland Council voted to change the name of the Isle of Skye to a romanticized Gaelic title - "Eilean a' Cheo", [pronounced "ellan-uh-ch-yaw"] which means something like the "Misty Isle". (Some critics, however, say the actual Gaelic translation of the "Isle of Skye" is "an t-Eilean Sgiathanach".) This decision for the name change reflected the fact that 40% of the 9,000 residents on Skye are Gaelic speakers. Skye residents have mixed emotions about the change - some (mostly bed & breakfast owners) fear it could lead to confusion, while others welcome preservation of Gaelic cultural identity. (Article retrieved from the Scotsman website: <http://news.scotsman.com/index.cfm?id=659562007>)



Eilean a' Cheo (formerly Isle of Skye)

Snippets from Parliamentary Elections



First Minister Alex Salmond with Cabinet Secretaries Kenny MacAskill, John Swinney, Nicola Sturgeon, Fiona Hyslop, and Richard Lochhead on the steps of Bute House

- The Scottish National Party (SNP) became the biggest party in the Scottish Parliament, ending 50 years of Labor dominance, in the May 3 Holyrood election.
- Alex Salmond MP MSP is Scotland's new First Minister.
- Kenny MacAskill MSP is the new Justice Minister. (Several COSCA officers were able to exchange ideas with him at the Scottish North American Leadership Conference in Chicago and at the Scottish Symposium in Sarasota.) Kenny is the coauthor of *Global Scots*, a book about the Scottish diaspora, which many of us have enjoyed.
- The SNP has pledged to hold a referendum in three years on independence from Britain.
- Prime Minister Tony Blair's probable successor is Dr. James Gordon Brown, a 56 year old Scot, currently Chancellor of the Exchequer of the United Kingdom.
- (Source of photo above left is found on scotland.gov.uk website: <http://scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2007/05/17111128>)
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Email Addresses

We will be distributing the Claymore monthly by email, as well as by download from the COSCA website. If you would like to join the email list, send your address to president@cosca.net

Represent COSCA at Games

Helping people find their clan or sept is fun! If you need COSCA banners, books, sign-up cards, etc., to stock your booth at Highland Games, please contact vice-president@cosca.net

The COSCA Reference Book Updates

Bob Heston's Research Reference Book updates can be found at the COSCA tent or can be downloaded from the COSCA website using this link: www.cosca.net



ERRATA SHEET
COSCA RESEARCHER'S 2004 REFERENCE BOOK
Updates as of 2006

I want to extend my thanks to those of you, clans and individuals alike, who have taken the time to help keep this book correct. At the present time, the book contains 7,538 names and is current as of July 11, 2006. The newest edition available is dated August 1, 2006; however, if the changes below are made to the February 20, 2004 book, it will be as up-to-date as the newest version.

The following notes comprise all of the changes that have accumulated since the book was formally published in 2004.
 ~Bob Heston

DELETE THE FOLLOWING SURNAMES PER CLAN LIST:

| PAGE # | FAMILY SURNAME | CLAN |
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| 29 | DENSON | GREGOR |
| 41 | GREYSON | GREGOR |
| 51 | LAIKIE | GREGOR |
| | LAIRD | BAIRD |
| 52 | LECKIE | GREGOR |
| | LECKY | GREGOR |
| 56 | MAC ALESTER | GREGOR |
| | MAC AINSH | GREGOR |
| 58 | MAC ANISH | GREGOR |
| 60 | MAC CAINSH | GREGOR |
| 61 | MAC CANCE | GREGOR |
| 66 | MAC CONDOCHIE | GREGOR |
| 68 | MAC CRUITER | GREGOR |
| 71 | MAC EWEN | GREGOR |
| 77 | MAC GRUER | GREGOR |
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| | MAC GRUTHER | GREGOR |
| 79 | MAC ILDOWIE | GREGOR |
| | MAC ILDUFF | GREGOR |
| 81 | MAC INTYRE | GREGOR |
| 92 | MAC NAY | GREGOR |
| | MAC NEISH | GREGOR |
| | MAC NESS | GREGOR |
| 93 | MAC NISH | GREGOR |
| 101 | MAGREW | GREGOR |
| 111 | NICE | GREGOR |
| | NISH | GREGOR |
| 123 | TAINSH | GREGOR |
| 128 | WILCOX | GREGOR |
| | WILLCOX | GREGOR |

DELETE THE FOLLOWING DUPLICATE FAMILY SURNAMES:

| PAGE # | FAMILY SURNAME | CLAN |
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| 1 | ACHIN | AKIN |
| 22 | COLQUHOUN | COLQUHOUN |
| 22 | COLVYLLE | COLVILLE |
| 33 | FARAHAR | FARQUHARSON |
| 41 | GRASSIE | FARQUHARSON |
| 63 | MAC CLACHLANE | MACLACHLAN |
| 67 | MAC COY | MAC KAY |
| 84 | MAC KILLICAN | MAC LELLAN |
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| 85 | MAC KLELLAN | MAC LELLAN |
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| 89 | MAC LERICH | CLARK |
| | MAC LOLANE | MAC LELLAN |
| 91 | MAC NAIR | MAC NACHTEN |
| 115 | POALKE | POLLOCK |

ADD THE FOLLOWING CLAN GREGOR FAMILY SURNAMES:

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| MAC ALDOWIE | MAC INSTALKER | RAMSAY |
| MAC ALISTAIR | MAC LAREN | ROBERTSON |
| MAC ALPINE | MAC NEIL | ROY |
| MAC ANDREW | MAC NICOL | SHANKLAND |
| MAC CHOITER | MAC PETERS | SINCLAIR |
| MAC CROWTHER | MAC PHERSON | STEWART |
| MAC DONALD | MAGRUDER | TANISH |
| MAC EWAN | MENZIES | TELFER |
| MAC FARLANE | MURRAY | TELFORD |
| MAC GILL | NEILSON | WALKER |
| MAC GREW | NEISH | WILSON |



Research Reference Book Updates (Continued)

MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CHANGES:

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| PAGE 3 | THE FAMILY SURNAME "AIRD" IN THE CLAN COLUMN AFTER BOYD ADD MONTGOMERY (I.E. BOYD / MONTGOMERY) |
| PAGE 9 | TOP LINE ADD FAMILY SURNAME "BARBER/OUR" AND CLAN "MONTGOMERY" |
| PAGE 29 | CHANGE "DENNISON" FOR CLAN GREGOR TO READ "DENISON" |
| PAGE 40 | IN FAMILY SURNAME LINE FOR "GOON" ADD GOONERY/IE; IN THE CLAN COLUMN AFTER "EWEN" ADD MONTGOMERY |
| PAGE 41 | CHANGE "GREUER" TO "GREWER" FOR CLAN GREGOR |
| PAGE 41 | ADD "GROUTHER" BETWEEN "GROSSET" AND "GROZIER" FOR CLAN GREGOR |
| PAGE 41 | ADD "GRAYSON" BETWEEN "GRAY" AND "GREAGORY" FOR CLAN GREGOR |
| PAGE 41 | DELETE "GREYSON" FOR CLAN GREGOR |
| PAGE 67 | IN THE FAMILY SURNAME LINE FOR "MAC COSH" ADD "MONTGOMERY" AFTER CLAN BOYD |
| PAGE 75 | BETWEEN "MAC GINNIS" AND "MAC GLACHAN" ADD MAC GIVERN FOR CLAN MONTGOMERY |
| PAGE 107 | BETWEEN "MONEYPENNY" AND "MONIES" INSERT MONGNEY FOR CLAN MONTGOMERY |
| PAGE 113 | BETWEEN "PAISLY" AND "PAPAY" INSERT PALMER FOR CLAN HOME |
| PAGE 114 | BETWEEN "PAULSON" AND "PEACOCK" INSERT PAXTON FOR CLAN HOME |
| PAGE 125 | CHANGE "TOSSACK" FOR CLANG GREGOR TO READ "TOSSACH" |
| PAGE 127 | IN THE FAMILY SURNAME LINE FOR "WAID" ADD WAIDE |

From the Editor



There is a bit of space to fill here, so I will tell you a little about me and ask for your suggestions for future *Claymore* articles. For years I was a marketing representative for Pan Am, and thus have had many opportunities to visit Scotland, before and since employment there. Currently I am pursuing a Masters Degree in Management/Distance Education from University of Maryland University College and the University of Oldenburg (in Germany). At this time, I teach a variety of multimedia courses at NC State University's Encore Program and am the Coordinator for the Stephen Ministry at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC. Clan Cameron is my clan.

I've been very impressed this year with COSCA and all it is attempting to accomplish. The opportunities to tune in what is going on amongst the clans and associations in the United States and around the world have been wonderful. As Chrissy and Gus described in this newsletter, the Scottish Executive is starting to work closely with Scottish groups outside of Scotland, so we are including the new section "News From Scotland" in *The Claymore*. Please feel free to forward suggestions for articles or comments to me at claymore@cosca.net.



COSCA

**General Membership Meeting at
Grandfather Mountain Games
Clan Chieftain's Tent
Saturday, July 14, at 2:00 pm**

*Invited are representatives from all
Scottish Clans & Associations.*

COSCA

**Board of Trustees Meeting at
Grandfather Mountain Games
Clan Chieftain's Tent
Friday, July 13, 9:00 am**

*This meeting is for COSCA
Officers, Trustees, and invited guests.*

**Please Note
New COSCA Mailing Address:**

*Council of Scottish Clans & Associations
2800 S. Desplaines Avenue
North Riverside, IL 60546*

**Articles in future
e-newsletters**

*The Scottish Diaspora
Culloden Project
The Lord Lyon & Heraldry
Scottish Home
Sabhal Mor Ostaig*

**Calendar of Highland Games
and Events**

*can be found at the following website:
<http://www.ccsna.org/games>
(Compliments of Clan Campbell)*

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