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MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF ALL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 30 AUGUST-2 September 2001

As of 31 May, over 160 persons have already registered for the 2001 Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu. Confirmations are being sent to all pre-registrants.

If a friend of yours has not received a registration packet, the odds are that they are not members of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association. The easiest way to arrange for a packet is to become a member and join the almost 3,000 members who are part of the WNGGA. Plans are being made to provide opportunities and recognition for every member who actively participates in a continuing WNGGA membership drive.

PRIZE DRAWING 70TH WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU COURTESY OF THE WALES TOURIST BOARD

Complete and return your registration for the 70th Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu by 1 August and you will automatically be entered into the prize drawing.

The Wales Tourist Board has arranged for the lucky winner to receive a round trip, coach class ticket for 2 from any American Airlines gateway; 3 night's accommodation at the 5-star luxury Celtic Manor Resort; and a 7-day car rental with AVIS. The drawing for the registration prize will take place during the Grand Concert on 1 September 2001. For more information about visiting Wales or to receive the Wales vacation planner, please call 1-877-655-1998.

MEMBERSHIP

Life membership remains the best bargain for new members, especially for the young of any age. The present \$150 life membership represents what seems to be a standard, 15 times annual membership dues, and payment provisions are liberal. Many local Welsh Associated Organizations have annual dues in the \$15-30 range. This may indicate that WNGGA annual dues should be reviewed. Life memberships are good for all. They assure that you will always be on the mailing list for all WNGGA correspondence and registration packets. Administrative costs are reduced, check writing and postage become a thing of the past, and a full commitment made to the work of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association is most satisfying.

MEMBERSHIP

Memberships may be arranged through the WNGGA International Headquarters.

Individual Life Memberships payable in annual increments of \$50.

For those over 65-----\$100

For all others-----\$150

Annual Memberships-----\$ 10

Organizational Life Memberships----\$ 50

NOMINATIONS

Elections to the Board of Trustees occur at the Saturday WNGGA Annual General Meeting (AGM) held during the National Gymanfa Ganu Weekend.

Slots to be filled during the 2001 AGM include two trustees from Canada completing first terms; one from the US West completing a second term; and two from US East, one completing a first term and the other completing a second term. Only persons who have been members of the Association for at least three years preceding their nomination at the AGM are eligible for election.

Nominations to the WNGGA Board of Trustees to fill the above slots may be submitted to any of the following members of the Nominating Committee:

Col. Alfred J. Reese, Jr., USA Ret., PO Box [REDACTED]
Lehighton, PA 18235

The Rev. Dr. R. Cerwyn Davies, [REDACTED]ellhaven
Crescent, Scarborough, ON M1M 1H3, Canada

Dr. Wm. John Lewis, [REDACTED] Red Coach Road
Dayton, OH 45429

The deadline for submission of nominations prior to the meeting is 1 August 2001. Nominations may be made from the floor during the AGM.

NEEDS OF THE WNGGA

The WNGGA is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization recognized by the US Internal Revenue Service. As you would expect, there are many needs that have to be addressed by all non-profit organizations dedicated to carrying out difficult missions. The most difficult mission, common to all non-profits, is raising money. I find that almost 75% of my mail is made up of requests for money from non-profit organizations.

The WNGGA is fortunate in that its managers have prudently set aside financial resources in separate reserved endowments. These endowments are reserved for special purposes such as production of hymnals and the use of interest only for the award of grants and scholarships. Another endowment has been set aside to accept contributions for a documentary video on the Welsh of North America.

While these endowments insure the solvency of the WNGGA, they restrain expenditures to cover other worthwhile projects and administration. Many important administrative and travel expenses are paid for out of pocket by the WNGGA management group, especially the Executive Director, and by volunteer work

The March 2001 issue of HWYL addressed commitments of the WNGGA that require funding from a General Fund. The Officers and Trustees are considering ways to raise additional unrestricted funds for support and extension of Welsh culture, heritage, and language in North America.

PHONETIC WELSH HYMNAL

The long awaited WNGGA Phonetic Welsh Hymnal is "on the press". Hundreds of copies are being printed.

The phonetic hymnal (with a "daffodil" yellow cover") will contain the phonetic pronunciations for every verse of every hymn and anthem in WELSH AND ENGLISH HYMNS AND ANTHEMS (REFORMATTED), the official

hymnal of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association.

Advance orders are being accepted and will be filled in sequence of receipt as soon as the publication comes off the press. The cost for each phonetic hymnal will be \$11 US (Minnesota residents add 6.5% sales tax). Orders for 10 or more sent to the same address in one package will have a 10% discount or \$9.90 US per copy.

Those wishing to order should send their request to WNGGA International Headquarters, GAC Box B47, [REDACTED] West College Avenue, St. Peter, MN 56082-1498. Telephone orders can be accepted by toll free to (877) [REDACTED]. Payment may be made by check made out to WNGGA in US dollars or by use of Mastercard or Visa.

ASSOCIATED WELSH ORGANIZATIONS

The WNGGA welcomes 12 new Associated Welsh Organizations (AWO) that have become organization life members since 1 July 2000. These new organizations bring the total number of AWOs to over 80.

Colorado Welsh Society, Westminster, CO
 St. David's Society of Greater St. Louis, MO
 St. David's Society of South Carolina, Florence, SC
 Welsh Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, CA
 Ninnau, Basking Ridge, NJ
 Welsh Folk Dance Society of Greater Kansas City, MO
 Remsen-Steuben Historical Society, NY
 Bryn Sion Welsh Church, Beaver Creek, OR
 Bala Pioneer Heritage Society, Green, KS
 Hudson Valley Welsh Society, Newburg, NY
 Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of New Zealand, Rotorua, New Zealand.
 Women's Welsh Club of New York, NY

When the one-time organization life membership fee of \$50 is received, a special certificate, with the official seal and ribbon, and a letter from the WNGGA President are sent to the organization in recognition of their becoming a part of the WNGGA.

Please contact the WNGGA International Headquarters, toll free (877) 831-0563, regarding benefits of AWO membership.

REPORT FROM THE MID-YEAR MEETING IN WATERLOO, CANADA

Fourteen Officers and Trustees traveled to attend the 12 May 2001 WNGGA mid-year meeting held in conjunction with the Ontario Gymanfa Ganu.

- Lengthy discussions addressed the annual budget and a deficit in non-restricted resources to cover proposed activities. Much of the content of this issue clarifies this discussion.
- Representatives of the Ottawa Organizing Committee reported on attendance and participation during the 69th Annual Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu. There were 936 registrants, 747 at the Grand Banquet, and 1435 at the Grand Concert. The WNGGA share of the net proceeds was \$4,702 and the WNGGA part of registration fees was \$4,685 for a total of \$9,287.
- Myfanwy S. Davies, Chair of the Scholarship Committee reported on the award of the following scholarships and grants (in every case 10% was withheld pending receipt of completion reports):

--Elizabeth Ann Brownell (VT) received \$500 to pay a small portion of her costs of study at Lampeter College in Wales leading to an MA in Social Anthropology concentrating on Welsh culture and history.

--Dr. Candyce Clayton (MN) was awarded \$1,000 for travel to Wales working toward completion of an anthology on Welsh women poets.

--Arlie Prokop (NE), currently in Wales working on Welsh hymnody, was awarded \$1,000 to help in her research.

--The Bala Pioneer Heritage Society (KS) was awarded \$1,000 to assist in the restoration of the Bala Presbyterian Church, a focal point for local Welsh activities.

--Cor Cymraeg de California was awarded \$1,000 to help in bringing young guest artists from Wales to be part of its performance of Welsh music throughout South California.

--Cymdeithas Madog was sent \$750 to help defray costs on their annual Welsh immersion course to be held in Atlanta, GA.

--Poultney Area St. David's Society (VT) was awarded \$1,500 for continuation of their work in preserving the recordings of the Poultney Welsh Male Chorus with a companion book on the history of the chorus with photos, artwork, and reviews.

--The Welsh Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles request for funds to pay for a conductor and soloist, for their annual gymanfa ganu, resulted in an award of \$1,000.

--The Welsh Society of Northwest Ohio was awarded \$2,000 for the establishment of a Gomer Welsh Community Museum in a house donated to the society.

WELSH ASSOCIATED YOUTH (WAY)

The major problem faced with participation of WAY members during the National Gymanfa Ganu is the conflict of schedules: that of the National over the Labor Day weekend and the start of terms at schools, colleges, and universities. Discussions to date are centering on the possibility

of two WAY events. The first would continue to be held in conjunction with the National with a thrust directed toward younger members of WAY accompanying their parents. The second would be a non-Labor Day weekend event at a college campus for the older members of WAY capable of travel with or without parents.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO NINNAU AND Y DRYCH

The WNGGA extends its sincere appreciation to Ninnau and Y Drych for their excellent coverage of its activities throughout the year. A subscription form for each publication is enclosed as a token of appreciation to each of them for a job well done.

ADDRESS CHANGES REQUESTED

One of the continuing headquarters administrative problems is tracking down changes in address. In many cases, first knowledge of an address change comes in the form of returned correspondence and HWYL. Returned mail creates a postal charge for its return and an additional charge when the new address is located. We are dedicated to making every attempt to track down new addresses. You can help by advising the headquarters of your changes of address by e-mail to ellis@gustavus.edu, FAX (507) 233-2204, toll free telephone (800) 451-1005, or by regular mail to the WNGGA International Headquarters, GAC Box 100, W. College Ave., St. Peter, MN 56082-1498.

THE HEADLINE OPENING THIS NEWSLETTER NEEDS REPEATING. I CAN'T AFFORD THE SPACE, GO BACK AND LOOK AT IT.

WITHOUT BOTH MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITHER AWAY AND DIE. THE WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION IS AN ACTIVE, GROWING, AND VIBRANT ORGANIZATION. LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO HELP IN THE CONTINUATION OF ITS GREAT WORK.

OF COURSE IT IS ACTIVE. FOUNDED IN 1929, IT CONTINUES TO PRESENT AN ANNUAL WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU AS IT HAS EVERY YEAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE WORLD WAR II YEARS OF 1943-45

NOT ONLY ACTIVE, IT HAS GROWN, ALMOST DOUBLING ITS MEMBERSHIP DURING THE

PAST 16 YEARS. THIS ACHIEVEMENT IS MOST SIGNIFICANT WHEN ANNUAL LOSSES, BECAUSE OF NATURAL REASONS, ARE CONSIDERED. **HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU HEARD THE PREDICITON THAT THE WNGGA CAN'T LAST BECAUSE OF ITS AGING CONSTITUENCY?** THIS DOUBLING OF MEMBERSHIP SHOULD CONSIGN THAT PREDICTION TO THE TRASH ONCE AND FOR ALL.

THE WNGGA IS VIBRANT. IT HAS GROWN TO A FOUR-DAY EVENT. IT HAS ADDED NEW ATTRACTIONS SUCH AS SEMINARS AND OCCASIONAL EISTEDDFODAU, WHILE RETAINING ITS TRADITIONAL CONTENT. IT HAS EXPANDED ITS SUPPORT FOR ACTIVITIES THAT EXTEND AN UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF WELSH CULTURE, HERITAGE, AND LANGUAGE THROUGH ITS SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS PROGRAM.

THE WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU IS SOMETHING MORE THAN A GATHERING FOR HYMN SINGING. IT IS A CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL OCCASION. ITS HYMN SINGING IS REALLY A CONCERT OF BEAUTIFUL VOICES JOINED IN PRESENTING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC. ITS GRAND CONCERTS OFFER THE BEST CHORAL RENDITIONS OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC AS WELL AS MUSIC FROM THE STAGE, OPERA AND FILMS. CONCERT SOLOISTS DISPLAY THE FINEST OF VOCAL TALENT.

IN SPITE OF ALL THE ABOVE, STAGNATION IS A REAL DANGER AND MUST BE PREVENTED.

PRESIDENT UPSHALL HAS APPOINTED COMMITTEES TO CONSIDER THE MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDING ASPECTS OF THE WNGGA.

FOR THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY VICE PRESIDENT LYNN OWENS-WHALEN, ONE MAY ASK "WHAT IS THE **POTENTIAL** SOURCE FOR NEW MEMBERS?" WHILE YEAR 2000 U.S. CENSUS FIGURES AND COMPARABLE DATA FROM CANADA ARE STILL NOT AVAILABLE, AN ESTIMATE OF **4,000,000 WELSH DESCENDANTS** IN North America IS NOT BEYOND BELIEF. OUR 3,000 MEMBERS REPRESENT PUNY PARTICIPATION MEASURED AGAINST THE TOTAL POTENTIAL. IT IS ALSO NOT BEYOND BELIEF THAT **THE VAST MAJORITY** OF THE 4 MILLION ARE NOT AWARE THAT THE WNGGA, ITS ANNUAL WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU, THE MANY LOCAL SOCIETIES, AND PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS NINNAU AND Y DRYCH EVEN EXIST. IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT MANY OF THE 4 MILLION COULD CARE LESS. HOWEVER HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU AND I HEARD THE COMMENT " **I NEVER KNEW THERE WERE SO MANY WELSH HERE AND SO MANY ACTIVITIES**"? **I WISH I HAD KNOWN.**"

WATCH FOR FUTURE NEWS ON HOW YOU CAN HELP INCREASE WNGGA MEMBERSHIP

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT COL. ALFRED J. REESE, JR. HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO CHAIR AN, AS YET UNNAMED, COMMITTEE TO ATTACK THE PROBLEM OF FUND RAISING. ASKING FOR MONEY IS ALWAYS A PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY FOR ONE WHOSE MILITARY CAREER INVOLVED SPENDING THE TAXPAYER'S MONEY, NOT RAISING IT. **OBVIOUSLY, I NEED HELP.**

THE PRIMARY SOURCES OF OPERATING CAPITAL TO THE WNGGA FOR CARRYING OUT ITS MISSION ARE DUES, ITS SHARE OF PROCEEDS FROM THE ANNUAL WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU, INCOME FROM THE SALE OF PUBLICATIONS, AND UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS.

ONE MAY ASK IF THESE SOURCES HAVE BEEN ADEQUATE IN THE PAST WHY ARE THEY NOT SO NOW. **THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ADEQUATE. TOO MANY OF THE OUT OF POCKET ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, INCLUDING THE ESSENTIAL TRAVEL OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN ARRANGING FOR NATIONAL VENUES, HAVE BEEN ABSORBED BY VOLUNTEERS. ALL OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES ARE NON PAID VOLUNTEERS.** ASK YOURSELF IF WHAT YOU PAID FOR LIVING FIVE OR TEN YEARS AGO WOULD BE ENOUGH TODAY.

THIS IS NOT THE PLACE TO GO INTO A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE BUDGET. SUFFICE TO SAY THAT ESTIMATED EXPENSES EXCEED ESTIMATED INCOME BY \$18,365. IN A ROUND AMOUNT, \$20,000 IS NEEDED TO CONTINUE THE CURRENT LEVEL OF SUPPORT AND PROVIDE FOR EXTENSION OF THE WORK OF THE WNGGA.

AS FAR AS EXTENSION OF WELSH ORIENTED CULTURAL PROGRAMS, WHY DOESN'T THE WNGGA SPONSOR AN ANNUAL NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD TO PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR THE MANY WHO ARE TALENTED IN WELSH ARTS?

WHAT HELP IS NEEDED?

WE NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM OUR MEMBERS. ALL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS LEAN HEAVILY ON AND GAIN SUPPORT FROM THEIR MEMBERS. WATCH FOR DETAILS IN FUTURE ISSUES OF HWYL ON INCENTIVES DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE EVERY MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN IMPORTANT FUND RAISING EFFORTS.

WE NEED CORPORATE SUPPORT OR SPONSORSHIP. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 150 U.S. AND CANADIAN CORPORATIONS WITH BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN WALES. ANY ONE OF THESE COULD WELL FINANCE WNGGA ADMINISTRATION AS A SPONSOR OF THE ANNUAL WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU. A COMBINATION COULD WELL ESTABLISH A SPONSORSHIP ENDOWMENT FROM WHICH ONLY INTEREST WOULD BE USE TO SUPPORT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. **THE PROBLEM IS GETTING TO THE CORPORATE, DECISION-MAKING LEVEL. I HAVE TRIED TO GET ADVICE ON THIS SUBJECT AND FAILED.** WHO IN OUR MEMBERSHIP OR AMONG OUR FRIENDS CAN ADVISE ON THE ROUTES TO FOLLOW TO GET CONSIDERATION?

WE NEED TO CONSIDER THE AVAILABILITY OF AND IMPLICATIONS OF GOVERNMENTAL GRANTS IN SUPPORT OF ETHNIC CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. SURELY, SOMEONE IN OUR MEMBERSHIP CAN PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND EXPERTISE ON THIS SUBJECT.

THAT'S THE STORY. DON'T IGNORE IT OR SET IT ASIDE.
IT WON'T GO AWAY.
BECOME A PART OF THE SOLUTION
CONTACT THE WNGGA INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS