



President's Column, Winter 2021

Season's Greetings! from Austin

I hope this newsletter finds our members and their families well and safe from the virus.

Much will be said about this past year. Unfortunately, I have to use a word that I hoped to never use to describe our Clan activities—inactive!



The year started out normal. As you saw in the last newsletter, the Austin group celebrated Hogmanay and had a Burn's Supper in January. Several members attended the North Texas Irish Festival. But then all games and festivals came to a screeching halt due to the various lockdowns and restrictions imposed by local governments.

There was not much we could do in the way of activities. Your Officers and Board of Directors met in May, so that the business side of the Society could continue as close to normal as possible. Also many of you attended the Annual General Meeting in November over Zoom. But that was the extent of our activities.

The same has been true of the International Society in Scotland. They have hired a new secretary and have set the 2021 AGM and Chief's dinner for 20 August 2021. Maybe by then, most of us who want it will have been administered a vaccine and we will have achieved some sort of worldwide immunity. Of course, that is yet to be determined.

Please notice in the list of Board Members that we do have a vacancy. If you are interested in helping with the business side of the Society, please let me know. We have need for someone to take the reins in

welcoming new members. This can be done by email or USPS; we usually send several lists and other documents to new members. This task is easy and takes a very small time commitment.

This newsletter also contains a Board Member Spotlight on a long-time contributor to the Society, Frank Woodall. On the last page is your 2021 CDSTI membership renewal form instead of in a separate mailing. You can renew your membership by mailing the fee to Janis Roberson or on our website: www.cdsti.org

A sad note: Frank Leslie, husband of Lynn, one of our fairly active members, passed away in 2020. I will be sure to include his name in my year-end report to Scotland under the Flowers of the Forest category.

My hope for all of us is to remain healthy and return to some degree of normalcy in 2021.

Dave Robertson, CDSTI President

CDSTI 2021 Board of Directors

The Annual General Meeting of the Clan Donnachaidh Society of Texas was held virtually on November 13, 2020 over Zoom. The following slate of officers and directors was voted in to serve the Society for 2021.

<i>Officers</i>	<i>Directors</i>	
Dave Robertson, <i>President</i>	James Jones, <i>Membership</i>	Open
Jack Robertson, <i>Vice President</i>	Richard Roberson, <i>Genealogy</i>	Bill Jones
Valerie Wymore, <i>Secretary</i>	Paula Robertson, <i>Newsletter</i>	Micah Robertson
Janis Roberson, <i>Treasurer</i>	Kathleen Duncan Johnson	Frank Woodall

CDSTI Board Member Spotlight J. Frank Woodall

Frank Woodall is a third-generation Texan. His family moved to Texas from Alabama in the early 1900s. Frank graduated from Tarleton State University in 1970 with a Bachelor's Degree in Education.

Growing up, Frank became aware of his Scottish ancestry as his grandmother and great uncles talked about the Robertsons and Robertson Colony in Salado. Frank's ties to Clan Donnachaidh are through his maternal side of the family, his great-grandfather being Marcus Lafayette Robertson. Recent DNA assessment shows Reid and Duncan ties to Clan Donnachaidh.

During the last 15+ years, Frank has served Clan Donnachaidh as a member, director, and president. Frank believes in the importance of knowing where we came from and who we are. He has currently traced his family back to nine generations to Scotland, Ireland, and England and continues his family research. He has given copies of the family genealogical charts to all his children and grandchildren.

Frank and his oldest son, Colin, traveled to Scotland in 2008 touring the Clan Donnachaidh areas of Pitlochry and Blair Atholl. They attended the Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle and sampled products from several of Scotland's distilleries. One of his souvenirs is a bottle of Cask Strength Glenfiddich Single Malt Scotch, which he bottled, labeled, sealed, and entered into the tax rolls. They also visited the Clan Museum in Bruar and the Struan Kirk, final resting place for many generations of Clan Donnachaidh Chiefs.

In 2012, Frank and his wife Raylene spent 10 days touring Scotland visiting Stirling Castle, Pitlochry, Blair Atholl, Inverness, Loch Ness, Glasgow, and Edinburgh. They had planned to spend their 50th wedding anniversary in Scotland in 2021, but...



Frank and Grandsons Sean (left) and Liam at Salado, 2019

Frank served 39 years with the Texas Department of Public Safety in duty stations across Texas. Frank served as a trooper in Fort Worth, Denton, and Pecos. In 1981, he promoted to Sergeant and was assigned to San Antonio and then Big Spring. Upon promotion to Lieutenant in 1993, he was assigned to El Paso. In 2000, Frank promoted to Captain and was assigned to Austin. Frank served as a Captain in the training division, Commander of the Training Division, Chief of Training, and Assistant Director of DPS overseeing the Education Training and Research Division. Frank served six years as Director of Education and Training for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. He retired from the Texas DPS in 2017.

Frank is a graduate of the 151st session of the FBI National Academy and the United States Customs Canine Administrator's course. He is a

John Maxwell certified instructor for Developing the Leader Within You, 360 Leader, and The Five Levels of Leadership. In February of 2020, he was certified as a facilitator for the Arbinger Institute's Outward Mindset program. Frank has taught Leadership, Professionalism, Ethics, Communication, Credibility, Diversity, Business, and law enforcement-related topics for over 38 years. He developed and marketed a course, *What Makes Us Professionals*, which has been taught to public and private organizations.

Frank is currently the Chief Operating Officer of ZOOM Contracting and Consulting, LLC, a professional leadership training organization. He also serves as a contract instructor and Peace Officer Standards and Training manager for the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, teaching executive and command leadership courses across the United States.

Frank is an active-duty Colonel (O6) with the Texas State Guard and serves on the staff of Commanding General, Texas Military Department, Texas State Guard, Camp Mabry, Austin. He is the Primary Instructor and administrator for the Officer Advanced Course and the Senior Leaders Command Course. His military assignments have included Deputy Provost Marshal, Provost Marshal, J2 Intelligence and Security, Regimental Commander 2nd Civil Affairs Regiment, J7 Chief of Training, and Commanding General's Staff.

In 1990 Frank was recognized in Who's Who in Law Enforcement and Who's Who in Business and Management in 2000. Frank was honored by the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association in 2012 as the recipient of the Tom Stone Award of Excellence in Leadership.

Frank has worked with Boy Scouting since 1981 and was awarded the Order of the Arrow, Vigil Honor (1990), Order of the Arrow Founder's Award (1991), and the Silver Beaver (1994).

Frank and his wife Raylene live in Pflugerville but spend a great deal of time at their ranch in Stephens County, East of Breckenridge, Texas. Their youngest grandsons Sean and Liam are often seen at the Midland Scottish Irish Faire and Salado Highland Games.

—J. Frank Woodall, Director

Clan Donnachaidh Society of Texas, Inc.

2020 Treasury Report


Submitted 11-9-20 by Janis Roberson, Treasurer

	Revenue	Expenses	
October 31, 2019 Balance			\$ 3,213.82
Memberships	\$ 2,239.95		
Donations	\$ 482.00		
Struan Kirk Donations	\$ -		
Total Revenue	\$ 2,721.95		\$ 2,721.95
Total			<u>\$ 5,935.77</u>
Refund for double payment		\$ 54.00	
Postage, Supplies, Copies (shipping items, stamps)		\$ 72.52	
Memberships to Scotland		\$ 1,390.01	
Registration for Games		\$ 100.00	
Merchandise		\$ -	
Ad in Clan Annual		\$ -	
Struan Kirk Donations		\$ 500.00	
Donation to Museum in Scotland		\$ -	
Website and Hosting		\$ 33.50	
Donation to Central Texas Area Museum		\$ 300.00	
Total Expenses		\$ 2,450.03	\$ 2,450.03
October 31, 2020 Balance			<u>\$ 3,485.74</u>

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We understand what a difficult year this has been, but we hope the membership will continue to support the Texas clan as well as the Scotland Society until we can meet again.

Clan Donnachaidh Society of Texas 2021 Membership Renewal

To renew by mail, complete this form and send with check made out to CDSTI to:

CDSTI Treasurer
Janis Roberson
330 Springbrook Ct.
Grapevine, TX 76051

To renew online, go to: www.cdsti.org

Name _____

Spouse Name _____

Children's Names _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Select Membership Option

	By Mail ¹	Website ²
Family, Scotland and Texas*	\$53.00 _____	\$55.00 _____
Individual, Scotland; Family, Texas*	\$43.00 _____	\$45.00 _____
Individual, Scotland and Texas*	\$38.00 _____	\$40.00 _____
Family, Texas only	\$18.00 _____	\$19.00 _____
Individual, Texas only	\$13.00 _____	\$14.00 _____
Five-year membership, Scotland*	\$100.00 _____	
Lifetime membership, Scotland*	\$750.00 _____	

*Includes Clan Annual from Scotland

¹ Send a check with this form to CDSTI Treasurer

² Submit payment online at: www.cdsti.org

Would you like to volunteer with the Clan Society? _____ We would be happy to discuss how you can take a more active part and join in the fun!