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The Puget Sound Welsh Association
Invites You to the 63rd WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU
September 1, 2, 3, and 4, 1994 — Bellevue, Washington

June, 1994

Dear Friends:

Less than 100 days remain until 2:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on Sunday, September 4.

At that moment, the President of the Afternoon Session of the National Gymanfa Ganu will step to the podium. A hush will fall over the crowd. And the magic words will be spoken "Ladies and Gentlemen, Welcome to this afternoon session of the 1994 National Gymanfa Ganu!"

And once again, we persons from Wales, Canada, United States, Argentina, Australia, and other world-wide locations will begin the Sunday singing session at our annual "National." We will sing Huddersfield and Ebenezer and Blodwen and Diadem and Rachie and, of course, Cwm Rhondda. We will collectively pay tribute to the unique ethnic traditions of Wales.

You are invited to be present not only for that special Sunday but earlier in the week for the Noson Lawen, the folk song event, tours, seminars, the banquet, the business meeting, the Eisteddfodd, the concert, the church service, and the other activities. You are invited to be with your friends (and relatives) who have come together for this special occasion.

The local venue committee under the superb leadership of Alan Upshall has created an outstanding event. And the climax will be on that Sunday when we all respond to the special invitation

"Deuwch Canwn I'r Arglwydd"

"Come, Sing To The Lord"

Sincerely,

Ellis J. Jones
WNGGA President



Chairman: Dr. Alan Upshall
Correspondence: Puget Sound Welsh Association
• Seattle, WA 98109

**NOTICE
TO ALL MEMBERS
of the
WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA
GANU ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The next Annual Meeting of the Association will be held at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 3, 1994 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bellevue, Washington.

AGENDA

1. Call to order by the President, Dr. Ellis J. Jones.
2. Welcome by Dr. Alan Upshall, Chairman, Bellevue '94 W.N.G.G.
3. Minutes of the 1993 Annual Meeting – Mrs. Alice Deisroth, Recording Secretary.
4. Report on the 1993 Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu by Mr. Jack Pritchard, Chairman, Wilkes-Barre '93 W.N.G.G.
5. Reports by the National Officers.
6. Report of the Credentials Committee.
7. Report of the Nominating Committee.
8. Election of Trustees: 3 for Eastern United States.
 1 for Canada.
 2 for Western United States.
9. Reports by Committee Chairmen.
10. Election of Auditors.
11. Any other business.

PLEASE NOTE – In accordance with Article XVIII of the Constitution: **Only** individuals and organizations whose Life Membership or Annual Dues have been paid as of July 31, 1994, are eligible to vote at this Annual Meeting.

Representatives voting for Organizations **must** present written authorization to the Credentials Committee.

Nelson L. Llewellyn, Secretary

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Dear Members & Welsh Friends,

We thought that you would like to hear the progress of the plans and registrations for the upcoming 1994 National Gymanfa Ganu in Bellevue in the hope that it will spur on those who have decided to come, but not yet registered, to do so, and also to convince those sitting on the fence to quickly jump down and send in registration forms and arrange travel plans. There is one other activity also, convince your friends and relatives to come!

We truly have developed an outstanding weekend of activities. My planning committee has been meeting monthly for quite a while now and we recently moved to planning meetings every two/three weeks so as to make sure that no stone is left unturned.

We have enlisted the help of many people from within and outside of our society, from banner makers, to Welsh cake makers, to fund raisers, etc. All have volunteered willingly and have spent much of their valuable time to ensure the success of the Gymanfa. Other Northwest Societies have also become involved to give the occasion a distinct regional flavor.

All we need now is a strong attendance and everyone's efforts will have been worthwhile. Our publicity machine has attempted to keep the North American Welsh updated with the plans through Y Drych and Ninnau, but of course we know that not everyone subscribes to these newspapers. Also, these newspapers will be soon closing for the summer so this may be the last opportunity for you to obtain our update.

Remember, the Gymanfa will be held in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, an ideal location to combine a vacation with a grand annual Welsh occasion. Come and join us and all who have so far registered and have the time of your life!

Hwyl Fawr,

Alan Upshall
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Bellevue '94 W.N.G.G.

Information update as of May 31, 1994

To this time, over 300 people have already registered for events and more have reserved hotel rooms, but not yet selected events. This translates into about 500 people committed to come for the weekend, a superb beginning.

Both the **Hyatt Regency Hotel** and the **Bellevue Inn** are recording good reservation activity. These are equidistant from the **Meydenbauer Center** where the evening activities are to be held. We will organize a shuttle bus service between the two hotels and between each hotel and the **Meydenbauer Center**. This will be a free service.

Tours are very popular. The Thursday, 1 September and Monday, 5 September day long tours to Mount Rainier are well subscribed. One bus for each day is nearly full already. More buses can be added so it will be a good opportunity to have fun and enjoy the scenery. All other tours, except the Museum of Flight, are well subscribed. Perhaps we Welsh are not that concerned about flying, only singing. Still there is much room available in all tours.

Seminars are also well subscribed, we may have to change our room allocation plans for some to accommodate the people. There is much interest in Wales Today, Welsh Names and Welsh Travel. The Eisteddfod has developed beyond our expectations. We have two choirs committed with another three very interested. A five choir competition would be remarkable. Six sopranos have entered making theirs a separate competition, and there are entries as altos, tenors, bases and a youth soprano. There is also an entrant in the instrumental category. We encourage yet again that people enter the Eisteddfod. Eisteddfodau are such traditional components of Welsh culture they enhance the culture and at the same time bring people both spectators and competitors closer together. All competitors will receive a certificate of entry.

The Grand Concert will be an occasion not to be missed. "The Loud Hill of Wales" presented by Cor Meibion Llanelli is a celebration of Wales in prose poetry and music. There will be 21 songs, 18 in Welsh, with narration and tenor solos. Choir director D. Eifion Thomas has compiled a concert worthy of a royal occasion. Miss it and you will have to rely on any future tape or CD for the pleasure.

The Gymanfa Hymns are selected and the special music fixed. The afternoon sessions will have soloists for the special music (we're keeping the names secret) and the evening, the Llanelli Choir. Mary Morris Mergenthal and Beverly Ratajak for the afternoon session and D. Eifion Thomas and Alan S. Rees for the evening session will be formidable teams.

I could continue to describe the plans and activities, but space is limited. Come and join those who have already committed to come to Bellevue. We have the special travel arrangements with United Airlines and Hertz Car Rental. If you have lost your forms send to Nelson Llewellyn, 662 Melwood Dr. N.E., Warren, OH 44483, for another set.

Come to Bellevue, September 1, 2, 3, and 4, 1994 for The National Gymanfa Ganu.

Hyatt Regency
Headquarters Hotel

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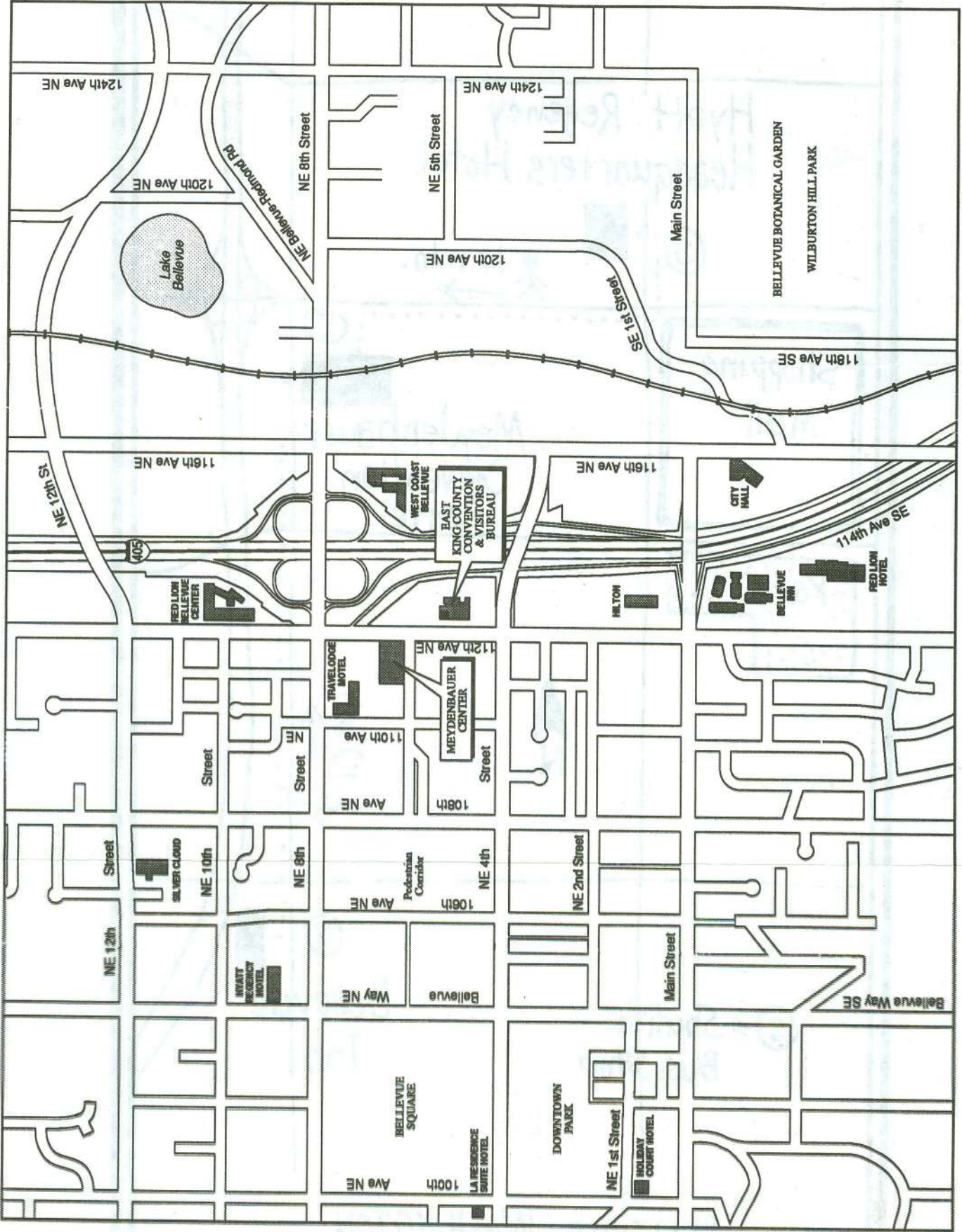
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The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc.

ENDOWMENT FUND

SCHOLARSHIPS

In 1983 the Board of Trustees established a scholarship program from which scholarships may be granted to applicants who are enrolled in courses or projects which preserve, develop and promote our Welsh religious and cultural heritage.

These grants are financed from annual income of the WNGGA Endowment Fund.

To be eligible for a scholarship an applicant **must** be: (a) of Welsh Lineage, **and** (b) a citizen of the United States or Canada, **and** (c) a member of the WNGGA, or a full member of WAY, or, if under 13 years of age, an associate member of WAY. **There is no age limitation.**

Organizations may also apply for grants. To be eligible, the organization must be: (a) a non-profit organization in the United States or Canada, **and** (b) a Life Member of WNGGA, **and** (c) the organization goals must be the same as the WNGGA; to preserve, develop and promote our Welsh religious and cultural heritage, etc.

Scholarships have been granted to persons enrolled in projects or courses directly relating to the Welsh language, history and music. There is no better way to perpetuate our Welsh heritage and keep the WNGGA vibrant and growing.

The greater the number participating in examining and learning about our Welsh heritage, the stronger our roots will be and our organization will continue to grow upon a solid base.

Members and Organizations are urged to consider making contributions to the Endowment Fund so that the funds available for scholarships will be increased.

You may want to consider making a direct contribution or a bequest in your will to strengthen this worthwhile cause; either could be a wonderful memorial to a departed loved one.

Make your checks payable to the **Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc., Endowment Fund.** Send them to the Secretary:

Nelson L. Llewellyn

Warren, Ohio

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MEMBERSHIP

One of the nicest things about life membership in The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association is the happy feeling of belonging. If you are not already a member, you are missing out on one of the joys of life.

For more than sixty years our premier Welsh-American organization has safeguarded and nourished the best of the famed singing traditions of Wales.

In the written constitution, we are informed that The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association is dedicated "to preserve, develop and promote our Welsh religious and cultural heritage, including, but not limited to the Gymanfa Ganu, literature, and all religious and cultural traditions, and to do all such things necessary and proper to accomplish and enhance the same."

Life membership is made possible to any person of the Welsh lineage, or any person or organization in full sympathy with the stated purposes of the Association. Once your application has been accepted, whether you live in a tiny hamlet or in a large city, you will never be far from the considerations and the many kindnesses of the president, the executive officers, the board of trustees and the impressive roster of members.

You will become a member of a very large family. You will feel the warm ingredients of the Welsh "hwyl," with the live and pulsating influence of the Cymric homeland developing in your new interest.

Your membership and interest are wanted in the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association. The cost of **Individual Life Membership, \$20.00 U.S. (Twenty Dollars) and Organization Life Membership, \$25.00 U.S. (Twenty-Five Dollars)**, is considered reasonable when compared with the range of escalating costs all around us. And the almost minimal expense ensures your association with a prestigious organization. Mail your check NOW.

Membership will bring you messages, newsletters (**HWYL**) and directives from Mr. Nelson L. Llewellyn, general secretary. You will be able to participate in the discussions at the annual general meeting and enjoy voting rights. Also, there will be invitations from sponsoring organizations wishing your attendance at the annual Gymanfa Ganu festivals.

At the annual festival (in a different city each year), you will hear the thrilling sounds of Wales, as best exemplified by many of the finest singers from the United States and Canada. You will enjoy hearing some of the famous prize-winning choirs from Wales.

There will be the lively wit and the subtle humor of the Noson Lawen (Happy Evening), Awr y Plant (Children's Hour), always fresh innovations, along with the two Sunday sessions entirely devoted to the inspiring exercise of Welsh hymn-singing. (If you cannot sing through the medium of the Welsh language, don't be discouraged as phonetic hymnals will help you.)

Although The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association has functioned for 64 years, it is still regarded as a growing organization. This is best understood in the light of the resurgence of the Welsh interest and the scope of its many influences throughout North America, embraced with the desire of our young people to come within closer range of their heritage.

With the advantage of life membership you will get to know of the contributions being made by the Welsh-American Youth of Canada and the United States, popularly known over recent years as (WAY). Already, a surprising number of our young people are volunteering their services in the affairs of the parent organization. This is an encouraging sign for the progress of the Gymanfa Association into future years.

Each and all of us who are members join in assuring you the happy feeling of belonging. Welcome to The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association.

— John O. Morgans

Application For Membership In The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association

Checks payable to Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association. Mail to the following address:

Nelson L. Llewellyn, Secretary
662 Melwood Drive N.E.
Warren, Ohio 44483

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City _____

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