

President's Blog.

“The Best Laid Schemes o' Mice an' Men gang aft Agley”

It is with regrets that I must tell you the planned AGM aboard the Cruise Ship has had to be aborted because of lack of participation.

We thank Archie McAllister and his Robert Burns Club of San Diego for their gallant efforts in attempting to put his together. Possibly in the near future we can call on you assistance in hosting.

Our Secretary and the Executive are at work to find a suitable host to fill the requirements of the Next AGM and conference. You will be hearing pretty soon.

In the meantime – **CAN YOU HELP ? now and in the future?**

The year 2009 has been a wonderful year for all Burnsians throughout the world when they flocked to Scotland to join in the festivities of “Homecoming Scotland” and to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our Bard Robert Burns.

The 2009 Edinburgh Military Tattoo is now on the shelves and I urge you to get a copy which this year contains many of the songs of The Bard including a review of “Tam o’ Shanter.

The attendance at all the functions was well above what was expected, inasmuch as they are working on another episode.

North America was well represented at the Robert Burns World Federation gathering in Edinburgh where I was proud to be recognized.

The year 2010 is now with us and the President and Executive wish all our members and their families a happy & prosperous New Year.

There are still many people who have never heard of Robert Burns. Ask around !

Let's use this year to promote his awareness, the 251st year of his birth. Long may it continue?

The Burns Club of St. Andrew

There is no other Burns Club (that I know of) in the State of Florida.

A Burns Club is something I have dreamt about for some years and have tried different avenues to achieve.

It was not until this year that the President of St. Andrew Society of Sarasota, Doctor David McMillan got keenly interested in Robert Burns and suggested that we form a club.

The Club, although an arm of The Society, is an entity unto itself whereas it is open to any and all people of the different kindred organizations we have in the area, or to any person whosoever has an interest in the works of Burns.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month to discuss Burns, his Poems, his Songs, and the Man himself. There are currently around 10 to 12 people show up and each contribute by reading a Poem and then the group analyze the work.

We expect this group to grow as we proceed in the quest of knowledge of The Bard.

Frank.