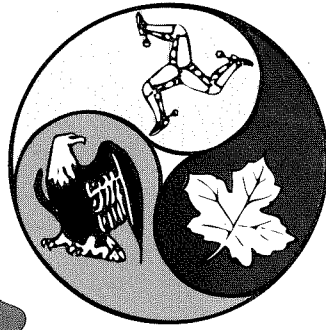


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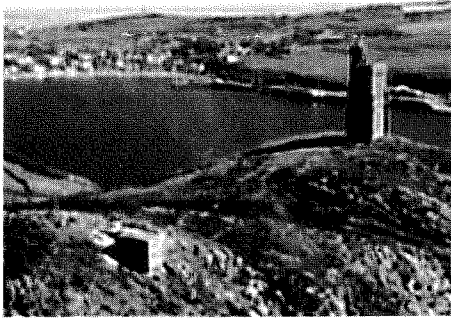
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To Preserve "Whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage." T.E. Brown

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A Final Message To Our Members Before Convention 2000

By Jack Cormode, Chairman



By the time you are reading this, those of you attending the NAMA 2000 Convention should be packing. Some of us in the Northern California Manx may already be on the Isle of Man as we are going over early to complete preparations for the long-awaited "reunion" with our fellow Manx.

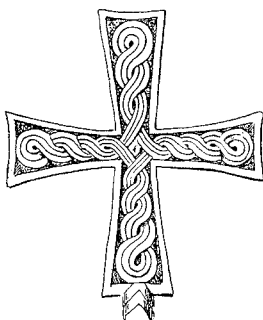
We have had an outstanding response from membership and have over 150 attendees ready to set sail (or fly) to our "land of ancient heritage." We may have to use some wallstretchers here and there, but the tourism and travel people are ready to do whatever it takes to accommodate us. There are some last minute changes being made in the schedule, usually to add or augment an

event. You may be aware that Prince Charles is to be the "Royal" who will represent the Lord of Mann at Tynwald Day. Because the details of his visit are subject to change, we may not have the final agenda nailed down until the last minute. To catch up on what is happening, those of you on the internet can check our Convention web page by going to the NAMA web page at <http://www.isle-of-man.com/interests/geneology/nama>, and then go to the bottom of the page and click on the convention link. The updated schedule is part of that linked page.

See you in July.
Ellen Vanmin dy-bragh!
Jack Cormode

Chaplain's Corner

By Rev. Devore Craine Smith



Among Manx literature is a book called *Manx Worthies*, about people who made a mark in Manx life, culture, and history. Another book was called *They Came from Manxland*, people who emigrated from the island and made a mark in other places in the world. I'd like to add another name to the list: Rev. John Caley Craine, who emigrated from Sulby, Isle of Man in 1892 at the age of 26 to Illinois where he graduated from Hedding College as Valedictorian and was ordained to the Methodist ministry serving churches in Princeville, Joliet, Kankakee and Galva. The descendants of Rev. John Caley Craine and their families numbering 24 will be attending the NAMA 2000

convention on the Island and will make a pilgrimage to the family homestead at Cooilbane (Quiet Hills) Sulby, which was at the time a two-room crofter's cottage (subsequently enlarged). Rev. John Craine gave his three children names of beloved places on the Island: *Sulby* Devore Craine, Janet *Lesayre* Craine, and *Mona* Elizabeth Craine, our Mother. My love for the Isle of Man began when upon visits to my family as a child and later at college age at his Princeville home, he told me stories of his beloved homeland which he returned to only once in 1905. Our visit to this ancestral home will be a moving experience for these Craine descendants.

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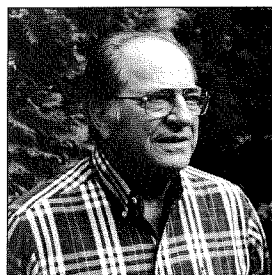
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President's Message

By Don Quayle, NAMA President

In just a few days, many of us will convene in the Isle of Man to attend the 44th Biennial Convention of the North American Manx Association. As is customary, elections for new officers of NAMA will take place at our biennial meeting of members on July 4th. This, therefore, is my last message as your President. I would like to leave you much in the same manner I began and that is to strive to increase the membership of the organization mainly by getting our children and our children's children involved. The very pleasant task of "preserving what 'ere is left to us of ancient heritage" should be carried on by each succeeding generation. Since the numbers of each generation exceeds the preceding one, the organization should grow in all ways. I do believe that a most effective way of accomplishing this transference is for all of us to sign up our children and pay for their membership for a year. After the year is out, many will continue as members on their own and will eventually assume the responsibilities of their parents in the conduct of NAMA affairs.

I continue to feel that a most effective way of interesting the next generation in ancestral affairs is through their exploration of all things Manx on the Internet. This is the preferred means of communication and information gathering by the younger generation and there are so many interesting Manx web sites to explore that it is wonderful to behold.

You can refer to earlier issues of the Bulletin - which I know you all save - for many of these sites. Or just suggest they use any of the well-known search engines, e.g. Yahoo, Excite, etc., and look for information about the Isle of

Man. Or they can e-mail me at drquayle@aol.com and I will send them some to get them started.

At last report from Helen Drom, our Treasurer, we now have over eight hundred and fifteen (815) members. That is up from six hundred sixty six (666) in the fall of 1998 at the time of our last convention. That is good growth and derives, not only from new memberships, but the continuation of existing members who might have been taken off the rolls simply because they forgot to pay their dues. It is difficult to remember when our year begins and therefore when the annual dues should be paid. I hope to raise this matter with the Executive Board at our meeting in July and will propose that the fiscal year be made to coincide with the calendar year. Then all dues will be due on January 1st. That automatically gives all members another four months of membership gratis.

I have enjoyed these two years and you should know that you have a very good and dedicated Executive Board of Directors; they are delightful and a real pleasure to work with. Most will continue in their current role or move up one office so you can be assured that NAMA leadership is in good hands. And finally, I want to say a collective "Thank You" to all of our life members for your generosity. I recently sent out a letter to appeal for contributions to bolster our finances as we prepare for next month's convention and an improved Bulletin. I am pleased to say that approximately four thousand (\$4,000) was contributed and I am grateful for such universal response. I look forward to seeing many of you in the Isle of Man in just a few days!

Special Places to Visit on the Island for the Handicapped and Less Mobile

By Beatrice Joughin Garcia

When my husband and I visited the Isle of Man in the summer of 1998, we found several special places that might be overlooked by tourists, but that might be of interest to older and less mobile tourists. Being slightly handicapped and not so young, I could not negotiate the lovely coastal walks or climb the hills of Mann. These gems we found might be of interest to others in the same situation.

On the North Shore, we found the Point of Ayre Lighthouse, lonely yet bold in its solitude. Walking on the beach, we were astonished at the intricate etched patterns on the river rocks, the result of years of tumbling and erosion. We brought several of the most spectacular rocks home with us. The skies were bleakly gray and the entire beach had a surrealistic atmosphere, in sharp contrast to the Southern end of the island. The beach was deserted and we felt that we had entered another dimension of Time and Space.

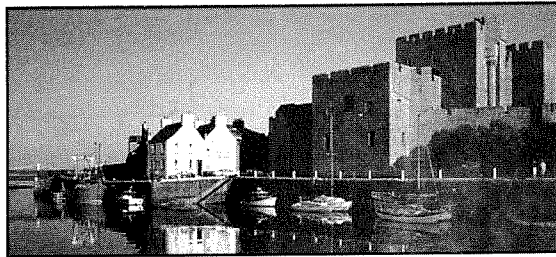
At Point of Ayre and adjacent to the Lighthouse, there is The Dump, just a regular town dump, but unlike any other dump we have seen. The fence around it is unique in that it is very tall and widely curved at the top. No trash can blow over the top and into the surrounding countryside. You will find that the IOM does not tolerate littering anywhere on the island. Just as in British Columbia, the beauty and serenity are not spoiled by unsightly debris.

In Peel, near the Castle and on the pier, there is a very small food stand where they serve hot cocoa and the famous Manx ice cream. There are patio chairs and we paid several visits to this gathering site, watching the fishermen tending to their boats and children playing along the pier. Quite a popular place to sit and relax.

At Port Erin, along the shore, there are many shops and small cafes. On the beach, you will find The Cozy Nook Café, which is family run and has delicious food. Prices are moderate. At the end of the pier at Port Erin, the Harbor Patrol has their headquarters. The lifeboats are fit and trim and there is a small

but comprehensive museum at the dock. As usual, the host is informative and friendly. One block up from the shore road on a side street is the post office where you can buy IOM stamps and view some local art work; there is parking and relatively few people.

If you rent a car, take the winding road north from Port Erin toward Peel and you will come upon many look-out points that are staggeringly beautiful and awe-



some in their scope. Two or three offer the entire range of the Harbor, the town itself, and the lands surrounding the town. These particular vista locales offer the most seclusion, very little traffic, and enough time to really absorb the view. It is here also that you can fully grasp the beauty of the living fences that divide and define the Manx fields. These fences begin as stones fitted snugly together, much like the famous stone walls of New Hampshire. Through the seasons, the fertile sod begins to grow amidst the stones, starting out as mere sprigs and awkward shoots, and culminating in fully luxuriant growth, dark green in contrast to the lighter green and yellow of the fields. These fences are present throughout the Island.

When you take the Railway to the top of Snaefell Mountain, get off at Bungalow Station and visit Murray's Motorcycle Museum. Not everyone likes motorcycles, but for those that like to delve into the past, the museum offers a continuum of technological history that is really impressive. The proprietor has been there forever and is absolutely the most charming and informative host that I have ever encountered in my travels. There is one caveat: there is a relatively steep walk from the train stop up to the Museum; just

walk slowly and you'll be all right. Coming down is much easier! At the top of Snaefell, the Summit Café is warm and cozy. There is no time limit on relaxing and enjoying the view until another train starts down the mountain.

On the upper parking lot at the Manx National Museum and Library in Douglas, there is a panoramic view of the harbor, parts of Douglas, and the houses nestled amid the hills around the town. There is a small and quaint café in the museum, serving good food at moderate prices. The curios and art in the museum itself are of superior quality and authentically representative of the Manx culture and history.

The village of Cregneash is well publicized and fully lives up to its reputation. I urge everyone to see the village. There is a lot of walking involved, but I want to stress that there are many places to sit and rest. Outside of one cottage, I sat down for a while and all the chickens and roosters came over to visit; the village's black and white Manx cat paraded majestically between the cottages. There is also a small café that offers delicious pastries and hot tea.

The South end of the Island looks out upon the Calf of Man. Seals sunbathe and play tag amongst the rocks, and sea gulls as well as other shore birds swoop and glide, landing to converse with the tourists in hopes of tidbits. The hours we spent there were filled with sunshine, serenity, and good cheer.

Two other places should be mentioned. The House of Manannan in Peel is an extraordinary museum; through its creative use of music, lighting, authentic reproductions of interiors and historic scenes, and compelling narratives, the museum's atmosphere completely immerses the visitor into the culture and history of the Isle of Man. This museum is a two time winner of the British Isle's annual Award for Museum of the Year. It is also important to note that at every display, there is ample

seating for everyone. No one has to stand.

Last but not least, our favorite glen was Glen Maye. It does require hiking up and down a trail, but the trail is not long and there are handrails and two places to stop and rest. The end of the walk opens into a secluded and secret hideaway. We say nobody the entire time we were there. As you make your final twisted turn, you come on to a forest pool with a waterfall and lush greenery lining the banks and coursing up into the hills. We sat down for about an hour, taking pictures, and soaking in the silence, the sounds of water, and dreamy stillness. We fully expected fairies to emerge from under the plants and crevices to join us.

If you take a lot of pictures, don't forget to include a notebook in your pack; you'll need it to keep everything straight and write down your impressions of this wondrous and beautiful island.

About the Author: Beatrice Joughin Garcia lives in Palmdale, California. She retired as a Social Worker/Administrator and has a Masters in Anthropology from San Francisco State University, California. Her two fields of research were: Arctic Archaeology and Mexican-American Unionization Patterns in California. She is a native of Boston, Mass. She is married to Peter Garcia and have five children, and nine grandchildren. She is a member of the North American Manx Association and Committee Organizer for the Northern California Manx.

Did you Know?

St. George's is the oldest Church in Douglas, built in 1761, it is also the State Church of the Island.

The well-known painter John M. Nicholson, Grandfather of John Nicholson, R.I., took only three hours to paint in oils, the fine picture of Peel Castle, which now hangs in the IOM Art Gallery.

Local Author Publishes Book

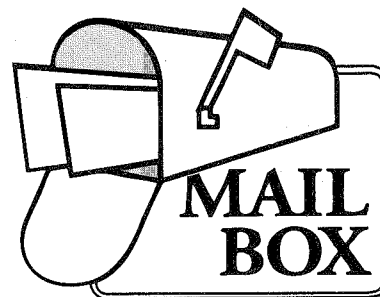
Marie White Webb, Rogers, Arkansas, says that she was born the same year as John Glenn, and has written a first-time book with that generation in mind. *The Power of the Dream: Looking Forward in the Later Years* is a series of 43 short, inspirational sketches based on activities, difficulties, and opportunities that are directly related to growing older. She hopes that this collection of personal stories, passages of scripture, and contemporary quotations will encourage her friends, along with their adult children and grandchildren to seek meaning in life.

"I think it's too bad that some people just quit," Ms. Webb said. "It's so important to stay busy and active and positive as we grow older. My book deals with the difficulties and opportunities directly related to aging. My hope is that people will gain a new insight through reading my book."

Marie received her undergraduate degree at Asbury and Bradley Universities and her master's degree in history from Illinois State University. Twice widowed, she spends her retirement years taking classes at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, leading workshops on grandparenting, giving book reviews, serving on the national United Methodist Committee on Older Adult Ministries, making wedding quilts for ten grandchildren, and watching birds from her deck overlooking Beaver Lake.

Her book, recently published by Abingdon Press, is available at Barnes and Noble Book Stores.

Marie's Grandmother, Elizabeth Patty Schnake, came to America from the Isle of Man by sailing boat with her widowed mother and several siblings in about 1865. Twice widowed, Marie served with her husband James K. White, a Methodist minister in the Central Illinois Conference. After his death, she married Bishop Lance Webb, who died in 1995.



Letters to the Editor

I have written a book about my upbringing in the Isle of Man between 1932 and 1950 when I went to University of London, aged eighteen. It is called "Hildesley Road – A Manx Childhood." This road is halfway up Bray Hill in Douglas. I should be grateful if you would tell anyone interested in your area.

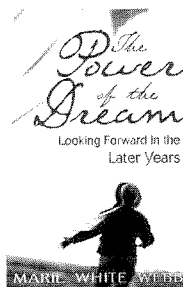
I have sold quite a number in the Lexicon Bookshop in Douglas and in the Beech House Bookshop in Onchan and in the Museum Heritage Shop. It is selling at 9.99 pounds in the Island, but people abroad need to allow for postage and packing.

Yours Sincerely,
Pat M. Freeman (née Molyneur)

Dear Editor;

I wonder if you could help me regarding my father's two brother who went to the United States of America, but my grand-parents, Joe and Jane (Cring) Craine never heard of them after or what happened to them. I have come across an old Manx newspaper dated August 12, 1997 (two years ago) where there is a small church – Laxey Church. All the names are all Manx which you will find in the Isle of Man still. My father's two brothers were named John and Henry. My father's name was George Craine and my mother's name was Annie. I know this was a long time ago, but I would be grateful to hear anything about my uncles, as I am in my eighties. All I know is that they were fishermen when the left Peel. Thank you very much for your trouble.

Sincerely,
Miss Nancy Craine
Ben-My-Bbree
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British Isles



Society News

Northern California Manx

The Northern California Manx held their March 26th meeting at Jan Richard's home set amongst the hills above San Jose. The gray days of winter were fast disappearing and the weather was bracing yet balmy and warm.

The Northern Manx Welcomed back their President, Jack Cormode, fully recovered from surgery and back in action as he continues to coordinate the NAMA convention festivities on the Isle of Man. Door prizes were awarded to Bea Garcia and Elaine Stephenson; Dee Hickman won a prize based upon her complete analysis of really tasty Marmalade and locations where Marmalade could be purchased.

Dee Hickman brought several of the Convention Helper's Tee-shirts with her to display and sell to members interested in purchasing at this meeting. Marlene Storey not only designed and silk-screened the Tees herself, but donated all costs involved. She also made a monetary donation in addition to costs. Several Tees were purchased; they are strikingly colorful and very beautiful. They will make lovely gifts for our Convention Helpers.

The NAMA Dinner will be July 6th and will cost \$32.00 each person. The menu will offer an alternative to the traditional lamb entrée, but final determination has yet to be made. It is planned that a vegetarian alternative will be available. There will be drinks between the dinner and the entertainment. Although Sir Charles Kerruish is retiring, he and his First Lady will be at the dinner in company with the new President and his First Lady.

Transportation will be provided for the receptions at Onchan and there were some accommodations at the Stakis/Hilton as well as at the Empress. As previously reported, the concert at St. George's Church will be on July 6th and will be recorded by the Manx Heritage Foundation. The St. George's web site is: <http://go.to/stgeorges>.

Brian Partington, the Vicar of St. George, has been of tremendous help in

formulating arrangements, and the Manx Radio has been vigorously promoting the concert. Several noted Manx artists have agreed to perform and the Concert should be an overwhelming success. There will also be an Ecumenical service at the Rushen Abbey on July 2nd.

For finalization of travel arrangements and tour/activities that members would like, please contact Lawrence Skelly: E-mail: lskelly@tcsan.com. He will arrange everything or refer you to the IOM Tourism office.

Two more months and we will all be over on the Isle. Arrangements are falling into place due to the extraordinary efforts of Manxman over here in the Colonies. The ties of lineage and history run strong and deep for all of us. It will be emotionally inspiring to meet other Manx, possibly relatives from all corners of the Earth.

- *Bea Joughin Garcia, Secretary*

The Manx Society of W.A.

Hello one and all! It is that time of year again and after much soul searching and many phone calls – we are booked in at the Novotel Langley Hotel (Gazebo Room) for our Tynwald Day luncheon on Sunday, July 2nd at 12:00 noon. Cost for the meal is: Adults: \$26.50 and Children under 12 \$10.00. Reservations and checks (Made out to Manx Society of W.A.) for the event can be sent to: Kath Craine, 8 McGill Street, Kewdale 6015, as soon as possible please. We had 75 adults and five children attend last year. Let's see if we can beat that for a fantastic day. Besides, what else are you going to do on a cold, wet Sunday in winter? We hope to see all of our members at this annual event.

Departures: Paul, Diane, Dolan, and Elizabeth Craine to Zeehan in Tasmania (work); Derek and Wendy Onley to Tasmania (retired – no known address), Margaret and Allan Fairbairn off to Island and UK end of May (holidays) and Geoffrey Craine to the Isle of Man for the T.T. Motorcycle Races (May and June).
 Congratulations: To Michael and Elizabeth Hilditch – Married on April 1st. Linda Rock (daughter of John and Maureen) married at Margaret River.
 Condolences: To the families of Joan Grigson, Roger Callow, and Jack Goff on the passing of their loved ones. We will miss them 'on the day.'
 Contacts: Honorable Secretary: **Kath Craine**, 8 McGill Street, Kewdale W.A. 6105. Phone (08) 9470-5836 or Fax (08) 470-2932.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MANX

The Rocky Mountain Manx Society met at the home of Bob and Rachel (Vondy) LaRue in Erie, Colorado on Sunday, May 21 for a potluck dinner. The program was given by Paul and Darlene Vondy about their recent trip to the Isle of Man. Two families are planning to go to the Isle for the Millennium celebration in July. Several others have gone previously.

One couple has made Isle of Man transfers for use on t-shirts and plates. At the close of the program one member sang about the Laxey Wheel and the group sang "Ellan Vannin." Plans were made to meet again in October. Jim Corlett is President of our group. His address is 775 Pontiac Street, Denver, CO. 80220.

Reporter – Albert W. Scarffe

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The North American Manx Association (NAMA) was organized in 1928 to bring together those who have Manx Ancestry and an interest in the Isle of Man. To keep members informed of Manx activities both here and on the Isle of Man. The NAMA Bulletin is published quarterly – March, June, September, and December. Deadline for submitted information and articles are February 10 – March edition, May 10 – June edition, August 10 – September edition, and November 10 – December edition. Annual membership dues are \$15.00 for individuals and \$20.00 for family or society.

VANCOUVER MANX SOCIETY

The Vancouver Manx Society hopes the NAMA convention in the Isle of Man is a huge success and extends best wishes to all attending. We will be thinking of you.

We in Vancouver are now getting ready for our Spring Tea to be held on May 13, 2000 at the Best Western Coquitlam Inn, Coquitlam (a suburb of Vancouver). A lovely dinner and entertainment have been planned. This the first event of the year is usually well attended and all look forward to seeing old friends.

The next meeting is a Tynwald celebration on July 5th for the committee and our picnic follows in either July or August for the society.

Reporter – Vern Henry

WISCONSIN MANX

The Wisconsin Manx Society celebrated the beginning of 2000 with its April 9th Meeting at Midvale Lutheran Church. Thirty-six members and friends enjoyed pasties for lunch and a program provided by NAVAN: Traditional Celtic Singers, offering songs in Irish, Scottish, Cornish, and Manx languages.

A variety of subjects was presented and discussed at the business portion of our meeting. The historic NAMA Bulletin collection which was bound in seven volumes has been completed. A show of hands revealed that at least 12 members of the Wisconsin Manx Society are planning to attend Convention 2000 on the Isle of Man. Our historian, Mae Reese, showed and explained the History Albums she has been carefully maintaining. Norma Bircher, Librarian, continues to display a vast number of books, magazines, and articles which members may check out for their personal use. Dorrie Alff, Secretary, encouraged members to notify her of address changes and/or concerns.

Many members contributed ideas and thoughts concerning subjects important to the success of our organization. With this type of participation, the W.M.S. will continue to be an active, important part of its members lives.

Submitted by Joyce M. Benjamin

SAN DIEGO COUNTY MANX SOCIETY

In February, 20 members and 8 guests met at the Remington Club, the Rancho Bernardo home of Marge Frederick, Marion Kelly, and Lauradel Kimmel. Marion introduced family members: Kevin, Beverly, Joey, Sherie and Gail Rhoades.

Joey Rhoades dressed in Scottish ceremonial dress (kilt, Glengarry, etc.), opened the meeting playing Ellen Vannin on the bagpipes.

Ruth Smith graciously accepted the post of Society Historian. Outgoing Historian, Bob Kermeen held the post for 7 years and did a wonderful job of recording Society events.

Society member Bob Wright of the San Diego Maritime Museum read an article from the Manx newspapers regarding the sale of the Ramsey Shipyard, the launch site of the Star of India. Efforts are now underway by the Society to obtain a new Manx Flag to be flown on the Star of India.

Hillary Harrison played her compact disc of the Bee-Gee's Ellan Vannin.

The April meeting was held in the home of Bob and Millie Kermeen. Our thoughts and prayers went to Ed Wittenkeller and Lucy Whalen who could not attend due to illness.

Bob Wright presented to the Society an American Flag once flown over the Star of India.

We were thrilled to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Marge Frederick. Marge was a founding member of the San Diego Manx Society.

Members making the journey to the Island for Homecoming 2000 are Barbara Ramondino and Devore and Ruth Smith.

We concluded the meeting by singing the Manx National Anthem and Ellan Vannin.

It was a pleasantly warm day with several members enjoying refreshments on the patio and listening to Lou and Faith Vick relating their travels to the Far East, which included visits to China and Vietnam.

CHICAGO AREA MANX SOCIETY

The Chicago Area Manx held their meeting on Sunday, April 30, at the home of Jean and Bob Kelly in Rockford, IL. We had 17 in attendance. Our afternoon together began with a pot-luck dinner, followed by a business meeting. Our program featured "It's a Fact," a series of unusual facts about the Isle of Man which were published by the Isle of Man Examiner over a number of years. These facts appeared in book form in 1937.

We were glad to have with us Shirley and Russell Kelly from Galva and Jody Morey from Wisconsin, as well as the Robert Cannells and Peg Schmidt from Rockford.

We are discovering new Manx friends here in Rockford and welcome any from the Chicagoland area. Our membership extends from Hammond, IN to Rockford. We hope to have our next meeting in late summer or early fall at the home of Barbara Brown in St. Charles. Notices will be forthcoming.

So far we know of 13 people from the Chicago area who will be attending the NAMA convention on the Isle of Man in July. The Chicago Celtic Fest will be held in Grant Park on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17. We hope to exhibit again this year, as we have in the past two years.

*Submitted by: Robert Kelly, President,
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GREATER WASHINGTON/D.C. AREA MANX SOCIETY

The Greater Washington, DC Area Manx Society held its annual dinner on April 8th at the Fort Myer Officer's Club in Northern Virginia, with 30 members in attendance, including two of our newest members, Alene and Phyllis Whitten, with Avril Shipman presiding.

Our main speaker was Karen Marti of Annapolis, MD, who will be helping crew the Isle of Man yacht in the "Bt Global Challenge" round the world race beginning September 10th. Ms. Marti will

be on board when the Manx sailboat traverses the Tasman Sea between New Zealand and Australia. For more information visit the website www.iomglobalchallenge.com.

If you are planning to visit our Nation's Capital this summer, be sure to drop by "Vikings; the North Atlantic Saga," a major new exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. It features a unique Manx "Cross of Thorwald" from Andreas Parish. The exhibition runs through August 13th.

We look forward to seeing many of our fellow NAMA friends at next month's NAMA 2000 Homecoming in Douglas!

Visit our new website at www.celticdistrict.com/CeltOther.shtml.

CLEVELAND MANX SOCIETY

After a long winter, we met at a local restaurant in March, where we enjoyed good food and a fine gab-fest, catching up on each others news. Then, in May, we met at another restaurant, where we enjoyed a private dining room and a meeting with minutes and various reports.

In June, we will take a ride on Lolly the Trolley, seeing sights of Cleveland. This is always a most interesting activity, since Cleveland is changing greatly in the near-downtown area and the flats area (the area along the Cuyahoga River, the oldest part of Cleveland). We will then gather at a local restaurant in the flats area for dinner.

We were once more saddened by the loss of another of our older members. Helen Minor passed away in March. While she had been in a nursing home for quite a few years, when she was able to get around, she was a very active and enthusiastic member.

Our annual picnic will be held August 26th. We will not meet in July since a few of our members are planning to attend the convention. We welcome any persons traveling in our area at any of our meetings.

- Mona Haldeman

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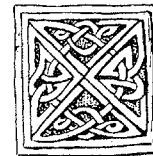
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It is intended to have a much larger newsletter in the New Year and I have been asked to circulate all Manx Societies throughout the world for news about their activities.

Names and addresses of offices would be welcomed and if photographs could be included, either black and white, or colour, so much the better. I would also like to receive photographs of any special events, for example the ceremonies that take place at the Standing Stones in the Glen Innes Park in New South Wales, or even of any chapels or other buildings

erected by early Manx settlers.

I am very grateful to all the societies that send me their newsletters either directly or via other officers in the WMA but I am afraid there are some that send me no news at all. I can be contacted by e-mail, my address is dcaley@enterprise.net. For those with access to the technology this is probably the easiest and cheapest way to get in touch and I have recently been in touch with the Victoria-Manx Society by this means. If you are agreeable, I can include a list of e-mail addresses in the newsletter.

The year 2000 sees the holding of the NAMA Convention here on the Island. Tynwald Day will be on a Wednesday, and the WMA Homecomers Dinner will be on July 4th. The dates for other events have still to be decided but will be included in the Newsletter when it is published.

I look forward to your co-operation in making the next World Manx Association Newsletter a worthy souvenir of the year 2000 and also a useful reference file of information.

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