



# U.S.C.O. Highland Herald

Motto: Clans of Scotland, United!

January, February, March 2006

## From The CEO:



### Tom Hendricks CEO Welcomes You to United Scottish Clans of Oklahoma

U.S.C.O. has started having monthly gatherings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. They will be casual affairs, with Pot Luck dinners and a Silent Auction to help raise funds. The gatherings will be open to anyone who is interested in Scottish culture and history.

We will also be covering some Irish and general Celtic culture too. U.S.C.O. wants to welcome our Celtic cousins to the meetings. We have too much in common!

Thanks to the Tulsa SCOTS for a wonderful festival in September. Enjoyed the new park and any "kinks" they incurred will be worked out by next year. The entertainment was wonderful and the Pipe Bands were outstanding!

The Woodland Forrest Festival in Shawnee was a great success! Caught up with several old members and had a good, "hot" day! We have heard that the festival will be expanding next year. Looks like this one will be the FALL version of the Norman Medieval Fair in the near future.

The December 30<sup>th</sup> Hogmanay, was wonderful, (I have heard). Dustin Cooper played the Celtic Harp and taught us a few dance steps. Roger Graham played and sang. A great time!

Just a short personal note, my term as CEO is ending in April. I will be moving to the position of consultant (Past-President) for the next year.

In September, I was appointed to the position of Far South Regional Commissioner for the Henderson Clan (Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas.) I will be covering both jobs until then and will be there for U.S.C.O. after April.

I would like to apologize to all the new members who haven't received any information since joining. We have had some problems with the Membership Chair. Laura Thiry, resigned. She has moved to Texas with her job. Carmen Kelley has agreed to take the position until April and until the new elections. You should be contacted soon.

Be sure to check the U.S.C.O. website for additional information on the monthly gatherings. We will post the location and theme for each meeting there. Or if you don't have a computer, call Linda Hendricks, 405-249-9213. She will return your call with the scheduled event.

#### ★ NOTICE!

2006 Membership Dues are now being collected! Memberships run from January 2006 to January 2007.





Hello from the Chief of the Clan Council-  
Linda Hendricks

Remember to keep our older Clan members in your prayers, as several of them are experiencing serious health issues.

The following are the members of the U.S.C.O. Scottish Community of whom I have received reports of illness: Jerrel Murray, Ray Rush, David Swaid, and Michael Shores. If there are others who we need to keep in our prayers, please contact me. Remember to keep in touch, let us know of your joys and concerns.

**We received word that Jim Curtis, U.S.C.O. Board member and Oklahoma Clan Maxwell representative passed away Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Jim was a retired Marine and a great friend. Services were private. Jim will be greatly missed by the Scottish community.**

I would like to welcome our new & long term members! I hope you are enjoying the new Saturday gatherings.

I'm sorry to say that I will be going off the Board and leaving the office of Clan Chief in April. I will be helping my replacement with the office, so if anyone is interesting in taking over as Clan Chief. Let me know!

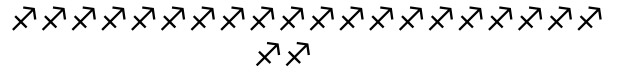
I will most likely be staying on as Program Coordinator. That involves scheduling events and programs.

Attached will be a calendar of events for the next three months. PLEASE keep this calendar and refer to it often. As the price of stamps has increased, we are trying to send a more detailed event calendar once every three months with the newsletter. I hope this works well for you!

### Membership Coordinator

Please send all memberships to our regular mailbox U.S.C.O., P.O. Box 50414, Midwest City OK 73140-5414 or contact Carmen Kelley, 701 Rock Creek Dr., Edmond, OK 73034. Carmen is working as Membership chair until the April elections. She is working on getting membership

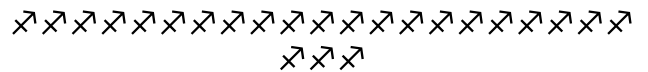
cards ready to mail. Please be patient during this changeover time.



U.S.C.O. Burns Night will be January 28, 6:00 p.m. at the Church of the Savior 5600 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> St., Oklahoma City Oklahoma.

The charge will be \$5 at the door, but we DO need to know if you plan to attend! This is to cover our expenses. The dinner will be Pot-Luck, bring your best Scottish, Irish (or just a favorite dish!). U.S.C.O. will provide the Haggis, Tatties & Neeps, and toasting materials. Although it is "Pay at the Door," we DO need to know if you plan to attend, to be sure we have enough Haggis, etc. and seating! Please call Linda Hendricks at 249-9213 to be placed on the list for attendees. Entertainment will be provided by our members. Dress is Scottish best or if you don't have your Scottish outfit yet, Sunday best.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



U.S.C.O. Board Elections will be at the April 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Anyone interested in serving on the board should contact Tom Hendricks. If there are current Board members not interested in continuing to serve, they should also contact Tom by the end of February or as soon as possible. Please submit all requests in writing to U.S.C.O.



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