

A message from the Robert Burns World Federation, Director for Canada

Dear Fellow Burnsians,

The Year of The Homecoming is over and what a Year it was with worldwide special celebrations and memories to treasure for a long time.

We will be able to "read all about it" in the Special Issue of the "Chronicle" due for publication this Spring, see the insert in the Winter 2009 "Burns Chronicle" for further details. I would encourage you to send your subscription soon as this promises to be an excellent publication. Also note that the last Special Edition in 1996 was sold out!

Our former Chief Executive, Shirley Bell, retired in October and she will be missed. Sam Judge has replaced Shirley, he is very enthused about taking up the reins and we all look forward to working with him. The Winter "Burns Chronicle" has an article about Mr. Judge.

There's also an interesting Message from our new President Mike Duguid, whom many of us had the pleasure of meeting at the R.B.A.N.A. Conference in Mississauga last June.

As you look forward to this month's Burns' Supper/Celebrations, I thought you might enjoy including the quote used by President Mike during his tribute to Shirley at her retirement party---one of Shirley's favourite verses.

The honest heart that's free fae a'
Intended fraud or guile
However fortune kicks the ba'
Has aye some cause to smile.

With every good wish for 2010.

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Director for Canada.