

BURNS CLUB OF ST. ANDREW Sarasota Florida

Eighty-six Scots gathered at the Oaks Country Club on January 22nd to celebrate the 253rd birthday of Robert Burns. Hosts for the celebration were St. Andrew Society of Sarasota President Dennis Craig and his lovely wife Lola.

The event was dedicated to former Burns Club of St. Andrew and former RBANA President Frank Campbell. A place was set for him at a table and a nice display of pictures of Frank was arranged by Club historian Jean Catsakis. Diane Gilbert Madsen gave a moving tribute to Frank and Mary Crawley read a declaration from the Robert Burns World Federation honoring Frank. We all learned so much from him and missed his presence.



Charlie Craig, Burns Club of St. Andrew President, gave a great Immortal Memory.



Jim Martin recited the Address to the Haggis with his usual great style.



Emcee Joe Pierce kept everything moving along with his usual good humor.



May Crawley



The entertainment was provided by pianist Crystalle DeLuca and soprano Joy Leitner, with piping by Jack McCall. Toasts and poem readings were performed by Tony Stuart, Dennis Craig, Bert Mitchell, David MacMillan, and Douglas Maxwell. Special guests Douglas Shimmons from Virginia recited Sweet Afton and Alex and May Crawley {a RBANA Past president} from Niagara Falls, Canada gave the Toasts to the Lads and Lassies. Special decorations were made by Jeanne and Joel Davies and everyone even received a surprise chocolate mouse! All in all it was a great day to be a Scot!

