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Welcome

By Sherida Dougherty

Welcome to the premiere edition of the O'Dochartaigh Clann's Ár Scéala! (In Irish, ár (AAH-r) means 'our', and scéala, (SHKAY-la) 'communication.')

Ár Scéala is written by our members for our members.

As you read, "A Message from Cameron," the purpose of utilizing this format will become clearer. However, there are three important items to bring to your attention.

First, the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association will never sell, rent or otherwise abuse your email address. It will be used solely for the purpose of sending you the electronic documents, email announcements and opportunities related to the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association. Should you wish to unsubscribe at any time, instructions are included with each email for immediate removal from the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association subscriber file.

Second, the newsletter, Ár nDúthcas, will remain available to both members and non-members on the Clann's website (www.odochartaigh.org). Ár Scéala is written for and will be sent to members only via email to those with computer access or regular mail to those who do not have internet connection.

Third, we have a second website! This newsletter will be sent to you via our new website, "O'Dochartaigh Clann Association's Internet Community - Our Vision is the Past, Present, and Future", at www.odochartaighclann.org. Be sure to visit at your earliest opportunity.

So, without further ado, please take a moment to read and enjoy our first issue of the O'Dochartaigh Clann's Ár Scéala!

A MESSAGE FROM CAMERON

There's a distinctive look to 'teamwork' and 'organization,' isn't there? It's a beautiful thing to see, too, when you spot it. It's as though you were watching a performance that was well planned, often practiced and painstakingly perfected; much like the performance of an orchestra. In an orchestra, every musical instrument has its own wonderful sounds that are tools for the composer to convey his musical message. Every good performance is a performance, not only of the musical talents of the composer, the conductor and the musicians, but also, of what teamwork and organization can accomplish.

Our Association is now in the process of reorganizing. In a real sense of the word, our Association has many performances that it would like to do. Our goals are getting bigger and bigger. Our plans involve more and more people. New talents are offered to us by participating members. It should be no surprise to anyone that we need a new organizational structure. Every one of you has seen our Association struggle to keep pace with our growth, enthusiastic membership, multi-faceted agenda and the sheer tools and speed that the Internet has to offer us.

Our Association needs to have its members directing its decisions. Our Association needs a way to orient new members. Our Association needs to have a position for everyone who desires to help. Our Association needs participating members to have an enjoyable experience. Our Association needs to have every one of its members know what is happening and what future plans are being made. This will take teamwork and organization.

Getting organized isn't as easy as it sounds, is it? However, we stand committed to our goal of establishing this organization to be run by members who will find a high level of cooperation, enthusiastic participants, clear duties, guiding principals, life-changing accomplishments and one that will attract our children.

The number one problem has been solved by finding a better way to keep in touch with you, which is the reason for this new e-Newsletter. Other e-newsletters will come to you over the next few critical months. It will be our tool to report the work that is being accomplished, the decisions we need from you and it will allow you to provide feedback to us. The next issue of *Ár Scéala* will present a list of teams that will be needed in order to carry out our mission. You will have a chance to let us know where you'd like to get involved. Sherida Dougherty (KY, USA) has offered to take on the job of producing these monthly e-Newsletters and channel the replies to the Executive Committee and the other leaders mentioned here.

Another step has been taken in our reorganization. Under the direction of, and with great participation from, Jim B. Dougherty (CT, USA), the Executive Committee is formulating our Mission Statement and By-laws. Jim reports that the final drafts will be presented in May 2006 for review by the Executive Committee. Then, these will be presented to our membership at-large for discussions and, soon after, for voting. Following that will come the voting of our officers, their oaths, installation and orientation.

I, Cameron (MI, USA), am working up a draft proposal for our 'Rules of Conduct' and 'Standing Rules' to present to our first team of officers when they convene.

Kathi Gannon (VA, USA) is creating our 'Policy & Procedure Manual' and 'Members Handbook.' The 'Policy & Procedure Manual' will be of great value to our officers, committee chairs and all volunteers because it serves as a communications link, timesaving aid and a handy reference guide. The 'Members Handbook' will explain why the organization was formed, what activities are being done and how people can help. It will educate new members about how our association works while encouraging them to join. With both of these manuals, and with our talented officers and members, our association will have what it needs to accomplish all of its tasks.

Tim Daugherty (AZ, USA), with years of experience in marketing, business communications and advertising, has asked to review our past work in those areas and is very interested in helping us. Tim will be able to contribute a tremendous amount of assistance in areas that are so vital to our continued growth and success. Remember how great you felt when you first learned about the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association? Every effort will be taken to reach out to the thousands who have not yet heard about us.

Sherida, Tim, Kathi and Jim will be assisted by many of our very experienced and faithful members who have been performing behind the scenes over the last few years. To mention a few, there are: Eva Gremmert (past Executive Committee Member and current Reunion Chairperson, WA, USA), Marta Stern (longtime member, newsletter editor, CA, USA), Gail Levo (MD, USA), Paul Dougherty (PA, USA), Donna Hart (Kentucky Team, IL, USA), Tony

Johnston (Ireland), Michael 'Doc' Dougherty (webmaster, NH, USA), Paul Dougherty (Internet Researcher, England), Martin Darity (AL, USA), Brian Baker (webmaster, MO, USA), Gillian Hakli (Newsletter, Finland), Denis Matthews (Australia), Michael Doherty (lawyer, MA, USA), Steve Dougherty (lawyer, UT, USA), Charles Daugherty (IL, USA), Brian Dougherty (MI, USA), Cheryl Borgen (newsletter, Kentucky Team, CO, USA), Robert Dougherty (Clann Bookmaster, CA, USA), Lois Downs (Ontario, Canada), Sherry Liberato (CO, USA), Thomas Doherty (Manitoba, Canada), Tim Antosy (PA, USA), William Daughtrey Jr. (Daughtry Family Group, GA, USA) and your Executive Committee Members Steve Daugherty (GA, USA), Dan Doherty (British Columbia, Canada), Michael P. Dougherty (WA, USA) and Cameron Dougherty (MI, USA).

The next time you watch or listen to an orchestra performing, think of our association and ask yourself what role you'd like to play in your family association.

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### **2005 YEAR-END COMMENTS**

Before we look onward to 2006, let us take a moment to reflect on the association's business and progress during 2005. Following are statements regarding the financial reports and membership notes from our fiscal year ending December 31, 2005 as prepared by our Treasurer, Cameron Dougherty as well as a report of the 2005 activities of the clann website written and submitted by Clann Webmaster, Dan Doherty.

#### **2005 Financial Report**

The 2005 Financial Statements have been compiled and are ready for reporting. They will be published in the Ár nDúthcas Newsletter #46 which will be available on the Clann's website ([www.odochartaigh.org](http://www.odochartaigh.org)). If anyone has an urgent need to see the reports prior to their publication, please contact Cameron Dougherty at [odochartaigh@comcast.net](mailto:odochartaigh@comcast.net).

#### **2005 Membership**

During 2005, there was a total of 141 paid memberships, by far the largest number to date! Additionally, we also had the largest number of members become Lifetime Members.

There were 44 family members who become paying members this year for the first time. I was surprised to see that this was more than the 41 new members in 2004, which was our build up to the July 2005 reunion and over 4000 postcards mailed.

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CLANN WEB-TEAM 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

By Webmaster Dan Doherty

The clan website portal provides centralized access to information about the O'Dochartaigh Association, clan member websites, clan and Irish history, Irish travel information and genealogy links. A main feature is the community forum, which is becoming increasingly popular. It has over 900 registered accounts and received almost 400,000 visits since it was launched in 2002.

The web team consists of Brian Baker (MO, USA), Dan Doherty (BC, Canada), Michael 'Doc' Dougherty (NH, USA), and our newest member Charles Daugherty (IL, USA). Michael Noone

(Ireland) worked with Eva Gremmert (WA, USA) and the Irish reunion committees to create a companion reunion site with program info, online registration and a reunion forum.

Kathi Gannon (VA, USA) has been a regular poster and serves as a moderator on the forum. Cameron Dougherty (MI, USA) has also been an active contributor to the website project.

Thomas Daugharty (GA, USA) invested a great deal of time and effort in creating and maintaining the community forum. Thomas resigned from the team in December. Many thanks for his contribution over the last four years.

We are currently upgrading the forum software, purging inactive accounts and archiving messages. We added a store where we will offer clan memorabilia, books and affiliate links to services of interest to our members.

Join the conversation at www.odochartaigh.org. We invite your suggestions and seek members to moderate forum topics.

DNA PROJECT & LEGAL TEAM

By Jim B. Dougherty

DNA Project update: We now have 38 participants in the project with new participants trickling in. Of the 37, 4 have had the 12 marker test done, 3 the 25 marker test and 31 the 37 marker test. We are getting a picture of common "Dougherty" DNA patterns and have some very close matches.

The most exciting news is that Pascual O'Dogherty, brother of our clan chieftain, agreed to participate. His results are in and he clearly fits into the "Dougherty" DNA pattern.

The DNA Team consists of Jim B. Dougherty, Michael Doherty and Kathi Gannon.

MEET KATHI GANNON

This issue's featured member is Kathleen "Kathi" Gannon from Virginia (USA). Kathi has been involved, in a variety of capacities, with the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association for 20 years. Now, in her own words, please meet Kathi Gannon:

My hometown is Wilmington, Delaware where I was born and raised. After graduating from high school, I attended IBM school in Philadelphia to learn this new thing called computers and keypunch/verifying skills. My job as computer tape specialist and keypunch/verifier at the DuPont Company Headquarters was very rewarding and a great learning experience for the years to come. Also, I attended the American Institute of Banking at night. I have a degree in photography. My hobby is genealogy. Although I am amateur, I have learned a lot of information on how to do it.

Upon my marriage to a Pennsylvania Gannon, I moved to Sterling, VA. Bob was a federal government worker in the District of Columbia. I met him in Pennsylvania while visiting my great-aunt Teresa Dougherty. I have worked in various occupations in Virginia--Grumman Aerospace as an engineering assistant, US Customs as an inspector at Dulles International

Airport and finally as an executive intelligence secretary for the federal government. Bob and I have two sons, Robert Joseph Patrick and Kevin Barry. Both boys are married and have two children each--one boy and one girl. Bobby has Jonathan Patrick and Callie Marie. (Callie was named after Cal Ripkin, Jr. of the Baltimore Orioles who wore the number 8 and she was born on November 8th.) Kevin has Caitlin Rachel (whom some of you met in Ireland this past summer) and Kyle Robert. Tell me those names aren't Irish. Bob's family was from County Roscommon and we are very proud of our Irish backgrounds. When Bob retired, I took him as my dependant to Ireland to work at the American Embassy in Dublin. We were there for three wonderful years. Bob passed away from heart problems in 1997 and I retired in 1998.

At this point in time, I am a 63-year-old widow, retired from federal government, and working from home. I have been working on my family history in groups--starting with each of my grandparents---Joseph Kirkpatrick, Georgeanna Gaskill, and Rose Dougherty--Delaware and Henry Dougherty--Pennsylvania. I started doing my family history in 1964 when my granny, Rose Dougherty, passed away. She left an old wicker hamper filled with newspaper clippings, cards and letters from cousins in Ireland, and tons of photographs. My grandfather Henry passed away in 1965. He was a rock contractor and well driller. He was the first driller ever to use diamond bits. He worked all over the world and had army contracts on the TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority), Fort Peck Dam disaster, built the army base in Newfoundland, and worked for the British government in India. My family background of the Doughertys and the Mulherns goes back to 1851 with the DuPont family and the black powder mills along the Brandywine Creek (now called a river). These two deaths started me on a journey that will never end--to find my family history and document it.

My involvement with O'Dochartaigh Clann Association==== I first got involved with the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association in 1986. My father had given me a brochure from the 1985 reunion and said to visit this Pat Dougherty to see if he could help with our family history. My cousin, Mary, was with me on that first visit and Pat told us that just having moved to Ireland, he did not have too much information on the Dohertys in Malin Head area. That was the beginning of my relationship with the O'Dochartaigh Clann. I wanted my Dohertys who married Dohertys documented with the O'Dochartaigh Clann. In the first three generations, I have three Rose Dohertys that married Doherty men. After I learned about our family nickname (or family distinctive name), I started to put the family distinctive name in the names of all the Dohertys/Doughertys. This helps me keep track of who is who.

Over the years of visiting up in Malin Head, I have kept in close contact with Pat Dougherty, giving him information on my Dohertys as I develop it. Our Headquarters in Bunrana has two books that I have done on my "Paddy Mors". This past year 2005, I also gave Pat my book on John Dougherty Ireland to England to Pennsylvania. So most of my research on these two families is done, but I keep looking for more. Also, when researching my families, I have kept track of any Dohertys (all spellings) and given that information to Headquarters.

Since the O'Dochartaigh Clann started our website, www.odochartaigh.org, I have become more active in O'Dochartaigh Clann business. I look at the site every day and help those that I can. I am one of four coordinators for our Y-DNA Doherty Surname Project. Now I am going to be helping on our new e-newsletter with Sherida. If you think that I can help you in anyway, please contact me either on the website through a private message or directly at gannonks@aol.com. I have met many wonderful people since I became involved with the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association and am looking forward to helping us develop into

something more. Our team includes all of our members and I would encourage all to be more active and give us your expertise. We are one big family and everyone needs to work together. Enjoy your O'Dochartaigh Clann and the members of it.

The End...bye for now, Kathi (with an I not a Y)

PARTING WORDS

Thank you for taking time to read our premiere issue!

We hope you found it both informative and enjoyable. We welcome your comments, questions and particularly, your suggestions for items to include in future issues.

Please send your email correspondence about Ár Scéala to Sherida Dougherty at jadoughe@fuse.net or regular mail at: 74 Pleasant Ridge, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017.

"May your troubles be less and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door!"

Slán go fóill!
(SLAHN go FOLL - Goodbye for now!)

Sincerely,

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