Voting results on the Muirhead Clan Bylaws
November 2, 2002

The Muirhead Clan Society Bylaws were written, proposed and adopted by the Board and by a majority vote of the Council of Elders who then approved them to be presented to the general membership and a vote called for to ratify the Bylaws as presented to the membership on September 29, 2002. The Bylaws were posted to the Clan website for 30 days and also mailed to all members with no web access. As stated on all ballots all votes were to be received by November 1, 2002.

All ballots received by 2400 hours, November 1, 2002 were then verified, and all valid ballots sent in by email and post, were counted. As provided Under Article III #8, “All actions and votes shall be by majority of those voting who are members in good standing of the Society and all votes must be recorded in the official minutes of the meeting of the Society.” As provided in our Bylaws all ballots will be recorded and kept on file for 2 (two) years.

I, Raymond L. Morehead, President, wish to announce that the results of the membership vote on the Muirhead Clan Society Bylaws was a unanimous vote by all to accept as written the Muirhead Clan Society Bylaws. I therefore request that the secretary so record in the clan records and/or minutes, making notice to the clan website and otherwise notify as needed all members that the Muirhead Clan Bylaws have been accepted and ratified by the membership.

From the Clan Bard

The database now contains over 30,000 individuals and will be available for download by the first of the year. With the database having grown to this size, it is almost impossible to check each and every name, Please, let me know if you see any areas that are in need of correction or the addition of information. Sources would be greatly appreciated. If you have difficulty downloading the database, just contact me. For the cost of supplies and postage, I will make you a CD.

May peace, love, joy and prosperity be yours.
Susan and Jim (Muirhead) Shaw

The Muirhead Arts and Culture Scholarship
“The MAC Scholarship”

It shall be the function of the Scholarship Committee to manage the Scholarship program pursuant to the objectives of the Corporation. The Clan Muirhead Society Scholarship Program is designed to help sponsor and assist persons pursuing education, training, and the interests in Scottish Arts, History, and or Culture.

Scholarship Defined: The Clan Muirhead Society Scholarship Program is designed to help sponsor and assist persons pursuing education, training, and interests in Scottish arts, history, and/or culture.

The program provides financial assistance to students to help offset the cost of education or training. Examples of eligible educational/training courses include instruction in Highland dancing, piping, drumming, fiddling, and Gaelic language. The program does not provide grants for non-educational, non-training activities, such as travel to and attendance at public events or performances.

Amounts: Scholarships may be awarded in varying amounts up to $500 per award, per year. Scholarship numbers and amounts will be based on availability of funds collected through donations, gifts and raffles. All funds collected for this use will be held in the Societies Savings Account until approval of award is given.

Eligibility: The Scholarship shall be open to all applicants whose age shall be between 12 and 21 at time of application. There shall be no restrictions in regard to Class, Race, Religion or employment; anyone shall be eligible. Any applicant who meets our stated eligibility requirements shall be considered.
Scottish-oriented activities need not be in the field for which the scholarship is being requested. For example, an applicant need not have previously had instruction in piping to apply for a piping scholarship. Members of the Council and/or Board or Chairpersons must remove themselves and/or will be excluded from voting on any immediate family members who have submitted an application for the Scholarship.

Application: Applicants must submit the following in letter form: Name, full mailing address, telephone number, and date of birth. amount of desired scholarship, description of the course or program in which the applicant intends to enroll or follow. Description would include:

1. Name and description of course or program
2. Name, address and telephone number of school or instructor
3. Dates of planned enrollment in course or program
4. Course or program costs (instructional fees, materials, etc.)
5. Description of applicant's past participation in Scottish-oriented activities and/or training
6. Two written and signed reference letters from non-family members supporting the applicant's serious interest in and suitability for the contemplated course or program. The reference letters must include a phone number at which he/she can be reached and his/her position in any Scottish-related organization which they belong, if appropriate.

Timing: Scholarship requests may be submitted at any time during the year. Applicants will be informed in writing of approval or disapproval within two months of the date of receipt.

Process: When received, an application will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee for completeness. Note: Members of the Council of Elders and/or Board or Chairpersons must remove themselves and/or will be excluded from voting on any immediate family members who have submitted an application for the Scholarship. Since scholarship funds are limited, the Committee will evaluate the application for appropriateness of the course or program and relative merit of the request. If necessary, the Committee may request additional information from either the applicant or the Cultural training and will be posted to the Society’s Newsletter. A letter from the provider of the training and/or study will be requested after the student has completed the course/study with a copy of any certificates given the student.

There is no limit to the number of eligible applications for the Scholarship and they will be and/or can be from all over the country. We wish to encourage all those between the age of 12 and 21 pursuing education, training, and interests in Scottish arts, history, and/or culture to apply for the Scholarship. Scholarship funds will be monitored by the society treasurer and reported to the society in any and all financial reports.

Any misuse of Scholarship funds will be reported to the Board and Council for appropriate action. Violations by recipients will be asked to refund the grant and barred from any further grant funds collected through donations, gifts and raffles. All funds collected for this use will be held in the Societies Savings Account until approval of award is given.

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Applicants to the Muirhead Arts And Culture Scholarship program must meet the following criteria: He/She shall have demonstrated through past participation in Scottish-oriented activities a genuine interest in fostering and promoting Scottish culture. However, past participation in Scottish-oriented activities need not be in the field for which the scholarship is being requested. For example, an applicant need not have previously had instruction in piping to apply for a piping scholarship. Members of the Council and/or Board or Chairpersons must remove themselves and/or will be excluded from voting on any immediate family members who have submitted an application for the Scholarship.

From the Scholarship Committee Chair

Dear Fellow Members and friends,

I am writing to you as a member of the Muirhead Clan Society as well as the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. As a Highland Bagpiper, I am honored to be part of this new program and would like to tell you about it.

The Muirhead Clan Society would like to help sponsor and assist persons pursuing education, training and interests in Scottish arts, history, and culture. The program will help finance education/training such as piping, highland dancing, fiddling, or Gaelic language. The awards will be up to $500.00 per year and the number of scholarships will be based on available funds through donations, gifts and raffles.

We are asking you, being an associate, member, or friend of the Muirhead Clan, to contribute to our scholarship program. Be a part of fostering and maintaining Scottish Culture. Your donation is tax deductible. Please send your check with the completed donation form enclosed to the address at the bottom of the form.
YOUR SUPPORT.....

We’d like to thank all of our members for your support of the Muirhead Clan Society. Without your continued support, we could not be what we are today. Please continue to support the Muirhead Clan Society by renewing your membership dues and/or purchase items for yourself or as gifts for others from our Clan Store.

HOT! HOT! HOT!

Long part of Scottish hospitality “The water of Life”, Uisge Beatha, and what better way to serve your favorite we dram than in your own glasses, hand engraved by one of your own. Charles D. Morehead is now offering his own handy work through hand engraved glasses. Each glass is individually hand engraved with the Muirhead Clan Badge. Glasses depicted in the photo are 6 oz whiskey glasses $24.95 USD a pair (Plus postage). The same engraving could be placed on virtually any size. Custom orders are welcome and quotes not a problem. If you wish names and dates engraved please ask for Custom quote. For further details please email Charles Morehead at Muirheadvp@att.net Charles will donate a percentage of the sales to the Muirhead Clan Fund in an effort to help raise money for Clan projects in 2003.

Don’t Forget Your 2003 Membership Dues!!

MUIRHEAD UISGE BEATHA
(The Water Of Life)

From storm clad highland precipices and craggy granite brakes it falls, Over stock, rocks, through misty moorland, And peated nooks and burns it rolls. Mixed with barley, yeast, in copper, Over smoky fire, nay it’s still not quite there. Then into casks to mature, In guarded, whispery, stone clad chambers to rest. While mystically mingling and consort ing with aged woods and time, For never before a more fragrant dew was ever drawn into glass, From heather covered plaid hills, And glens of a heartland held most dear, For a highborn heart was given to Uisge Beatha. Be it truly Scotland’s precious own, Giving character and life to Muirhead’s Uisge Beatha, Only grander when raised in honor and shared with friend or family A wee dram of Muirhead’s Uisge Beatha.

If you or anyone you know is interested in applying for the scholarship award, please contact myself at 425-603-9795 or email at Bonrobbi@concentric.net and we will send you an application.

My wife, Bonnie, and I, and the Scholarship committee thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Schueler
Chairman of Committee.
**Presentation of calligraphic rendering of the "Declaration of Arbroath' to President General Virginia Van Cleave, President of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in front of the Alamo on St. Andrew's Day, 30 November 2002. Calligraphy designed, produced and donated by Mr. Nigel J. Grossett, Carnoustie, Angus, Scotland, entitled "SCOTLAND REMEMBERS THE ALAMO"**

**Muirhead Clan Society Council Elder**  
**Elected Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland 2002**

Lt. Col. David Grossett was nominated by election process to become a "Fellow of the Scottish Antiquaries" in early fall of this year. The Society Of Antiquaries elections were held on St. Andrew’s Day, 30th November 2002.

David was notified by letter by Mrs. M. McLeod, CA, of his official election to the Fellowship of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. This honor among other things entitles him to now add to his name a title of dignity, Esq. FSA Scot. An official Certificate of Membership will be sent upon the Society’s receipt of his letter of acceptance, now on its way to Edinburgh. “Meal do naidheachd” (Congratulations!) David Grossett Esq. FSA Scot.
Father and Daughter sought
Clan Muirhead’s Help

Todd Muirhead contacted me from Stone Mountain, Georgia making inquiries of us on Muirhead family history on behalf of his 5th grade daughter, Charlotte. Charlotte is working on a school project and was in need of a wee bit of assistance so I put together a package of what I thought would be of most interest and help to her and posted it to her directly. She has since received the package and stated in her letter to me it was more than she had ever expected and thanked us for all of our help. Her father stated also that he had contacted several other relatives and if he gathers any more family history from them he will send it to us in addition to what he already sent to us. Thanks Todd and Charlotte it does my heart good to see the youth taking interest in their history, culture and heritage. I am always willing to help spark interest in family history.

In Loving Memory

Walker Alexander Johnson-Kish
Born May 9, 2002 Auburn, Washington
Died November 23, 2002 Tacoma, Washington

Son of Aaron Kish and Hallie Johnson.

Aaron is a member of the Muirhead Clan Society as is his parents, Susan and Joe Kish. The Kishes have been long time friends/family of Raymond and Yen Chi Morehead and family. It is hard to say goodbye to anyone who passes from our touch. It is even more difficult when they are such sweet wee bundles of joy as Walker was to his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, “AUXILLIO DEI.”

William P. Hunter Esq.

Elected to The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

He joined the Clan Hunter Association in 1997 and held the position of Membership Secretary. In 1998 he was granted Armorial Bearings from Lord Lyon King of Arms Sir Malcolm Innes. His daughter Anne is the current Membership Secretary

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As President and on behalf of the membership of the Muirhead Clan Society I wish to Congratulate William on his prestigious election as a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

“Meal do naidheachd”
( Congratulations!)
William P. Hunter Esq. FSA Scot

Scottish Gingerbread Cake

1 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup white sugar
3/4 cup molasses
2 eggs
1 cup beer
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 3/4 cups whole wheat flour
1 tablespoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup diced candied orange peel
1/2 cup finely chopped almonds

Directions

Stir together the flours, spices, and baking soda.

In a large bowl, cream the butter or margarine with the sugar and molasses. Beat in the eggs, then the beer. Beat the flour mixture into the creamed mixture. Stir in the raisins, orange peel, and almonds. Turn the batter into a greased and floured 9 x 13 inch baking pan.

Bake at 325 degrees F (165 degrees C) for 40 minutes, or until done. Transfer to a rack to cool.
Furthering Inter-Clan Cooperation

On behalf of Clan Muirhead the President works to foster and promote the age old Ideals of clan supporting clan, as most of you know by now we have a link and bond of friendship with Clan Hunter. A friendship that serves to help both clans in our genealogy, love of culture, and our shared heritage. Working and networking together both clans can gain strength in a combined effort towards a common goal. Our link of friendship with Clan Hunter is proving mutually beneficial thus far and I look forward to even greater days and years ahead.

To further this Idea I have been working with Clan Wallace on a project that is of historic interest to both clans called the “Wallace Papers Project”.

Documents Illustrative of Sir William Wallace, His Life and Times

The primary objective of the Sir William Wallace Papers Research project will be to have translated the documents illustrative of Sir William Wallace, His Life and Times. From a work produced and printed for the Maitland Club December 1841.

An original edition, signed by the author Robert Roger of Glasgow was presented to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland in February of 1842 and exists in the care of the Society, confirmed by letter from the Society by Fionna Ashmore, Director of the Society. As I am a Fellow of the Society I have access to the Society’s Library and have been in contact with the Head Librarian Mr. Andrew Martin who gave me a personal tour of the Library in May of 2001. I have also contacted and communicated with Dr. Norman H. Reid, Keeper of manuscripts, St Andrews University Library, Scotland, Who has offered to further help to the project.

My proposed project will result in an authoritative modern translation of the documents contained in this work now in Old Latin, Norman French, Old Scots and Old English. The expense of this project will be substantial but I am seeking financial support from outside our society through research grants and donations. Any donations from members or interested groups should be addressed to me and marked FOR The Wallace Papers Project. Donations are tax deductable.

All indications are that these documents once translated would reveal factual insight into the life and times of this one of Scotland’s great hero’s and today still revered as a Guardian of Scotland and her most honored inspirational heroes.

President’s Christmas Message

Reflecting back over this last year looking for that one thing that I could say made the year better than the last. I have resolved that it was not one thing or one person that made this year the best. For it was all of you, the members that have made the difference once again. Without your valued support I would be not only talking to myself, I would be the only one replying, but most of all I would not have had the pleasure of ever knowing so many new friends and family members I otherwise would have never known existed and who all I think, share the desire to gather our Clan/Family history and recording it for those who will one day look back at what we did together and say thank you for preserving what would have otherwise been lost in the mists of times long gone from our own. Our membership is down from last year, perhaps as a result of uncertain times, or for many other reasons of which I will not dwell. I look to 2003 and beyond with great expectations, and a renewed hope that greater things are yet to come and with your continued support it will be so. Remember that upon the shield of the Muirhead Coat of Arms are three Golden Acorns. The acorn is a traditional symbol of renewal and according to Celtic lore the acorn represents new life. Together we are growing as a Scottish clan once again and each of us adds to that new life and the symbol of renewal.

At perhaps no other time of the year do I feel closer to family than Christmas, no matter where they physically or spiritually are. It is my wish that when we all gather together this Christmas season each in our own way we give thanks for the blessings of the past, remember with joy our friends and family no longer with us and each other, Clan/family one and all.

“Nollaig chrideil agus bliadnu mhath ur,”
“A Merry Christmas and a good New Year.”

Slainte, sonas agus beartas (Health, wealth and happiness) to one and all.