

## *ROBERT BURNS SCOTTISH CLUB, ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA*

The club held its 29<sup>th</sup> Burns Supper on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in the The Maennerchor Club Erie, Pennsylvania. Frank Mainzer, M.D. Master of Ceremonies welcomed the guests and led the company singing the “The Star Spangled Banner” followed by “Scots Wha Hae” |

Dr. Timothy Thompson, Ph.D. Professor of Communication – Edinboro University then addressed the haggis in rousing manner, as he has done for the last 13 years. The dinner following the traditional menu was then enjoyed by the company of 140 guests and members.

The Immortal memory was delivered with great aplomb by Dr. Jeremy D. Brown who is the the 16<sup>th</sup> President of Edinboro University located just outside Erie. Dr. Brown is a native of Manchester, England, is a physics graduate from the University of Birmingham, England.

A renewed “Fighting Scots” school spirit accompanies the Brown presidency, which emphasizes Edinboro’s Scottish heritage with events such as Tartan Day, the Purple Thistle Award to recognize outstanding faculty and staff, and a fresh marketing campaign in this area as well as beyond the boundaries of northwestern Pennsylvania.

The program which followed provided a full evening of ceilidh dancing, and country dances with great participation by all. The guests were allowed some breathers between the dance sessions with demonstrations of Highland dancing by The Anita Mountain School of Highland Dance, then the amusing Toast to the Lassies and reply given by John & Nancy Purchase. There also was a session of Pipe music and a sing along led by Gail Detar.

The evening “wrapped up” with a Farewell Toast by the M.C. Frank Mainzer followed by Auld Lang Syne



Enjoying the dance



Dr Brown & Dr. Thompson