

HEATHER & THISTLE BURNS SUPPER 2016

Houston Texas

Our 63rd Annual Burns Supper was held on January 30, 2016. For the third year the event was held at local restaurant Café Benedicte, recently reopened after a fire. We were in a private room,



and the owner took the opportunity to hire an additional piper and offer a Scottish-themed menu, haggis and whisky tasting throughout the restaurant. Advertising pays!

About thirty members and friends were in attendance to see the **haggis piped in by Phil Young** and borne by Audrey Morrow. Sheila



Latimer gave the address. RBANA **President Robert Boyd** was in the chair. After dinner, Irene Boyd proposed a toast to HM the Queen and the US President. **Guida Hume**, H&T member, wife of founder Jack Hume, and in her own right a professor of English literature and the author of over thirty books gave a fine Immortal Memory – her first – after which RBANA US Director **Ted Hirtz** led the company in Star of Robbie Burns.



Tommy Crockett then proposed a toast to the Lassies, responded to by his partner Fiona Boyd. **Jack Hume presented his daughter Mary** with the Jack and Phemia Hume Award for service to H&T. She and her sister Margie will now hold this award in perpetuity Jack has donated a new trophy to RBANA.



A long set of great pipe music and a rousing Auld Lang Syne by the company closed a very nice evening.



Visit to the Houston Bust of Robert Burns.....

As is traditional, a couple of days after the Burns Supper, a group of H&T members paid homage to the Bard at our Bust. Jack Hume led a short service, Guida laid roses and Robert Boyd closed with a rendition of Is There for Honest Poverty before repairing for a pub lunch.

