

THE WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 1995

A PROGRESS REPORT

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Submitted by:

Glenn Grove, Chair

Pat St. Clair, Co-Chair

The following is a collation of reports presented by the Harrisburg '95 committee. Each segment is a tentative account of the progress being made. Where segments are finalized, they have been noted with an asterisk.

WELSH NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU  
HARRISBURG '95 COMMITTEE

GENERAL CHAIRMAN.....Glenn Grove  
CO-CHAIRMAN.....Patricia St.Clair  
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HOTEL/EVENT REGISTRATION.....Ronald Roberts  
CIVIC CEREMONY.....Priscilla Sherman  
HYMN COMPETITION.....Michael Granados  
NOSON LAWEN.....Sian Frick  
FOLK CONCERT.....Sian Frick  
HOSPITALITY.....Danielle Wells  
WELSH CAKES.....Danielle Wells  
PUBLICITY.....Michele Griffiths  
FINANCE.....Glenn Grove & Pat St. Clair  
BANQUET.....Theresa Ferdue  
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CYMANFAOEDD SESSIONS.....Barry Wells  
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## HYMN COMPETITION

Chair: Michael Granados

- Letter was written to Nelson Llewellyn asking for information on copyrights to hymns in the WNGGA hymnal and practical considerations regarding the Hymn Competition. No reply as yet.
- Letter was written to Mary Morris Mergenthal of *Y Drych* asking if the publication would be interested in co-sponsoring the Competition. No reply as yet.
- Glynne Jones as Adjudicator for the Competition?
- Title of the Competition.
- Judging requirements.
- Judges.
- Deadlines.
- Hymn Competition Committee will need the following:

Allocation of \$1,000 (US) as a cash prize.

Allocation of \$30 (US) to have the winning composition professionally typeset.

Allocation of a room for the Grand Prize Winner at the Hilton for the duration of the Gymanfa, and admission to all Gymanfa events. The winner must provide transportation to and from Harrisburg and meals.

Invitation for the Grand Prize Winner to be a guest of honor at the Grand Banquet, where the award presentation will be made.



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Mrs Glenys Wyn  
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ABERTAWE  
 GORLLEWIN MORGANNWG  
 CYMRU/WALES

Annwyl Mrs Wyn,

As you know from Glenn Grove, Côr Rehoboth and the Delta Chapel are responsible for organizing the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu for North America on 30 August to 3 September, 1995 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

As a member of the Organizing Committee, Chairperson of the Noson Lawen Committee and member of the Seminars Committee, I have been asked to write and confirm Glenn's invitation to you and Siân to take part in various events during the Gymanfa period.

If you agree, we would love to have you as Arweinydd for the Noson Lawen on Thursday evening, and of course we hope you and Siân will also perform something during it. I'm trying to plan a truly "merry" evening, with lots of jokes and laughter, to counteract the tendency of Welsh-American events to be serious!

On Friday and Saturday there will be seminars during the day, and we would very much like to have you give one (or two?). Suggestions so far have been for you and Siân to take the Ysgol Gân for Sopranos and Altos for 1 1/2 hrs each afternoon, and/or some other suitable use of your talents such as a Welsh Folk Songs session, or a harp workshop. I've been talking to Meryl Davis, your cousin, who was in charge of the seminars last year at Wilkes-Barre, and ran the Folk Songs session. She had the audience joining in the songs, and said it was very popular and successful. If you have any other suggestions, we'll be glad to hear them. Each seminar is offered twice, at a different time each day so that people can fit them in. I'll be teaching Dawns Werin Cymru each afternoon.

As Glenn probably mentioned, the Gymanfa is planned as a fundraiser for the Chapel and Choir. The Chapel was forced to renovate the entire building recently, when the furnace blew up.

## HOSPITALITY

Chair: Danielle Wells

The purpose of the hospitality committee is to provide personal convenience services to participants and guests during the National at the hotels and the events.

Hospitality Committee will attend to the information table and message boards in the lobby of the Hilton. There will be an in-house phone provided by the Hilton to handle all questions pertaining to the National and its events.

Hosts and hostesses will also run the Tea Room on the second floor of the Hilton. This is set up for the convenience of the vendors and customers. We will be working with the catering service at the Hilton.

Ushering services will also be provided by this committee at each event. Hosts and hostesses will need to assist physically disadvantaged individuals and seat late-comers. Hospitality people can also organize individuals who are meeting in the lobby for tours. Registrants for tours on lists can be checked off before they get on the bus to expedite service.

This committee will see that performers have water, tissues, and any other special needs available backstage or at seminars.

Hospitality Committee will work with the Hilton staff in setting up "tea times" after the events. They will help physically disadvantaged individuals and see that performers get tea and welsh cakes.

A Welsh Cake Committee will be organized to decide upon a recipe and see to the production of welsh cakes needed for the National.

We will be visiting local Welsh-American groups to solicit their help for any and all of the above mentioned duties. On April 6th Danielle Wells and Patricia St. Clair will be attending a meeting of the Welsh Society of Harrisburg to update them on the progress of the '95 National and to solicit their further support.

A letter is being sent to all local Welsh Societies asking for their support.



TO : All Committee Chairpersons

FROM : Danielle Wells, Chairperson – Hospitality Committee

*What is the Hospitality Committee ?*

- H osts and hostesses at "Teas"
- O versee the Message Board
- S ervices to performers
- P rogram distribution at events
- I nformation booth in the Hilton lobby
- T elephone Help Line for questions
- A ssist physically disadvantaged individuals
- L ocal Welsh cake bake-off
- I n charge of "greetings" and "welcomes"
- T ea Room at the Welsh Marketplace
- Y es, you need to complete the bottom portion of this page and return it to me

*Yes, I need assistance from the Hospitality Committee.*

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE : \_\_\_\_\_

NO. OF PERSONS  
REQUIRED : \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF SERVICES  
REQUIRED : \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT : \_\_\_\_\_

DATE AND TIME : \_\_\_\_\_



## PUBLICITY

Chair: Michele Griffiths

Until approval is granted from the National Committee, all publicity will remain pending.

## FINANCE

Co-Chair: Glenn Grove and Pat St. Clair

At this time, Barbara Brown, Vice President of Dauphin Bank (a large Harrisburg-based institution) is pursuing the possibility of getting grants and other funding to support the '95 National. Other major national corporations soon to be approached are: Hershey Chocolate Corp., Armstrong Corp., Rite-Aid Inc., Super-Rite Food Stores, Inc., The National Endowment For The Arts, and Penn National Insurance. Additionally, local Pennsylvania and Maryland based businesses who are friends of chapel will also be solicited.

As soon as allowable, t-shirts, '95 memorabilia, adverts, etc. will be sold, contingent on earliest possible dates approved by the National Committee.

Todd Kohr of the Harrisburg Tourism and Convention Bureau is investigating other corporate backing as well as assembling a list of local businesses, merchants, and industries that our own local committee can approach.

## BANQUET

Chair: Theresa Perdue

It is anticipated that Welsh Lamb will be served at the Grand Banquet. The Wales Tourist Board has an arrangement with a vendor in Wales and with Customs allowing Welsh Lamb to be brought into the U.S. for a specific event. Marc Salter, the 1992 Welsh Chef of the Year, will be the Head Chef. It is very possible that Nigel Morris, the current Welsh Chef of the Year, will also be involved.

Entertainment will be of an extremely high standard. The ballroom of the Hilton can accommodate 800 to 1000 people. Therefore, we are determined that both the meal and entertainment be worthy of that large a group. Guest of Honor: Sir Anthony Hopkins?



GRAND CONCERT

Chair: Richard Griffiths

Members: Sian Frick, Michael Granados

\*Location.....The Forum

\*Date.....Saturday evening, 2 September 1995

Time.....To be decided

Featured Artists:

Wales:

\*Pendyrus Male Choir (the concert will feature Welsh hymns, folk songs, rarely performed works of Joseph Parry, contemporary Welsh music).

\*Their soloist

\*Conductor: Glynne Jones

Accompanist: Huw Lewis

Welsh American:

Louise Taliesin

David Gwesyn Smith

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Chair: Richard Baskwill

- Preacher: Maxwell Roberts (has been asked)
- \*Liturgist: Richard Baskwill
- \*Location: The Forum
- \*Choir: Cor Rehoboth
- \*Organist: Donald King
- \*Flower Arrangements: Margaret Supik
- Memorial Assistants: Rebecca Roberts, Milton Campbell, the Vaughan grandchildren or the Sherman grandchildren

## Comments:

- o The bulletin will include the words of the hymns to be sung.
- o The altarware from Rehoboth Welsh Church will be used, as well as a new, 12-foot high cross in the logo of Rehoboth Church.

## MARKET PLACE

Chair: Bill and Marge Markley

- 1) To be located on 3rd Floor, Harrisburg Hilton.
- 2) Approximately 50 tables - 8' x 36" table size.
- 3) Times for Market Place:

Open 9:00 am - Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Close 7:00 pm  
Closed Sunday  
Open 9:00 am - Monday  
Close 12:00 noon

- 4) Cost to be competitive with previous Market Place.
- 5) Set-up and tear-down times to accommodate vendors before and after scheduled events.
- 6) Secured areas to be furnished.
- 7) To be advertised with outline of events.



WAY

Chair: Cheryl Mitchell

John Lloyd was its last president before the group became inactive. He performs some "caretaker" functions but cannot do much because he is in graduate school. He might be able to come to Harrisburg. He suggested having a youth activity at the same time as the banquet because most full WAY members cannot afford it and it does not appeal to them. Folk dancing has gone over well. Refreshments such as pizza are a good idea. He is willing to give advice about WAY, but cannot be very active. He has provided us with his address.

There is a mother of 9 children, in Maine, who is willing to help from her home. Elizabeth N. Hughes, niece of Ann Davies Thomas, has also left us her address when we are ready to contact her.

The WAY coordinator for the 1988 Gymanfa was Glenys Morgan.

## SEMINARS

Chair: Richard Baskwill

Seminars and Leaders Scheduled:

- \*Joseph Parry; the Origins of Welsh Music - Glynne Jones
- \*Welsh Folk Dancing - Sian Frick
- \*Listen, then more! (Stories and activities for children grade 2 and up) - Beth Vaughan
- \*Mabinogion - Beth Phillips Brown
- \*Conversational Welsh & Singing Welsh Hymns - Peter Williams

Seminars and Leaders who have been asked but not yet responded:

Ysgol Gan - Ellen King, Glenys & Sian Wyn (S & A)  
Donald King (T & B)

Harp Workshop (?) - Glenys & Sian Wyn

Other Possible Seminars still to be arranged:

- Things To See In Wales - Welsh Tourist Board
- Places To Stay In Wales - Emyr Griffiths
- Current Events In Wales Today
- Cooking With A Welsh Chef

Comments: Seminars will be held in the Hilton and Harrisburg hotels.

\*EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Chair: Beth Vaughan

Friday: 9:00 am - 10:30 am. "Listen, then more!"  
Gwrandewch, wedyn mwyl!  
Storytelling, followed by creative activities based on  
the stories heard. Drama, poetry, visual art, music and  
dance might all be a part of this workshop.

Friday: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (same)

Saturday: 9:00 am - 10:30 am (same)

Saturday: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (same)

Saturday: 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm Awr y Plant, or "come see what  
we've been doing"

(All events limited to second grade and up)



## TOURS AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Chair: Bill St. Clair

Tours are based on a minimum of 30 passengers per tour. Most of the tours will be professionally guided.

Day tours include:

- 1) A tour of Lancaster, Pa. which will include a visit to the Farmers Market, the Kitchen Kettle Village, Amish Farm land, as well as other special roadside stops.
- 2) A tour of the Lancaster, Pa. Factory Outlet stores.
- 3) A tour for the whole family at Hershey Park.
- 4) A tour of the historic town of Delta, Pa., which will include a visit to the local museum, Coulsontown, the Slate Jail, the Rehoboth Welsh Chapel, and a special walking tour in the Slateville Church cemetery with discussions by Maxwell Roberts about its slate gravestones and their Welsh inscriptions.

Half-day tours will include morning and afternoon trips to:

- 1) The town of Hershey, Pa. which will include a visit to the Chocolate Factory and Founder's Hall.
- 2) The city of Harrisburg, Pa. which will include a visit to the State Capitol building, the State Museum, as well as other special city sights.

Accommodations for the Gymanfa Weekend include the Headquarters at the Harrisburg Hilton. The Hilton features 300 rooms for guests. It will be the location of the Grand Banquet, the Welsh Market Place, the Folk Concert, and most of the Seminars.

The Harrisburg Hotel, about a block from the Hilton, is providing additional lodging. The Harrisburg offers 240 additional rooms. We will be using the Harrisburg for the remainder of the Seminars.

## AIRLINE TRAVEL

Chart: Michele Griffiths

Airline travel has been arranged through Travel Arrangements International (TAI), telephone 1-800-435-4504. Discounted rates have been negotiated with United Airlines and U.S. Air. Also, discounted rates have been arranged with rental car companies. Exact discount rates will be announced when this event draws nearer.

## SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOKLET

Chair: J. Carter and Cindy Seibel

Contents: Approximately 50% advertisements, 50% editorial copy  
(to be based upon previous National Cymanfaoedd  
programs)

Advertisements:

- Solicited from various Delta-area and Harrisburg local businesses
- Possible national firms
- Ethnic Welsh-American organizations, individuals
- Possible entities of Wales
- Patron contributors (featured separately from display ads)

Editorial copy:

- Greetings from state, national politicians, possibly Welsh officials (with photos)
- Historical account of Welsh in America
- Historical account of national Cymanfaoedd
- Reminiscences of Gwynne Jones, Pendyrus Male Choir, others
- Recollections of program activities (with photos)
- Admission and activity program of weekend activities and times
- Belongs to activities of performing groups, etc.
- Reminiscences of Harrisburg city
- Topics to be covered as possible

Program Materials:

- 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" glossy gloss, stock w/logo design of festival weekend (design possibly embossed)
- Best quality page stock possible, depending on revenue

Individuals:

- James D. Seibel  
Formerly star adviser of award-winning Harford County, Maryland publication
- Cynthia D. Seibel  
Director of Marketing, the Prudential Preferred Properties  
Reporter, Delta Star (previously, York Dispatch, Free Press)  
Former adviser award-winning newspaper, Harford County Public Schools

Both chairs of programs:

- Delta Centennial historical book, 1990
- Pendyrus Male Choir U.S. tour souvenir booklet, 1988
- Cor Cymraeg Rehoboth Wales tour souvenir booklet, 1992