

# Burns Club of St. Andrew, Sarasota, FL

The St. Andrew Society of Sarasota and Burns Club of St. Andrew hosted their annual Burns Supper at the Laurel Oak Country Club on January 23rd with 132 members and guests in attendance.

**CAPT. Carl and Mary Lou Morris** were the chairpersons of the event and did an outstanding job planning the evening.

Guests were all treated to a glass of whiskey and Scotch Eggs when they arrived and after the singing of "Flower of Scotland" Andrew Gardner gave a rousing "Address to a Haggis" and the party was on!

After an appetizer of great haggis & neeps then a delicious meal,



**May Crawley**, Honorary President of the Robert Burns World Federation offered greetings from the Robert Burns World Federation.

May and her Husband Alex are members of the Niagara Falls Canada Burns Club.

Also attending were Pierre & Maureen Arnold from the Halton Peel Burns Club and some other Canadian "Snowbirds".

John Canning gave us a thoughtful concise and entertaining Immortal Memory. The company listened intently to it, as it demonstrated what the whole evening was about. It was obviously well received.

J. J. Smith entertained us with a selection of Scots songs.

Following that Dr. Ed and Roberta Hamilton offered the Toast to the Lassies and the Response.



**The Sarasota Scottish Country Dancers** danced 3 demonstration dances and then led us in some ceilidh dancing with very good participation.

**President Dr. Bert Mitchell** offered some closing remarks



We then joined hands to sing Auld Lang Syne and headed home vowing to return next year on January 21st for the 2017 Burns Supper at Palm Aire Country Club.

If you are in Florida next January please come and join us.

David MacMillan, Secretary

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