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Clan Johnston/e in America

The Council of Clan Johnston/e in America is pleased to introduce you to our new President, J.J. Johnston and his wife Beverly, of San Antonio, Texas.

J.J. was recently elected to the President's position at the AGM in Pleasanton, CA the first weekend in September.

J.J. has been Vice President West of CJA for a few years and has had the opportunity to visit several of the various Highland Games where Clan Johnston/e has had representation, including the AGM in NH in 2013.

Meet J.J. Johnston

J.J. was appointed as the Director of Administration of the TPCO America Corporation in August 2012. TPCO manufactures seamless steel pipe for sale to oil and gas companies. JJ facilitates business, community, government and public relations, and also supervises HR and the professional team for the TPCO America Corporation. Prior to joining TPCO, he served as the President/CEO of several regional economic development organization's and chambers of commerce.

J.J. is internationally recognized as a leader in economic and workforce development. He has been appointed by two First Ministers of Scotland as a Global Scot, and was also appointed to the National Committee on U.S. - China Relations.

J.J. earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of North Texas and is a graduate of both the Economic Development Institute and the U.S. Chamber's Post Graduate Institute.

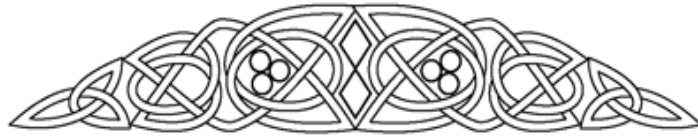
J.J. has chaired the Mountain States Association, the Coastal Bend Regional Marketing Alliance, and has served on the Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend board of directors. He is the current Vice Chair of the San Patricio County EDC.

J.J. lives in south Texas with his wife Beverly. His hobbies include music, skiing, and riding roller coasters with their two sons and four grandchildren.

J.J. is a Life Member of Clan Johnston/e in America and has become more involved with the organization, including attending various U.S. Games in recent years.



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Clan Johnston/e in America
2014 Annual General Meeting
August 30, 2014 – 2:00 PM Clan Tent - Pleasanton, CA



Welcome and Opening Remarks

Secretary Valerie Ensor called the meeting to order and thanked the attendees for coming. Immediate Past President Lindsey Johnstone due to health issues, had to leave his Council role sooner than his term and it was noted that elections to fill positions, including Lindsey's, would be held during the meeting. Valerie thanked Lindsey Johnstone for his past service as Council Member.

Quorum Call

There were **6 members** present, including 1 Council member. **149 consenting Proxies** were reported by Secretary Valerie Ensor. New York state law requires 10% for a quorum. 364 total paid members divided by 155 present, including proxies, equals 43%, establishing the necessary quorum.

Flowers of the Forest:

Valerie read the following member names followed by a moment of silence: Donald Leggat of Seekonk, MA; Thomas F Johnson of Presque Isle, ME; Howard A Johnston of Chesterfield, VA; James K Johnston, Ed.D of Oak Harbor, WA and Ralph L Johnston of Duluth, Georgia.

Report of Nominations Committee and Election of Officers

Valerie read the minutes from the 2013 Annual Meeting and offered a copy of the 2014 Merchandise Manager or Registrar's Reports at the meeting. The Treasurer's report was also available, upon request, and all will be posted on the CJA website. Sally Epler made a motion to approve and accept the minutes, seconded by Diana Freeland.

A copy of the agenda was provided to attendees, reminding them of the Nominations Committee selections, including J.J. Johnston, currently serving as Vice President West, who agreed to step forward and finish the remaining one year term vacated by Lindsey Johnstone which leaves the Vice President West position open. The Newsletter Editor role was also noted as an open role. A motion by Sally proposed accepting the slate of officers as presented and Bruce Wexler seconded; the motion passed.

To advise everyone what the open roles entail, Valerie read the descriptions from the bylaws, followed by asking for any nominations from the floor to fill the vacant roles. The meeting proceeded with no volunteers from the floor. Scott Klein motioned to approve the slate of officers as presented and Karen Klein seconded; the motion passed.

New Business:

It was noted the Annual General Meeting will be announced in the future by incoming President J.J. Johnston. There was a reminder that anyone hosting or having interest in hosting a CJA tent should contact the Membership Commissioner, Cathy Postier to be sure they have all current supplies.

Meeting Adjourned

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

Respectfully submitted, Valerie Ensor, Secretary

Please let someone on the Council know when we lose a member.
Although sad, passing on this information is the only way others will know of a friend they have seen
only at a games or conversed with one way or another via email or snail mail.

Pictures courtesy of Val Ensor



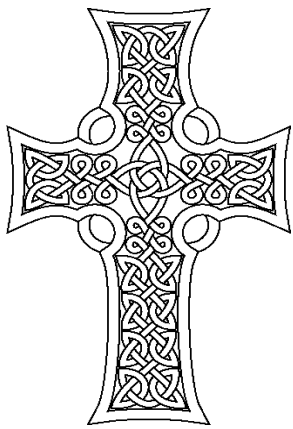
Below, rear: Sally Epler, Bruce Wexler, Chris Ensor, Karen Klein, Val Ensor.
Front row: Scott Klein, John Klein and Diana Freeland.

Above: CJA Secretary Val Ensor, conducting the AGM meeting at the tent with Diane & Robert Freeland, Sally Epler, Bruce Wesler, John Klein.



Quiet time: Marguerite Johnston (new member hiding) Lilly Freeland and John Klein





Flowers of the Forest

Dr. James K. Johnston
Oak Harbor, WA
Ralph L. Johnston
Duluth, GA
Quintin Johnstone
Hamden, Ct.
Jerry W. Johnson
Tifton, GA



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(A Hundred Thousand Welcomes)
Mr & Mrs Charles D. Johnston
San Jose, CA
Elizabeth Johnston & Steve Capoccia
Westwood, MA
Grace H. Boss
Hill, NH
Marguerite Johnston
Oakland, CA
Jerry L. Barker
Fairfield, CA

It is with deep sadness that the Council of CJA informs the membership of the passing of Dr. Jim Johnston, long-time member and former Council member. Our thanks to Lindsey Johnston for passing on this picture and information.

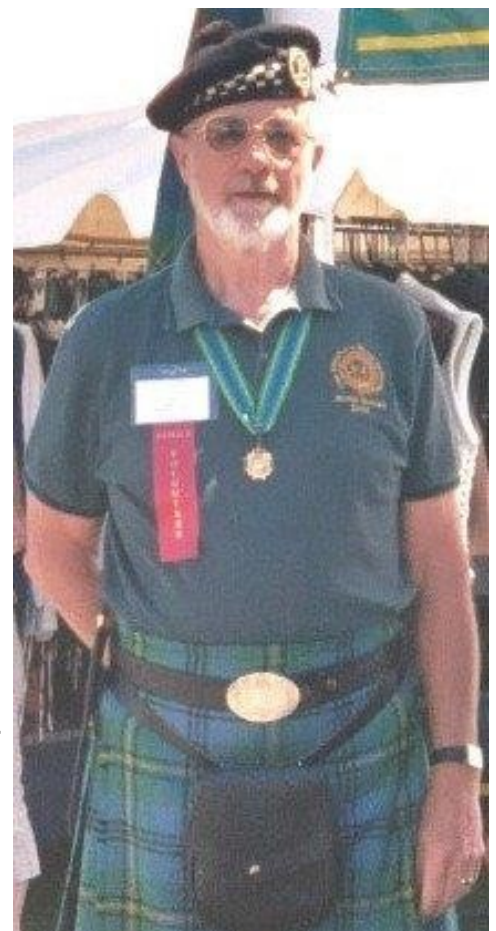
Dr. James Kay "Jim" Johnston was born on December 25, 1934 while his parents, Layton and M. Grace (nee Arnold) Johnston, were passing through Birmingham, Alabama. After numerous moves, and attending 13 different schools, Jim and his parents settled in Pasadena, Texas where he graduated from high school in 1953.

From 1953 to 1993 he was a Sea Bee (UTCS) in the Naval Reserves and was recalled to active duty for Desert Storm, serving in the Philippines and the Persian Gulf Theater of operations.

Jim married Anita L. Wright in January of 1959. They had no children. Jim's career included teaching at the public school, college, university and adult levels. Jim and Anita moved to Oak Harbor in 1981

For several years he was a member of the Council of Officers of Clan Johnston/e in America. He was especially involved in assisting the rewriting and wording of the CJA Bylaws when the organization was preparing to become a non-profit. Jim enjoyed many activities, including music (amateur fiddle player); building, remodeling and repair projects; and hosting a tent for Clan Johnston/e at Scottish Highland Games in Western Washington. He was the main designer in developing guidelines for selecting scholarship recipients for CJA. We lost Jim earlier this year. He will be sincerely missed.

CJA sends our deepest sympathy to Anita.



Dr. Jim, CJA Representative proudly wearing his CJA Service Medal at a games.

Annandale Center celebrates Scottish dance & culture

From the Cary, NC newspaper Oct 2, 2013, supplied by Pat Johnston. Information taken from the article written by Cindy Schaffer.

When Pat Johnston was deciding how to spend her retirement years, she went back to her roots.

Pat and her late husband, Steve Johnston, are from long lines of Scottish ancestry, something she has celebrated since attending Highland games as a child. Stephen Johnston passed away in Sept. of 2012. Both were long-time members of Clan Johnston/e in America, and Pat still serves on the organization, assisting in the financial records part of the organization.

Steve was a Life member of CJA, joining the group in its early stages of development, serving in many positions over thirty-plus years. Both Pat and Steve have served in multiple Scottish groups over the years.

Both Pat and Steve were looking forward to the culmination of a dream to open such a Scottish Arts center. Unfortunately, Steve passed away just prior to the opening of the center.

In March 2013, Johnston and her daughter, Amy Mooney, joined forces to open the Annandale Center, Scottish Dance and More in downtown Cary. They had purchased a house adjacent to the Cary Arts Center over three years previously and began to renovate it to suit their needs.

While private instructors offer dance lessons in the area, Annandale is the only stand-alone facility in the Triangle dedicated to Scottish dance. The name comes from the ancestral home of the Johnston clan associated with the family of Pat's husband, Steve Johnston.



The center offers a variety of classes, from the social Scottish country dancing to competitive Highland dancing as well as step dancing, piping and creative movement. Daughter Amy Mooney, a champion dancer, has been practicing the sport since she was 9 years old.

Pat is quoted as saying, "The one thing I love about competitive Highland dancing is that the friendships are lifelong." She added, "It is character-building. You want to win, but your competitors are your friends and you are cheering each other on."

Highland dancing refers to the centuries-

old style of competitive solo dancing

Front entry to the Annandale Center

There is more to Annandale Center than just dancing and piping. Pat stated she would "like to have lectures on how to wear a kilt, how to speak Gaelic, Scottish cooking and so many more."

Anyone in Clan Johnston/e in America that ever met Steve knows that his spirit will live on in the heart of Annandale Center. This Annandale Center is part of their entire family.

CJA sends Pat and Amy every good wish for a wonderful success !!!!

Estes Park Highland Games and Festival

By Lisa Roberts and Billye Tellingner

Adh ~ that's the word for "luck" in Gaelic. Those of us at the Long's Peak Highland Festival in the beautiful Colorado mountains certainly felt that we had luck on our side this year! During the entire week leading up to this year's Highland Games in Estes Park, the forecast was calling for heavy rain and very cool temperatures.

Driving up on Friday we felt like the forecasters were spot on. It was so foggy I thought I was driving through clouds. And the rain pelted down on us as we walked to the restaurant for dinner that evening. Saturday morning we woke up to 37 degrees and clouds. Then, wonderfully, the sun came out and it was the most perfect weather one could have asked for. It was in the low 70's with bright sun and a clear blue sky for both Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday's big parade down through the center of town was wonderful. The main street as usual was lined deep with spectators, young and old. We had over thirty good-looking, kilted CJA members marching, along with Tucker, the trusty Border Collie, sporting his Johnston/e tartan scarf and pin.

Before the parade of Clans - a sliver of Vic Gibson, far L, carrying the Johnston/e banner, Jack Johnson & Zach Roberts carrying the flags

Sunday morning on the festival grounds for the Kirkin' o' the Tartan ceremony, the organizer asked that our clan representatives move out of the usual alphabetical order, and up with the Honored Clans. Representing CJA were Victor Gibson, Brian Partridge and Doug Johnston. Brian pondered aloud, "Something good is about to happen." And it did! After the prayers and the blessing of the tartans, it was announced that Clan Johnston/e had won "Best in Parade – Large Group."

The clan tent was busy throughout Friday, Saturday and Sunday with many old friends and new people showing up for a wee dram and home-made shortbread. There was also Irish Cream liquor, made by member Doug Johnston, always popular and the nice thing is, he had copies of the recipe to hand out to folks who asked for it. We hope we will get a few new members among those who asked for information – that is, information on the clan, not just the Irish Cream!

Thank you to all who marched in the parade, proudly showing their Johnston/e colors. Another big thank you to all who "manned the tent" for an hour during the weekend.

There is an old saying, "Many hands make light work." All efforts to work the tent for a short period are greatly appreciated and make for more fun for all involved.

Where we were going home Sunday there was no fog, so I could see the remaining damage from the historic flood which hit right after the Games last year, and left Estes Park and many small mountain towns isolated for months. In fact, the main highway into and out of Estes officially reopened this past weekend, and there are still some roads that have not been repaired – a full year later.

All in all, it was wonderful to be back among the kilts and bagpipes!



Genealogy Corner

Barbara Hockman, Genealogist

Johnstongen.es.blogspot.com

As we come to the end of another year I look back on the year and recap what I did or didn't accomplish. I must admit that this past year was a good one for my family genealogy. I was finally able to fill in a gap in my great-grandmother's life that had always stumped me. (Happy dance!) What a shock to learn she was married with two daughters (half-sisters for my grandfather) that we are pretty sure my grandfather never knew about. Every family has secrets that someone digging and being persistent in the quest to fill in the gaps often uncovers. Now I have another family line to learn about and ideally connect with. And speaking of connecting, I finally made connection with family who had eluded me for years. After numerous posts on query boards someone finally replied. (Another happy dance!)

So what didn't I accomplish this past year that I can concentrate on next year. More training, more volunteering, more research – all things that are on-going. So how was your year? Did you have any fun finds? What are your genealogy plans for the coming year? Have you sent me family tree information to add to the Clan database? Start planning now and don't let it be one of those New Year's resolutions that never gets fulfilled.

Want to use Facebook for more genealogy research? Check this site out for a list of pages that you might want to like— www.Socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook.list

A fun feature of FamilySearch is the ability to upload a tree to the site and have it map the members in the tree. It shows their place of birth and maps their migration across the world.

www.whatwasthere.com combines uploaded pictures with Google maps. Type in a location and it will show pictures that pertain to it. You can even upload photos you own. You can spend a lot of time looking around here.

A site to investigate is www.backupmytree.com. This site is supposed to let you back up your files for free and lets you access them from anywhere. You can never have your files secured in too many places. One crash of a computer can destroy years of research.

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There's a new intensive, prolonged genealogical instruction located in the Midwest. From 28 May through 1 June 2015 the Carl Sandburg Institute of Genealogy (CSIG) will be held on the campus of Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Illinois. Check out the four tracks of lectures to be taught over 4.5 days by nationally-known genealogical-research experts. <http://sandburggenealogy.com/>.

Happy hunting!

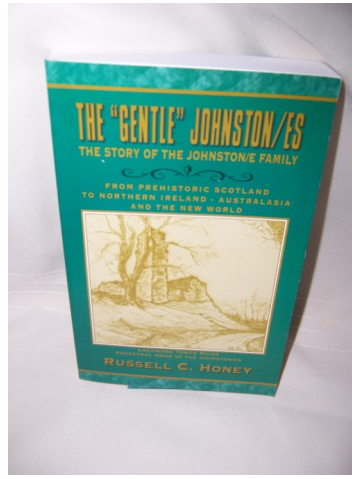




Meet Lilly Freeland, new Editor of the Spur & Phoenix. Lilly is the granddaughter of Sally and Scotty Epler and daughter of Diane Freeland. She was born and raised in the heart of wine country, Sonoma County, CA. She teaches classes in martial arts, fitness and belly dance. She has been attending the Caledonia Club of San Francisco's Highland Games, every year, for thirty years and plans on continuing the tradition.

Welcome aboard, Lilly.

See Lilly's contact information in the list of Council Members, page 2.



There are still a few left of this book.



New Merchandise:

For a few years, members have been asking for a tee shirt with "something" Johnston/e on it. A couple of games have put together some tees, similar, and they sold pretty well. Then other folks wanted them too, folks from a different area or ones unable to attend a games that had those particular tees.

So, we decided to try something simple. A plain tee shirt with the Belted Crest on the upper left chest in yellow, with no pocket. Another in dark grey with the CJA Logo on the upper left chest, also no pocket

Just good quality, plain and simple tees

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(cord not shown).



Ornament with Belted Crest on one side.

Clan Johnston/e In America

Merchandise & Price List - Effective February 2014

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SILK TIES	\$45.00	\$ 4.00 each
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Rhodium plated, Annandale Crest ONLY		\$ 1.50 e.a.p.

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BOOKS:

THE "GENTLE" JOHNSTON/ES	\$25.00	\$ 4.00 each
<i>By Russell Honey</i>		\$ 2.00 e.a.p.

A wealth of information and a good deal of insight into all
Johnstons and their history of migration from Scotland to Ire-
land and then to North America. No genealogical information,
mostly social history. Extremely interesting.

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Please Take Notice: CORRECTION

Dues have increased effective Jan 1st, 2014

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All yearly dues need to be renewed by October 1st each year.

Did you move? Please let us know your new address.

**Note Correction of Member & Spouse (no Family)
There was an unintentional error.**

Dues List

Effective January 1, 2014

Individual	\$30.00
Member/Spouse	\$35.00
Junior under 18 yrs.	\$ 5.00
Life over 60	\$300.00
Life under 60	\$350.00

Dues for the spouse of a life member are \$10.00 per year.

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Canadians: Please contact Paul Johnston about dues information. Contact information, pg 2.