

Upcoming AGM & News

There has been some big changes within Clan Chisholm Canada. Merritt Chisholm has stepped down after years of hard work, Liz Chisholm has also stepped down as Secretary. Our President, Dave Homes is actively working to fill empty spots in the executive and developing new ideas to keep the Branch vital.

Dave has contacted almost every member by telephone or mail to update each of you on the state of the Branch and it's activities. This is was also a gentle reminder that dues are outstanding. He has had great response and most memberships have been renewed. We have listed many of these renewals, but we suspect we might have omitted a few—so if you don't see your name...don't panic, we know you have renewed. :)

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held *online* on **March 20, 2011**.

All members are encouraged to participate. You need to contact Dave at bandit77@shaw.ca to register so you will be included. *The Agenda* for this meeting is attached. This is *your opportunity* to be actively involved in the Society.

We are still looking for someone to fill the *Society Secretary* position. If you are interested in getting involved with the Branch—don't be shy.

Our new major project is the *Personal History Project*. We have noted that the official Genealogy Project is very specific and detailed. This is good for genealogists, but for most of us we are more interested in the every day lives of our elders and their elders. Our plan is to collect as many of these personal (oral) histories as possible and publish them. This is the real history of Chisholms in Canada. This is what we are really about! So get out and interview your elders—you may be surprised in what they tell you. See page 4 for details and ideas.

We have had news that Bill Pickering is back home and recovering from his heart issues. Bill is the Canada Branch Genealogist, we are so glad to welcome him back!

Information regarding the **International Gathering to be held in Deluth, MN** this July is also included. We want to support the Americans with this Gathering as so many of them came up to ours in Canmore. Besides, how many of you have ever been to Deluth?

The next newsletter will be out when Spring is in the air; if you have articles or announcements you want included, please forward them to the contact below. We appreciate feedback!

Mary Jane Pfeifer, Clansman editor

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CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

DULUTH, MINNESOTA, USA JULY 28-31, 2011

INFORMATION SHEET

GETTING THERE

Duluth International Airport is just 10 minutes from downtown. Delta and United Airlines provide daily flights to and from Minneapolis, Detroit and Chicago.

Duluth is only a half-tank and 150 miles from the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul on Interstate 35 (2.5-hour drive).

GATHERING HEADQUARTERS

➤ Comfort Suites in Canal Park, 408 Canal Park Drive, Duluth, Minnesota 55802 Canal Park is a tourist and recreation-oriented area across the I-35 freeway from downtown Duluth. The famous Aerial Lift Bridge connects it to the Park Point sandbar and neighborhood. In addition to marvelous shopping, Canal Park's attractions include the Lakewalk, a lighthouse pier, the Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center, and the Great Lakes Aquarium. Those interested in ships will also enjoy watching vessels from around the world enter the Duluth Ship Canal adjacent to the Comfort Suites.

ACCOMMODATIONS

➤ The Comfort Suites Hotel is holding a block of 60 one-room suites (one King or two Queens), all with fold-down sofas. The discounted room rates are as follows:

Thursday Main Building \$159 City Side \$179 Lake Side

Balcony Suites \$179 City Side \$199 Lake Side

Friday & Main Building \$179 City Side \$199 Lake Side

Saturday Balcony Suites \$199 City Side \$229 Lake Side

➤ There are also King Suites with Jacuzzis. Contact the Comfort Suites for rates.

➤ **Call the Comfort Suites directly at (218) 727-1378 and identify yourself as part of the Clan Chisholm Society in order to make reservations. DO NOT attempt to make reservations online, as you will not be able to access the discounted rates. Rooms not reserved by June 28 will be released.**

GENERAL COMMENTS

➤ Duluth's climate is mild in the summer. July is generally the warmest (75 Fahrenheit) and wettest (3.73 inches) month of the year.

➤ Duluth is an extremely popular tourist destination in the summer and alternative accommodations disappear quickly. If the 60-room block is reserved sufficiently early, the Society may be able to increase the allocation. Please reserve your rooms as soon as possible; the Society will not reserve them for you.

REGISTRATION

➤ **Early registration is ESSENTIAL. Please complete the Registration Form and forward with your cheque for the TOTAL AMOUNT DUE, payable to CLAN CHISHOLM 2011, to:**

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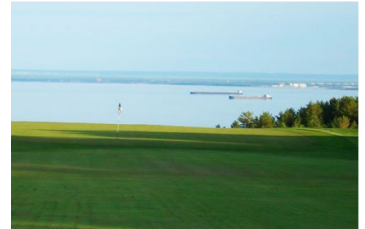
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Thursday, July 28: *After 1pm*— Comfort Suites - **Registration** for Gathering. Hotel check-in time is 3:00 p.m. St. Croix Room but rooms may be available earlier. Free time to explore Canal Park, the Lakewalk, and to get your bearings for the weekend.

Thursday, July 28: *5:00 p.m.* Grandma's Sports Garden - **Meet-and-Greet** Chisholms from around the world. Appetizers and finger food will be served. We recommend 425 Lake Ave S dinner at any one of the many area restaurants.

Friday, July 29: *10:00 a.m.* Northland Golf & Country Club - at one of the top five courses in Minnesota and top 100 courses in the entire United States. A Donald Ross classic, it's a gently rolling course with spectacular views of Lake Superior.

Friday 7:00 p.m. Vista Star Sunset Dinner Cruise - in the harbor and out onto Lake Superior. Discover the natural beauty of the big lake and a never ending view of Duluth's marvelous summer skyline. **PLEASE NOTE: ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO 150.**



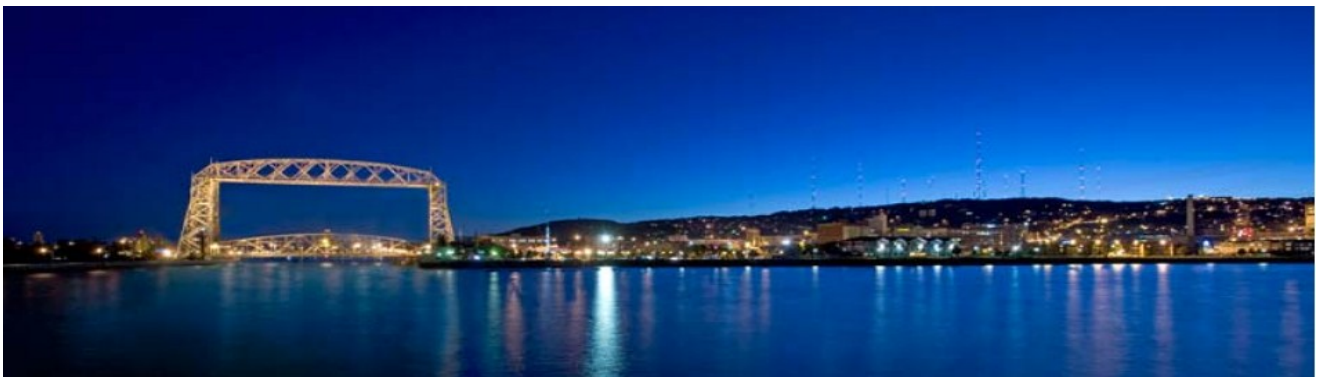
Saturday, July 30: *10:00 a.m.*—Bus Tour up the North Shore to Gooseberry Falls (where lunch will be served) and the Split Rock Lighthouse. Time/weather permitting, we'll stop at the Duluth Rose Garden before returning to the hotel no later than 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Kitchi Gammi Club - President's Reception - Weather permitting, on the front deck with its unobstructed view of the Lake.

Saturday 7:00 p.m. Kitchi Gammi Dinner with The Chisholm in the Club's Jacobean-Revival- Club style Great Hall.

Sunday, July 31 *9:00 a.m.* Comfort Suites - Kirkin' o' the Tartan on the shore of the Lake.

HIGHLAND EVENING DRESS ENCOURAGED THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND!



A bloke walks into a Glasgow library and says to the prim librarian,
'Excuse me Miss, dey ye hiv ony books on suicide?'

To which she stops doing her tasks, looks at him over the top of her glasses
and says, 'Bugger off, ye'll no bring it back!'

Canadian Chisholm Personal History Project

Many of our Clan Chisholm Canada members are in their senior years and we know that all have interesting, humorous and important memories to share. It is the day to day memories that are wonderful to the younger folk and these memories are what we want to capture. You have seen amazing changes (good and bad) to our lives and our world, we want to capture the essence of *The good old days* and get a sense of these changes.

It is our intent to endeavour to compile these histories to create a publication of *Canadian Chisholm Personal Histories*. This publication will then be available to all members at a nominal cost.

The following are some suggestions that can be used to expound upon when writing your own Personal History or it can be used to interview a Chisholm and then transcribe the interview into written form. If you require assistance with the writing we are happy to help you out!

Please don't feel limited by the following suggestions, if you have a story that doesn't fit into any of the suggestions, just include it; or if a suggestion isn't applicable or you don't want to discuss it, don't. Whatever you give us is perfect! Most importantly, have fun as you journey down memory lane.....



- What is your full name?**
- What is your birthdate?**
- Where were you born?**
- What were your parents full names?**
- Where were they born? Dates born and died?**
- What were your grandparents full names?**
- Where were they born? Dates born and died?**
- Did you have any brothers and sisters? Full names? Birthdates?**
- Describe your childhood house? What did it look like? What was your favourite room? Why?**
- Did you have any pets? (dogs, cats, horses, etc) What was special about them?**
- What was your favourite food?**
- What was your least favourite activity?**
- Where did you go to school?**
- What is your favourite primary school memory?**
 - What was your favourite subject? Favourite teacher?**
- What is your worst primary school memory?**
- What did you do in your summer holidays?**
- What was Christmas like at your house? What did you do for the holidays?**
- Do you remember buying presents or candy or food?**
 - Do you remember the cost of anything?**
- How did you store food at home?**
- Where did your clothes come from?**
- Talk about your shoes.**
- What chores were your responsibility?**

- What was your primary mode of transportation?**
- Do you remember your first train/bus/car ride?**
- What was your first job?**
- Got a story of your first love?**
- Did you go to University /College? What did you take? Where did you go?**
- What do you remember about the Dirty 30's? Best Memory; Worst Memory**
- What is your primary memory of WWII? Best Memory; Worst Memory**
- Did you get married? Full name of spouse?**
- What do you remember about your wedding – good and bad**
- Where did you settle down?**
 - What did you do for work?**
 - What was your first home as an independent young adult like? Good and bad memories?**
 - Did you have children? Full Names?**
 - Where were your children born?**
 - What is your best memory of raising your children?**
 - What is your worst memory regarding the children?**
- Did your children have pets?**
- What were the parties/dances you attended like?**
- Did you change careers/jobs?**
- Did you have any hobbies?**
- When did you retire? Where?**
- Do you have grandchildren/great-grandchildren? Full Names? Location?**
- What is your fondest memory growing up?**
- What was most fun when you were growing up?**
- What was challenging when you were growing up?**
- What was tough about growing up when you did?**
- Do you have a random story you would like to include?**
- What single piece of advice would you give the young folks following you?**

Thank you for your time and interest in this project. We look forward to receiving your Personal Histories. We would like to have submissions in by September 1, 2011.

Please send your submissions to:

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Calgary, AB T2R 0B1

Or email them to info@clanchisholmcanada.org

We will keep you posted as to progress on our website at www.clanchisholmcanada.org and in our newsletter. Thanks again!

JIM AND IRENE CHISHOLM ARE ALIVE AND WELL

by Bennie Chisholm

The Chisholm reference in this article appeared on the front page of our local daily newspaper, TIMES COLONIST. Only in Victoria!!!

As everyone knows, the capital city of British Columbia was named in honour of Britain's long reigning queen. Residents believe our monarchist form of government is a good one, so moviegoers showed up in droves at the Odeon Theatre to see *THE KING'S SPEECH*.

On Wednesday, Jan 5th, twenty people showed up for a nonexistent midweek matinee. "The manager, after learning that Irene Chisholm, 87, had paid \$16 to bring her husband Jim Chisholm, 94, from Oak Bay Lodge, did not have the heart to turn them away, so he put on a special showing." Thanks to the Chisholms, eighteen other people enjoyed the royal treat. Also thanks to the Chisholms, the manager incorporated midweek matinees to enable more elderly moviegoers to watch King George VI and the eccentric speech therapist.

Do you remember Jim and Irene at the 2008 Clan Chisholm Gathering in Canmore, Alberta? The good looking couple was renowned for charm and friendliness. And Jim's big hat and spectacular dancing at the BBQ at the Rafter Six Ranch will long remain a pleasant memory.



May Irene and Jim enjoy many dances and movies in 2011.



Have you checked out our websites?

www.clanchisholmsociety.org

www.clanchisholmcanada.org



Cool links to check out....

www.jameschisholmdesign.co.uk

www.haggishunt.com

Clan Chisholm Canada

Members Page



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In Memorium

Janet Landry, Antigonish NS.
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New Members

Catherine Anne Russell, Athabasca, AB
Ceud Mile Failte!
One Hundred Thousand Welcomes

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - Thanks for your continued support!

Ian Chisholm, Spruce Grove, AB, Meagan Chisholm, Edmonton, AB, Kathleen Chisholm, North Saanich, BC, Andy Pfeifer, Okotoks, AB, James Pfeifer, Okotoks, AB, Scott Pfeifer, Calgary, AB, Jessie MacCosham, Vancouver, BC, George Chisholm Pyron, Toronto, ON, Elaine Hartrick, Calgary, AB, David Holmes, Calgary, AB, Al Burgoyne, North Saanich, BC, John Chisholm McBean, Calgary, AB, Mary I. Cusack, Halifax, NS, David Hollister Chisholm, Tucson, AZ USA, Gertie McCarron, Antigonish, NS, Norma Jean Lamont, Calgary, Robert Chisholm, Dunvegan, ON, R.L. (Bob) Chisholm, Calgary, AB, Angus L. Chisholm, Lunenburg, NS, Angus W. Chisholm, Great Village, NS, Blair Chisholm, Antigonish, NS, Doug Chisholm, Sidney, BC, Jim Chisholm, Victoria, BC, Kathleen Palmer, Quincy, MA, USA, Joyce Ellingson, Lethbridge, AB, Arthur Chisholm, Great Village, NS, Carl Chisholm, Antigonish, NS, Donald Chisholm, Winnipeg, MB, Lori Clark, Stony Plain, AB, Shirley Ferguson, Maxville, ON, Helen Landry, Antigonish, NS, Pearl McClandish, Surrey, BC, Deb Walker, Brandon, MB, Joyce Chisholm, Antigonish, NS, Peter Chisholm, Toronto, ON, Rod Chisholm, St. Andrews, NS, Ronald Chisholm, Antigonish, NS, Thelma Colbourne, Apple Hill, ON, Kaye Fraser, Heatherton, NS, Loyola MacDonald, St. Andrews, NS, Kathleen MacIsaac, Antigonish, NS, Mary

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MEMBERSHIP

Your membership may expire on December 31, 2011; you will be sent a Renewal Membership Form (or look online). Please complete and return this form with your cheque covering your dues.

Thanks for your Support!

Questions and comments to any member of the Executive may be addressed to the Editor, Mary Jane Pfeifer, at info@clanchisholmcanada.com or to 1001, 530-12th Ave SW, Calgary, Alberta T2R 0B1 and they will be