

# Clan Campbell eNewsletter February, 2013

## “2013 Gathering of Clan Campbell and Septs” in Quebec City August 22-24, 2013

From Ian C. Campbell, Ontario Commissioner ([mercam@travel-net.com](mailto:mercam@travel-net.com)) and Patrick Campbell J. Campbell, Quebec Commissioner: “Thank you so much for the kind words you have put into the Journal (President’s Message, Vice President’s Report) and the monthly electronic Newsletter about the 2013 AGM in Quebec City!” Our host hotel:

**Hôtel Château Laurier Québec**  
1220 Place George-V Ouest  
Québec City (QC) G1R 5B8 Canada  
1-877-522-8108  
<http://hotelchateaulaurier.com/en/>

Those attending need to take note concerning the reservations at the Hotel Chateau Laurier in downtown Quebec City for August 22-25, 2013. The confirmation number 9534 must be quoted and the special rates for reservations if not made by **June 22, 2013 will lapse**.

“So far a very basic web site has been developed - <http://www.clancampbellgathering.com/> - and those entering the words “Campbell” and “Gathering” into a Google search will find the web site appearing perhaps at the top of the list. It is expected that the web site will be expanded very soon to provide more information.

“ I will ensure that the web site refers to the need for a **Passport** for those coming from outside of Canada.

“The plan for the AGM program will start soon. I will be in touch so that the Executive Council can be involved in the planning process.”

Here is the contact info for **aviator shirts (with epaulettes) with the Campbell boar's head crest**. Nice!  
Winning Concepts USA  
793 Blanding Blvd  
Orange Park, FL 32065  
Phone: 904-272-9784  
Fax: 904-272-9787  
e-mail: [sales@winningconceptsusa.com](mailto:sales@winningconceptsusa.com)

## *Hotel Chateau Laurier Quebec, your destination in Quebec City!*

Four-star hotel located in the very heart of Old Quebec, Hotel Chateau Laurier Quebec offers an outstanding accommodation service. Only a minute away from Grande-Allée and the Plains of Abraham, it is an obvious selection if you want to stay within Quebec City.

For a memorable getaway or for a successful business meeting, you will enjoy all the [services and amenities](#):



- Inner courtyard known as Four-Seasons Garden (Outdoor spas and courtyard)
- Indoor saltwater pool
- Health beauty and spa centre . [Bioterra Express Spa](#)
- Fitness room
- Reception and meeting rooms

Proud to promote an authentic [French experience](#),



More information will follow on this 2013 AGM. See Web site: <http://www.clancampbellgathering.com/>



**The Executive Council of the Clan Campbell Society (North America) and the Board of Directors of the Clan Campbell Education Foundation met in Fort Worth, Republic of Texas, for the Midyear meetings on Fri. and Sat. January 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>.** As the scenes above suggest, it was not all meetings, but there was a lot of bull... longhorn steers actually. Friday, we had a tour of the National Stockyards Historic District and saw the 4 p.m. parade of steers before dinner at Cattlemen's. It was also Fort Worth Stock Show weekend with a 2-hour "All

Western" parade on Saturday morning. Some board members and spouses who arrived early also toured the famous collection of art and sculpture by Frederick Remington in the **Sid Richardson Museum**, and in the **City Museum** got a lesson on Ft. Worth itself—cultural capital of the SW—and the fascinating Chisholm cattle trail, as well as the coming of the Texas & Pacific RR in the 1880's with the enormous meat packing plants of Swift and Armour.



Below, in front of the Hotel Texas, before a large crowd that had stood in the cold and rain, JFK made his last speech Nov. 22, 1963 before going on to Dallas that fateful, tearful day. "There are no faint hearts in Ft. Worth!" declared President Kennedy.



**The CCEF has decided to continue funding a memorial scholarship of \$1000 in honor of Hugh P. Moore that may be awarded each year to a college undergraduate or high school student who has been accepted to college or university. Applicant must be of Campbell descent and write a brief but well-researched paper on aspects of the broad topics either "Scottish Heritage and Modern American Culture" or "The Impact of Scots on American History." Essays should be no longer than 3 double-spaced, type-written pages and should be accompanied by a one-page biography and photo. Applicants must provide written proof of their enrollment or acceptance at a college or university in a program of at least two-year duration and explain their Campbell connection. For further information Email: CCEF Secretary Donald D. Campbell [cmplldd@ix.netcom.com](mailto:cmplldd@ix.netcom.com). Essays due July 1, 2013.**

**THE MAGICAL HIGHLANDS : A photographic journal**  
by Ray Eagle of British Columbia

**THE MAGICAL HIGHLANDS! A DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOGRAPHS FROM SCOTLAND - A Photographic Journal.** The book is self-published by Raymond Eagle, a regular contributor to Highlander Magazine, and printed by Friesens of Altona, Manitoba, on high quality paper. It has a soft-cover and is 8-1/2" by 11" with 96 pages. The price is \$20 plus postage where applicable (total \$25 in Canada - \$30 to U.S.) Contact details: [r.eagle@telus.net](mailto:r.eagle@telus.net) or 1-604 886 7444. Mailing address: 28-696 Trueman Road, Gibsons, B.C. V0N 1V8, Canada.

Note: I have enjoyed speaking by phone with Ray, and his photos—including those of Inveraray castle and town and other points in Argyll and the Isles, are remarkable. Ray writes:

I have taken the photos over the past 35 years on visits to the Highlands and the Inner and Outer Hebrides. The book contains approximately 100 photos from full-plate to 1/4 page, landscapes and seascapes that capture the beauty of this land of lochs and mountains. It also includes some historical text and four biographical profiles that I wrote for "The Highlander" magazine. They are: Marjory Kennedy-Fraser, who researched and published the three volume "Songs of the Hebrides"; Sir Hugh Robertson who founded and conducted the famous Glasgow Orpheus Choir; the Rev. Kenneth MacLeod who collaborated with Kennedy-Fraser, and also wrote "The Road to the Isles", and Seton Gordon the naturalist/historian whose biography I wrote, which was published in Scotland in 1990. Their lives are unique and truly inspirational...+

**THE new TARTAN/CREST FLAG**

At right below you see stretched out the latest Clan Campbell flag, commissioned by CCEF to be made available specifically to those who manage tents for the Society. This large 4x4 nylon flag has the official Campbell tartan as its field and the boar's head is in full color. It comes either as a flag with grommets at hoist or as a banner with grommets at the top for hanging. Comparable tartan/crest flags cost about \$200+ shipping, but we are offering a limited number of these to members for \$80+ which includes all shipping charges and a nominal contribution to CCEF. Checks should be made out to CCEF and mailed to David Stedman, CCSNA Vice-President, 766 W. Mt. Vernon Ave. Haddonfield, NJ 08033. Yes, there are a couple of Black Boar's Head Flags available at \$39. Please email [DASConcy@aol.com](mailto:DASConcy@aol.com) to assure a reservation before sending check for either flag.

**Officer and Commissioner Update:**

- Cynthia Coffey-Campbell - CCSNA trustee
- Carl Guilford - Region 10 commissioner
- William J. Campbell - CA deputy commissioner for Southern California
- Cody A. Stanley, Jr. - FL deputy commissioner for St. Augustine
- Bruce and Nancy Campbell - FL deputy commissioners for Daytona Beach

**Scottish New Year Customs:  
reddings, rowan, first-footings, black buns, and:  
"Lang may yer lum reek."**

*My mother Janice Stedman sent me an article from Seniors Today, serving seniors in Volusia and Flagler Co., Florida (Jan. 4, 2013) and we thought it might be interesting to our readers.*

**Hogmanay (Scottish New Year)** is steeped in many customs and traditions which begin with the thorough cleaning of the house on the day before New Year's Eve, so the New Year would be welcomed into a neat and tidy home. Fireplaces were always cleaned and the ashes of the very last fire were read to see what the New Year would hold. The act of Hogmanay cleaning is called **the redding** or getting ready.

Pieces of the **rowan tree** were placed above the door to bring luck, and mistletoe was also brought into the house, not for kissing but to ward off illness. Holly was brought in as well, to protect against mischievous fairies. Sprigs of hazel and juniper were thought magically to protect the house. Juniper was burned inside in every room, and the door of the house was left open to bring in fresh air.

Of course, debts were paid before Hogmanay. It was a terrible bad thing in Auld Scotia to be in debt as the new year began!

Any visitors arriving before midnight on Hogmanay would be shooed away, but at midnight the back door of the house was flung wide to let the Old Year depart. The master of the house would then open the front door for the New Year to enter. During the door ceremony the family would make as much noise as possible to scare off evil spirits. The first stroke of the chimes for New Year called for a rousing singing of AULD LANG SYNE with arms linked. And then the visiting of friends and family began, which could last until January 2.

**First footing** involved a bottle of spirits (often kept in pride of place on the mantelpiece) which was opened at midnight and a wee dram was offered to all visitors. It was considered lucky that the first-foot across the threshold belonged to a tall, dark (handsome) man (as the expression goes). The famous **black bun** (a fruitcake covered in pastry), once enjoyed on the Twelfth Night, is now commonly enjoyed on Hogmanay.

Then came the toasts, including **"Lang may yer lum reek"** which translates, **Long may your chimney smoke.** (If your chimney had smoke, it meant you had funds to pay for coal to keep warm and snug.) Another toast: **A guid New Year to ane an' a', and mony may ye see.** (Do I have to translate? But **mony** means **many**.)



