

## The Bonnie Jeanne Burns Club, of Houston Texas

The Bonnie Jeanne Club held their 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Burns Supper on January 30<sup>th</sup> 2010. The supper was held in the home of Archie and Club President Jeanne Begg. 24 members were in attendance. The club structures the evening formally; starting with the Selkirk Grace, and then the Address to the Haggis, given this year by Archie Simm. Jeanne Begg was the hostess for the evening, so was too busy with preparations to appear in any of the photos below. A twist on this occasion was the Reply from the Haggis a whimsical send up, supposedly from the point of view of the Haggis.

Dinner was then served and was followed by Burns' Grace After Meat.

The program was followed, with toasts to the President of the United States and to Queen Elizabeth. The Immortal Memory of Rabbie Burns was delivered this year by a long time supporter of the club, Jack Hume. A special event followed when Jack Hume presented the Club with a William P. Nimmo Edinburgh Edition of Burns poetry, dated 1866. The book had been gifted to Jack some years ago by William Curran, the author of 'The Best of Robert Burns in English'.

The evening continued with singing of the Star o' Rabbie Burns, followed by a Toast to the Lassie's from Robert McInnes, to which his dear wife Morag responded for the Lassies {no doubt putting him in his place!}. The company spent the last couple of hours singing "The Auld Scots Sangs"

All agreed that once again they enjoyed a memorable evening.



Archie Begg welcomes the company



Archie Simm addressing the Haggis



Jack Hume presents the 1866 Nimmo Edinburgh Burns edition.



Archie Begg accepting the gift on behalf of the club