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September 8, 1982

Miss Barbara Morgan  
[redacted] Fernhill Ave.  
Baltimore, Md., 21215

Dear Barbara:

I have just returned from attending the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu at Toronto and I am still trying to get back down to earth. It was a wonderful Gymanfa and was particularly enjoyable for me as this was my first time to represent our Women's Welsh Clubs of America and to sit on the Board of Trustees of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association.

I can't tell you how proud and pleased I was to hear of the Baltimore Club's invitation to hold the National in your city in 1984. I hope that you are not too disappointed that the decision was made to accept the invitation from Portland, Oregon. I was in attendance at the meeting and can assure you that the decision to go to Portland was almost completely swayed by the fact that, with the National being held in Wilkes Barre in 1983, it will mean three years running it has been held in the East. In order to keep the interest of the people in the West it is important that the National be held in that area periodically and this was a deciding factor.

Everyone was very happy that an invitation had come from Baltimore and they are hopeful that you will extend the invitation again - for 1985. Our Welsh Clubs had such a lovely time at the convention held for us last year, I for one am very anxious to return to your city. You did it all so well and so smoothly there is no question that your club would be most gracious hosts for the National Gymanfa. So I would like to add my most sincere encouragement that you consider issuing your invitation again - for the year 1985.

As I close, a word of appreciation to the Baltimore Club on behalf of the Women's Welsh Clubs of America, for their invitation to the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association - this is our Welsh heritage and cooperation really at work.

My very best wishes to you and your club for a most successful year ahead. I will be in touch quite often in the days ahead and if there is any way that I can be of assistance to you please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

*Dorothy*

Dorothy Feeley, National President

cc: Mr. Norman Williams, President, WNGGA  
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September 13, 1982

Miss Barbara Morgan  
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Baltimore, Md., 21215

Dear Miss Morgan:

I wish to convey on behalf of the Board of Trustees our appreciation of your invitation to host the Welsh National Gymnastfa Genu in 1984.

When the Board of Trustees reviewed the venue for 1984, Portland was selected. Our decision was based on the fact that we will have had the last three events in the East and that it was timely to select a location in western United States.

Baltimore is a beautiful city and has much to offer especially with all the restoration that has gained national recognition. It is hoped that your organization will favorably consider extending an invitation for 1985.

Please extend our thanks and appreciation to all the members of your organization.

Very truly yours,

Norman E. Williams  
President, WNGGA

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Mrs. Dorothy Feeley



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The Women's Welsh Club  
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Mr. Nelson L. Llewellyn  
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Dear Mr. Llewellyn,

This letter is in reply to yours of February 13 in which you referred to our phone conversation concerning the sponsorship of a National Gymanfa Gannu by the Baltimore Welsh community. At that time it seemed that I was the person who should contact other people and arrange a meeting at which a decision could be reached concerning our community's intention to extend an invitation to the National Gymanfa's Board of Trustees to sponsor the event in Baltimore in 1987. This has not happened due to lack of time in my schedule. In the time available outside my family, church and professional responsibilities which can be used to work on Welsh affairs I have, as president of our Welsh Women's Club, needed to give priority to working on the club events which are occurring here and now. I have spoken of the matter to a couple of key women in our group who would like to see the National Gymanfa held here, as I would. I believe that the club members would be willing to accept their share of responsibility for the Gymanfa, however we would be unable to handle it alone.

The Women's Welsh Club of Baltimore is the only organized Welsh group in the Baltimore metropolitan area. You mention the ability and skill of some of our Baltimore Welsh people. Certainly that is a fact, however some organization of Welsh people apart from The Women's Welsh Club needs to be formed. It has become clear to me that in my position as president of the Women's Welsh Club I cannot be the person to do that organizing. It will be necessary for the leadership and initiative to come from someone else in the Welsh community.

Those of us who have been entrusted with leadership in the Welsh Women's group in the last few years have engaged in a process of reaching out through our activities to find new members and support and have become known in the area. We have been responsible for the St. David's Day celebration in Baltimore for several years and also have been participating in ethnic festivals in different parts of the area. We have been called upon to represent the Welsh community at civic affairs. Thus we do have a relationship with the Welsh community and the general community outside our own group and would be able to supply a list of contacts.

Possibly the prospect of having the National Gŷmanfa in our area would act as a unifying goal to the reorganization of a St. David's Society.

Best wishes to you and your wife. We will be looking forward to seeing you at the National Welsh Women's Convention in June.

Sincerely yours,  
Jane Z. Fox

Mr. John L. Lewis  
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7/8/85

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Last Evening I talked with Barbara Morgan concerning the matter of the Welsh people in the Baltimore area sponsoring a Gymanfa for The Welsh National Gymānfa Ganu Association, INC. This was one of many conversations with Barbara about this matter and I must say that it sounds very promising that the year will be 1987.

Barbara indicated that here contact with you proved to be a good one in that you had pledged your support and let me say you are to be recommended for this support.

In 1983 at Walkes-Barre approx. 3,000 attended, then in 1984 at Portland, Oregon the attendance was approx. 1,500 and this year in Montreal we are expecting between 3,000 and 4,000 people. As you can see the attendance number attending does vary but I would guess that we could expect close to the 3,000 figure for a Gymanfa in Baltimore.

As you can see I am very excited about the possibility of our National meeting in Baltimore and any help you may be able to provide will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Nelson L. Llewellyn Secretary

July 8, 1985

Barbara Morgan  
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Dear Barbara:

I felt much encouraged after talking with you last evening on the phone and it sounds as though you and your groups do have the interest and desire to sponsor the National in 1987.

It is very interesting to note that you have made some very good contacts and have received favorable response and it certainly sounds as though you are headed in the right direction.

As mentioned, enclosed is a listing of people in the mailing file for Maryland and D.C., perhaps a good portion of these people would be willing to make the commitment.

Just typed a short note to John L. Lewis as we discussed.

Let me know as soon as you can what success you are having in setting up a meeting and the date.

I look forward to working with you and the Welsh people in Baltimore and the area as we look forward to a first for the city of Baltimore.

Sincerely,

Nelson L. Llewellyn

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July 8, 1985