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To: Ellis Jones <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: John O. Morgans Tribute

Absolutely. Will do.
Lynn

Ellis Jones wrote:

> Lynn:

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> Received a call from Arturo Roberts (Ninnau) that John O. Morgans passed
> away last week. Funeral was this week. they are printing his obituary in
> the next issue and wondered if WNGGA wanted to include some sort of tribute
> to John for his long time membership in WNGGA and his extensive coverage of
> WNGGA events and activities. Over the years he has had an article in
> almost every issue of Ninnau about one thing or the other.

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> Would you be able to send a note to Arturo Roberts, Ninnau, 11 Post
> Terrace, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920-2498 or e-mail--ninnau@compuserve.com

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> My understanding from Arturo is that they are planning to run a few
> tributes or comments by people or organizations in addition to the
> obituary. He needs it within the next few days to meet the publishing
> deadline for the next issue.

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> Some information from our files--John became a life member of WNGGA in
> August, 1977--thus he is one of the oldest members we have had. He has
> been retired for many years from his position as a writer for various
> publications. We would know more if we had a copy of the obituary.
> Perhaps you might want to ask Arturo if you could have a copy of the
> obituary and then base your two or three paragraphs on that. I envision it
> being a statement that might read "On behalf of the Welsh National Gymanfa
> Ganu Association, I pay tribute to John O. Morgans, Michigan, one of our
> strong members whose lifelong commitment to the organization and to the
> Welsh community has been outstanding over the years. His clear and concise
> writing helped all of us remain aware of activities and events throughout
> the Welsh community. His commitment to the National Gymanfa Ganu was
> unfailing! We express heartfelt appreciation to his assistance in
> reminding us constantly of what we are about" OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

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> I'll be sending a special sympathy letter to his wife on behalf of the
> WNGGA Headquarters staff. It will probably go out on Monday because for
> the next couple days I will be tied up with Valentine's Day. My quartet
> will be starting at 8:15 a.m. tomorrow morning and finishing about 7:00
> tomorrow night singing probably over 30 singing valentines at schools,
> homes, businesses, churches, etc all over this are. All of them will be
> surprises for the recipients. It'll be a "fun day" but very tiring. Then
> on Saturday we will be going out in the morning for another round. In all
> the six quartets in our chorus will be singing at probably close to 150
> Valentines during the next two days.

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> Janet and I go out for a Vanentine's dinner tonight plus some shopping for
> ideas for remodeling one of our bathrooms. Talk to you later.

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> Ellis J.

Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 17:36:17 -0800
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ELLIS A DRAFT LET ME KNOW IF IT IS OKAY AND I WILL SEND IT ON.
LYNN

It is with a deep feeling of sadness that I learned of the death of our friend, John O. Morgans. John became a life member of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association in 1977. In fact there are very few of us who remember any time during our active involvement in the Welsh communities of North America without John O. Morgans. His talents as a writer for various publications including Ninnau are beyond reproach. He informed us of events and activities, let us know about individual and organizational excellence and through his informative discourse, created a bridge between all parts of North America. And so beyond his exceptional ability as a writer was his lifelong deep regard for and commitment to furthering Welsh culture in North America. Consistently over many, many years he has been our voice and for that we are truly grateful. At the same time, the silence brought about by his death will be profound. We will truly miss him. John's contributions to the Welsh of North America and the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association specifically have been truly outstanding. He is the consummate example of the purpose of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association to preserve and promote Welsh culture in North America.

On behalf of the WNGGA, I would like to express our heartfelt sorrow in his death and at the same time celebrate his remarkable life.
Lynn Owens-Whalen

Excellent!