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## WNGGA NEWS LETTER

The WNGGA will hold its 42nd National Gymanfa Ganu, under the sponsorship of the Ontario Gymanfa Ganu Association, on Labour Day week-end of September 1973. Our Headquarters will be at the Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto.

This outstanding Hotel, the newest in Toronto, is located immediately across from the City Hall, and is conveniently central to all points of interest. It provides a new dimension in Metro Toronto's dramatic rise as a leading world travel centre.

Gently landscaped interior environment, a rooftop waterfall cascading into the lower lobby level, shrubbery and garden patios. These are the unique innovations that provide this Hotel with a personality that has something very real to do with people and their personal comfort.

Forty-three storeys at its highest point, the Hotel is an integrated feature of the city's down town core, and a natural link to neighbouring cultural and commercial quarters.

The Hotel embraces Nathan Phillips Square with a convenient pedestrian footbridge and complements the nearby outstanding City Hall in the formulation of an impressive urban focal point.

The Hotel site is linked to department stores, office buildings and the public transit system by walkways. It is equipped with an unparalleled range of guest and large-group facilities, including the largest ballroom in Canada, the Grand Ballroom, with a capacity of 3300 persons. On the Dominion Floor there is a wide variety of meeting and banquet rooms, and, on the same level, two of the Four Seasons new style restaurants; the City Hall Grill which has an English atmosphere, serving a complete menu for lunch and dinner; the luxurious Cafe of the Redwoods features an International luncheon buffet, a different country each day, and gourmet dining in the evening, with continuous music for dancing from 8:15 pm to 1:00 am with show time at 9:45 pm.

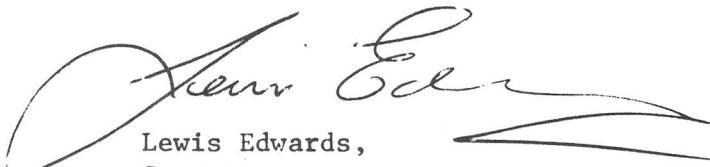
In addition, the Hotel has two acres of landscaped gardens and an 80 foot swimming pool in the garden patio with poolside dining areas.

Rare trees and shrubs flourish here with winding walkways for the convenience of guests who desire to spend a few moments to relax and talk in quiet surroundings.

We have endeavoured to offer you a word picture of our Gymanfa Headquarters and we sincerely hope that our descriptive literature will help determine your decision to be with us to enjoy this unique annual Welsh Festival of Song and Worship.

Croeso cynnes i bob un ohonoch.

The Ontario Gymanfa Ganu Association.

  
Lewis Edwards,  
Secretary.

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Anwyl Gyfeillion:  
Dear Friends:

As President of the Ontario Ganu Association, the sponsoring body for the 42nd Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu, I extend a hearty invitation to join with us in Toronto, August 31st to September 2nd, 1973, for the celebration of this festival.

As you may well realize we were confronted with a formidable task in engineering, and planning, this, the most outstanding of annual Welsh events on the North American Continent. The various committee's involved in the planning have done everything in their power to make this Gymanfa a success and a memorable festival for all.

Some changes have been made. Notably, the Nosen Lowen will be held Friday evening with a banquet, and grand ball on Saturday. Information received from the hotel since our previous letter states that transportation from Toronto International Airport to the hotel has been arranged at a charge of Two Dollars, (\$2.00) per person. We are also required to vacate our rooms by one P.M., Sunday afternoon. However, a room will be set aside where luggage may be left until the evening.

For those who have not returned the reservation card to the hotel, I urge that you do so as soon as possible. This will greatly assist the various committee's in their final planning.

Last but by no means least, is my appeal for donations. We urgently require your assistance in this matter, and all donations, no matter how great, or small will be greatly appreciated.

In closing, I would like to say that I look forward to renewing the acquaintance of those of you who have attended previous Gymanfaoedds, and welcome the opportunity of meeting those who will be with us for the first time.

Deuwch Canwn i'r Arglwydd - Come Let Us Sing To The Lord.

Sincerely,

W. F. Blanch,  
President, Ontario Gymanfa Association.

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To The Members of  
The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu  
New Hymnal Project Committee  
United States and Canada  
Dear Member and Friend:

In two weeks time some of us will be travelling to Toronto, Canada, to attend the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu. There will be many meetings for us to attend, and our New National Hymnal Committee is scheduled to convene some time during our stay in Toronto. You will be notified by mail prior to the meeting, and if not, kindly check the bulletin board at the Headquarters Hotel.

Those of us who attended the two hour meeting of the Hymnal Committee last year know that we did well with our time and thoughts, and many fine ideas were expressed and discussed, also great valuable suggestions were made for the revision of the present hymnal. However, during our meeting, I the Chairman was called or summoned to the Executive meeting for a quick report on the hymnal project. I gave them some idea of what we had covered thus far. They gave me an ultimatum as to the deadline for the material as of January 1973, also an option was suggested of presenting four (4) supplementary hymns to be used in Toronto for testing and evaluate them.

The time element definitely raised a question in my mind, and believe me I have given it much thought and prayer. When January 1973 was upon us-I contacted President Owen Roberts, and Secretary Jack Meadows about the matter. Both explained in detail that the National Association at this time is low of funds and is not able to undertake the project. We decided to accept the "option" four (4) supplementary hymns as this would suffice the problem at this time.

These four hymns have been submitted by almost all the committee members. Will you kindly return the enclosed card by Monday or Tuesday as I will have to have them off-set to take with me to Toronto. Do you think that twenty-five cents 25¢ will be too much to ask the Gymanfa Ganu goes to pay for the four hymn tunes? This would help pay the cost of off-set.

The reason for my silence in not writing sooner is very obvious-that it would be waste of time and money to carry on with the project until we know for sure that there will be a financial support from the National. We can all be working individually on the project, and keep in touch in order to be ready when they give us a concrete "GO" signal. It will be interesting to pass on our ideas and ideas of other people to each other, especially the creative side of the project.

Thank you for your interest. Looking forward to seeing you at the National in Toronto if all will be well at that time.  
In the Bond of Music,  
Sincerely,

*Ann Davies Thomas*  
Ann Davies Thomas, Chairman of Committee

*Let me know your views on these hymns! I know the two of them are mine for which we must take. Ruth, Nel & I are*

*purged regarding letters you enclosed. Who is running the show??*

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## TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

I have been instructed by Owen, our president, to write you about the forthcoming 42nd National Gymanfa Ganu in Toronto.

The executive committee met in Toronto a short time ago, and had you seen what we saw you too would be as excited as we are. The facilities are fantastic to say the least. The Ontario Gymanfa Ganu Association have planned a program with infinite care on an ascending scale terminating in a crescendo on the Sunday sessions.

I am reminded of a comment at one of our board meetings in the past suggesting that the board members take a more active part in promoting the Gymanfoedd.

To this end I have personally committed myself to speak a few words at Gymanfoedd in this area between now and September. We are sure you too will want to do all you can for our beloved festival. Just remember, you are a VIP (very important person) -- a member of the board of trustees and the sponsors of local Gymanfoedd would welcome a representative of the NGGA to be present at their meetings.

Should you require any particulars as to what to say, write to Lew Edwards, secretary (address on letterhead). He would welcome your inquiry.

This is a dual purpose request -- Dan Reese, president of W A Y, would appreciate it if you would encourage W A Y members in your area to come to Toronto. They are needed very much.

So, we are on the home stretch -- LET'S GO! Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Gwynn Parri  
Vice President