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To ALL MEMBERS and FRIENDS
of the NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION:

As President of the Cleveland Welsh Society, I am happy to report that a warm Welcome awaits you the moment you arrive at The Cleveland-Sheraton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, August 29th, 30th and 31st, 1969 for the Annual National Gymanfa Ganu.

The Cleveland Welsh Society has completed the preparations for your comfort, enjoyment and a sincere Royal Welcome during your stay in Cleveland over Labor Day week-end 1969.

FRIDAY, Aug. 29th - Registration all day and Banquet in the Evening.
SATURDAY, Aug. 30th - A visit to the Welsh Home, Rocky River, Ohio and the NOSON LAWEN in the Evening.
SUNDAY, Aug. 31st - Bilingual Church Service in the morning, Gymanfa Sessions in the Afternoon and Evening.

Details of all functions will appear in the official program.

Hotel Room Reservations should be made early. Please use the enclosed RESERVATION CARD. For further information, write the Secretary of the Cleveland Welsh Society or any of the officers.

May we solicit your cooperation and assistance in obtaining PATRONAGE and MEMORIAL Gifts? We would like to have your name appear in our program as a contributor and in so doing you will help to preserve a great Heritage and assist to perpetuate the Gymanfa Ganu, the only remaining Welsh Institution in North America. As science adds years to our lives, let us add life to our years by attending and supporting all Welsh Activities and especially the Annual National Gymanfa Ganu held in Cleveland in 1969.

Come to Cleveland, to enjoy good FELLOWSHIP, the Welsh "HWYL" and truly inspirational Hymn singing at its best.

Please invite your many friends to come to Cleveland in 1969.

Sincerely

THE CLEVELAND WELSH SOCIETY

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Dear Members & Friends,

Forty-one years ago, The National Gymanfa Ganu Association held its first Gymanfa Ganu on Goat Island, Niagara Falls, New York. Since that humble beginning, countless thousands of Welsh men and women have gathered together over the Labor Day week-end in towns and cities all over this vast Continent to sing their praises to the Lord. Dedicated members have worked long and hard each year so that we, the lovers of things Welsh, can meet to reminisce with old and new friends, and so that we may sing together our beloved Hymns.

This year, we will again have the opportunity to meet at the traditional time in Cleveland, where the Gymanfa Ganu Society is renowned for its organization and for its hospitality, and a warm welcome awaits us there in August. A full programme of events is being prepared, and as usual, a Cleveland National will be a memorable one.

A break with tradition will serve to make 1969 an outstanding one for the Association, and that break is now a reality - the National is going to Wales for the first time. The City of Cardiff Gymanfa Committee has worked closely with the National Officers during the past several months, and on June 27, 28, and 29, the 38th National Gymanfa Ganu will take place in the home of the Gymanfa. Representatives from all over the U.S.A. and Canada will be there, and Wales will hear our singing as we join in worship in song.

The months ahead are full of promise, but what of the years ahead? Are we, as Officers, Trustees and Members furthering the cause of the Gymanfa Ganu? Are we fulfilling the trust that has been placed in us? Are we giving any thought to the younger generation, or are we content to keep things as they are because it's more comfortable that way? We all have our likes and dislikes, and rightly so, but we also have a duty. Think for a moment of those who have given so much for the Gymanfa Ganu, and think particularly of those we have lost during the past year. They believed in the Gymanfa Ganu, and they worked for the Gymanfa Ganu, past, present and future. The Menna Williamses, the Llewellyn Robertses, and Henry Joneses and their kind are still with us in spirit, and it is those spirits that bid us think ahead. Their encouragement is something I have personally experienced, and this encouragement always encompassed the years ahead.

Now it is up to us. Some things should not - indeed, must not - be changed, but there are areas where we must move with the times. The direction in which we make that move is what counts, and that direction is under our control. Will you give your serious consideration? Will you come to the Annual Meeting in Cleveland so that we may know your thoughts on this very urgent matter.

The Cardiff National and the Cleveland National will soon be with us, and then they will be memories, treasured for years to come. It is my hope that we will be guided on to the correct path so that we can look forward with confidence knowing that for each fond memory we have, another one is waiting.

Yours very sincerely,

Lewis Edwards

Lewis Edwards,
President