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The fact that this letter is long overdue says a lot about the activities of the Welsh-American community, the workload of those of us who are deeply involved, and the increasing and more active interest that we are finding on a daily basis. There is a long way to go before we can truly say that Welsh-Americans have regained recognition for their contributions to the very fabric of this country which, throughout our nation's history, have always greatly exceeded our numbers.

The 1994 National Gymanfa Ganu, so spectacularly presented in Bellevue, WA by the Puget Sound Welsh Community, was an outstanding example of the work being done to assure the preservation and expansion of an understanding and appreciation of Welsh culture, heritage, and the Welsh language. The concert of the Llanelli Male Choir was unique. Their integration and blending of the spoken word with that of the choir, a departure from the normal conert presention, was imaginative and very effective. This was only one of the innovations which made the 1994 National an outstanding success.

We all know that events such as the National cannot be successful without a hard working group of highly motivated and dedicated committee members and chairs. These were obvious throughout every activity in Bellevue. However, we also know that the General Chairman, with the help of his Vice Chairman, sets the tone and ultimately bears final responsibility for success or failure.

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The Officers, Directors, and Members of the National Welsh-American Foundation all join in extending their warmest congratulations to you and all those others responsible for a truly outstanding 1994 National Gymanfa Ganu.

Sincerely,

Alfred J/ Reese, Jr.

Secretary

P.S. This letter also gives me an opportunity to express appreciation for appearing on your mailing list for Y Ddolen. I enjoy reading it and knowing of your activities.

The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, Inc.

628 West Jefferson St. Peter, MN 56082 September 10, 1994

Alan and Greta Upshall 7049 N. E. 163 Street Bothel, WA 980ll

Dear Alan and Greta:

First of all, congratulations on the planning and carrying out of the plans for the 1994 National Gymanfa Ganu! It was an event that will be long remembered for the comprehensive nature of the event, the well thought-out schedule, the many opportunities for friends and relatives to meet, and, of course, the superb singing. Please convey to the other members of the committee this special thank you for a job well done. It will be a benchmark of excellence for venues which follow!

Second, congratulations, Alan, on your election to the Board of Trustees. It is not only a tribute to you to receive this recognition, but most importantly to your skills as a forward-looking person keenly interested in supporting the goals of the national organization. There are many challenges facing the Board during the next few years and I am really pleased that your thoughts and counsel will be available in a direct manner during the many discussions that will be held.

Thanks, again, to both of you. Janet joins me in singing your praises and wishing much continued success.

Sincerely,

Ellis

Ellis J. Jones Past President