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THE WELSH-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
and the San Francisco Twin-Bicentennial Committee of
THE WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU ASSOCIATION

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Dear Friends:

Each year it seems harder to transfer values from an older to a younger generation, but if there ever was an easily transferred value, it would have to be the Gymanfa Ganu, that great Hymn-singing Festival derived from the ancient Welsh skill and custom of singing in four-part harmony. This living part of their heritage cannot be given to our young people through prose or pictures. Only the real thing - a live Gymanfa - will do it for them, as it once did for us.

Remember the pride you felt in being part of that first Gymanfa - the tightened throat and wetted cheek? We all do, of course. Now, as older members of the West's Welsh community, it is our turn to foster in today's youngsters a life-long love of Wales, and the Gymanfa Ganu.

The fundamental reason for holding a Gymanfa, then, is to make it live beyond us. Here in Northern California we have another urgent reason. The last Gymanfa in our area was sixteen years ago, and there are Welsh-Americans here, in their twenties, who cannot remember the thrill and pride to be found only in a rousing Gymanfa Ganu.

For these compelling reasons we now ask you to observe the peculiarly American tradition that makes a Gymanfa possible in these times - the contribution of funds according to each heart and circumstance, the heart-felt giving by everyone invited, whether they can attend or not. Your contribution is needed now, and in good measure.

In a less serious vein - don't believe for a moment that all bicentennial action is back in the East. No sir! San Francisco was founded in 1776, and our 7th Western Regional Gymanfa will be a featured part of a gala Twin-Bicentennial celebration. This Gymanfa will be dedicated to the Welsh pioneers who played vital roles in the growth of California and all the Far West.

You are all most cordially invited to come sing with us in everyone's favorite city, this summer. Revel in San Francisco's cool fog and warm hospitality, and please - bring the kids.

Thomas Moulin
Thomas Moulin, Finance Chairman

Megan Jones Davidson
Megan Jones Davidson, General Chairman



N O T I C E

Contributions made to "San Francisco Welsh NGGA", to defray operating costs, are tax-exempt, and will be acknowledged in the Official Program (if received in time), and listings of those made "In Memorium" will name the person(s) so honored. For contributors unable to attend, Contribution Receipts and Complimentary Programs will be mailed no later than September. To save postage, Contribution Receipts for attendees will be held at the Registration Desk for pick-up in San Francisco.



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23 January 1975
Reference: N-1290

Ms. Donna Davies
President/San Francisco Chapter
National Gymanfa Ganu Association
of the United States and Canada
[REDACTED] Fillmore Street/Apt. 201
San Francisco, California 94123

Re: 1978 Annual Convention

Dear Ms. Davies:

Once again I would like to bring to your attention our interest here at the San Francisco Hilton and Tower in extending to you and the members of your local chapter an invitation to include our convention facilities in a bid to host the National Gymanfa Ganu Association annual convention for 1978 here in San Francisco.

It has been a few months since we had an opportunity to discuss the possibility of the local chapter presenting a bid to host this meeting. In attempting to contact you by phone this past week I have not been able to reach you and did want to drop you a note as the time for a decision on this convention is rapidly approaching.

I have been in contact with Jack Meadows of the national office of the association and again it has been indicated to me that it is up to the local chapters to present a bid to host the national convention, and again am inquiring as to your position in this regard.

Since I have not had an opportunity to talk with you directly I am most anxious to learn of your position in this matter and would appreciate it very much if at your convenience in the near future you would either drop me a note or give me a call here at the office.



Ms. Donna Davies
Natl. Gymanfa Ganu Association

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23 January 1975

Ms. Davies, please bear in mind that all of us here at the hotel would welcome the opportunity to assist you in any way possible, however the first step must be taken by you and the members of your chapter.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.
I look forward to the opportunity of assisting you in the planning and programming of this meeting.

With best regards,

Steve Pinetti
Sales Manager

SP/hb

cc: Mr. Jack Meadows
Mr. Arne C. Schey

"CYMRU AM BYTH"

Welsh-American Society

Valley View Ave.
Belmont, CA 94002



20 February 1976

Mr. Jack Meadows, Secretary
Bicentennial Gymanfa Ganu Assoc.
Southern Boulevard,
Youngstown, OH 44512

Dear Sir,

With great pleasure I advise you of our intention to hold a Western Regional Gymanfa Ganu in San Francisco on July 16-18, at the Jack Tar Hotel, in honor of the Bicentennial of the United States and the City of San Francisco. I realize this is very short notice, for everyone involved, and that our success will hinge on how quickly we can carry out our planning and publicity.

Because time is of the essence, I am asking you to provide us with the following items as soon as possible:

1. Mailing list of all Welsh organizations, particularly those west of the Mississippi, in western Canada, or west of us.
2. A supply of Bicentennial Gymanfa Ganu stationery.
3. Names and addresses of the officers of your Association.

Having attended only one Gymanfa Ganu in my life, and that in London in 1973, I have few pre-conceptions of what must be done, and will depend on experienced members of this Society for help and guidance. This is not to say I won't need and appreciate any assistance you may care to provide.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John R. Nichols".

John R. Nichols, President

cc: file
JRN/jrn

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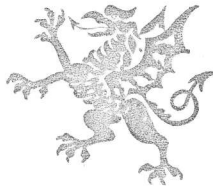
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Dear Mr. Meadows.

By the time you receive this, no doubt your envelopes will be at the Continental Railways Bus depot, as they left Youngstown on Thursday the 4th. Enclosed is a copy of the shipping tag which will help you identify the package. Out of the 1500 envelopes ordered you will find 769 addressed which, I know would relieve you of many hours of work, the rest I'm sure you will be able to utilize for other mailings that you may have. Mr. Edwards on treasure will bill you a little later for both the envelopes and shipping charges. Since I have committed myself to stage an out door Gymanfa on your dates I will not be able to attend, but I'm sure it will be a success - so let me congratulate you and your committee for undertaking such a task. If there is anything I can do to help do not hesitate to ask.

Yours for the enhancement of Welsh
 hymnology.

Jack Meadows, Secy
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22 March 1976

Mr. Jack Meadows, Secretary
Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Assn. Inc.
[REDACTED] Southern Blvd.
Youngstown, OH 44512

Dear Jack,

Diolch yn fawr for the envelopes with the beautifully printed return addresses. I was disappointed there were only 670 pre-addressed, so I have written all the Welsh organizations in the West for their mailing lists, or for permission to enclose promotional materials with their next newsletter or notice mailings.

I know how important feed-back is to the care and feeding of a mailing list, and after our first use of your list, I will advise you of any "Return to Sender" or other data you should have. In the meantime, here are some corrections you can make:

1. Change "Colesloga" to "Calistoga" for Henry A Schrumpt.
2. Mrs. I.J.Stokes has moved from [REDACTED] Joaquin Ave, San Leandro to [REDACTED] Bay Place, Apt [REDACTED], Oakland, CA 94610
3. There are several duplicates, or separate listings for co-habitants.
 - a. Jenkin Jones (90 next year) lives with his daughter, Dyllys J. Tate at [REDACTED] College Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95404
 - b. Idwal and Margaret Parri of [REDACTED] NE 41st Portland, OR 97232.

The professional fund-raisers tell me I must plan at least three mailings to get the maximum return from our requests for donations. I hardly think there will be time for this, but I can see the need for a follow-up reminder to those who do not respond to the first mailing. For this reason, I am going to ask for the following:

1. One more set of pre-addressed envelopes - same as before.
2. One galley-proof of the same plates printed 10 to a page (2 columns of 5 per column) which we can use to (1) provide a record of the people to whom we have written and (2) give us a place to make notes as to response, follow-up, etc.

Without the galleys I will have no record of addressees once they are mailed. It would seem that the inclusion of such a list would make the envelopes you provide more useful to the groups using them. When I took over this job I asked our addressograph people for a galley-proof and was amazed at the differences between it and our card-file records.

When Ann Davies Thomas visited us on St. David's Day, she estimated our attendance would be around 1200. I sure hope she is right! She has been to more Gymanfas by mistake than I have on purpose, so I am planning for about 500 locals and 500 visitors.

Please address your next shipment to: Miss Rosemary Mucklow
[REDACTED] Market Street, Rm 1415
San Francisco, CA 94103
(Her office is about 6 blocks from the bus station, and I am about 20 miles)

P.S Could the return addresses on the envelopes show "Welsh-American Soc. of Northern California"? There is a different Society for Southern Cal.

Thanks again for your cooperation - - -

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Nichols".

John R. Nichols, President

4-2-76

Mr John R. Nichols
Valley View Ave
Belmont. Cal. 94002

Dear Mr Nichols.

Thank you for your kind remarks concerning the envelopes, but please excuse the slight delay in completing your second addressing of same, it was due to having them printed, you should receive them within the week as they will be shipped via U.P.S. the same time as this is being mailed.

Regarding your request for a galley proof of the list the only way I could do it would be by individual cards, so I'm sure one or more of your assistants could type such a list for you.

This is my busy time getting prepared for the National Gymnastics in Philadelphia also making a list for Wisconsin similar to yours, they are contemplating a charter flight from that area to Philadelphia.

I know Ann Thomas will do an outstanding job for you I only wish I could be there with you but due to heading a Bi-Centennial Gymnastics here in Youngstown makes it impossible for me, but I'm sure some of the National officers will be in attendance.

If I can be of further assistance do not hesitate to ask, wishing you and committee sincere good wishes for a successful Gymnastics.

Very sincerely yours

Jack Meadows, secretary.
W.N.G.G.A.

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From: Rosemary Mucklow
[REDACTED] Market St., Rm. 1415
San Francisco, Ca. 94103

4/20/76

Mr. Jack Meadows
[REDACTED] Southern Blvd.
Youngstown, Ohio 44512

Dear Mr. Meadows:

I am the Treasurer for both our local Welsh American Society and for the Regional Gymanfa Ganu that we are planning to have in July. I have opened a Savings Account for the Gymanfa and will keep funds segregated and accounted for.

I would appreciate it if you would send me the IRS tax identification number which I will need to provide the Bank for the Gymanfa account. Also please advise me whether there is any specific form of accounting methods which the National prefers to use.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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20 May 1976

Dear Jack

I should have checked on this much sooner - just assumed
all was in order without looking further. Now I find that there
are no addresses for Colorado, Arkansas, Louisiana, Ontario
and Wisconsin. 31 3 515

We just mailed 1600 invitations and I think if we can get
from you a set of pre-addresses envelopes for at least Colo-
rado and Wisconsin we can get them mailed within two weeks.
That will still be 30 days before the event, leaving people
ample time to take action.

As for the other states, and Ontario, I will leave it up to
you. If you can send them, I'll certainly use them - if not,
I won't be dissappointed, for I'm already tired of stamping,
stuffing and sealing letters.

Sorry I slipped up on this, and that I have to ask you to
take time to help me get my tail out of another crack.

Diolch yn fawr

John R. Nichols



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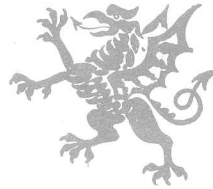
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Dear Rosemary.

As per Mr Nichols request, addressed envelopes for Colorado-Louisiana-Ontario and Wisconsin, I do not have any listings for Arkansas, you will find some without a return address as I did not want to go the expense of another box of 500, but I'm sure you will be able to a return address on them.

They will be shipped via Continental Trailway's Bus on Thursday at 2:00 P.M. and should arrive in S F. sometime Sunday June 30th.

Wishing you the very best

Sincerely



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MAY 31, 1976.

Dear Jack:

We held our Seventh Regional Committee meeting yesterday at the home of Mrs. Constance Thomson, Music Chairman, in San Rafael, California.

I have been instructed to order five-hundred (500) Hymnals from you. Kindly ship them to:

Mr. John R. Nichols, President
Welsh-American Society
[redacted] Valley View Drive
Belmont, Ca. 94002

I'm trying quite hard to keep the Committee on the "Straight and Narrow" regarding the Rules under the National. New people know little of these things. I'm sure John Nichols is aware but there are individuals who need some counseling from me. I do hope that I advise them correctly, such as:

If \$3.00 fee is charged for registration, doesn't it mean that no offerings should be taken at the sessions!

Has this rule been changed? Confidentially, I would like to know our position on this, Jack. I don't want to be quoted, please = only sure of what I said at the meeting. This rule applied in Salt Lake because we could not have offerings at the Tabernacle - remember?

Hope all is well.

Regards

Ann Davies Thomas

Mailed Hymnals - 6-5-76.

\$7:20.



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June 4th 1976

Dear Ann.

By return mail.

Thank you for your letter and the order for the Hymnals which Mr Nichols should receive in ample time as they will be mailed Saturday the 5th.

Your efforts on behalf of the National are greatly appreciated, and with you conducting it will be a success.

Regarding the \$3:00 registration it was never officially approved by the B.O.T, but permission was given to Philadelphia with the understanding that no collections would be taken up, so I would say you are on safe ground.

Very sincerely yours

Jack Meadows.



"CYMRU AM BYTH"

Welsh-American Society

Valley View Ave.
Belmont, CA 94002



June 22 1976

Mr. Jack Meadows, Secretary
Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Assn, Inc.
Southern Blvd.
Youngstown, OH 44512

Dear Jack:

Enclosed is the feedback data I promised. I was amazed at the low percentage of undeliverables - less than 3%! When you consider that 6% of we Americans move every year and another large group goes to that big Eisteddfod in the sky, that 2.9% indicates the fine care you have taken of the National mailing list. Someone said that an unattended mailing list was like an unrefrigerated load of fish. I got a couple of loads of fish this time - one from San Diego ran to 16% undeliverable.

Also enclosed are some corrections you can crank into the list some day when you have nothing better to do. Some of them are "picky" things, but I have found we have a very "picky" clientele.

Unless things take a dramatic turn for the better, it looks like our attendance may run between 300 and 500, though I am hoping for more. Owen Roberts wrote to say he would attend - with mixed feelings - for the Olympics open in Montreal on 17 July, which will keep many mid-westerners at home.

The song books have arrived and we will open them only as we sell them. I understand we can return the unopened and unsold ones to you.

Jack - diolch yn fawr for the great cooperation you have given me, and again, my sincere appreciation and respect for the fine job you are doing. I know how much time and effort it takes, and I am glad it is your responsibility, not mine. Hoping to meet you in person some day soon, I am

sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John R. Nichols".

John R. Nichols, President

7-2-76

Mr John R. Nichols.
[REDACTED] Valley View Ave
Belmont Calif. 94002.

Dear John.

Thanks-thanks very much for very kind letter and remarks which I shall read at the B.O.T meeting in Philadelphia, I only wish you could be there so we could have a real chat.

As you well know by now what it is to put on a Gymanfa and with such short time that you had you are to be congratulated, the people on the outside do not realize the amount of work entailed in such an undertaking, as for myself its a year around job, at least two or three letters each day to answer and then the last two months before convention time I am swamped.

On Wednesday last I spent all day just putting stamps on 3600 envelopes which when stuffed of course that takes another couple days, so I have about a weeks work getting them out.

I know what you mean about a picky clientele, but don't let that bother you, because the one's that criticize do the least amount of work.

John, I also want to thank you for the corrections which are all taken care of, but I would appreciate very much if you would send me a copy of the registration list so I can reconcile it with master list, if people would only write or print so one could read it but I'm sure you will see what I mean when you go over it.

John, I hope Owen Roberts does attend I know you will find ~~xxxxxx~~ him a perfect gentleman, give my regards to everyone and I wish you a very successful Gymanfa.

Very sincerely yours

Jack Meadows, secretary.

WELSH-AMERICAN SOCIETY
[REDACTED] Valley View Ave.
Belmont, CA 94002



19 July 1976

Dear Jack --

Our Gymanfa was not the biggest, nor did it make the most money, but artistically and emotionally, it was the greatest ever held - according to many of the experts there.

Enclosed please find two more corrections and a letter bearing a curiously mixed address, as you will note.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' and 'N' with a checkmark-like flourish.

John Nichols

7TH WESTERN REGIONAL GYMANFA GANU

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FINAL

CASH STATEMENT

PROCEEDS FROM:

Donations		\$2,993.00	
Registration Fees		545.00	
Noson Llawn Tickets		253.00	
Banquet Tickets		1,254.00	
Sunday Service Colln.		131.00	
Boutique Sales		823.70	
Raffle Ticket Sales		129.60	
Table Doll Sales		195.00	
Te Bach Tickets		93.00	
Counter Sales	\$169		
Less Refund on Hwyl	<u>30</u>		
Check		139.00	
Interest Income		<u>9.94</u>	
		TOTAL PROCEEDS	\$6,566.24

EXPENSES PAID:

Hotel & Equipment		\$2,275.04	
Artists, Conductors and			
Accompanists		819.16	
Program & Printing		1,079.38	
Postage & Telephone		802.25	
Advertising		206.00	
Minister		50.00	
Materials for Boutique,			
Hymnals, raffle, etc.		<u>876.06</u>	
		TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$6,107.89</u>
		NET CASH PROCEEDS	\$ 458.35

Balance in Checking A/C 8/20/76 \$ 458.35

PER MEADOWS LETTER OF 8/9/76 - 60 percent is for National.

Net Cash Proceeds	\$458.35
Gwyn Parri Guest Room	<u>197.72</u>
Adjusted Proceeds	\$656.07

60% Due to NGGA	\$393.64
Less Amt. Paid on Parri's	
Guest Room	<u>197.72</u>

Amount to NGGA (by check # 46) = \$195.92

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