



The Newsletter of the Robert Burns Club of Milwaukee

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July, August, September 2014

Wee Word Frae the President

Well, we survived a early and harsh winter and then a spring where we, as in Tam o' Shanter, "skelpit in thru drub and mire"

and are now ready to enjoy a summer of Highland Games and other Scottish delights.

Our May 21st meeting had an honored guest, Gordon Ashley, a former member of the Australian Parliament and Burns statue scholar. He told about his travels for his book in progress. He was in Milwaukee to study our statue but has also rescued a number of Burns statues, including the earliest documented one.

It was an enjoyable and interesting evening.

Maya "Angelou, no stranger to Burnsians, died in May. Years ago, we donated the VHS "ANGELOU ON BURNS" to the UWM Library.

The May 29, 2014 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel observed:

"Next, she was talking about the great Scottish poet Robert Burns and how she was invited to Scotland to speak about his poetry. 'Something like asking a Bangladeshi to speak on George Washington', she said.

But she went, she said, not to tell the Scots what Burns meant to them, but what he meant to her: 'He helped me to liberate myself,' she said, looking her audience dead in the eye. "Great poetry belongs to all of us, all the time. All of us, all the time."

At the June 7th Milwaukee Highland Games in Wauwatosa, the Robert Burns Club tent distributed free copies of part of Robert Burns' poem, TWA DOGS, for people to read to their dogs. The weather was beautiful (if a bit too windy) and Scottish culture was celebrated with great gusto. There seemed to be a larger crowd this year at the Games and more vendors (21).

I will be giving a talk titled "What Does a Scotsman Wear Under His Kilt...and Everything Else You Want to Know About Scotland" at the UWM Hefter Center on July 21.

We resume our club meetings in October. Ian Day will give a presentation on Burns Country. Maps will be provided. Hope to see you then.

Aye,
Pete

New Officers (elected at the April meeting)

Congratulations to the Defending Champions (the re-elected club officers) as of the April annual business meeting:

President - Priscilla ("Pete") Kucik

Vice President - Linda Daly

Recording Secretary - Priscilla ("Pete") Kucik

Newsletter Secretaries - Wendy Wilson Uhl and Priscilla ("Pete") Kucik

Treasurer - Ian Day

Hey members! Looks like there are positions that could still be filled. Thanks Pete for picking up the slack!



Calendar 2014

August 30 - September 1 (Labor Day Weekend) - Wisconsin Highland Games in Waukesha <http://www.wisconsinscottish.org>

If possible, put a 2 hour shift in at the Robert Burns Club tent.

Oct. 4, 2014- Fall Highland Gathering at Klemmers, organized by our own piper Tony Palese.

More info at www.milwaukeeescottishpipeband.org The Robert Burns Club will have a display table there.

Oct. 15, 2014 - regular meeting 7:00 at Pete's wee but and ben. Ian Day will take us through a tour of Burns Country. Maps will be provided.

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2014 - annual Christmas potluck - note EARLIER meeting time of 6:00 PM. Bring a supper dish to share (food-food, not dessert food unless you bring both).

2015

Mark your calendars for the next club Robert Burns Supper - Sunday, February 8, 2015 (normally the Sunday around Valentine's Day but this year we don't want to conflict with the Super Bowl date)

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If you haven't already, it's time to renew your dues. \$12/year or the bargain price of \$20/2 years.)

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