

President's Seasons Greetings, December 2010



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*The sun had clos'd the winter day,
The curlers quat their roarin play,
And hunger'd maukin taen her
To kail-yards green,
While faithless snaws ilk step
Whare she has been.*

R.B. 'The Vision'

We, in the North are already in the grip of winter. Snow has covered much of Scotland, my brother-in-law & and his wife in Banchory are eagerly awaiting the freeze-over of their local pond and the annual outdoor curling season.

For RBANA this has been a time of change. We have a new executive committee committed to expanding the organization; not an easy task, as most of our member clubs have an ageing membership. It is with regret and some considerable sadness that we have to note the closing of the London Ontario and the Candhu Burns Clubs. Both were the inspiration of Dr Jim Connor The London Club, founded in 1938, was in 1981 one of the founding groups of NAAFB {renamed RBANA in 2000}. Elma Connor and Jack & Jean Mann continue as individual members.

Surely we are challenged to encourage the younger generation to participate and become involved.

The fellowship we share at the annual conferences is an essential ingredient of the RBANA experience, and I encourage all members to make the effort to come along and share with us.

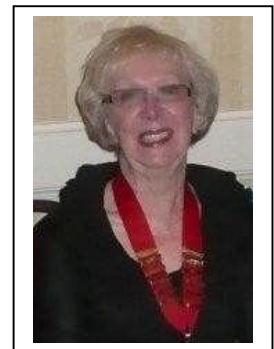
The more we put into the organization the more we get out.

The active website, which keeps us connected is a viable and valuable link with what is happening with our member clubs.

Although this season brings joy to many there are those for whom it is a difficult time. Memories of friends and family who are no longer with us are ever present.

Wishing you good food, good company and good health. .

May we face 2011 with confidence, courage and commitment



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