

# The Spring 2014 Spur and Phoenix

Chief: The Right Honourable Earl of Annandale and Hartfell



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I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and had an opportunity to share it with family and friends. Kay and I had a great time at our daughter and son-in-law's home Christmas Day. And as we are expecting the arrival of a wee lassie come February (our first grandchild), we look forward to future holidays with little ones at our feet.

I would like you to extend that sense of family to other Johnston/es and invite them to join CJA, and help us show our Johnston/e colors at your local Scottish games. We will be posting a listing of Games that Clan Johnston/e will be attending in our next newsletter. Please make a point of joining us at those Games.

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Lindsey and wife Kay, all ready for a Highland Games.

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Aye Ready!

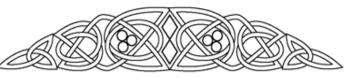
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## Lt. Johnston's Jing Bao Joy Juice

### By Bart Johnston®

When 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Robert Johnston got off the C-47 after flying the "Hump" from his old base at the end of the Assam Valley in India he knew he was going to like China: the smell of alcohol was everywhere. To his great disappointment he soon learned that the booze was being burned in jeeps and tractors on the flight line of his new base, A-3, near Chengdu, in far western China.

An army travels on beans and bullets but alcohol has been essential for centuries. In 1944, American liquor wasn't available to airmen in Szechwan but local Chinese distillers provided a raw brandy made from a crude distillation process, leaving fuel oils which gave the GIs horrible hangovers. As bad as it was, however, it was the only game in town. This would soon change when one Scots-Irish officer of Canadian ancestry met another Scots-Irish son of the old South and teamed to provide the 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force with enough grain alcohol to "Keep 'em Flying".

Johnston was in charge of maintenance for the large number of cargo aircraft hauling the materials of war and also for fighters and bombers at the base who did not have their own maintenance crews, including the B-29s which attacked the steel mills in Nagasaki. As a result, he had a great many mechanics and other technical people under him who could do just about anything with the right materials. One of those mechanics was a private from Harlan County, Kentucky where the saying was: "Coal mine, moonshine or down the line," meaning anyone who couldn't do one of the first two was left with the last option.

One night when Johnston was doing paperwork between Japanese air raids, the Kentucky mechanic came into his office, full of enthusiasm and 90 proof. He offered the officer a drink from his bottle. Johnston told him that he would feel like hell in the morning getting that drunk on the brandy but he was reassured that it was rice alcohol they mixed with gas to fuel the jeeps. But there was no way of telling what was in those barrels and it could have been lethal methanol, not just ethanol. The mechanic assured Johnston that the alcohol was "moon"; at least it smelled and tasted like moonshine. A brilliant idea flashing into Johnston's mind, he told his mechanic, "If you are still alive in the morning, come see me."

The next day the private arrived as ordered, looking and feeling much the worse for wear but otherwise



healthy. "Private, do you know anything about making moonshine?" Johnston asked. "Hell, Lootenant," he replied with his Kentucky drawl. "I learned about making moon from my daddy when I was knee high." "Can you make me a still if I can get you the material?" "I can make you one hellava still, Lootenant!"

After Johnston located the material, it became apparent that the private knew what he was talking about as he and a team of metal fabricators built a first-rate still in the finest traditions of Harlan County. Before the test run, Johnston had a meeting with his men and swore them all to secrecy. That night, unfortunately, a good part of the base got drunk and the cork was literally out of the bottle. Johnston called another "staff meeting" and told them that the alcohol would be provided free for any G.I. that asked for it. If any was sold, the offender would be court-martialed. Johnston explained that he wasn't going to Leavenworth for anyone. *Cont'd next page.* 

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After they had been running for a week or so, the still was vandalized by someone with an ax. Johnston set about repairing it with one of his mechanics when the commanding officer, who had obviously heard about the destruction, came to visit and asked his lieutenant what the still was for. Johnston, not knowing how the colonel felt about drinking, told him it was for distilling water for the batteries. "In that case, Lieutenant, have a couple of bottles of distilled water sent to my office." From then on, the old man was one of their best customers. In the meantime, Johnston put out his intelligence feelers and the name of a fundamentalist chaplain came up. The evidence was coincidental but damning. Johnston went to the chaplain and said that he didn't know for sure who had vandalized the still but he could promise that if it happened again, the chaplain would wish that he had never heard of stills or moonshine. The chaplain probably had not read Plutarch when Johnston cautioned, "Not even the Gods fight against necessity" and pointed out that alcohol just that—a necessity--for a great many G.I.s. Clearly, the parson got the message and the still remained operative.

Soon pilots from all over China flying in for supplies were bringing along five-gallon jerry cans for a fill-up of Johnston's 'Jing Bao Joy Juice,' as it came to be known. Jing Bao was the Chinese term for alert and meant an impending air raid by Japanese bombers. As the word spread, the investigative unit of the army (CID) showed up to nose around. It was their job to determine what army regulations were being violated and make the appropriate arrests. Since all the alcohol produced was being given away, no one was profiting at the expense of the taxpayers, and thus no violations could be found. Besides, the higher-ranking officers were enjoying the booze as well, ensuring that Johnston and his merry band of moonshiners had plenty of protection from the temperance crew.

The demand became so great that the distilling crew and their friends got the slow drip distillation to eliminate impurities and everyone else got the fast drip which could give one more of a hangover. The service of free alcohol for the 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force continued until the end of the war when A-3 was turned over to the Chinese National Air Force under Gen. Chenault. Some forty years after the war, Johnston joined a group of China-Burma-India veterans and was pleasantly surprised when several pilots recounted flying to A-3 south of Chengdu for five gallons of free booze, courtesy of the base maintenance crew/moonshiners and Uncle Sam. They were short of aviation gas, bombs, spare parts and men but one thing they managed to keep in good supply was Lt. Johnston's Jing Bao Joy Juice, and the morale of all who consumed it soared to the wild blue yonder.

Thanks to CJA member Craig Johnston for helping in this reminiscence about our father, Bob Johnston.



# Flowers of the Forest

Thomas F. Johnson Presque Isle, ME 9/2013 & Florence Johnson His wife 5/2013

Do you know of any member who has passed on, that we might let other members know who and when?



Ceid Mile Failte

M/M David L. Johnston Palmyra, IL Duncan Johnston Palmyra, IL As the new year gets started, I am sitting here thinking about what it has in store for me and our organization in general. What do I want to accomplish with my personal research and what can I do to promote Clan Genealogy Corner

Johnston/e and connect with its members? The past couple of years have been hard not only on people in general but on organizations around the country. I joined the

Clan to connect with those of a common heritage and with the slight hope that I might connect with some distant cousins. So far I have not found any blood relatives but I

have made great friends within the organization. I look forward to getting a chance to meet with them at the AGM each year and catching up on their lives. Our common heritage makes us "family" in more than name only and it makes my membership worthwhile.

So why did you join Clan Johnston/e? What did you hope to get from your membership? I would like to know and I am sure the other Board members would too. What would you like to see in relation to genealogy? Is there some way I can help you? Do you need more articles on how to do sound, accurate research, definitions of terminology, historical references or need new websites? Do you feel there are more ways to reach out to the general population? I would love to hear what you have to say and you can easily drop me an email via the address listed in the front of newsletter or through the blog.

Here are some websites to check out.

http://usgenweb.org/research/misc.shtml#law - English Common Law, 18th Century Virginia

http://www.bing.com/translator - Bing Translator or http://translate.google.com/ - Google Translate Enter a URL for a web page or copy & paste a block of plain text to translate and large number of dialects.

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http://voices.yahoo.com/how-microsoft-onenote-organize-genealogy-1280289.html - How to Use Microsoft Onenote to Organize Genealogy Research Notes.

www.deseretnews.com/article/865589679/Genealogy-Tips-for-documenting-your-sources.html - Tips for documenting your sources.

http://www.vintageaerial.com/photos - Vintage Aerial has over 25 million photos, taken in 41 states over the second half of the twentieth century. If you are looking for an aerial photograph of a rural area or small township, we most likely have it.

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Happy hunting!







Left to right: Kathleen Sloan and friends Shirley Rupp and Judy Bingham at the Tucson Games 2012. This is one way to catch up with old friends from school.



### **Tucson Celtic Festival and Flagstaff Games** By Kathleen Sloan, AZ State Commissioner

The Tucson Celtic Festival and Scottish Highland Games occurred the first weekend in November, 2013, under a clear blue sky with temperatures ranging from mid 70's to low 80's. Twenty six clans were represented and although Johnston/es are rare in AZ, CJA was represented and three Johnston/e's marched in the parade of Clans. CJA was happily situated next to the Cameron tent, very nice people who were happy to share conversation, photos and cookies.

The Flagstaff Games which occurred in July had the most interesting vendors I have seen at any of the Games. One woman demonstrated how to make felt. It is quite a process. A gardener had wonderful plants from Scotland and Ireland, everything from flowers to shrubs and trees in beautiful condition. I was the only Johnston attending the Flagstaff Games, so I had lots of time to walk around and visit. It was a very nice weekend.

The Tucson Celtic Festival of 2012 was so much fun because Gerry Johnston Schoen brought four of her eighthgrade students including one foreign exchange student from Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. I think he had the most fun as he had never seen anything like it and wanted to try everything including the haggis.

Hearing the pipers, seeing the flash of many different tartans and, of course, the friends keep us coming back year after year to host another CJA tent.

# Upcoming Highland Games & Festivals:

Listings with a (\*) have a CJA Representative at a tent this year. No star, no representative. If you wish to contact any of these representatives, be sure to put "CJA" in the subject line of your email so that it will not be mistaken for "spam" or junk mail.

## Spring Games

### MARCH

\* Panama City Highland Games & Scottish Festival, Panama City, FL Contact Sally Epler Sallyepler@aol.com March 9th

## MAY

\* Gallabrae / Greenville Scottish Games, Greenville, SC Contact Buz & Barbara Johnson buzjohnson@bellsouth.net May 25th

If you are a Tent Host at <u>any</u> games we have not been listing, please contact the new National Membership Commissioner – Cathy Postier. Her contact information is listed with the Council Members information. There is considerable information that has been updated that you will need.

More Games Information, go to: Association of Scottish Games & Festivals. http://www.asgf.org



# Clan Johnston/e in America 2013 Annual General Meeting

September 21, 2013 – Clan Tent - Loon Mountain Resort, Lincoln, NH

### Welcome and Opening Remarks

President Lindsey Johnston welcomed those in attendance to the AGM and called the meeting to order. It was stated that due to space constraints, we would keep the meeting as short as possible. To that end, we would be deviating from the published agenda, and reports would not be read, but would be available to anyone who wanted them. We would also post them on the CJA Website.

### Quorum Call

There were **23 members** present, including 9 Council members. **195 consenting proxies** were received as reported by Secretary Catherine Postier. New York State law requires 10% for a Quorum. 383 total members divided by 218 attending and proxies equals 57%, establishing the necessary quorum.

### **Election of Officers:**

Arthur Johnston, as Chair of the Nominations Committee, led this part of the meeting. There was a change in the nominations list as Betty Watts, National Membership Commissioner has decided to withdraw her name from nomination. Arthur nominated Catherine Postier from the floor for approval. She was originally going to take over the position of Newsletter Editor, but it was decided that the Membership position was more important to be filled at this time. Also, it would be preferable if a Newsletter Editor could be found outside of the New England States. Motion to accept the nomination was made, seconded and approved.

Arthur then asked for approval of the full slate of officers up for election as submitted to membership with the AGM packets with the change made previously. A motion was made to accept the slate of officers, seconded and approved.

### **New Business:**

Arthur spoke about the new standing stone at the New Hampshire Highland Games and asked for approval for \$250.00 to have a plaque made for CJA for the stone. A motion was made to approve the expense, seconded and approved.

Lindsey addressed the topic of dues. We have not raised our dues in 10 years and we are out of step with the dues structures of other similar organizations. New dues amounts would be \$30 for single, \$40 for married couple and \$300 for life members, and \$350 for life membership under age 60. Spouse of a life member and junior member would be \$10 per year. A motion was made to increase dues, seconded and approved. Kathie Bailey stated that there were copies of the budget available for anyone who wanted to see them and that it would be clear why we regrettably needed to raise dues.

Bart Johnston then took the floor and moved that CJA would like to make a vote of appreciation to Betty and Dennis Watts for all of their years of service to Clan Johnston in America, both holding offices and hosting CJA tents throughout the South. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

### Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Postier, Secretary



# Woodleigh Replicas

Prince Edward Island, Canada By Margot Johnston

In the last issue, we printed an article about Standing Stones in Australia. It seems it was a hit. Noting that there are many things Scottish that Johnston/es are into or take interest in, we thought the membership might like to know about another site that Johnston/es were totally responsible

for constructing. It seems we have some very talented and industrious Johnston/es that spend a great deal of time and effort on various projects as hobbies. Most members have seen the model (or pictures) of Lochwood Tower that Arthur Johnston, NH, built several winters ago and has taken to the NH Games on a couple of occasions. However, Arthur's model is dwarfed in scope and size to the replicas I am about to describe.

On Prince Edward Island, Canada, there lives a gentleman by the name of Archibald H. Johnstone. He is a retired Canadian Senator and a former First Lieutenant in the Canadian Air Force in World War II. Archie's dad was Lieutenant Colonel Ernest Wilbur Johnstone, E.D., L.L.D. who fought in World War I.

Archie's dad loved his Scottish heritage and while on leave as a gunner in WWI, he visited Scotland several times. At the end of WWI Ernest succeeded in finding a cousin of the Prince Edward Island Johnstones, Margaret Johnstone Nicholson in Hecklegirth, a part of Annan. That meeting is another story in itself. At the close of WWII, Archie won a Nuffield Scholarship to study estate management, the British Travel industry and, in particular, British Attractions. Both wanted to bring part of Britain to Canada, most especially, Scotland. As that wasn't possible, the two decided to build scale replicas of famous British buildings. Thus, the beginning of Woodleigh Replicas.

Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod during Archie's Nuffield Scholarship tenure, gave Archie written permission to erect a scale model of Dunvegan Castle on the Woodleigh Estate grounds, then owned by Ernest. (See photo)

Nine years later Dame Flora not only went to Woodleigh but she went specifically to officially open the one third scale model of Dunvegan that Ernest and Archie had built.

After Dunvegan, Archie and his dad took on the gigantic effort in building a 1/6-scale model of The Tower of London. That model covers approximately a full acre. The Tower of London even had miniatures of the Crown Jewels made in England to grace the interior of the Tower replica.



The grounds of Woodleigh opened to the public in 1958. Over the years Archie and his dad built many replicas, constructed lovely gardens with fountains and brought many items of interest to the property. Even the interiors were resplendent with replicas of the furniture, painting and various other items. I only wish there were room here to show more of what Woodleigh was all about.

Colonel Johnstone died in 1984. Archie now resides in Kensington with his wife Phelicia, five miles from the beloved Wood-



leigh, now closed to the public. There

Burn's Cottage Miniature with real thatched roof at Woodleigh.

are

23 replicas that I can count as listed in a write up sent to me by Archie and some 10 to 12 other things such as a Lord Nelson replica monument, a sundial and a wishing well in a garden, stocks and pillory and a children's playground, to mention just a few. Too bad this is now all closed to the public. But we thought we would share this marvelous achievement with members as it was an accomplishment by a member and his family. Thank you so much, Archie, for making this article possible.

Photos by permission of Archibald Johnstone, Prince Edward Island, Canada.

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Ann Hathaway's Cottage at Woodleigh

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