

VERITAS - the Clan Thompson Society Newsletter, Spring 2009

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Coming SOON! Pack up the kids and head to Glasgow, KY for a great weekend of FUN and FROLIC culminating (we might add) with the Clan Thom(p)son Society Annual General Meeting on May 30th!

Mid-Florida Games

Dear Kinsmen,

I think the Mid-Florida Games were a huge success. The tent was in an area that everyone could see with no problem (at least they didn't stick us out of the way, like a stepchild!!!)

Nearly everyone was shocked to see a Thompson tent and most (about 75%) wanted to sign our guest list and/or take a membership form - Duke has a precise number. We were very busy answering questions all weekend. We didn't have much time to do anything else.

John and Mary Hollingsworth and Ed Dietz came on Saturday. They were grateful to see a Thompson tent at this event and it is always a honor to met good people and kinsmen!

John and Sara Thomson came on Sunday. Sara said John was not feeling well, but he toughed it out and was a big help. Everyone loved his Scottish accent and it gave are tent more of a genuine feel. I thank him for coming and hope to see them both at future games.

John and Walter MacFarlane are both Thompson's on their mother's side and are looking forward to joining. Barbara and I met the MacFarlane's last year and we can say that we are glad we could finally give them what they wanted, a home named Clan Thompson Society that asked nothing more than to welcome them with open arms!

We thank Duke Thompson and his son, Taylor, for hosting the tent and we look forward to seeing them both again next year.

You may not have been there, but were in our thoughts and hearts,

In Kinship,

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John's Retirement... Free as....

The big day had finally arrived! March 26, 2009, John's retirement. His boss, although a great boss, was not the kind of guy that would recognize 22 years of faithful service. But, I was not going to let this big step in John's life go unnoticed. I ordered a large cake from the bakery (his favorite, chocolate with chocolate icing), plus yellow roses and "Happy Retirement Day John" written on it, then called the office manager and told her I was bringing a cake to the Dealership and we were going to have a retirement party for John around 3:00 PM on that Thursday. She must have talked to the boss because she called me back and said the boss would pay for it and ice cream to boot! She would pick it up, all I had to do was show up. Alright!

I was on my way to town when I received a call from John with a big surprise (for him but not to me). He said "you'll never guess who just pulled into the Dealership....Harold and Patsy Bennett!" Then I showed up and both daughters, and a son-in-law. John couldn't figure out what was going on with all of us showing up at one time. Then the office manager brought out the cake and ice cream, the florist showed up with a hand full of balloons and John was totally flabbergasted! All the guys from the service department started coming in. John was so surprised, because he hadn't expected anything like that for his retirement! I think I saw tears glistening once - it was very emotional for him. A man who had been as loyal an employee as he for 22 years deserved at least a retirement party!

The best thing for John was that our good friends and Clan members, Harold and Patsy, drove all the way down from Kentucky for his party. They took us out to dinner to celebrate too. Harold, we owe you one! We had a great time with them as we always do. A couple of other good friends (and Clan members) had planned to attend but had a medical emergency and couldn't make. But they were there in spirit.

We haven't slowed down yet. We've been to West Virginia in our motor home, to Land Between the Lakes camping and fishing, planting our vegetable garden and just trying to keep up with the grass between our camping trips. Hope to make a few more trips before we get too old to go and hope the price of gas stays reasonable. Retirement is a "good thing."

Barbara and John Moore

From the President....

Welcome to our second Annual General membership meeting. Because the economic chaos has prevented many of you from attending the Glasgow, KY games in person, the following procedures are adopted to afford all members an equal voice in society affairs: Mailed/mailed ballots will be counted at the AGM.

I am both heartened and amazed at the progress we have made in the past year. It was September of 2007 that I purchased the domain names of clanthomson.org and clanthompson.org. I didn't know which name our fledgling group would adopt - and, really, it's both! The steering committee drafted our by-laws, presented a slate of Directors and Officers and scheduled our first AGM here in Glasgow. You approved our by-laws, elected new directors/Officers and from then on it was "Katie bar the door!"

Mary created our web page and set up the forum, and for that we owe her a gigantic debt of gratitude. Do you realize that, as of last week, we had recorded over 6,000 visitors to our web page? We have been contacted by Thom(p)son surname variations from Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Holland, Scotland and South Africa. Unfortunately, not all of them have joined the society, but there is still time :) We have sponsored Scottish heritage events at games and one of our own, Lowell Thompson, took first place at Phoenix in the heavy athletic division.

We have been in contact with Lord Lyon, King of Arms, and have accepted his guidance We will formally petition the Scottish court for corporate society arms as representative of all "Thom" surnamed members worldwide. Unfortunately, we won't meet the incorporation duration requirement for another couple of years, so for now we need to continue to research, compile DNA info from members, and build our foundations and membership to be able to prove that we are viable and are acting as a representative for "Thoms" everywhere.

We have added the following new State Commissioners:

Daniel Thompson	CO
James 'Duke' Thompson	FL
Stirling 'Stu' Thompson	MA
Edward Dietz	OH
Jim Reed	PA

We thank them all for taking on the responsibilities of learning their history and sharing it with others. Only in this manner can we build our clan and achieve our goals.

I have appointed Donna Lingren as Assistant Membership Secretary. She will act as our 'cheer leader', sending birthday greetings and notices. Paula Womack continues as Membership Secretary, so if you haven't paid your dues, they still go to her! (See bottom, page 2 for her address and Paypal info)

We have accomplished all this and more in our first year and I look forward to even more in our second.

Clan Thom(p)son Society AGM

Agenda:

- Acceptance of agenda
- President's remarks
- Minutes of last AGM - previously provided to members
- Treasurer's Report
- Membership secretary's Report
 1. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
 2. Acceptance of Membership Secretary's Report
 3. Election of Directors/Officers
- Chair passes to newly elected President
 4. Votes counted on Ballot motion
 5. Suggestions for locations and date for next AGM
- Discussions and motions from the floor
- Adjournment of AGM - minutes to be mailed to all members
- Confirming of next "Grand Poo Bah"
- Kilt christening for first-time wearers (if appropriate)

**REMAINDER OF NEWSLETTER (deleted)
is comprised of ballots for our upcoming AGM and
information relative to paid membership only**



*Sorry this one is so short, but with putting the AGM together
.....we'll do better next one with information from the AGM and
games!*