



**Special Bulletin– Summer 2019
CGSNA - Eastern Canada Branch**

**50th
Anniversary
1969 – 2019**

Greetings All,

In our June newsletter, we neglected to mention that 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Clan Gunn Society of North America (CGSNA) that was founded in 1969 by the late Donald Williamson in North Carolina. This anniversary will be celebrated in conjunction with the AGM on Labor Day weekend at the Scottish Highland Gathering and Games in Pleasanton CA where Gunn will be the Honored Clan. To mark this occasion, our Chief Iain A. Gunn of Gunn, his wife Aline (Bunty) as well as their son John Wm. Gunn Younger of Gunn and his wife Sarah will be present.

Here in Canada, the Eastern Canada Branch of CGSNA is planning a couple of celebrations at upcoming festivals. In Maxville ON at the Glengarry Highland Games on August 2nd & 3rd we will recognize the anniversary at our booth by having a small poster on the table along with a container of candies as treats for visitors.

At the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games there will be a more elaborate celebration. This year, the Festival Chieftain will be the Rev Cannon Dr. Joseph John Morrow, the Right Honorable Lord Lyon, King of Arms from Edinburgh, Scotland. Lyon Morrow has accepted an invitation from our Deputy Commissioner, the Rev. Colin Swan, that he and the other platform guests will be piped from the main field to the Clan Gunn tent immediately following the Opening Ceremonies at midday on Saturday. Upon their arrival at the tent, Lyon Morrow will be invited to cut the celebration cake and join in a toast in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the CGSNA.

Clan Gunn needs your help and participation:

March with us in the “**Pipes, Plaid & Pageantry Parade**” through downtown Fergus on **Thursday** night August 8th at **7:30 PM**. Look for the Gunn banner and join with us at the Fergus baseball diamonds at the corner of Albert Street and St David Street.

Be part of Clan Gunn on the Main Field for the Opening Ceremonies of the Games on **Saturday**, August 10th at **12 noon**. Look for the Gunn banner and join with us at the entrance to the Main Field prior to the clans being piped onto the field.

Be at the Clan Gunn tent on **Saturday** at **1:00 PM** to welcome the **Lord Lyon** as an honoured guest as we cut the celebration cake and have a wee dram to toast 50 years of Clan Gunn Society of North America.

For more information contact Rev. Colin Swan at rev.c.swan@sympatico.ca

Another 50th Anniversary - We (Louise & Ted) had a wee celebration of our own on July 5th 2019 since it marked our 50th Wedding Anniversary. For the occasion, we took a 3-day break from our slow routines and drove down the mountainous highway of Charlevoix on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River to Saint-Joseph-de-la-Rive and took the regular Ferry service that crosses the shipping channel to Isle-aux-Coudres. We stayed two nights at Hotel Cap-aux-Pierres on the south side of the island and had our celebration there. The atmosphere and the meals were pleasant and we found it relaxing to look out over the river.

Jacques Cartier discovered IAC in 1535 and so named the island due to the quality and abundance of the fruit of “coudriers”, a small hazelnut tree. Although we had often considered going there, this was our first trip to the island that has a special meaning for Louise; the first settler was one Joseph Simon Savard and Louise descends directly from him through her mother, Marthe Savard. For both of our channel crossings, we were on the Ferry **MV Joseph-Savard** named in his honour - that was interesting.

Back on the mainland, we made the short drive back up the coast to the bustling town of Baie-Saint-Paul and checked into Auberge La Muse our accommodation for the Saturday night. Before leaving for the two hour drive back home on Sunday, we did a little shopping at the Cidrerie Pedneault (Pedneault Cider) across the street from the Auberge and realized that the products in the store come from Pedneault Orchards on IAC.

This was a special trip for us and it will be remembered for a long time!

Some of you may recall that 2019 also marks another 50th Anniversary since it is 50 years since astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the Moon. So, 1969 seemed to be a good year for at least certain events.

Yours aye,

Louise and Edward (Ted) Gunn

Co-Commissioners,
ECB of CGSNA