

HEATHER & THISTLE BURNS SUPPER 2019

Our 65th Annual Burns Supper was held on January 25th, 2019. For the fifth year the event was held in a private room at neighborhood restaurant Café Benedicte, which reopened in August after being seriously flooded in Hurricane Harvey a year earlier. We were glad to be back there.

This year's event was the first without our beloved founder and mentor Jack Hume, who passed away a year ago. The evening was dedicated to his memory. About thirty members and friends were in attendance to see Jack's daughters Margie and Mary give the Selkirk Grace. The haggis was piped in by Phil Young and borne by Jack's grandson Sean Carmichael. Past RBANA President Robert Boyd addressed the haggis. After dinner, with guest Robin Mills, Irene Boyd's brother visiting from the UK, in the chair, guest Archie Begg from the Bonnie Jeanne Club talked about remembering Jack, and RBANA US Director Ted Hirtz gave a moving Immortal Memory. Jeff and Linda Jackson in a double-act toasted Lassies and the Laddies. Sheila Latimer recited *To a Louse*. Jack's widow Guida thanked everyone. A set of great pipe music and a rousing Auld Lang Syne by the company closed a very nice evening.



Robert addresses the haggis



Ted about to give the Immortal Memory

Visit to the Houston Bust of Robert Burns

As is traditional, a couple of days after our Burns Supper, a group of H&T members paid homage to the Bard at our Bust. Robert Boyd recalled how Jack Hume led the project to donate the Bust in 2003, and Helen Mann closed with a rendition of *Is There for Honest Poverty* before repairing for a pub lunch.



The group with our hero!