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The MacAskill Sept Society

Fall 2017  
Quarterly Newsletter

2017 Annual Gathering

The 2017 Annual MacAskill Sept Society Gathering was held in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina.

Another Gathering has come and gone. Murrell's Inlet, just south of Myrtle Beach was our destination this year. We "gathered" at the Hampton Inn on Friday afternoon and got reacquainted with those who attended, some regulars and some new attendees. At six, a wonderful spread of heavy hors d'oeuvres was placed before us, cheese and fruit plates, shrimp & grits, ham & cheese biscuits with pepper jelly, low country egg rolls with BBQ pork and collards were rolled in a won ton wrap. Everyone was pleased with the meal.

At Saturday's business meeting, Lloyd called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock. The minutes from the 2016 meeting were approved, then reports from the officers were given. Vice president Dan McCaskill presented a check for \$1000 to the Sept Society in remembrance of his father, Gerald who passed away in March. Gerald was an avid advocate of the Society. Don MacAskill gave the Treasury reports of the fiscal year 2106-17, the 2016 Gathering expenses, and notes concerning the Sept Society. Mentioned were the passing of Jack Miles in February, Gerald in March, Emiline MacAskill Campbell in March, and David Grinwis in July. Also mentioned was the addition of two new members: Ron Atwood of Orlando, FL and Miles Scott of Sumter, SC. Miles was also elected to be our Communications Officer. We have appointed a Gathering committee for the up-coming Gatherings. Dan, Don, and Miles will work on future sights. Proposed places are: 2018- Baltimore, MD area; 2019- Nova Scotia; 2020- Texas/Carolinas. Any assistance or suggestions would be welcomed for any of the places mentioned or others not mentioned. It was also mentioned that we could have a gathering at a time when more families could attend.

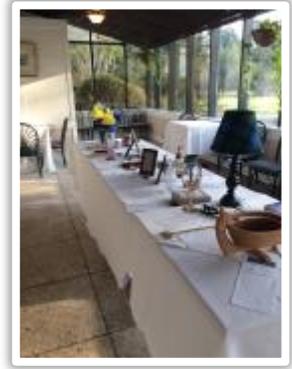


*Members (Dianne and Lloyd MacAskill, Barbra, Don MacAskill, Betty Joe McCaskill, Harriet McCaskill) enjoy registration and the opening reception on Friday night at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Murrells Inlet, SC.*

Purchase of Tartan was discussed, purchase price and amount sold as of 9/23/2017. Lloyd had 3 bolts shipped to his residence and one on consignment to the Gaelic College in St Ann's in Cape Breton, NS. Twenty-eight yards were purchased by members this weekend. You may need a kilt, a scarf, skirt, etc, soon. You can purchase it for \$40 per yard, which includes shipping. It is 60" wide and is 12 ounces in weight. Great start, and remember, contact Lloyd for your tartan. Dixie McCaskill's book was printed and available at the Gathering; we still have a few left. Contact Rachel for your copy. All officers were reelected along with Miles. Lloyd closed the meeting around 11:30 and we all departed with the feeling of a very productive time. We then scattered for lunch at various places in the area. Murrell's Inlet has many fine seafood restaurants.

## **Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday**

Dinner on Saturday evening was at the Litchfield Country Club in Murrell's Inlet. Our silent Auction was displayed for everyone to look over and decide what to bid on. A fine meal was enjoyed by attending members and guests. We closed the bidding for the auction. We made a fine return of \$310.00. Everyone was very generous.



*Sights from the Saturday night silent auction, open bar and annual dinner at Litchfield Country Club.*

## **KIRKIN' of the TARTAN on Sunday**

At Murrell's Inlet Presbyterian Church, we participated in the Kirkin' of the Tartan. Thanks to our Pipers, Mark & Peggy Gaudreau for their services. Everyone was pleased with the service. A donation will be sent to the church for allowing us to have our Kirkin' there.

Another year has come and gone, so we all hope to see you at the 2018 Gathering.



*A lovely couple, Mark and Peggy Gaudreau, continues to play the bagpipes after the Kirkin' o' the Tartan at Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church.*

**Summary of the 2017 Gathering was provided by Don MacAskill.**

## In Memory of Gerald McCaskill



Gerald McCaskill passed away peacefully on March 18, 2017 in College Station, Texas. He was known for his devotion to his family, friends and his service to the United States and the communities where he lived.

Gerald was born November 4, 1925 to

Dan McCaskill and Sallie Tilley McCaskill in Nineveh, TX where he was the youngest of five children.

In 1944, Gerald volunteered for the U.S. Navy. He was assigned to the U.S.S. Tennessee, a battleship that saw action in many major World War II battles. Gerald was on board the U.S.S. Tennessee when it took part in the Battle of Iwo Jima, Okinawa and Surigao Strait. At the end of his military commitment, Gerald returned to Texas. He enrolled at Texas A&M University where he studied agronomy. After his junior year, Gerald traveled to Honduras for an internship at United Fruit Company. While there, he met Shirley Cappel, who quickly became the love of his life.

Gerald graduated from Texas A&M in 1950 and married Shirley later that same year. The couple moved to Hereford, TX where he worked for the SCS and Hereford State Bank.

In 1962, Gerald had the opportunity to join Commercial State Bank in Andrews, TX. He eventually became the banks president. While in Andrews, Gerald was actively involved with the Rotary Club, the Andrews Chamber of Commerce

and many other local community organizations. He also served on the Texas Bankers Board of and many other local community organizations.

Gerald retired from banking in 1985. He and Shirley moved to College Station, TX in 1990 and Gerald became a member of the Bryan Rotary Club and attended A&M Methodist Church.

Throughout their lives, Gerald and Shirley were avid travelers. Gerald and Shirley travelled across the United States and internationally. They especially enjoyed several trips to Scotland, where they explored the McCaskill heritage and met several Scottish relatives.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, siblings and Shirley. He is survived by: his children, Kathleen Schwinkendorf (Jerry), Dan McCaskill (Ann) and David McCaskill (Melissa); 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**The MacAskill Sept Society would like to thank Dan McCaskill, Vice President-USA, and his family for their generous contribution to our society in memory of Gerald MacAskill.**

## Blast from The Past

We will revive articles from previous newsletters in this section.

### “About Tartan” from the Winter 2006 Newsletter

by Olive Bell McCaskill

All tartans are plaid, but not all plaids are tartan. Tartan is woven with the same thread-count in both directions -i.e. the order of colors in the warp and in the weft are identical. The pattern is called the thread-count, or sett.

And the word "plaid" can be pronounced in two different ways, with different meanings. When we say "plaid" with a short a, as usually pronounced, we mean any cross-barred pattern, printed or woven.

When we pronounce it "play-ed" we mean a large square, or rectangle of tartan fabric,



which men wear with the kilt in various ways; as part of a band or regimental uniform it is folded under the right

arm and brought up to the left shoulder, panned and allowed to fly free in back.

For civilian dress-up wear, it is fringed, and one corner is pinned to the left shoulder with a showy broach. This one of course is smaller than the piper's. For casual wear with the kilt, it should be folded several times lengthwise and laid on the left shoulder.

\*Please contact Lloyd MacCaskill @ [lloydmaca@aol.com](mailto:lloydmaca@aol.com) if you would like to purchase some MacAskill Tartan.

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<http://www.macaskillseptociety.org>



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