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## *A Few Words from the President*



Well, it's that time of year again, the holiday season! A time for gatherings and fellowship and a time for good cheer. As Molossia is a family nation, these traditions are important to us, and we thus place great emphasis on family gatherings. So, as other activities wane in December, Christmas and other holidays celebrations reign supreme. This month we will celebrate Christmas around the National Christmas Tree in Government House, and then Boxing Day (with accompanying shepherd's pie) the day after. And, like most, we will count down the minutes to the new year (even though our official new year celebration is also Chinese New Year). And of course we will be sending out our annual Christmas Cards again this year. So join us in this season of merriment and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## *Around The Nation*

Baby On The Way! Molossian Kaylin Harrison Gets Ready To Welcome Our Newest Citizen, Bradley!



Snow In The Mountains Tells Us Winter Has Arrived In Molossia!



## *Guy Fawkes Celebration*

5 November 2014

On 5 November 2015 XXXVIII, Molossians celebrated our fifth annual Guy Fawkes Night. Guy Fawkes Night, or Bonfire Night, is a popular event in Great Britain, dating back to the foiled Gunpowder Plot of 5 November 1605 when Guy Fawkes and 13 of his cohorts conspired to blow up Parliament and King



James I of England. After the plot was uncovered and the conspirators executed, the 5th of November became an official holiday in Great Britain, adopted likewise five years ago in Molossia, in recognition of our English roots. In the days prior to the holiday, Molossian citizens gathered in Government House and created their own Guys, to burn in effigy. That done, they assembled in Red Square and built a sizable bonfire, joined by the Miller Family, friends of Molossia. Dinner was bangers and mash, apple crisp dessert and hot apple cider. Then the Guy Fawkes rhyme was recited by the company, after which the Guys were committed to the bonfire, one by one, the President's going in last. The evening was concluded with gentle revelry around the fire until it became coals. A fine time was had by all and we all look forward to next year's Guy Fawkes Night!

Guy In The Fire.



Gathered Around the Bonfire, Guys Ready to Go

## *Molossia Wedding*

6 November 2014

On 6 November 2015 XXXVIII, a very special event took place in Molossia. Commodore Jonathan and Mrs. Kathleen Miller, honorary Molossian citizens and friends of His Excellency, The President and The First Lady, renewed their wedding vows. In a ceremony conducted by The President, the Millers exchanged vows in Red Square, reaffirming their love after five years of marriage. The Millers were visiting Molossia while on vacation, and the Commodore surprised Mrs. Commodore by secretly arranging for the President to marry them again. Our congratulations to the Millers on five years of wedded bliss and we wish them many more happy years to come!



Taking The Vows.



Wedding Ready.



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## December Calendar

- **Christmas Day - December 25th** The biggest holiday of the year, celebrated with presents, music, Christmas movies, Christmas cookies and lasagna for Christmas Dinner (this is in honor of our Italian heritage). The Christmas Eve meal is a more traditional fare of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, etc.
- **Boxing Day - December 26th** No particular reason except that it sounds neat, and is quintessentially British. We tend to be Anglophiles in Molossia. Celebrated with our own version of "Shepherd's Pie".
- **Penny Baugh's Birthday - December 27th**

## THIS MONTH'S WEATHER

Molossia's weather is always gorgeous, with plenty of sunshine and temperatures year-round of 22° Celsius (72° Fahrenheit). However, our little country is surrounded by the US and they are so close, their awful weather invades frequently! So the weather report reflects both our weather and theirs.

	Molossia	US
Maximum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	16° C / 61° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-12° C / 10° F
Average High Temperature	22° C / 72° F	7.7° C / 46° F
Average Low Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-6.6° C / 20° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	53.4 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

## *The Last Word With The First Lady*



The countdown to Christmas has begun! December has arrived and the holiday season is in full swing! Hopefully everyone was able to spend time with their friends and family for Thanksgiving or are making plans for Christmas. Family and friends are so important. Some people have family that lives far away or family that they don't get along with. Some people don't have much family at all. The holidays are a time that everyone should try to put those differences aside for the greater good and be thankful that we have each other. Here in Molossia we have a bountiful family. A never ending parade of cousins and aunts and uncles. Always someone to talk to or to do something with. If you don't have much family then it is important to be close to friends. Look around and think about your friends. Think about who doesn't have very much family and see if you can invite them to be with you during the holidays. Even better than a present underneath the tree, someone that is there for you is a gift that lasts a lifetime. Who can you give that gift to?

Merry Christmas!

~Adrienne

