

The Burnsian

The Newsletter of
The Winnipeg Robert Burns Club

We'll ease our shanks an' tak a seat,
Come gies yer news

Robert Burns

Brochan Lom To Perform at Burns Supper

Winter Edition
2011-12

Popular local men's chorus Brochan Lom have confirmed that they will entertain at the 2012 Burns Supper.

Brochan Lom is dedicated to singing the music of Scotland and its



Celtic heritage. Under the direction of Fred Simpson, they perform regularly at the Pavilion of Scotland — and include members of the Flying Haggis Show Band, the pavilion's main stage singers.

Brochan Lom takes its name from a Gaelic folk song and translates as "thin porridge" - no reflection on the men however.

The 105th Annual Burns Supper will be held, January 25 at the Holiday Inn Winnipeg South

President's Message

Low in your wintry beds, ye flowers
Again ye'll flourish fresh and fair
Ye birdies, dumb in with ring bowers
Again ye'll charm the vocal air

The Braes O Ballochmyle

While sitting at our kitchen window all I can see, where once there was beautiful flowerbeds, is snow. I can hardly wait for the time that green grass and colourful flowers will appear once again.

This has certainly been a year of change for our club. We moved from The Marlborough to the Holiday Inn Winnipeg South, lost John Madden, a long time member and entertainer, and created a new executive position, namely Membership. Joyce Allen was elected to this position in a by-election (see pg 2).

At the November Executive meeting I broke with tradition when I moved that a sitting member (namely Colin Harris) be conferred with an Honorary Life Membership (see pg 4) This was duly seconded, voted and passed. Colin in turn moved that IPP Roy McLeod be afforded the same honour. This was duly seconded, voted and passed.

We are now working on the upcoming Robert Burns Supper which will be held at our new meeting place, Holiday Inn Winnipeg South (see pg 1) It promises to be a great evening of feasting and entertainment. Have you got your ticket yet? If not, give me a call (224-2291) and we will make ar-

To you and yours
Bladhna mhath ur
(Happy New Year)

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New Membership Chair Elected in By-Election



Following the untimely death of John Madden, the Winnipeg Robert Burns Club elected Joyce Allen as Membership Chair at its December Luncheon Meeting.

Joyce has experience on a number of Boards, including as Vice Chair of the Board of Knox United Church, where she is a lay leader, the Fred Douglas Society, and she served nine years on the Board of Regents of the University of Winnipeg.

Joyce will continue, in addition, her role as the club's Associate Chaplin.

The Board is pleased to welcome Joyce

2011 - 12 Executive Board

President	R Lawrence Cormack CD
Vice President	Donald Rennicks
Treasurer	Janet Thompson
Secretary	Colin T Harris
Membership Chair	Joyce Allen
Immediate Past President	Roy A McLeod
Director	Lynette Buchanan
	John Gunn
	Margaret McCurdy

Bob Darling to Propose Toast To The Immortal Memory

When members and friends gather at the Holiday Winnipeg South on January 25 for the Annual Burns Supper, the highlight of the evening, as always, will be the Toast to The Immortal Memory.

This year we are honoured to have as our guest Lt Col (Ret) Robert G Darling CD CLJ OMLJ.

A native of Toronto, Bob has been a Winnipegger for nearly a quarter of a century. He spent a career in the Financial Industry, including 13 years with Investors, following 21 years at National Trust, before his

retirement 10 years ago. In addition he has extensive involvement in charitable and not-for-profit organizations, in Winnipeg and beyond.



He has served in the Reserves, and the Scottish Community for over 50 years, notably with the 48th Highlanders of Canada, the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, where he was Commanding Officer, the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, and the 78th Fraser Highlanders of Canada.

He was a member of the St Andrew's Society of Toronto and is a Past President of the St Andrew's Society of Winnipeg.

St Andrew`s Society Honours Burns Club Members

Two members of the Burns Club were honoured, in November, by the St Andrew`s Society of Winnipeg.

Club President Lawrence Cormack was presented with the annual President`s Award, by Society President Rob Tisdale, during the Society`s 141st Annual St Andrew`s Day Dinner. Lawrence, a steadfast member of the society`s Board of Management, was honoured for his years of dedicated service to the Society and the Scottish community. The honour was well received by the Society`s members.



St Andrew`s Society President Rob Tisdale presents Award to Lawrence Cormack



St Andrew`s Society President Rob Tisdale presents Citizens Award to Bill Blaikie

Photos by A McTavish St Andrew`s Society

Former provincial Conservation Minister, and long time

Member of Parliament, The Hon. Rev Bill Blaikie P.C., also a member of the club, was presented with the Society`s annual Citizen of the Year Award for 2011. The award was created, according to the Society, “to honour persons who have performed exemplary service to the public and thus brought honour and prestige to the Scottish community in Winnipeg and Canada.”

The club is proud to congratulate Lawrence and Bill on their awards.

New Year Brings Historic Anniversary

The new year marks the arrival of an important anniversary in the history of Manitoba, and of Canada.

The Bicentenary of the Red River Selkirk Settlement 2012 Committee, Scottish Heritage Council of Manitoba are planning events geared toward the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of

the arrival of the Scottish Settlers at Red River.



While most of the events are scheduled for September, there are a few scheduled for the spring. These include an exhibition, and an academic symposium, at the Manitoba Museum in May.

The committee continue to plan these events and we encourage all to visit www.redriver200.ca for more information.

Burns Club to Honour Two Past Presidents

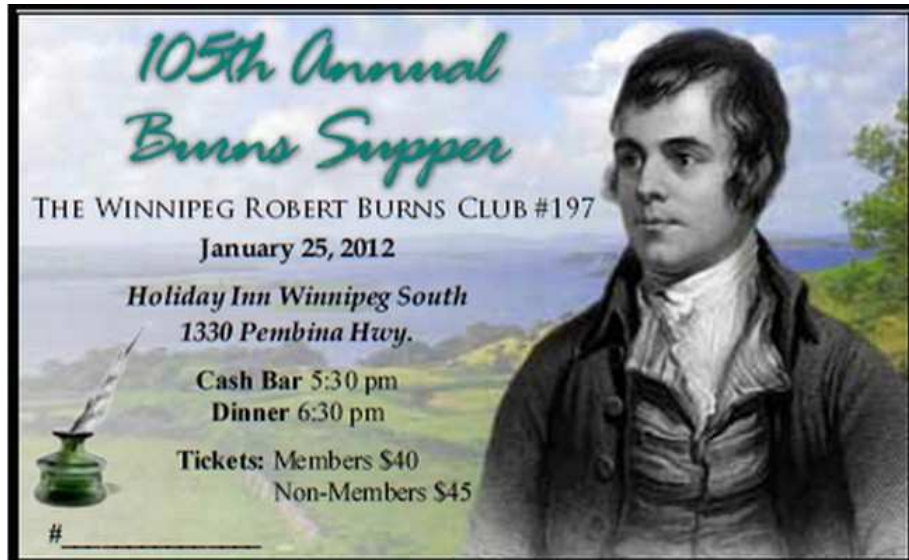
The Executive Board of the Winnipeg Robert Burns Club have voted to confer Honorary Life Memberships on two Past Presidents at the forthcoming Burns Supper.

Colin Harris served as President of the club from 2001-2005 and is currently in his second term as Secretary. He has been a key member of the Burns Supper Committee for the past 10 years, serving as Chairman three times, he also served as Chair of the 2011 RBANA Conference



Committee and as Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for four years, overseeing a major updating of the club constitution.

Roy McLeod is presently the longest serving active member of the Board, serving as a Vice President under three successive Presidents, before attaining the title in 2007. Roy has also recently taken on the role of Club Chaplain. For many years Roy has organised the club's Folklorama booth.



105th Annual
Burns Supper
THE WINNIPEG ROBERT BURNS CLUB #197
January 25, 2012
Holiday Inn Winnipeg South
1330 Pembina Hwy.
Cash Bar 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm
Tickets: Members \$40
Non-Members \$45
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Please note that it important that you notify the club if you are planning to attend each luncheon. Those who do not RSVP by noon the Wednesday before, to 269-0300, or by email to winnipegrobertburnsclub@gmail.com, will not be assured of receiving a meal. Seating may also be problematic.

Please notify us should you have any dietary concerns, in order for the hotel to accommodate.

To reserve your tickets to the 105th
Annual Burns Supper phone
Lawrence Cormack 224-2291
Or
Colin Harris 269-0300