

# The GRYPHON

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## CLAN BAIRD SOCIETY WORLDWIDE FOUNDATION

### Clan Baird Society Worldwide Foundation, Inc., a 501 (C) 3 charity has been established

By Debra Baird

For a very long time, members have asked us to set up a Foundation/Trust/Charity, so that any donations they give could be tax deductible and we could pool our resources as members, to do good work for the Bairds. Due to the work of several Society Board members, namely our Commander Richard Baird, Heather Baird Snyder, Stanford Baird, Branton Baird, and myself, all the required paperwork and Charters were written, rewritten, prepared, and checked by attorneys, then ultimately submitted. It only took most of 2020, but gave us something to do while we were in lock-down for Covid-19. The Society can feel very good that something so important and valuable was accomplished during such a difficult and stressful time in our history.

We are most happy to announce that we have established Clan Baird Society Worldwide Foundation, Inc. and it is classified as a 501(c) 3 charity. We are ready to accept donations for the

2020 tax year. We received our IRS deductible status a few weeks ago. It is October, and donations have to be in by December 31st for us to give you a letter for the 2020 tax year.

The original charter members of the Foundation Board are Debra Baird, President and Co-Chair, Stanford Baird, 1st Vice President and Co-Chair, Branton Baird, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer, Alton Wilson, Secretary, John Baird, Ross Baird, Anna Ryan Ferguson, and our Commander, Richard Baird, Members-at-Large.

Richard and Ross are working to set up a Foundation as a charity in the United Kingdom. We will let you know as soon as that is ready.

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*If you wish to donate to the Foundation, please use the form below this article, and send a check to Branton Baird, Treasurer of the Foundation. We also have set up an electronic button on the [clanbairdsociety.com](http://clanbairdsociety.com) and [clanbaird.org](http://clanbaird.org) on the FOUNDATION page of both websites.*

Our first projects are to restore and protect the Baird Aisle at the old St. Drostan's Kirk on Aberdour Beach, which is, as you know, on the old Auchmedden Estate and is the Baird Kirk. Also, we are looking into working on the Baird/Barclay Houff at Ury, which is also a long-standing burial ground of Bairds.

Our Commander Richard's great-great Uncle was the last Baird who owned the estate of Auchmedden, which was sold out of Baird hands once again in 1925. There are many Baird graves at the Kirk, and there is an urgent need to protect the tombs, as well as the inscriptions. Our 1st Vice President, Sandy Baird is the chair of the St. Drostan's Committee of the Board, and should you need more information about what is planned, please contact him at [stanford.baird@gmail.com](mailto:stanford.baird@gmail.com).

If you have questions, please contact any of the Foundation Board of directors. We will be glad to answer any questions.





# CLAN BAIRD SOCIETY WORLDWIDE FOUNDATION, INC. FOUNDATION DONATION

(Please PRINT or TYPE)

**Board of Directors: Commander Richard Baird, Debra Baird, President and Co-Chair, Stanford Baird, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Co-Chair, Branton Baird, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Treasurer, Alton Wilson, Secretary, John Baird, Ross Baird, and Anna Ryan Ferguson, Members-At-Large**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First, Middle (Maiden), Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Print this application, add a check in the amount you wish to donate  
Make check payable to **Clan Baird Society Worldwide Foundation**

and mail to:  
Branton Baird, Treasurer  
Clan Baird Society Worldwide Foundation, Inc.  
3487 County Road 3459  
Haleyville, Alabama 35565

**Or, you can go to the FOUNDATION page on ClanBaird.org or ClanBairdSociety.com  
and click on the DONATE button.**

Your letter showing your full donation will be sent by January 31, 2021, with a report of financial standing and how any monies were spent for the year (most likely all will be put in the planned endowment this year). Our Charter does not allow any Director on the Board to be paid for any of their work or services to the Foundation. All monies go directly to the projects of the Foundation. Volunteers donate all services and are not paid.




Clan Baird Society has been progressing in the initiatives that we have already started.

The most exciting happening at the moment is the Baird Foundation has got all it's permissions and it is now the official Clan Baird Society Worldwide Foundation, Inc. and it is classified as a 501(c) 3 charity. It is now up and running and has already started to collect donations.

*This is a wonderful opportunity, if you have always wanted to help contribute in the preservation of some of Scotland's (and Bairds) most treasured places. Your donation to the Foundation goes directly to funding the projects we are currently working on.*

One of the first projects is to restore and protect the Baird Aisle at the old St. Drostan's Kirk on Aberdour Beach, on the old Auchmedden Estate. In time, we are looking into working on the Baird/Barclay Houff at Ury, a long-standing burial ground of Bairds. You will have read the articles in the Summer Gryphon about St. Drostan's, they are very busy and moving forward quickly!

Exciting times indeed!

We are also still living in trying times, with Covid-19 still having us in semi lockdown. I hope all of you are keeping fit and well and already looking forward to Christmas and hopefully a vaccine being available.

I have already booked my tickets to come to the States next June so I am very much hoping the world is in a better place by then.

Best wishes,

*Richard Baird*



## THE PIPER



The village piper was asked by the funeral director to play at the gravesite for a derelict man with no family or friends who had died while traveling through the area. This funeral was to be held way back in the country and the man was the first to be laid to rest in this cemetery.

The piper was not familiar with the backwoods area and became lost, finally arriving an hour late. He saw the crew and backhoe, but the hearse was nowhere in sight. Apologizing for his tardiness he promptly stepped to the side of the open grave to find the vault lid already in place, and assured the workers that he would not hold them long.

He played and played like he had never played before. He began on page one of the Scots Guards and finished on book eight, piping for an hour and 45 minutes, closing with Amazing Grace, then thanked the men for listening.

As he walked to his car, he felt that he had done a good job and his duty to this poor chap, and would leave with a renewed sense of purpose and dedication in spite of his tardiness. It was then that he overheard one of the workers saying to the others, "I've been putting in septic tanks for 25 years, but I've never seen anything like this before."







# The Commander's Dram

SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

Bob and Karen Beard, our Society Treasurers, have generously donated a cask of 14-year-old Scotch to CBSW. It is now bottled with a beautiful label designed by our Publicist and Gryphon Editor, Heather Baird Snyder, and is available for sale in Scotland. Our Commander Richard has very kindly offered storage to us at no cost, at his Rickarton Estate.

The Commander's Dram is a 14 year old single malt Scotch whisky distilled and bottled in Scotland. It was distilled at Tullibardine Distillery, in a refilled Sherry Butt Cask #33 in March 2006. It was bottled by Whiskybrokers in September 2020 at a strength of 56.8%.

Commander's Dram is £65 per bottle. You can reserve your own bottle (or bottles) by contacting Richard or Ross Baird. Purchase your whisky through PayPal on the Clan Baird.org or ClanBairdSociety.com. You can pick it up the next time you visit Scotland. Import taxes are so high, we have not figured out how to manage that yet. So at the moment, we are picking up our own bottles while in the homeland. It is a great excuse for taking a trip to Scotland!



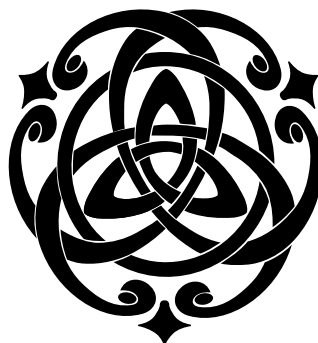
For more information about the Commander's Dram Single Malt Whisky please see below.

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Whisky Broker  
[www.whiskybroker.co.uk](http://www.whiskybroker.co.uk)



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Baird/Barclay Houff at Ury



Windows in need of repair at Baird/Barclay Houff at Ury





# OUR COMMANDER PARTICIPATES IN VETRUN 180



group crossed Rickarton, Richard's estate, and he came along to cheer them on their way.

On to the Atlantic, a great time was had by all, it seems. The expedition organiser, Jonny Stage wrote to Richard afterward,

By Debra Baird

**Richard Baird, our Commander and President, recently participated in a program to help wounded warriors overcome their pain and disabilities-**

**VetRun180 is a charity that works with all veterans around the world.** Their mission statement outlines what they are about: "VetRun180 is a Charity that takes physically and mentally injured



Beginning the trek to cross Rickarton, the North Sea in the background



Feet in the North Sea at Stonehaven, and they are off!

veterans on challenging expeditions around the world, to re-invoke the sense of adventure and teamwork. We provide 'adventure therapy' and a simple concept has proven itself by the testimonies from the veterans we have helped. During and after an

expedition guys have a more positive mind set and future outlook.

We train each team before leaving for an expedition gaining a LANTRA off road driving qualification and a first aid at work certificate. This gives everyone the confidence to start the expedition with the knowledge required and is also transferable to help with employment."

A recent expedition began in Stonehaven on the North Sea, with Richard hosting, and traveled all the way across Scotland to the Atlantic Ocean. As part of the opening of this trip, the

*"Home successfully just a few hours ago after successfully completing what has been one of the most special adventures I've ever had the privilege to take part in, with a tremendous group of lads. They were all stars and we made it across the country with a total of 12 Land Rover "boggings" including the baptism of fire at Rickarton! Thank you again for all."*

For more information about the VetRun180 work, look through their website, at <https://vetrun180.org/>.

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The Society is so appreciative of Richard's efforts and time spent in helping with such an important quest. Our veterans deserve our respect and help all over the world, and participating in this work truly helped the men involved, as well as allowed them to get to know our Commander, and to know that Clan Baird and the Society stands behind them. Many thanks to Richard for representing us with such class and kindness.



Not long after starting, they bogged down in a wet track, as well as had to remove a large tree from the road. A good strong challenge right away helped the fun begin.



Journey's end, and the Atlantic.



Ardnamurchan lighthouse on the Atlantic

And after several hours of camaraderie, the group said goodbye to Richard and Rickarton, moving on to the next part of the adventure.



# 2020 NEW MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

By Debra Baird

*In the past, Clan Baird Society had differing membership levels.* In our newly approved Charter, more levels have been added, approved by you, our membership, and ratified by the Board. There are several ways to be members now.

Please choose the type membership you want, and consider this the renewal notice for 2021. Membership renewals are due on January 1st of each year.

**Online payment is a two step process**

- 1) Please fill out the Membership Form
- 2) To purchase the membership of your choice, select the button

**Membership Renewal Forms are on the following pages**  
**One is for the UK and one for the US**

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**Individual Membership** \$20.00

**Family Membership** \$25.00

We wish to represent your whole family, rather than just the head of the household. Please fill out the form with all names in your family.

**Life Time Membership Level 1** \$400.00 (age 50 and below)

**Life Time Membership Level 2** \$275.00 (age 51 and above)

**"Over 80" Life Time Membership** You do not pay membership dues any longer. If you are at this point in your life, please send Jane Baird Elliott an email at [jelliottreporter@gmail.com](mailto:jelliottreporter@gmail.com) and she will mark you as a life member.

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**In the UK:** Please pay online through our website, [clanbairdsociety.com](http://clanbairdsociety.com) (see the UK section under "Join Us" and use the UK payment buttons. Or print the form and send a check to Ross Baird.

**In the US and Elsewhere:** Please pay online through our website, [clanbairdsociety.com](http://clanbairdsociety.com) or you can print the form and send a check to the Society Treasurer, Bob Beard.





# CLAN BAIRD SOCIETY WORLDWIDE

## Membership Application (US and Elsewhere)

(Please PRINT or TYPE)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First, Middle (Maiden), Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If a Family Membership, this is the Sponsoring Family Member.

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Classifications:

1. Individual Membership \$20

2. Family Membership \$25

List additional Family Members. A total of 2 Family Members may be age 18 and older. Email addresses are not required. Each Family Member has the full rights and privileges of a Member.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

3. Life Member

Up to age 50 \$400

Age 51 and over \$275

Reasons for joining Clan Baird Society Worldwide

\_\_\_\_\_

Closest known Baird Ancestor(s) – Name/Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Print this application with a check in the amount required. (Make check payable to **Clan Baird Society Worldwide**, and give it to your Clan Baird representative, or mail to:

Robert G. Beard, Jr., Treasurer  
Clan Baird Society Worldwide  
3432 Hawks Hill Trail  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Membership includes a subscription to **The Gryphon**, the *Clan Baird* quarterly newsletter.





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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (UK)

(Please PRINT or TYPE)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First, Middle (Maiden), Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If a Family Membership, this is the Sponsoring Family Member.

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Classifications:

- 1. **Member**                    £ 20.00
- 2. **Family**                    £ 30.00

List additional Family Members. A total of 2 Family Members may be age 18 and older. Email addresses are not required. Each *Family Member* has the full rights and privileges of a Member.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. **Life Member**
  - Up to age 50            £ 300.00
  - Age 51 and over      £ 200.00

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Print this application with a cheque payable to CLAN BAIRD SOCIETY in the amount required and mail to;

J. Ross Baird, UK Commissioner  
 Clan Baird Society Worldwide  
 14 Balmoral Place  
 Aberdeen, Scotland, UK  
 AB10 6HR  
 email: [ross@balmoralbooks.co.uk](mailto:ross@balmoralbooks.co.uk)

**Or you can pay through PayPal online to [clanbairdsocietyworldwide@gmail.com](mailto:clanbairdsocietyworldwide@gmail.com)**

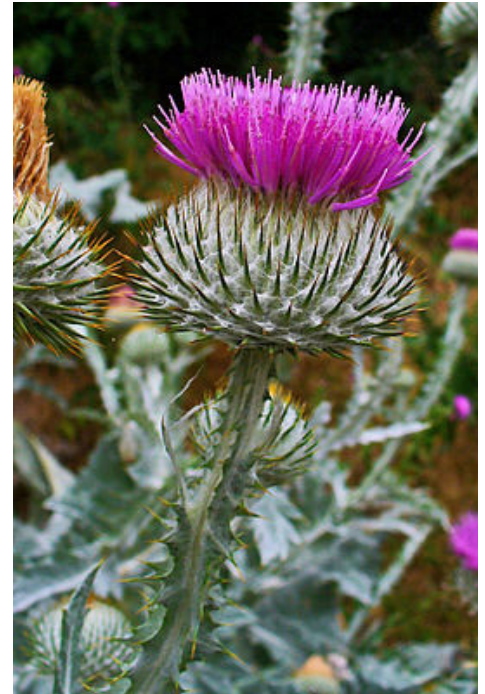
Membership includes a subscription to **The Gryphon**, the *Clan Baird* quarterly newsletter.



# Athens, Alabama and Stonehaven-north East Scotland *Twinning / Sister City Update*

By Phil Mills-Bishop

**The Twinning Group** formally launched their response to the Athens Alabama townsfolk and Clan Baird Society (for the food parcels and letters of comfort to Stonehaven Care Homes) with local kids completing postcards of Stonehaven and surrounding areas...wishing them well, good health and to visit when Covid19 restrictions allowed. Anne Mcquarrie (local Twinning Member) and Stonehaven businessman Mohammed Abid, owner of Waldies Newsagents, provided the post cards. Additionally the Care Homes in Stonehaven completed "Friendship Booklets". Clashfarquhar House ladies' 90s Club (all over the age of 90!) wrote a doric poem called "Lockdoon"!...



Cultivated Scottish Thistle seeds provided by Douglas Baird

Cultivated Scottish Thistle seeds provided by Douglas Baird from his Garden Centre in Oban are also being sent after the Twinning Group were awarded an import permit by US Authorities. They will be planted in the Town's Civic Garden, Care Homes etc by Athen's Mayor Ronnie Marks creating a visual display, when they bloom next year, of the Scottish friendship with Stonehaven and NE Scotland.



Stonehaven businessman Mohammed Abid, owner of Waldies Newsagents, Commander Richard Baird and Phil Mills-Bishop and the kids with their postcards.



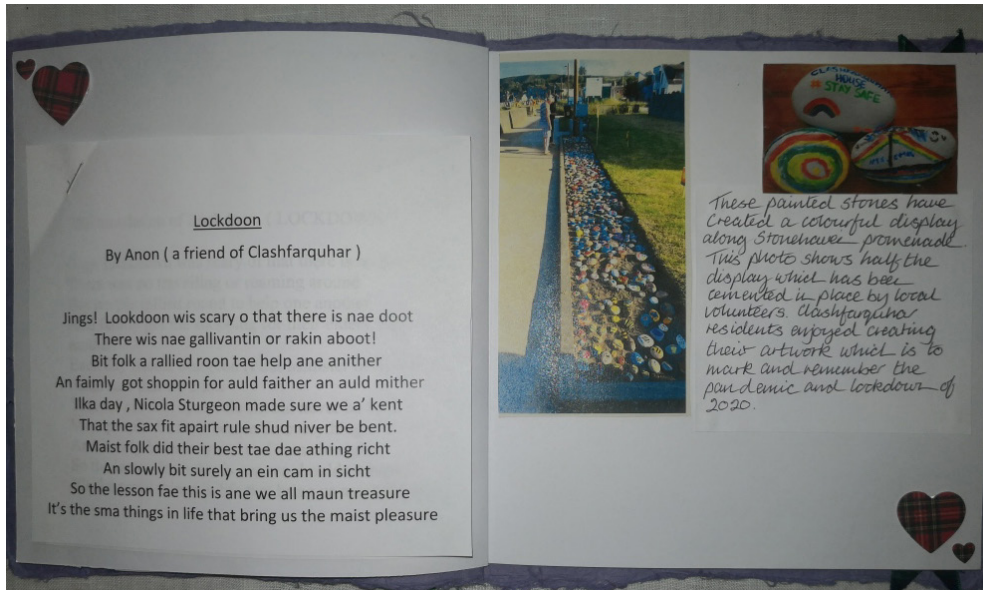
Commander Richard Baird and Phil Mills-Bishop and the pipers at a Stonehaven Care Home.





# Athens, Alabama and Stonehaven-north East Scotland *Twinning / Sister City Update*

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Clashfarquhar House ladies' 90s Club (all over the age of 90!) wrote a doric poem called "Lockdoon", and included it in the Friendship Booklets they made.

Commander Richard with gift boxes for the Care Homes.

## Lockdoon

By Anon (a friend of Clashfarquhar)

Jings! Lookdoon wis scary o that there is nae doot  
There wis nae gallivantin or rakin about!  
Bit folk a rallied roon tae help ane anither  
An family got shoppin for auld faither an auld mither  
Ilka day, Nicola Sturgeon made sure we a' kent  
That the sax fit apairt rule shud niver be bent.  
Maist folk did their best tae dae athing richt  
An slowly bit surely an ein cam in sicht  
So the lesson fae this is ane we all maun treasure  
It's the sma things in life that bring us the maist pleasure



The kids postcards and the care home Friendship Booklets



**Ceud Mile Fàilte!**

*(100,000 Welcomes)*

**We welcome to our  
Clan the following:**

- Hillary Bard, California
- Andrew della Casa, England
- Leonie della Casa, England
- Nicholas della Casa, England
- Lady Iona Hopkins, nee Keith, Scotland
- Jason Baird McConnell, Wyoming
- Dr. Sheila Wallace, Alabama
- Jilda Phillips Watson, Alabama
- Iain Nigel Webb, Essex, England
- Woody and Linda Williams, Alabama
- Daniel Baird, Washington
- Trudy Denham, Nebraska



The hounds at Rickarton Estate

Clan Baird Society Worldwide Foundation, Inc.  
Established April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
IRS 501 (3) C status as of establishing of the foundation, approved August 11, 2020  
April 28<sup>th</sup>- June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2020  
Original Report of the Foundation

Income:

Private Donation	50.00			
Private Donation	500.00			
<b>Total Income for Period</b>				<b>\$550.00</b>

Expense:

Account Opening Fee	1.00			
Checks	22.75			
<b>Total Expenses for Period</b>				<b>\$23.75</b>

Net Income or Loss for Period: \$521.25

Cash in Bank/Available Funds Previous Quarter: \$0.00

Cash in Bank/Available Funds: \$521.25

Cash in Bank/Share Account: \$5.00

Cash in Bank: \$526.25

Submitted by Branton Baird, Treasurer, Clan Baird Society Foundation, Inc.





### Clan Baird Officers & Staff

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### Newsletter Deadlines

Winter 2021 Issue  
deadline December 30th

Spring 2021 Issue  
deadline March 31th

Summer 2021 Issue  
deadline June 30th

Please submit  
newsletter articles to:  
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hsnyder65@yahoo.com

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USA

Electronic file formats accepted are  
Microsoft Word documents  
Adobe Acrobat. Any photo images,  
JPG, TIFF, GIF

Any questions about The Gryphon  
submissions please call  
Heather at 802-249-0959



### Where you can find us

## Finding Your Family Roots

We have others in Clan Baird Society who are very knowledgeable in the history of Baird. Please email [info@clanbairdsociety.com](mailto:info@clanbairdsociety.com) for more information.

Check out our website  
[clanbairdsociety.com](http://clanbairdsociety.com)



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### Clan Baird Society Worldwide Financial Statement

Third Quarter - 2020  
Jul. 1 through Sep. 30, 2020

Income:	
Dues Received	515.00
Donation - Foundation	
Donation - Scarves & Ties	
Donation - Treasurer	520.00
Coat of Arms donation to date: \$46.00	

Total Income for Period 1,035.00

Expense:	
Advertising	
President-Membership	
Annual Report Fee	20.00
Scholarship	
Genealogy	
Gryphon	300.00
Games	
Ties & Scarves - UK	
Miscellaneous - PayPal fees	5.28

Total Expenses for Period: 325.28

Net Income or (Loss) for Quarter: 709.72

Cash in Bank - Last Report: 6,629.54

Cash in Bank/Available Funds: 7,339.26

Submitted by:  
Robert G. Beard, Treasurer for Clan Baird Society Worldwide