

## **Micum McIntire Clan Association - May 2020 Newsletter**

We hope that all are safe and healthy in these challenging times. This is the first time we have posted the Clan Association newsletter on Facebook, so please do not be confused by references to previous newsletters that did not appear here.

### **100th Anniversary Reunion Celebration Postponed to 2021**

It was with regret and hope that the MMCA Council voted unanimously at its meeting on May 11 to postpone the 100th Anniversary Reunion of the Micum McIntire Clan Association to 2021. The uncertainty of scheduling, questions of affordability, and the risks to members' health were simply too great given the current pandemic, and we were informed by dozens of other similar summer and fall events that have been cancelled or postponed. This postponement will give the Council an opportunity to fine-tune the program of the Reunion to better meet the needs of all members in these unique circumstances. We received some very useful feedback following our request for input in the last newsletter, and will be putting it to good use for planning next year's event.

### **Annual Meeting to be Online**

We are hoping to organize a Zoom annual meeting for the Clan Association over the summer, to get some basic Clan Association business done—principally the election of officers. We are well aware that some of our members are not computer-savvy, but we encourage you to talk to your friends and family members for help. We hope that each of you can participate. The visual connection that Zoom offers is so much better than not having any contact till next summer. As this pandemic has proceeded, online meetings have increasingly become a standard way for people to gather and to conduct business. We encourage you to investigate it. Further information on the date of the Zoom annual meeting and how to participate will be forthcoming in future newsletters, posted at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

## **April Newsletter Survey Summary**

In the April newsletter we sent out a short membership survey via snailmail letters and emails. Twenty-three people (about 17%) responded. Of those, 8 wanted to postpone the 100th anniversary celebration but keep the business meeting this year. Fourteen (14) members preferred to cancel both the business meeting and the anniversary for 2020. Two members wrote letters raising questions regarding membership eligibility, the work of the clan, wanting to do something different besides the traditional noon bring-your-own lunch and dessert swap, and challenges, especially for elders, in attending an evening ceilidh. The Council is working to address these issues, with guidance from our Bylaws.

## **Micum McIntire Clan Association Website Under Construction!!**

We are excited to announce the development of a new CLan Association website—all thanks to web wizard David McIntire of Muskegon, Michigan! David gifted us the first 2 years of our website and its maintenance, and he's hard at work creating pages for information about the clan, its purposes, meetings, history, photos, documents, genealogy records, sales (our own giftshop!). Those who wish will even be able to pay their annual dues online! We'll be sending out the web address and password soon, so you can explore all the cool new pages. Dave will provide a tour of the website at our 2020 Zoom meeting, and welcomes receipt of old McIntire family photos and historical documents for safe-keeping in this remarkable online repository. Huge thanks to David!

## **MMCA Facebook Page**

We encourage Clan Association members to join the Micum McIntire Clan Association's page on Facebook, where you will find more than 25 historical articles on Micum's life and times, articles on genealogy, opportunities to obtain help with family history, and more.

## **Annual Dues**

It's that time again. Please snailmail your membership dues using the form you can obtain by emailing the Clan Secretary at [mcintireclan@comcast.net](mailto:mcintireclan@comcast.net). Membership is \$15 for existing or returning members, \$20 for new members.