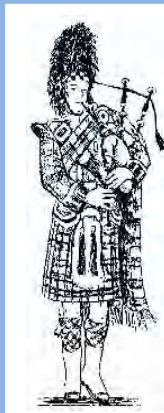


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## Region Commissioner's Corner



Hello everyone and I hope I find you all in good health. It has been a while since our last newsletter which was delayed due to the death of my mother in May and a massive stroke suffered by my older sister, Judy, just a few days after my mother's passing. Judy was living with and taking care of my mother. Though we have faced many challenges, I will soon have guardianship which will allow me to move Judy from the hospital to a nursing home. As Executor of the estate, I am in the

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## Membership Report

I am happy to report that since April, we have welcomed 11 new members. A complete breakdown is as follows:

In May, we had five new Regular members, 15 renewals, and 1 reinstatement. In June, we had 3 renewals. In July, we had 2 new Regular members and 2 renewals. In August, we had 2 new Regular members, 1 renewal, and 1 reinstatement. In September, we had 2 new Regular members and 1 renewal who upgraded to Life membership.

Please join me in welcoming our new Regular and Life members:

<b>Mari E. Anderson</b>	<b>Killeen</b>
<b>Helen M. Edwards</b>	<b>Bowie</b>
<b>Michael P. Tobias</b>	<b>Bridgeport</b>
<b>Robert and Eva Donald</b>	<b>Fort Worth</b>
<b>Kirk Dunn McBride</b>	<b>San Antonio</b>
<b>Gerald and Debbie McDonald</b>	<b>Midlothian</b>
<b>Eric and Marisela Welchel</b>	<b>San Antonio</b>
<b>Ernie and Karen McCuistian</b>	<b>China Spring</b>
<b>Robin Gill and Justin Bowers</b>	<b>Dallas</b>
<b>Shannon and Sam Mezzell</b>	<b>Tyler</b>
<b>Michael and Kathleen Miller</b>	<b>Houston (Life)</b>
<b>Ray and Christina McDonald</b>	<b>Junction</b>

Thank you to the following for your continued support:

<b>Ricardo and Solange Gijon</b>	<b>Missouri City</b>
<b>Jack and Alice McDaniels</b>	<b>Tulia</b>
<b>Alfred Breard</b>	<b>Houston</b>
<b>Glenn &amp; Madonna MacDonald</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>
<b>Scott Pirnie</b>	<b>Irving</b>
<b>James Alexander</b>	<b>Garland</b>

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process of selling the family home and other property and possessions to assist with Judy's care.

I also had cataract and cornea surgery on my left eye about two weeks ago and the result has been outstanding. I have experienced no pain and my pupil is at normal size. For those of you who may not know, the surgery results on my right eye performed in October last year were far from perfect resulting in the loss of a functional pupil. Aside from a blind spot, which I have gotten used to, my sight was fortunately correctible to 20-20 which gave me the ability to have the much needed surgery on my left eye. Yes, a different eye doctor performed the second surgery.

I would like to welcome all of our new members and thank all of you who have renewed your dues for another year or two. Now that Linda and I have better control of the home front, we can once again turn our attention to the duties we have with Clan Donald USA. Due to my recent eye surgery, Deputy Commissioner Jona Lunde will be hosting our tent at the Tyler festival on Saturday, October 13th. We appreciate her being able to take on that responsibility for us and I hope that some of you will be able to attend. You should have received an email regarding the details.

Due to the family issues, we were not able to attend the Annual General Meeting held in Knoxville in August. I am sorry that we could not represent you there. You should be receiving the national newsletter, *By Sea By Land*, soon which should have details and pictures from the AGM. I can tell you that next year's will be in Dearborn, Michigan.

Just for your information, the Kerrville festival that was scheduled for the first weekend in October was cancelled by the organizers. You do have one other festival to look forward to though before the end of the year. The 57th Gathering of the Clans and Highland Games will be held November 9-11, 2018 in Salado. See our events on page 5 for the websites to get the details. Linda and I do plan to be there and hope that we will see many of our members, especially you new ones.

Thanks for your patience.

Until the next time,  
Gary Tate  
Texas Commissioner  
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<b>Tom and Maria McDaniel</b>	<b>Bedford</b>
<b>Kimberly and David Pilot</b>	<b>Roanoke</b>
<b>Jona Lunde</b>	<b>Denison</b>
<b>Elizabeth Daniel</b>	<b>Grapevine</b>
<b>Jim and Gay Walters</b>	<b>Gulf Shores, AL</b>
<b>Jim Anderson</b>	<b>Mabank</b>
<b>Randall and Dianna Burns</b>	<b>Euless</b>
<b>Duane McMichael and Fred Mischnick</b>	<b>Arlington</b>
<b>Donald and Diane Wilson</b>	<b>Houston</b>
<b>M. Hollis Hutchinson</b>	<b>Dallas</b>
<b>Jason and Laura Rawlings</b>	<b>N Richland Hills</b>
<b>Daveen and John Miller</b>	<b>Southlake</b>
<b>Robert and Josephine Briggs</b>	<b>Arlington</b>
<b>Jim and Laura Mahon</b>	<b>Hurst</b>
<b>Carol and Charles Lucas</b>	<b>Georgetown</b>
<b>Sean Bradshaw and Scott Fletcher</b>	<b>Alvarado</b>
<b>Michael &amp; Celeste Reynolds</b>	<b>The Colony</b>

I want to make sure you continue receiving the national newsletter, *By Sea By Land*, and the regional newsletter, *Forward Together*, so let me know if you have a change in email address, or mailing address if you do not have an email address. Over 75% of our members receive their newsletters via email so both our region and national are saving money. For our region, that gives us more money to purchase equipment as needed and pay the fees for tent spaces at the festivals.

To the new members, be sure to fill out the genealogy form you are sent from Louise McDonald, the National Genealogist. She can't help you out unless you send it back to her.

Also, be sure to create an account to access member only information on our website at [www.clandonaldusa.org](http://www.clandonaldusa.org). I think you will find a lot to discover about Clan Donald history, the DNA Project, and other interesting information. If you have young children, there are scholarships available through the Clan Donald USA Scholarship Program, funded by the Clan Donald Foundation. Also, if you ever see anything on the Central Ordering list of items, send me an email with your list of items. Currently, only the Regional Commissioner can place an order, so Gary can order it for you and have it mailed to your home. We pay when it is ordered and bill you later to reimburse our regional account.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of the festivals.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Tate  
Membership Chair/Treasurer  
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## Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games

by Gary Tate

Well, as you all know this was the first time that the Scottish Festival and Games were held in Decatur. I think that it is a better location than Arlington. Everything was located within a more compact area making it easier for people with walking problems to go from one place to another, no football stadium in the middle.

When Linda and I arrived Friday afternoon, we were surprised to find our two tents were already up and tied down. Jona Lunde, Kimberly Pilot, and David Davis the younger had arrived early and started setup without us. James Alexander and Kris Giard arrived shortly thereafter and the final touches were applied and we were ready to go for the weekend. The only problem we had was the wind which made it impossible to put up our pull up signs, but that same wind helped keep us a little cooler in the tents. There were some issues with the wi-fi also but we are hoping for a resolution by next year.

Early Friday evening, Elizabeth Daniel, David and Ronda Davis, and Tom McDaniel joined me, Jona, Kimberly, David, Jr., and James as we participated in the calling of the clans. Having the largest number of clan participants, we were given the honor of leading the clans in the parade. Thank you to all who made this a successful event. We were very happy to see so many of our members attend and we welcomed 4 new members. We had many visitors come by with at least 40 signing our guestbook. The festival for next year has already been set for May 10-12 in Decatur.



Patiently awaiting calling of the clans



Jona Lunde, Elizabeth Daniel, Kimberly Pilot, Tom McDaniel, James Alexander, Gary, David Davis, Jr. and David Davis, Sr.



New Members Mari Anderson, her mother, Rachel Firreno, and Gary



Robert Donald, Linda Tate, Eva Donald, Eva's mother



James Alexander and Kris Giard



Jim Anderson and Gary Tate trying to stay cool

## *Flowers of the Forest*



**Rachel Ann Heitz** April 28, 2018

A memorial service will be held for Rachel Heitz at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at First United Methodist Church in Chandler. Rachel Ann Killough Heitz was born March 24, 1964 in Royal Oaks, Michigan. She had been a resident of Murchison for 3 years, formerly living in Grand Prairie. Rachel passed away at the age of 54 on April 28, 2018 at her home. Survivors include her sons, Bradley Joseph Heitz, Jr., Coby Daniel Heitz, and Jonathan Cole Heitz; daughter, Caitlin Meschelle Walden; parents, John and Elizabeth Killough; siblings, Robin Lynn Buxbaum, Rebecca Sue Killough, Rhonda Kay Killough, Renee Marie Stephens, and David Shane Killough; and six grandchildren, Makynnah Brooke Heitz, Grehson Layne Heitz, Ricky Moreno III, Reagan Heitz, Corban Heitz, and Liam Asher Walden.

### **Shortbread Contest Entry Information Scottish Gathering, Salado, Texas November 9-11, 2018**

The goal for the November 2018 shortbread contest is to keep it simple, easy and fun for everyone. Included here are the rules and plan for this year's Shortbread contest.

Three Divisions with awards for first place, second place and third place. Prize or trophy for first place with ribbons for second and third in each division.

- Traditional Shortbread
- Non-traditional Shortbread
- Specialized/Health

#### Rules:

- No commercially made entries allowed (Sorry, can't use Walkers!) All entries must be homemade.
  - Individual entries on separate plates
  - Only one entry per person in each division. Yes, you may enter one in each division.
- No pre-sign up needed.

Bring your shortbread entries to the Gazebo at the festival to enter it for judging on Saturday at 1 p.m. Sign in at the registration table with your name, clan, type of shortbread and contact info. It will be assigned a number and placed on the judging tables. You may use any kind of plate, serving dish, etc.

Judging is tentatively scheduled for 2 p.m. in the gazebo. Winners will be announced immediately after the judging is complete. Please plan to pick up your awards and join in the photo op for winners. You are invited to take your shortbread entries back to your clan tents to share. Please pick up your shortbread from the gazebo immediately following the announcement of winners, or it will be eaten by guests!

## **2018 Events**

**Tyler Scottish Festival and Highland Games at South Spring Baptist Church, 17002 U S Hwy 69**

**<http://tylerscottishfest.weebly.com/>**

**Saturday, October 13 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - No admission fee**

**57th Annual Scottish Gathering and Highland Games in Salado**

**<https://saladomuseum.org/scottish-gathering-and-highland-games/>**

**Friday, November 9 through Sunday, November 11**

The next issue will be sent in January, 2019.  
The deadline will be December 15, 2018.

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We want you to continue receiving your regional and  
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**FLOWERS OF THE FOREST**

Please let us know of any family or loved ones you have lost. We  
would be privileged to honor their memory in our newsletter.

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