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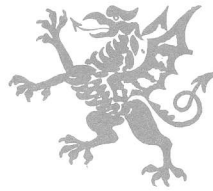
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Dear Members and Friends:

Time is drawing near for our forthcoming Bicentennial Gymanfa Ganu. As you can see, we are planning full and interesting days for your visit to the historic "City of Brotherly Love."

Thursday, September 2 - Reception Day

Friday - Starting at 9:30 a.m., a tour of lovely Gwynedd Valley, lunch at Gwynedd Friends Meeting House, on to the Welsh tract west of the Schuylkill River to visit other early Welsh houses, coming back to the Sheraton Hotel for the banquet at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday - Business meeting of the W.N.G.G.A. at 9:00 a.m. Ceremony at the Welsh plaque on the east side of City Hall at 12:00 Noon, proceeding across the street to the Wanamaker Store for a "sing" in the Grand Court with the famous Wanamaker organ.

7:30 p.m. - Noson Lawen, which will be an historical pageant, followed by Te Bach.

Sunday - 9:45 a.m. all Welsh service at the Arch Street Presbyterian Church (adjacent to hotel). Preacher will be the Rev. Dafydd G. Davies, Principal of the Baptist College of Cardiff, Wales. At 11:15 a.m., the regular service of the Arch Street Presbyterian Church, Dr. G. Hall Todd, minister of the church, preaching.

2:30 p.m. - Afternoon Session of the Gymanfa Ganu, Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel.

7:30 p.m. - Evening session of the Gymanfa Ganu.

Conductor for both sessions will be Mr. Lyn Harry of Hamilton, Ontario, formerly Director of the Morrision Orpheus Male Choir of Wales.

We are looking forward to a very successful Gymanfa Ganu, combining our traditional Welsh Hymn Festival and the 200th birthday of our Nation. Registration is mandatory for attendance at all functions, however no offering will be taken at either Gymanfa Ganu session.

Cordially,

Elisabeth E. Griffith  
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Dear Member and Friends:

This being the Bi-Centennial Year, what better way for Welsh people to celebrate the glorious birthday of our nation, than to hold a Gymanfa Ganu. Philadelphia, the "City of Brotherly Love" invites you to come on September 2, 3, 4, and 5 to the Sheraton Hotel, 17th Street and John F. Kennedy Boulevard. There is no other place in these United States more rich in Welsh History. The city itself founded by a Welshman, William Penn, has left us a vast number of place names, such as Gwynedd, Pen Llyn, Bryn Mawr, Bala Cynwyd, to name a few.

We are planning an interesting and varied program, which will keep everyone well occupied. Our highlight, the Gymanfa Ganu, will be conducted by Mr. Lyn Harry, formerly the director of the famous Morrision Orpheus Male Choir of Wales.

As everyone knows, these events are costly and we will have a large budget to meet. We most urgently ask you to contribute as much as you feel able, to help meet our costs.

Contributions may be made in the following categories:

Patrons - over \$100

Donor - \$25 to \$50

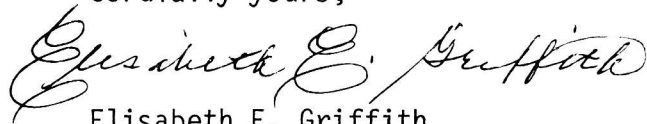
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Come to Philadelphia "where it all began." enjoy the Gymanfa Ganu and related

Cordially yours,



Elisabeth E. Griffith  
General Chairman

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Dear members and friends:

I am very happy to extend greetings to all on behalf of the National Gymanfa Ganu Association. The singing of our beloved Welsh hymns is showing increased interest not only by the Welsh themselves but also by many other ethnic groups and I look upon this as a tribute to the Welsh people and their heritage. The tremendous success at New York last year can only enhance our future, thanks to the sponsors.

This being the bicentennial year of the founding of the United States of America we are being given the opportunity of doubling the overall pleasure in the fact that there will be two Gymanfaoedd under the auspices of our organization. The first, a Regional, will be held in San Francisco on July 16, 17, and 18, and the second, the National, in Philadelphia over the traditional Labor Day weekend. Both of these Gymanfaoedd will be the high quality always associated with the WNGGA.

According to Mr. John R. Nichols (publicity) San Francisco will open its arms for a weekend stay that will be memorable. Mrs. Ann Davies Thomas who for many years has given us such fine directorship will be the conductress. Along with all this the fabulous sights of this famed city will give us much to look forward to.

I am told that Philadelphia also is making every effort to have a Gymanfa that will please all who come and have been fortunate in securing another great conductor. For Mr. Lyn Harry, formerly of Swansea, South Wales and now residing in Canada, this will be his first American National but he is no stranger. He was until 1975 the conductor of the Morrision Choir known the world over, and a few years back conducted the OGGA Gymanfa Ganu in Niagara Falls, Ontario, at which time he won the hearts of all present. Like Ann Davies Thomas, Lyn Harry is a natural.

In extending a warm invitation to you to attend either or both of these Gymanfaoedd you will be guaranteed a joyful time singing praises to the Lord.

Sincerely,

Gwynn J. Parri, President



P. S. Since there is no address listed on this letterhead for San Francisco information, please communicate with Mr. John R. Nichols, 77 Valley View Avenue, Belmont, California 94002.