



# Clan Bailey Happenings

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## Chief Douglas Bailey and Family Honored Veterans Day



Members of the Columbia Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, including Chief Douglas Bailey's son, Jet, march in the Hollywood District Veterans Day Parade.

Bailey Clan Chief Douglas B. Bailey and his family honored Veterans Day by attending the 36th annual Veterans Day parade in the Hollywood District this year.

The Baileys' children, Jet and Andrea, showed their support by marching in the parade. Jet marched with his Civil Air Patrol squadron, while Andrea proudly joined the Daughters of the American Revolution, and passed out candy to children along the parade route.

This parade marked the first year that fifty veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan War marched in the parade along with Vietnam and World War II veterans.



Andrea, daughter of Chief Douglas Bailey and Lady Phoenix, joined the Daughters of the American Revolution in passing out candy to children along the parade route.

Jet, along with the Columbia Composite Squadron, was addressed by Senator Jeff Merkley, who expressed his gratitude to the squadron for their service at the parade.

Other parade participants included marching bands, military service organizations, Boy Scout and Girl Scouts troops. Andrea was excited to have her picture taken with the historic Buffalo Soldiers, Moses William Chapter of the 9th and 10th Cavalry.

"My family and I are proud of our service men and women," said Chief Douglas. "We were honored to be a part of the parade that honors them."

## Members Celebrate Samhain With Annual Halloween Costume Party

Samhain was welcomed in this year by many of our clan members at our annual Halloween costume party. This year's theme was *Day of the Dead*, a day celebrated in Mexico and other Latin countries in honor of relatives who have passed on.

The evening's events included a unique treasure hunt hosted by Dame Denise and Sir John Beasley. The treasure hunt involved finding famous Scots!

Costumes were widely varied and quite creative.

Sir John and Leeann Quiroz came dressed as a 17th century couple, only a few centuries old straight from the grave and just in time for the night's festivities!

The event was blessed by a Druid, who was none other than Melanie Garrison. She came accompanied by her husband, Ron, the Frontiersman.

Brian Bayley looked dashing as Van Helsing, and his wife, Anna, was amazing as the Vampiress in Red.

Chief Douglas appeared as a male version of the Mexican Day of the Dead folk lore persona, Lady Catrina. This well-known character is a debutant who wears a death mask to remind us that death is the great equalizer. Whether you're the 99% or the 1%, we all end up like Catrina.

The chief's children were dressed as the darkly cute duo, Pugsley and Wednesday.

There was an amazing turnout for



Chief Douglas as a male version of Lady Catrina from Mexican folklore stands with children "Wednesday" and "Pugsley".

this year's Samhain celebration! In attendance were a mad scientist, devils, witches, and even a bumble bee!

The evening was truly filled with good cheer, friendship, games, and laughter!

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Amusing side note: Things didn't go well for Pepsi when they expanded their market into China. Their slogan, "Pepsi brings you life" was initially translated as "Pepsi brings your ancestors back from the grave".

## Chief Douglas and Lady Phoenix Entertain The Garrisons for Christmas

Chief Douglas and Lady Phoenix expressed great delight at the opportunity to invite the Garrisons to their home on Christmas Eve.

Ron and Melanie, along with their children, Vic and Lori, joined the Bailey family for an evening of good food, friendship and laughter, as Phoenix cooked up an amazing dinner of home made tamales and chile rellenos.

Lady Phoenix commented to Clan Bailey Happenings that, "The Garrisons are a truly wonderful family whom we are pleased to call our clans people!" Chief Douglas agreed and added, "We hope this Christmas was full of love and joy for each and every one of our clans people as well, and we hope to see you all at this summer's Celtic events!"

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Watch for coming updates to the Events Calendar on our website --  
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## Robert Burns: Beloved Poet of the Ages

Nothing is more Scottish than a traditional Burns Night supper of haggis, neeps & tatties, and maybe a bottle of McEwan's or some such. As we take time to devour this delicious repast and read Rabbie's famous ode, let us reflect upon the man.

Robert Burns was born on January 25, 1759 in Alloway, Ayrshire. He was largely a self-taught man, having little formal education. His parents encouraged him, and taught him Scottish folk lore and songs.

A number of influences led him to an awareness of the literary possibilities of the Scots dialects. Some of his best-known poems were his early works, written between 1784 and 1786.

His collection, Poems, Largely In The Scottish Dialect, published in July 1786, proved an instant success. Another collection, entitled simply Poems, and published in 1787, earned him quite a bit of money.

In April 1788, Burns married Jean Armour, with whom he'd had an on and off relationship.

When money ran thin, Burns often supported himself with back-breaking farm work. Twice in his life, he leased farms, but neither was successful.

It was this difficult work, combined with malnourishment in his youth, which led to the rheumatic heart disease from which he died in Dumfries on July 21, 1796.

Today, Burns' poetry is much-loved the world over.