

Conveners' Chair Report:

After several years of trying to get accepted to have a clan tent at the New Hampshire Highland Games we have received the invitation and will be hosting a tent there! We have a new convener for NH in Robert Gordon, and Rob and Kathy are very excited. Merle Gordon our convener in Maine, Jim Gordon, one of the administrators for the DNA Project, and Bonnie & Keith Linse (Bonnie as our treasurer and membership secretary will head up the efforts) will all be going to give Rob a hand on his first time out as convener so he will be in good hands! Bonnie will be stopping off in Virginia to pick up our extra tent and some of our display items to supplement his new convener's kit which Lois & I are putting together for him. We are planning on starting off with a big bang in NH to show them all what they have been missing by leaving the Gordons out! With a huge number of Gordons in the area we are anticipating a big turnout and there has been much interest in the event among the Gordons on our Facebook Group who are in the area! As many of you know Alexander Gordon was one of the earliest Gordon immigrants to America and he came to New Hampshire and there is a large group of his descendants among our members. We expect to be meeting many more at this event!

Also, after not hearing from David Gordon in Massachusetts, who was our convener in the New England area, since 2011 we have had some tentative contact with him through Donald Gordon up in Connecticut. We are hopeful that we may be able to bring David back into the House and begin growing the House throughout the New England area. Donald has offered to host a tent in Rhode Island and Connecticut until we can find another convener for those areas, but at 85 he says he does not want to take it on himself, and I cannot blame him for that. I am grateful that he offered to help out and Lois and I will continue to work with him to get the House of Gordon tent items from David or to get David back into House and hosting the tents.

Amy Edwards has agreed to take on the position as convener in Georgia and is moving forward to get the House reorganized down there following our loss of Turpin last year. She hosted the Gordon tent at Stone Mountain last fall and so is already in possession of the House's properties down there and we are looking forward to our Georgia group continuing to be strong and grow.

Tom Gardenhire who had been our convener in North Carolina until his relocation out west has taken on the convenership of Arizona and has also stepped up to take on producing the Southwest Newsletter.

I want to thank Jackie Gordon and Frank and Diane Gordon for hosting the Loch Norman Games in North Carolina. It was a huge help to have them take up the call when Lois & David's truck engine died, and without their help we would not have been at this important event.

Beverly & I, along with David & Heather Gauthier, and Jack and May Joe Gordon McQuestion had the opportunity to go down to Florida to lend a helping hand to Cynthia Patrick at one of the games this winter. I hear she was at first nervous when she first heard that a board member was coming to "inspect her," if you can imagine anyone being afraid of me! We had a great time visiting with her and lending a hand. She and her daughters and even her granddaughter are doing a fantastic job in revitalizing Florida. She is really talented and had several crafts displayed and we are so lucky and grateful to have her as our Florida Convener.

Anyone who is interested in convening in a division or at a game may contact me or Lois.

Geof Baker, Convener Chair