

Convener Coordinator Report 2012

Thanks, Lois Todd, for giving me an opportunity to put my report on the website. It seems the more we try to hold things together with our Conveners, the more they move around. Colorado is a good example. The state festivals were convened for a brief time by Sean Gordon, son of Lynne and Woody Gordon. When Sean had to step down recently, we were fortunate to find two great guys, Fred Anderson and Randy Walker who have agreed to pick up the reins and handle this important state. No, not as “co-conveners” (a title you won’t find me using anywhere that I am charged with) but working on separate duties within the state—Fred as Convener of the all-important Estes Park Festival and Randy convening as many of the other festivals in Colorado as he can. Of course, we will help them all we can.

Then, the abrupt resignation of Lynne and Woody has left the Clan with a number of openings since they had assumed responsibilities in so many areas. For my part, filling the S/W Convener shoes was of prime importance and I asked S/W Commissioner Tom Adams to resume that job he held for many years and Tom graciously accepted the role. Tom will continue his Commissioner duties and assist me in rounding out the necessary Convener chairs throughout his western territory.

Oregon being another important state has been without adequate and qualified Clan representation (which means reps who are paid-up members in good standing). And we have one such volunteer in the person of Mrs. Edith Gordon. A few lively conversations had me convinced that Edith and her husband Charles were the people we were seeking—and Edith is attending to that “good standing” thing as we speak—she now informs me that she will be traveling most of the summer with her Disabled American Veteran (DAV) daughter and my hat is certainly off to this worthy endeavor. So, we still hold great hope there for the future.

Marcia McLaurin, serving as Gulf States Commissioner, has bitten off a huge chunk of real estate to cover and is doing a superb job of representing us in that area. She and her parents even came to GMHG and I hope you got to visit with this rising star in our Clan’s ranks.

Many states have but a single Festival and are being well represented by long term Conveners. We thank them all. There are still a number of areas which need an infusion of talent and I was most gratified to have a good chat with the new East Coast Commissioner, David Todd, who is very intent upon helping to get a handle on Games in his area. David accepted the position upon retirement of Morris Gordon who was Commissioner of Mid-Atlantic for a number of years. Turpin Ballard, our solid Georgia Convener, paid a call at the tent at Grandfather with his significant other and her daughter. He is part of the strong fabric of our Clan Society and the kind of representative we hope to knit into a great Gordon network across this great country.

Much more to come and I hope Lois will have room for further reports upcoming.

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