

# History of Clan Cunningham USA

## Our fourth year: 11 May 2005 – 11 May 2006

1. **The Board of Directors** at the end of our fourth year: David Pickens, President; William D. Cunningham, Vice-President; Margie Cheatham, Secretary-Treasurer; Steve Cunningham, Membership Coordinator; Carole Bishop, Historian; Beverly Lueke, Webmaster; Jon Czarowitz, Genealogist; Bonnie Cunningham, Newsletter Editor; Jerry Lester, Delegate-at-Large. Additionally, Dr William Cunningham is now a non-voting Advisor to the President.

2. **Board Meetings:** The Board conducted its meetings using the CommunityZero Website chat room. Meetings were held on: 15 May 2005, 19 June 2005, 24 July 2005, 28 August 2005, 9 October 2005, 20 November 2005, 8 January 2006, 19 February 2006, 19 March 2006 and 30 April 2006.

### 3. **Board Actions and Decisions:**

- a) The Board accepted the job descriptions for State and Regional Representatives, which Steve Cunningham wrote.
- b) The Board approved gift memberships for first time joiners, at a \$5 discount, for only \$15. The recipient would receive a card indicating who the gift membership was from.
- c) On the death of honorary member Jane MacMillan, the Board voted to donate 5 books at \$48 total, to the Odom Library in her memory. Her husband, George MacMillan would receive a note from the Library.
- d) The Board accepted Bartley Payne as the California representative.
- e) Doc Bill Cunningham regrettably had to resign as Membership Coordinator. The Board searched for a replacement, and David accepted to hold the position temporarily, then Steve Cunningham (New England representative) agreed to take on the duties for six months. The Board voted to make Doc Bill Cunningham a special Advisor to the President.
- f) The Board voted to spend \$50 to purchase a gift for Ben Cunningham who organized the International Clan Gathering in Scotland, November 2005. See Item 4 below.
- g) The Board voted to pursue estimates for replacing the stained glass windows in the Glencairn Aisle in the St Maurs-Glencairn church in Kilmaurs, Scotland. The estimate is about \$4000. The Board voted to establish a separate account and to solicit donations for the restoration of the four stained glass windows in the Glencairn Aisle.
- h) The Board continues to work on the Clan Book, and hopes to make it available on CD as well as in hard copy. The Board continues to perfect the clan badge graphic to be applied to T-shirts, etc., for sale in our Clan Store. The Board is also working on an Operating Manual.

4. **International Gathering of Clan Cunningham:** CCUSA was represented by David Pickens, Carole Bishop, and Margie and Charlie Cheatham. Highlights: Day 1: lunch with Clan Chief George MacMillan at Finlaystone, and personal tour. Day 2: lunch with Capt Cunningham and son William at Caprington Castle, and a tour. Day 3: Tour of St. Maurs-Glencairn Church in Kilmaurs and tour of the Glencairn Aisle where several generations of Clan Chiefs are buried. Days 4, 5, 6 were spent seeing the town of St. Andrews, and day-trips to Edinburgh and Sterling. In Edinburgh we visited St Cuthbert's Church where the 14<sup>th</sup> Earl of Glencairn is buried. Day 7: The International Gathering of Clan Cunningham was held at

Balgonie Castle, which does have a Cunningham connection. The meals and entertainment, as well as meeting other Scottish Cunninghams, were all very rewarding.

5. The **Unicorn newsletter** was published four times.

a) The **Summer 2005** edition (Vol 4, Issue #1) featured several articles and photos on various games held during the summer, including the Best Tent prize for the Indiana games. There was an article on the Gaelic phrase Ceud Mile Failte, written by Michael Montgomery, and an article on Cunningham Falls State Park, written by Bill and Venita Cunningham.

b) The **Fall 2005** edition featured an article on Gustavus Conyngham; on Scottish attire by Robert Cunningham, the Cunningham-Semple Feud by Carole Bishop; and reports on various games, including Bartley Payne's "The Trials of Your First Game."

c) The **Winter 2006** edition focused on reporting about the International Clan Gathering by David Pickens, an article on Touring Kilmaurs by Carole Bishop; and games reports.

d) The **Spring 2006** edition featured an article on the Glencairn Aisle, by David Pickens; "The Family Tree Climber" by Jon Czarowitz; and the list of Games from April though September 2006.

6. **Membership Coordinator:** Steve Cunningham reported that by the end of the fourth year, there were 165 members in CCUSA, from 25 states and other countries. 49 previous members have not renewed.

7. **Treasurer:** Margie Cheatham reported that the balance on hand at the beginning of the year (as of 11 May 2005) was \$2,072.16. Income received during the year was \$1,830.00. Expenditures were \$2,319.47. The balance on hand as of 11 May 2006 was \$1,582.69.

8. **Webmaster:** Beverly Lueke reported that as of year end May 2006, we had received approximately 12,000 hits on our website and had 12 new members who joined online. Also, the Members Only section of the site was expanded to include a Clan Store, Newsletter Archive and Resource Library.

9. **Genealogist:** Jon Czarowitz

10. **Games:** CCUSA sponsored a Clan Tent at the following Festivals, Highland Games and other venues during our fourth year. CCUSA continues to offer reimbursement to tent sponsors up to \$100, upon request.

Rhode Island	May 2005	Steve Cunningham
Glasgow, KY	June 2005	David Pickens, Jackie & Louis Garner, Beverly & Larry Lueke, Chris & Robert Cunningham
Southern NH	June 2005	Steve Cunningham
Fort Wayne, IN	June 2005	Bob & Chris Cunningham; Pat & Shawn Paisley (BEST TENT!)
Western Mass	June 2005	Steve Cunningham
Salt Lake City UT	June 2005	Kathy Nye
Michiana, IN	July 2005	Bill & Venita Cunningham
Glasgow, MA	July 2005	Steve Cunningham

Graeme Park, PA	July 2005	Carole Bishop
Payson (Provo) UT	July 2005	Kathy Nye
Ogden, UT	Aug 2005	Kathy Nye
Kalamazoo, MI	Aug 2005	Bill & Venita Cunningham
Pleasanton, CA	Sep 2005	Jerry & Kathy Lester
Ligonier, PA	Sept 2005	Carole Bishop
Columbus, IN	Sept 2005	Robert & Chris Cunningham
Charleston, SC	Sept 2005	Stocks & Cheathams
New Hampshire	Sept 2005	Steve Cunningham
Clanjamfry (Memphis)	Sept 2005	Jackie & Lou Garner
Bethlehem, PA	Sept 2005	Carole Bishop
Murphreesboro, TN	Oct 2005	David Pickens, Jackie & Lou Garner
Scotland, CT	Oct 2005	Steve Cunningham
Stone Mountain, GA	Oct 2005	David Pickens, Carole Bishop, etc.
Hendersonville, NC	Nov 2005	Bruce Hatfield
Salado, TX	Nov 2005	Jon & Ruth Czarowitz
Queen Mary	Feb 2006	Bartley Payne
Long Beach CA		
Calaveras Celtic Faire	Mar 2006	Bartley Payne
near Stockton, CA		
Las Vegas	Apr 2006	Jerry Lester
Loch Norman, NC	Apr 2006	Pickens, Luekes, Cheathams
Sacramento Valley	Apr 2006	Bartley Payne
Columbia County	May 2006	Bonnie & Steve Cunningham
Fairground, Chatham, NY		