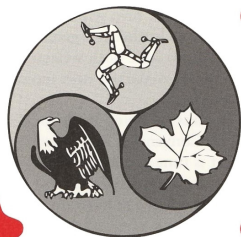


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## CONVENTION ROUND-UP. "PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE"

### MESSAGE FROM KATY PRENDERGAST

On behalf of Chicago Manx Society and the NAMA Board of Directors, I would like to thank everyone who made the trip to Victoria, donated time, or participated by purchasing souvenir-booklet space. While I might be slightly biased as the chairman of the convention, I believe the 2018 NAMA convention was a resounding success! I hope everyone will wear their convention polo shirts, featuring our convention logo, with great pride.



I would like to thank our speakers (*photo*) as they were key to executing my theme of past, present and future. At our welcome reception, Florence Abbinanti (*my grandmother*) via Brad Prendergast (*my uncle*) talked about our Chicago Manx Society history. My *brother* Tim and I posed with photos, including one of Florence as a child attending the very first Homecoming.



Thank you to local artist and Wood Brothers expert Marjorie Cullerne (*photo*), for telling us about Hayden and Harry and their music from the past; and bringing it alive by playing a selection of their tunes.

On Saturday night, during the Banquet, David and Christine Holmes, (*my cousins ~ are you getting the picture here?*) had photos and video bringing alive present life on the island, including clubs, activities, and wine opportunities.

Our keynote speaker, Laurence Skelly, MHK and Minister for Enterprise gave a wonderful presentation on the Isle of Man's economic make up and the future of life on the island as anticipated by the Manx Government.

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His presentation made me believe in government again, and included a video for potential businesses that showed amazing shots of the island as well as the very talented parkour runner, Will Sutton.

### Daytime Activities

Activities during the Convention were focused on the glorious outdoors of Victoria, British Columbia. On Friday, we had the opportunities to go on the water, either in a Zodiac (photo) or on a larger whale watching vessel. Many of us enjoyed the delights of Afternoon Tea at the Fairmont Empress. On Saturday we visited the world famous Butchart Gardens and shared a delightful (and huge) picnic on the Residence Lawn where we also took our group convention photo.



Recent conventions have hosted classes in Manx culture. This year, Bill Cassidy presented a wonderful session designed to let us learn some basic Manx phrases. This will be an ongoing mission of his and the first written class is included in this newsletter. Margie Martinson spoke about Manx fairy tales that meant something to her. The NAMA motto is "*Whatever is left to us of our ancient heritage,*" and it is our ambition to foster more Manx culture, here in the USA through our meetings and publications.

In his talk, David Holmes, the now 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, joked that he didn't think he was qualified as he is not 100% Manx. The irony is that I, your new president, am in fact 100% American. Both sets of my grandparents, my parents, my brother and I were all born in The United States of America. However, as an American, I concede that we all love to claim our desirable heritage, as such I am 25% Manx!

### The Future

During my speech thanking everyone for supporting my NAMA presidency, I addressed what is NAMA's future. I asked more questions than I had answers to, because in the end we need **you**. The first big question was, who do we consider "young people" and how can we be more involved in NAMA and preserving our heritage. I am 35-years old and currently the youngest NAMA president in NAMA history. At present it looks that it will stay that way for the foreseeable future. So when we are talking about getting "young people engaged", we as a group, not just the board, need to seriously consider what we mean for "young people". Do we mean me, or do we want to engage in people straight out of college in their 20s? How can we help the "young" people engage with NAMA, to feel the love of this organization?

### What can YOU do?

The second question is how do we get our current members more involved, assuming you want to be? Each of you who have received this newsletter, what can you do to help preserve our heritage? Can you tell us about a meeting or a story or a group where you have gotten to share something about our lovely country? If you have, we urge you to tell us about it.

We print stories in this bulletin that often don't feature our members, not because we don't love and appreciate each; it's simply because we don't hear of your amazingness. If each of the 400+ members, sent in one story to our bulletin editor over the next two years, think of how much more we will learn about each other and our lives before we meet again 2020!

We love getting emails that your kids or grandkids have made Eagle Scout, or got a scholarship to Harvard or Kenwood Cooking College, finished a carpenter's apprenticeship. We invite you to get involved and share the amazing things in your world.

May I wish each and every one of you a wonderful rest of summer, and again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your love and support of me and the 2018 convention. None of this, and I do mean none of this, is possible without each and every one of you.

*Lhiats,  
Katy Prendergast  
President*

## NAMA WORKSHOPS BRING MANX CULTURE TO THE CONVENTION

*"Moghrey mie! Kys t'ou?"* If you attended the Manx language workshop at the recent NAMA Convention (photo), you'd have a quick answer to that question (which translates as "Good morning! How are you?"). Perhaps *"Feer vie!"* ("very good") or maybe *"goll as gaccan"* (that's "going and grumbling").



Our convention in Victoria, British Columbia, this June was the second at which educational workshops were offered to bring a bit of Manx culture to North America and help us learn more about the heritage we gather every two years to celebrate. This year we focused on Manx folklore and language.

Margie Martinson-Brezina led the folklore workshop with an in-depth discussion of supernatural creatures from Manx folklore and legend, from the Ben Varrey (sea-woman or mermaid) to the Buggane. The Isle of Man shares some of these creatures with other countries, but many are unique to Ellan Vannin.

Bill Cassidy presented a workshop on Gaelg, the Manx language, a Celtic language closely related to Irish and Scottish Gaelic. He led us through a beginner's lesson with simple conversations, and he ended with a list of handy expressions and exclamations — some of which aren't often taught!

"NAMA does a phenomenal job promoting and supporting Manx culture on the Isle of Man, but it's important to ensure that it's relevant to members in North America

as well," said Cassidy, a trustee on NAMA's board. "It was really encouraging to hear from Manx students who benefited from NAMA awards."

Cassidy and others are already planning a series of workshops for the 2020 NAMA Convention in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Also look for *Beggan Gaelg* or "A Little Manx," a new column that will run in this newsletter. If you're interested in particular areas of Manx history and culture, let us know!

## MANXSPCA APPEAL

The ManxSPCA is the Island's only all animal rescue center, helping domestic, wild and feral animals. We require in the region of £860,000 per year to operate, and fundraising is a vital part of this. Our target this year is to raise £150,000 through fundraising and we are fortunate that Canadian businessman Mark Scheinberg, who lives on the Isle of Man, has agreed to match the total amount we raise from fundraising throughout 2018! If we reach our target for this year this will account for over a third of our annual expenditure.



Our fundraising total to the end of June 2018 was £55,000. This money has been raised in a number of different ways throughout the year including 'Dress up as an Animal Day' in the Islands primary schools (photo). Without the generosity of the Manx public and people living further afield we would not be able to survive in the new economic climate where elderly people must pay for care. If you would like to donate to an established Manx charity where the money you give stays on the Isle of Man please visit our website [www.manxspca.com](http://www.manxspca.com).

## IN MEMORIAM

Christian Cannell, 81, a resident of Pownal, VT, died on April 29, 2018 after a long physical battle. He was a member of the North American Manx Association, and the Washington Manx Society and brother to NAMA's late President, Marshall Cannell, and sister of Mary Andrews, a member of the Washington D.C. Society.

## NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION GET ON LINE

[www.namanx.org](http://www.namanx.org)

Our website allows you to remain updated on events of interest to Americans of Manx descent. You can check this website to find links to Manx Societies across America and Canada as well as recipes, Membership details and random Manx facts. Also a great source of information for the next Convention. Guest authors from the Isle of Man make regular additions. You should visit often!



Regional societies take note, you need to keep your content updated, so either learn how to use WordPress and get Log-in credentials from Jim Kneale [jim.kneale@gmail.com](mailto:jim.kneale@gmail.com), or email us your information and we will post it for you. We're also on Facebook. Our pages are called North American Manx Association and NAMA Youth.

### WANT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US?

If you have news you'd like to share with the members of the North American Manx Association, please email [kelly@mustgoto.com](mailto:kelly@mustgoto.com)



Isle of Man Steam Railways, Douglas. Engine No.13 "Kissack"

## MESSAGES FROM IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT JIM KNEALE

Manx note cards were distributed to those who attended the convention in Victoria. These have the IOM flag on the front and interesting facts on the back, with a blank inside. If you are reading this you likely know all this, but there may be others that you know with Manx connections and these are any easy way to share. A link to the note cards is here: <http://bit.ly/2OUaoYY>. The file can be printed on 8 1/2 x 11" card stock, cut in half, folded, and they are ready to go. Email or bring the printed link above to any office supply store with printing services, or print them at home.

I had the pleasure of presenting this toast at the wedding of our daughter Meghan Kneale to Evan Swarth this past April. It is from a book of poetry "Mona's Isle" written by Manx inventor William Kennish.

*If there's a blessing here below  
To smooth man's chequer'd life,  
And make his heart with pleasure glow,  
It is a virtuous wife;*

*Then from my gill my glass I'll fill,  
And give the favourite toast,  
"Come, while we drink, still may we think  
Of those we love the most!"*

### Anyone in Georgia?

I got a phone call from Jack Cashen of Alpharetta GA, expressing an interest in whether there were any Manx living in his region, and offering his event facility for any possible get-togethers. His contact information is:

Jack Cashen  
1005 Little River Way  
Alpharetta GA 30004-2457  
(770) 664-1533

His picture and other info is in the About page of his farm at [chukkarfarmpoloclub.com](http://chukkarfarmpoloclub.com). The call was basically reaching out for Manx contacts, and by no means was it marketing.

# NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION YOUTH AWARDS 2018

Report from Anne Minay in Douglas

## North American Manx Awards 2018

Outstanding contribution to the Manx Community -  
Overcoming a disability  
Tom Nodwell - St Ninians High School

Outstanding achievement in Manx Music  
Jack McLean - Queen Elizabeth II High School

Outstanding achievement in Arts and Crafts  
Finbar Samson - Castle Rushen High School

Manx Language  
Feeagh Joughin - Queen Elizabeth II High School

Outstanding contribution to Manx Culture  
by a student under 18  
Erin Loach - Ballakermeen High School

Outstanding contribution to the Manx Culture by a group  
of young people under the age of 25  
Darawn Primary School

Outstanding Contribution to the Manx community  
Peel & St Johns Youth Club

Most Progress in Manx  
Rachel Sheppard - Queen Elizabeth II High School  
Lily Bridson - Ballakermeen High School

Once again I was very pleased to be asked to be one of the judges of the annual NAMA Youth Awards for 2018. The other judges were Professor Ron Barr, Frances Hampton and Shelley Moffitt of the Department of Education, Sport and Culture, and Aimee Corlett President of the World Manx Association.

I LOVE  
YOUR ROCKY WALLS,  
AND YOUR BARNACLE BLISTERED BEACH.  
WHERE I CAN BUILD TOWERING SANDCASTLES  
THAT LOOK OUT OVER YOUR SEA,  
YOUR CAVE IS GINORMOUS  
WITH PASSAGEWAYS GALORE.  
THE EROSION MADE YOUR CAVE WALLS  
SMOOTH AND CLEAN,  
THERE IS NO POLLUTING PLASTIC EVER TO BE SEEN  
IN YOUR GORGEOUS CAVE,  
YOUR ROCKS ARE AS SHARP AS CHAINSAW BLADES  
AND AMAZING TO CLIMB ON,  
I LOVE YOUR CAVE WALLS  
THEY ARE SO ELEGANTLY TRIMMED.  
I HATE IT WHEN I HAVE TO GO HOME  
BECAUSE I LOVE IT LIKE A DIAMOND.

**BY DAVID**

## Order of Proceedings

Welcome by Hon Graham Cregeen, OBE  
Minister for Education, Sport and Culture

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Introduction of the Awards by Darlene Hendy, OLC

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Presentation of the Medallions by Alex Downie  
Friend of the North American Manx Association

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Presentation of the Most Progress in Manx Award by  
Laurence Skelly, OBE

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Vote of thanks by the Hon Graham Cregeen, OBE  
Minister for Education and Children

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There was a good number of entrants across all the categories and it was a pleasure to listen to the selection of music accompanying some of the nominations and the art portraying aspects of Manx life was very varied.

The judges receive details of each nomination in advance and all the entrants lead very busy lives, combining school work with contributing to charity and promoting the culture and life of the Isle of Man. NAMA should be very proud to be supporting these inspiring young people and encouraging their commitment to the Manx community.

After some considerable debate winners were decided. The awards were presented in the Barrool Suite of the Legislative Buildings on Friday 6th July by long-time supporter and friend of NAMA, Alex Downey, MBE.

The Awards were extensively reported in the local paper, *The Isle of Man Examiner*.

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**NAMA Member Enrollment**

See membership categories below.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/PC \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

**Annual** \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Life**

Under 50 years \$250.00 \_\_\_\_\_

50 to 59 years \$175.00 \_\_\_\_\_

60 years or over \$125.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Member - Age 0-29 years \$2.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

**Annual** \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Life** (2 adults, based on age of youngest)

Under 50 years \$325.00 \_\_\_\_\_

50 to 59 years \$235.00 \_\_\_\_\_

60 years or over \$200.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP** (Not for use by individuals)

**Annual** \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE** \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*The membership certificate design and coloring have special significance relative to the Isle of Man. A letter of explanation is sent with each certificate.*

**MEMBERSHIP PIN** \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*(1" diameter, has NAMA logo featuring 3 legs, eagle and oak leaf in gold, red and white.)*

**CONTRIBUTION** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To further NAMA's goals. (United States tax deductible as allowed by law)  
(If current or any past employer matches contributions, send any required forms to NAMA for completion. Thank you.)

TOTAL REMITTANCE (IN CANADIAN OR U.S. DOLLARS) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to: John Prendergast, NAMA Treasurer, 10251 S. Bell Avenue,  
Chicago, IL 60643-1901

# NORTH AMERICAN MANX AWARDS

## Youngsters' contribution to Manx culture is recognised

by FIAN BHARUAD  
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The North American Manx Association (NAMA) has honoured nine young people for their significant contribution to Manx culture and the community.

The annual awards ceremony which recognises those who have excelled in the fields of Manx music, culture, the arts and crafts, and involvement with the island's community was held on Friday at Legislative Buildings in Douglas.



Marown School year 6 folk group perform 'Arrans y Chasht'. The school won an award for its outstanding contribution to Manx culture by a group of young people aged under 25.

by ensuring that our traditions continue, but that they evolve and embrace developments in art, craft, language, and music.

The nine winners across eight categories are as follows: Outstanding contribution to the Manx community – overcoming disability: Tom Nozwell, aged 16, St Ninian's High School. Tom, who has autism has made tremendous progress in his time at St Ninian's through hard work and determination. He has begun a successful transition to University College Isle of Man where staff are proud of his progress.



Erin Loach receives an award for outstanding contribution to Manx culture from Alex Downie (DK180705-28)

Members of Sing Out!, the Marown School choir, perform the Manx national anthem in English and Manx Gaelic (DK180705-28)

lele group. Outstanding contribution to the Manx community: Pead and St John's youth clubs. Both highly popular clubs often serve young people who tend to be less engaged and come from more difficult backgrounds. Members of the clubs have worked hard on community initiatives such as fundraising for Finlay's Footsteps Fund and delivering Christmas food hampers.

Most progress in Manx: Rachel Sheppard, aged 14, Queen Elizabeth II High School and Lily Bridson, aged 14, Ballakermee High School. Both Rachel and Lily are studying towards a target grade of an A in GCSE in Manx Gaelic, having started to learn the language at primary school. Rachel is described as a gifted student with a keen interest in Manx culture, as well as Lily who has taken part in the Manx Folk Awards, singing her language amongst friends and relatives. The awards were presented by Alex Downie OBE as a friend of NAMA and Laurence Skelly MBE. Order copies of these photos or more taken by our photographers online at [www.photosonline.co.uk](http://www.photosonline.co.uk)

Pead and St John's Youth Club is presented with the award for outstanding contribution to the Manx community (DK180705-40)

Feagh, Jouhain is presented with the Manx Language award (DK180705-40)



Fiarhar Samson, winner of the award for achievement in arts and crafts, pictured with mum Viorrey Samson (DK180705-37)

Lily Bridson receives an award for most progress in Manx from Laurence Skelly (DK180705-33)

## BEGGAN GAELG: GREETINGS

Bannaghtyn as failt erriu dys Beggan Gaelg! That's greetings, literally blessings or "bannaghtyn," and "a welcome on you" to Beggan Gaelg, a little Manx Gaelic. In this column, we'll share simple phrases and expressions in Manx that will help you better appreciate our ancestral tongue, understand it's importance in our heritage, and speak it.

Don't worry about pronunciation — you can hear all these words online at LearnManx.com.

We'll start with some basic greetings. First: **Moghrey mie!** Many of you will know this is the Manx for "good morning" -- though in Manx, the adjective follows the noun, so it's "morning good."

If we're past morning, we could say **Fastyr mie!** Which means "good afternoon." We could also say **Laa mie**, in which laa means day.

So, **moghrey mie, fastyr mie, and laa mie.** All good ways to greet people. But what about "good night?"

We'll that's usually a parting phrase, but let's take a look at it. Night is **oie**. We know that good is **mie**, but the phrase "good night" in Manx is **Oie vie**.

Why is that? It's because nouns in Manx are either masculine or feminine, and a feminine noun lenites or softens the first consonant in the following adjective. Laa or day is masculine, so **Laa mie**. Oie is feminine, so **Oie vie**.

Remember, ours is not to reason why, but to just say "mie" or "vie."

With that, I'll wish you laa mie or oie vie, until the next time.

— Illiam

## LOCAL SOCIETY NEWS

### MINNESOTA MANX SOCIETY

At our last meeting we celebrated Hop tu Naa. We started by filling plates and bowls with all of the fabulous variety of food. We had soup, veggies, fruit, chips, cheese, olives, pickles, taco and cream dips, apple cake, sweet breads, cookies and drinks. Next Heather and Norbert Johnson gave a slide show presentation of their trip to the Isle of Man in 2006. They had some really beautiful pictures from Peel, Douglas, Ramsey and more. We also saw pictures of fuchsia, palm trees, gorse (Heather recommends staying out of the gorse as it has lots of thorns), Manx cats, steam trains, *Camera Obscura*, runic stones, Manx Celtic cross, (Usually a cross in a circle) and green telephone boxes. They talked about the locksmith monument (Milner's Tower in Port Erin), the triskele (it always turns clockwise), the crofter's village at Cregneish (crofters are people who farmed and fished), and noted that the best time to travel there is September to May.

We moved on to the handouts talking about Hop tu Naa and related subjects. We learned about what Hop tu Naa is and where it started, how to carve turnip lanterns, spooky words that can be translated in Manx Gaelic, Manx bats from the Manx Bat Group, spooky and haunted places on IOM from Lovely Greens, IOM Paranormal Database Records, UFOs seen on IOM, and creatures of folklore from IOM. Sally then started the drawing and had our hostess Pat draw the raffle tickets.

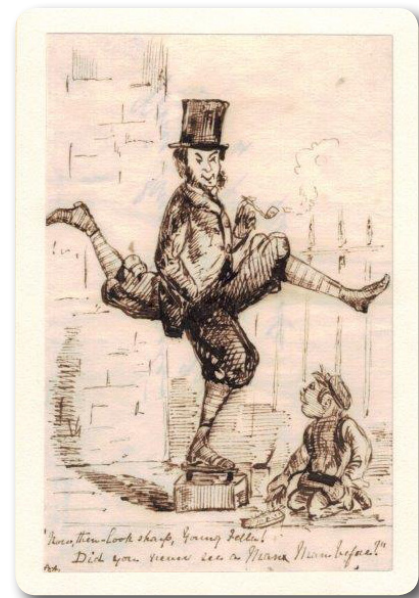
Norbert then let us know that he and Jim Anderson are working finding out about the Manx graveyard. They travelled to the graveyard and saw the stones still there and they spoke with a neighbor on the property next door Richard Lace briefly. They still do not have anything solid yet but are continuing to work and move forward on it. The meeting concluded with Sally Dalquish talking about still working on the Manx tartan and talking the Scottish council, the NAMA meeting next year and the Manx facebook page/website and future updates. A big thank you to Pat Boehne for letting us have this meeting at her gorgeous condo party room and the great Hop tu Naa decorations! And thank you everyone for another great meeting! ~ *Marilyn Anderson*.

### Greater Washington Area Manx Society

We decided to celebrate Tynwald Day at the Queen Vic pub in Washington, D.C. As we didn't have many people in town that week, we combined our jaunt with another heritage group. We joined forces with members of the Daughters of the British Empire, as Kearsley and Kelly are both members, and we thought it would be fun to get us all together in a big group. It turned out to be a fun evening with fish and chips and curry being the star meals of the night! In attendance from GWAMS: Mary and Sarah Andrews, Bill Cassidy, Kearsley Rand Waggoner, Kelly & Bill McCarthy. We forgot to take photos!

## BRAD'S COOL AUCTION FIND

Brad Prendergast found this little piece of history on an online auction. The caption, which is a bit hard to see on the scan says:



*"Now there, look sharp, young feller!  
Did you never see a Manx Man before?"*

The explanation that came with this lot was that Alfred Ashley was an English School caricaturist working in the style of Cruikshank, John Leech and Hablot Knight Browne. He illustrated book and magazines as well as painting landscapes. He exhibited 7 works between 1850 and 1853. This amusing drawing comes from a small folio of his caricatures. Some are initialed "AA". They date from circa 1840-45.



## INTRODUCTION TO DAVID HOLMES NAMA'S NEW THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

Some of you may have noticed a new name appearing on the list of NAMA Officers and for those who were not able to be present at the recent Convention in Victoria, some words of introduction may be of interest. We have been aware of NAMA since 1979 when Florence Abinnati, a first cousin of my mother, arrived in IOM, along with so many others from all over the world, to celebrate the Millennium of Tynwald. This was the beginning of a number of exchange visits between the Isle of Man and the Prendergasts in Chicago. The NAMA link was cemented in 2004 when Brad became President and Christine and I attended the Chicago convention. Thus, the precedent had been set and a trip to Vancouver Island for Katy's inauguration had been in the diary for a long time.

Last year we were honoured to represent NAMA in attending both the Tynwald garden party at Government House and ceremony itself at St Johns – including seats in the chapel and processing to the hill with other “worthies”!!



I guess everyone is aware that the premier singing award at the Music Festival [the “Guild” as everyone on the Island knows it] is the Cleveland Medal presented annually by the Cleveland Manx Society; perhaps less well known are the NAMA Education Awards (*mentioned in the Bulletin*) intended “to ensure that our traditions continue, evolve and embrace developments in art, craft, language, and music”. These are also judged annually, and I was pleased make some of the presentations in 2017.

As 3<sup>rd</sup> VP it will be my responsibility to arrange the 2024 homecoming so put that in your calendar for around July time!! In the meantime, if you or your relatives are visiting IOM and need some local knowledge or introductions to make your trip more memorable, Christine and I have many contacts including a “Blue Badge Guide” and a Member of the Guild of Manx Registered Tour Guides. Perhaps we can gain some new NAMA members by making their trip all the more memorable. I hope to use the time of my “ascending to the Presidency” to get to know the membership and encourage members from different societies to do the same.

## FAMILY HISTORY

It's time to start expanding what you have on your ancestors. You've pulled everything together and organized it. You've checked good sources for your pedigree through your great-grandparents (and maybe farther). It's time to see if others out there are researching your family as well.

Here's an assignment: go to the website [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). Sign up for a free account, go to “Family Tree” and start entering your family. Note that living people will only show up on your own account – no one else will be able to see those names and information. But those farther back or with death dates will be visible to others.

As you go back on your tree, you might just be surprised as you find the names already in the database. You might find ancestors farther back than you already know about. But there is a precaution. Anyone signed into this site can add things or make changes. There have also been some computer errors as things were merged. There are mistakes! But there is a lot of great input as well. So use any new information you find as a clue for further research. It might just be a goldmine, but check it out. There are also helps for research and they have a lot of Manx information.

There are other sites where you can upload your family tree as well (such as Ancestry, etc.). You can do those, too. But family search has a lot of fun things that we will mention in the future and I am sure you will want to be able to do some of those. So, get your tree on there!

*Lucy Peterson*

Our Conventions are held every two years. In the 'off' years a smaller group, based around the current President, travels to the island for what we call a 'Homecoming'. The organizers of each convention are traditionally the 1st Vice-President who are voted in as President at the event they created. For instance, this year's convention was organized by Katy Prendergast. She will become President, when voted in by the General Membership, at the 2020 Convention, in Massachusetts.

### **NAMA Conventions 1928-2014**

Year	City	President
1928	Cleveland, OH [Birth of NAMA]	John E. Christian, Cleveland, Ohio
1929	Toronto, Ontario	John E. Christian, Cleveland, Ohio
1931	Buffalo, New York	Dr. J. J. Moore, Chicago, Illinois
1932	London, Ontario	Dr. J. J. Moore, Chicago, Illinois
1933	Chicago, Illinois	John R. Cain, Cleveland, Ohio
1934	Detroit - Windsor	James Y. Mann, Winnipeg, Manitoba
1935	Cleveland, Ohio	Thomas C. Kelly, Chicago, Illinois
1936	Winnipeg, Manitoba	William D. Moore, Montreal, Quebec
1937	Rochester, New York	William D. Moore, Montreal, Quebec
1938	Hamilton, Ontario	Richard H. Corkill, Detroit, Michigan
1939	Lincoln, Nebraska	Rev. Joseph Partridge, Kansas, Illinois
1940	Montreal, Quebec	Rev. Joseph Partridge, Kansas, Illinois
1941	Buffalo, New York	Rev. Joseph Partridge, Kansas, Illinois
1942-46	War Years	James Y. Mann, Winnipeg, Manitoba
1947	Toronto, Ontario	James Y. Mann, Winnipeg, Manitoba
1948	Peoria, Illinois	W. Harry Kelly, Cleveland, Ohio
1949	Cleveland, Ohio	W. Harry Kelly, Cleveland, Ohio
1950	Windsor, Ontario	W. Harry Kelly, Cleveland, Ohio
1951	Toronto, Ontario	Tom Moore, Toronto, Ontario
1952	Rochester, New York	Tom Moore, Toronto, Ontario
1953	Cleveland, Ohio	Henry Mylchreest, Cleveland, Ohio
1955	San Francisco, California	Henry Mylchreest, Cleveland, Ohio
1956	Toronto, Ontario	Robert Gregg, San Marion, California
1957	Vancouver, British Columbia	Fred J. Caveen, Toronto, Ontario
1960	Cleveland, Ohio	Fred J. Caveen, Toronto, Ontario
1961	Montreal, Quebec	W. Harry Kelly, Cleveland, Ohio
1963	Chicago, Illinois	J. Victor Joughin, Montreal, Quebec
1965	Toronto, Ontario	Henry C. Christian, Rocky River, Ohio
1968	Huntington Beach, California	Norman D. Clucas, Kirkwood, Missouri
1970	Douglas, Isle of Man	Sam Penrice, Georgetown, Ontario
1972	Niagara Falls, Ontario	W. Stanley Shimmin, Markham, Ontario
1974	Arlington, Virginia	Robert Kelly, Chicago, Illinois
1976	Douglas, Isle of Man	Rev. James C. Caley, Huntington Beach, CA
1978	Cleveland, Ohio	Margaret Joughin, Montreal, Quebec
1980	Halifax, Nova Scotia	Mrs. Robert Cowin, Westlake, Ohio
1982	San Diego, California	George Curphy, Liverpool, Nova Scotia
1984	Minneapolis, Minnesota	Mona Haldeman, Avon Lake, Ohio
1986	Williamsburg, Virginia	T. R. Anderson, Nisswa, Minnesota
1988	Toronto, Ontario	William E. Brideson, Alexandria, Virginia
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2012	Platteville, Wisconsin	Jim Corlett, Denver, Colorado
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1997	Mary F. Kelly, Dodgeville, Wisconsin
2005	Brad Prendergast, Chicago, Illinois
2009	Sally Dahlquist, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota
2011	Jim Corlett, Denver, Colorado
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