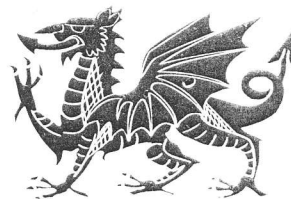


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Mr. Thomson  
St. David's Welsh Society of Regina  
[REDACTED] Michener Drive  
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Dear Mr. Thomson:

Your organization is invited to become a WNGGA Associated Welsh Organization. The enclosed copy of our FACTS brochure describes the benefits of WNGGA membership including "Organization Life."

Also enclosed is a copy of our summary sheet (goldenrod) which explains in more detail the benefits of joining WNGGA as an Associated Welsh Organization. Over 100 groups are listed as WNGGA AWOs.

If you have any questions, please let me know. My numbers are given at the bottom of this letterhead.

Sincerely,

Ellis J. Jones  
Executive Director

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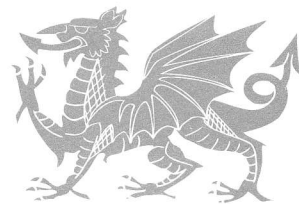
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association (WNGGA), I extend to you this invitation to become a Welsh Associated Organization (WAO) member of the WNGGA. As you will see on the inclosed envelope, the one time payment of dues is \$50

There are a number of benefits in becoming a WAO member.

- Your organization will become a part of the main membership data base at the WNGGA International Headquarters and thus will be first to receive copies of *HWYL*, the WNGGA newsletter; special notices about the next National Gymanfa Ganu; and information about new recordings and publications.
- You will receive a special invitation to the annual Roundtable Breakfast held on Friday morning at the National Gymanfa Ganu and to participate in discussions about how national and local organizations can work together.
- You will be invited to submit nominees for positions on the WNGGA Board of Trustees. Several of the current trustees were nominated by their WAO and then elected at the WNGGA Annual General Meeting held during the National Gymanfa Ganu.

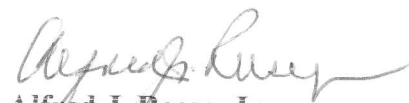
Most importantly, you will become part of the acknowledged premier organization in North America which has as its major objective the following:

To preserve, develop, and promote our Welsh religious and cultural heritage, including but not limited to the Gymanfa Ganu, and our religious and cultural traditions, and to do all the things necessary and proper to accomplish and enhance the same.

The membership envelope, with payment in U.S. dollars, should be sent to the International Headquarters as indicated. If you have any questions, please let us know. Your support is encouraged and will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

15 October 1999

  
Alfred J. Reese, Jr.  
President, WNGGA

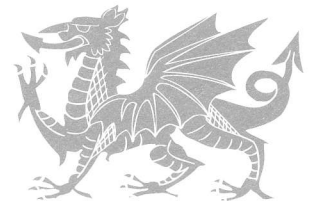
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Dear [Welsh org. contact]:

*Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!* New Year's Greetings to [Welsh org.] from the National Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association (WNGGA) and from the two of us, personally. We are writing to suggest that you consider making a New Year's resolution to create a link between the [Welsh org.] and the WNGGA by becoming an Associated Welsh Organization.

Becoming an AWO confers a number of benefits on your organization:

- ▶ a sense of belonging to a strong international Welsh organization
- ▶ contacts with other Welsh organizations in North America
- ▶ an invitation to attend Round Table meetings at National meetings
- ▶ five copies of each issue of HWYL, the WNGGA newsletter
- ▶ Press Releases from WNGGA Headquarters for use in your newsletter
- ▶ the right to submit nominations for the WNGGA Board of Directors
- ▶ eligibility to apply for grants from the WNGGA Scholarship Endowment

You may ask (as a frugal Welsh person) the cost of these benefits.  
**LIFE MEMBERSHIP** for an Associated Welsh Organization  
is only a **ONE-TIME** dues of \$50.

Now, we realize that many Welsh organizations operate on a shoestring budget and do not have \$50 to spare. If that is the case, we would like to point out that some of the present AWOs were provided with the necessary \$50 by generous individuals who have been individual members of WNGGA and who hold that organization in great esteem. Perhaps you have such a Welsh Fairy Godperson. Another possibility is for your members to take up a collection at your Saint David's Day celebration to cover the AWO dues.

The two of us, who are both active in our local AWOs, feel that being an AWO is a great investment in the nurture of our mutual Welsh heritage.  
We urge you to join us.

Pob hwyl / Cheers,

Berwyn Jones  
Colorado Welsh Society  
Trustee, WNGGA

Martha Davies  
Welsh Society of Western New England  
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# The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association

extends this special invitation to any group  
which is composed of persons of Welsh lineage  
or in full sympathy with the stated purpose of the WNGGA\*

to become a

## WNGGA Associated Welsh Organization

\*The WNGGA Constitution

### Article 2 PURPOSE

To preserve, develop and promote our Welsh religious and cultural heritage, including but not limited to the Gymanfa Ganu, and our religious and cultural traditions, and to do all things necessary and proper to accomplish and enhance the same.

### Benefits of Organization Membership

Framable Certificate indicating the group is a WNGGA Associated Welsh Organization

Personal letter of congratulations from WNGGA President on behalf of the WNGGA Board of Trustees

Extra copies of each *HWYL*, the WNGGA Newsletter

Opportunity to submit names to WNGGA Nominations Committee for positions on WNGGA Board of Trustees

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Special news releases for use in local group's newsletter

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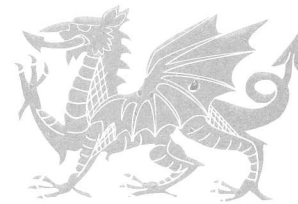
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December 16, 2002

Wales Tourist Board  
c/o Heledd Williams  
Fifth Avenue, Suite 701  
New York, New York 10176

Dear Ms. Williams:

Thank you for your WNGGA Organization Life membership payment. Your special organization membership card is enclosed.

As a WNGGA Associated Welsh Organization (AWO) you are entitled to receive extra copies of the WNGGA Newsletter, HWYL. Your copies are enclosed. These can be distributed to any members of your executive committee who are not yet WNGGA members and/or shared with other members and/or put on file with your secretary.

Also enclosed are 10 copies of the current brochure *Facts About WNGGA* which we invite you to share with your members. Any assistance that you can give us in encouraging persons to join WNGGA (\$10 US per year) will be greatly appreciated. Our toll free number is given below.

Welcome to WNGGA. If any questions arise, be sure to let us know.

Sincerely,

Ellis J. Jones  
Executive Director

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August 30, 2000

St. David's Society  
of Pittsburgh  
600 Grant Street, 42nd Floor  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association 1999-2000 Board of Trustees, I am very pleased to send you the enclosed framable certificate. It is a token of our appreciation for your continued support of the basic objectives of the WNGGA

to preserve, develop and promote our Welsh religious and cultural heritage, including but not limited to the Gymanfa Ganu, and our religious and cultural traditions, and to do all things necessary and proper to accomplish and enhance the same.

The Board of Trustees wish you much success in your continued support of our mutual goals. Please extend our greetings and best wishes to all of your members.

Sincerely,

Alfred J. Reese, Jr.  
President

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The Welsh National Gymnastfa Banu  
Association

This Certifies that  
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June 30, 2000

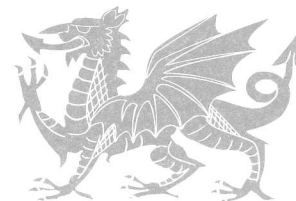
  
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TO: WNGGA Welsh Associated Organizations (WAO)  
*Ellis J.*  
FROM: Ellis Jones, WNGGA Executive Director  
DATE: October 15, 1999  
SUBJECT: Two Items

First, WNGGA International Headquarters now has a special file for each Welsh Associated Organization. Many thanks to those which have sent copies of newsletters and special mailings to the International Headquarters. Your copy has been placed "on file."

To make our records more complete, would you send us a list of the names and addresses of the persons on your group's executive committee. Enclosed is a memo form on which we invite you to fill in the information and return it to our office. We do ask that you let us know whenever there is a change in any of the officers.

Second, a nice addition to the success of any activity which you may be planning in the future is a special greeting from International President Col. Alfred J. Reese, Jr. However, to send his greeting he needs to know

1. the date of your activity (Gymanfa Ganu, Banquet, Luncheon, etc. etc.) and
2. to whom the greetings should be sent.

You can either send your information directly to him or to International Headquarters and we'll send it on to him. We do ask that you let us know at least two or three weeks ahead of the date of your activity.

Finally, as you can see on the left side of this stationery is a list of the persons on the Board of Trustees. If a WNGGA Trustee is at your activity, it is very appropriate to recognize her/him and to ask for a special greeting.

If you have any questions, be sure to let me know.

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Enclosure

69th WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU

Ottawa Congress Centre, Ottawa, Canada - August 31-September 3, 2000

Contact: Ottawa 2000 Gymanfa Ganu, [REDACTED] / Orleans, Ontario K1E 3W4 Canada

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Dear Friends:

This is our invitation to you to renew your membership in the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association. According to our records, you are listed as an Annual member with dues to be paid once a year. If our records are incorrect, please let us know as soon as possible.

An envelope is enclosed for you to use in renewing your Annual Membership or to change to a Life Membership. As noted on the envelope, "If you are already a member of WNGGA, we invite you to give this to a friend or relative so that they might join."

A major benefit of current membership is to have your name and address on the WNGGA International Headquarters main computer membership data base. Members not only receive copies of Hwyl (WNGGA Newsletter) but also information about next year's National Gymanfa Ganu in Ottawa, Canada, as well as special announcements regarding new recordings and publications.

Your continued support of WNGGA and its objectives will be very much appreciated:

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If you have any questions, you may contact us at the address and/or numbers in the lower right corner of this stationery.

Sincerely,

Ellis J. Jones  
Executive Director

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Enclosure

To: "Alan Upshall" <[REDACTED]>  
From: Ellis Jones <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Non AWO contact  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Attached:

Following a series of exchanges with Martha Davies (on behalf of her and Berwyn), we have worked out arrangements for them to send a personalized letter to over 100 non AWOs across the continent inviting them to join WNGGA. We have sent to Martha labels and stationery which they will need. Since Berwyn will be joining her after Christmas for a few days, they will be working on that project and getting it out soon after the holidays. Responses to their letter will be sent here to Headquarters hopefull with lots of \$50 checks.

Ellis J.

To: "Martha Davies" <[redacted]>  
From: Ellis Jones <[redacted]>  
Subject: Re: results from non- AWO mailing  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Attached:

Martha: Thanks for the note. I tried to send an e-mail to you earlier this week but inadvertently I left off the "b" and it came back to me. I was asking for some help on some additional Welsh words for our luncheon here at Gustavus tomorrow but decided to use straight English and then announce to the folks that those who knew Welsh might work out the words during the luncheon or if they didn't know Welsh to do it in Swedish, Norwegian, German, French, Greek, Latin, or whatever. Ha!

Many thanks again to you and Berwyn for the wonderful results of your letter. Since you sent out the appeal, the following organizations have sent in their organization membership fees:

Wymore Welsh Heritage Project, Wymore, Nebraska  
Cambrian Society Delaware Valley, Doylestown, Pennsylvania  
The Welsh Association of the Pacific, Carnation, Washington  
Welsh North American Chamber of Commerce, Miami, Florida  
Sacramento Welsh Circle, Sacramento, California  
Calgary Welsh Society, Calgary, Alberta

I think this is tremendous. This brings the total as of today to 97.

In your report, I assume you have received the Sample Format distributed before Christmas. What I've attempted to do is to streamline the reports to make it easier for the Board to consider any recommendations that a committee is making. If you don't have the sample, be sure to let me know.

Back to our plans for tomorrow, we are so pleased that 86 persons have signed up for our luncheon. We are anticipating 500 - 600 for the singing in the Chapel--Diadem, Deemster, Penpark, and Cwm Rhondda. On the last one we'll be standing (of course), with piano, organ, and Chapel brass. Should be awesome!

Mary Mergenthal has arranged to have a St. David's Day sing at Augsburg College in Minneapolis also tomorrow morning. However, in talking with Mae Anderson this morning, I learned that Mary has a really bad case of laryngitis and is hoping she has her voice back by tomorrow.

Well, keep in touch...thanks again...

Ellis J.

P.S. We have already set the date for next year's event here at Gustavus - March 7. It will be pretty special since it will be No. 30 in our series. You should hear those Swedes sing those Welsh hymns! Ha!

To: "Martha Davies" [REDACTED]  
From: Ellis Jones <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: AWO roundtable  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Attached:

Hi Martha and Berwyn:

Hope your trip to Wales is going well.

YOU had inquired about the Agenda for the Summit Meeting. Because you were already on your way, I sent a note to Alan with a suggested agenda. He reviewed it and felt it was OK. He cautioned that the introductions should be kept quite short and that he only expects to speak about 20 minutes focusing on the North American Festival of Wales. Because you are still out of the country, instead of sending the agenda by e-mail, I'm sending it by regular mail to Martha's home address.

As soon as Alan indicated the Tentative Agenda was OK, we prepared a special note to all AWOs with a copy of the agenda on the reverse side of the sheet (to save paper). We also asked each AWO to send us the name and address of the person or persons who would be their representative. As these come in, we're entering them on to a list so that by Harrisburg, we'll have an idea of how many will come. You will see this in the mailing I'm sending to you,

With regard to handling any potential disturbances, I think we can just make it a routine meeting and if a representative of Twm Sion Cati is present, they will be treated just like all the others. Alan will be prepared to point out that comments on the Law Suit should be kept to a minimum particularly if the outcome is still pending. Alan does not want to spend much time, if any, on the lawsuit. I am confident he can handle it.

Registrations are a bit slow but apparently this is happening to many organizations across the country. People are waiting to the last minute; for us this means that with 500 in, we may have 1,000 in the next four weeks. Busy, busy, busy.

Ellis J.

From: "Alan Upshall" <[REDACTED]>  
To: "Ellis Jones" <[REDACTED]>  
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HI Ellis

After comment here is a letter that could go to the AWOs along with Evans' sample formats. Feel free to amend the letter in any way you want to make it more sensible or appealing.  
Alan

To All Associated Welsh Organizations (AWO's)

A new benefit for all AWO members

We write to all Associated Welsh Organizations to inform you of a new membership benefit, a discount on the cost of advertising in the brochure for the North American Festival of Wales. Because over the last few years many organizations have joined the WNGGA to strengthen the Association as well as the local societies, the WNGGA is constantly looking for ways to reward the support of the membership.

The local NAFOW planning team, in conjunction with the WNGGA Executive Committee, has agreed that all AWO members will receive a discount of 10% on the cost of placing a notice of support and recognition within the Festival program brochure. We have maintained our advertising prices at the same level as recent years and therefore the discounted price represents a wonderful value. Placing an advertisement is a way not only to show your support for the new North American Festival of Wales, but also to show our members the strength and diversity of the North American Welsh Community.

Attached to this letter are samples of advertising units that we have designed along with a set of instructions. To place an advertisement simply follow the instructions on the attached sheet. The deadline for submission of advertisements is July 7, 2003.

The planning for the North American Festival of Wales has passed the critical point: the registration forms have been distributed and you should by now have received your copy.

Also our web site, [www.nafow.org](http://www.nafow.org) is fully updated and provides even more detail than the registration brochure. It is an excellent information source.

Now, we are putting together the bits and pieces of organization to make sure that the event will run smoothly so that all who come will have the best of times.

The local planning team and volunteers look forward to seeing many of your members at the Festival and Gymanfa Ganu in Richmond.