

## ROBERT BURNS (1759 – 1796)

Robert Burns is a renowned Scottish poet, born in Alloway, Ayrshire on the 25th January 1759 and died on 21st July 1796 at the tender age of 37. In that short time he produced in excess of 500 works entitling him to be regarded by many as the national poet of Scotland, and throughout the world. His poems have been translated into more than 40 languages including Latin and Esperanto and his face has featured on stamps, coins, and banknotes worldwide.

Annual celebratory dinners (normally referred to as Burns Suppers) are held on or around the 25th day of January in almost every capital city on the globe, with thousands more held in various size and form within local communities.

In addition to his original poetical works, Robert revised or adapted literally hundreds of Scottish folk songs, collected on his travels throughout Scotland.

Some of his most well-known works include; Auld Lang Syne, To a Mouse, Tam o' Shanter, A Man's a Man, A Red, Red Rose and Scots Wha Hae.



## RBANA Membership

Please use the form below if you would like to join RBANA:

### Membership Type

Club:  Individual/Family:

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Fee \$30 (US or Can) enclosed:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to:

**"Robert Burns Association of North America"**

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ROBERT BURNS ASSOCIATION  
OF NORTH AMERICA



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## RBANA Introduction

We invite you to take a moment and read through our informative publication on an organisation that exists here in North America, for Burnsians. The purpose of the Robert Burns Association of North America (RBANA) is to promote the appreciation and performance of the poetry and songs of Robert Burns and scholarship concerning Burns and his works, and to provide a North American organization that can best link, work with and interact with other like-minded organizations and individuals, and to assist in promoting the interests and objectives of the Robert Burns World Federation (RBWF). The RBANA network would like you to share in the enjoyment of our conferences, social events and the genuine camaraderie of its members. Thank-you for taking the time to acquaint yourself with the organisation.

Affiliated with:  
The Robert Burns World Federation Ltd  
Kilmarnock, Scotland  
Club #1024  
<http://www.rbwf.org.uk>

## Who Are We?

RBANA is an association dedicated to the preservation and appreciation of the life, works and philosophy of Scotland's National Bard – Robert Burns, and to promote Scottish culture and heritage in North America.

The genesis for the Association came from a meeting in 1981 of representatives from six Burns Clubs, in Annapolis, Maryland. A committee was formed to further explore their ideas. In 1982 at a meeting in Hamilton, Ontario a constitution was drawn up and the name "The North American Association of Federated Burnsians" was adopted.

At the 2000 Annual General Meeting in London, Ontario the name "The Robert Burns Association of North America" (RBANA) was approved. RBANA is affiliated with the Robert Burns World Federation Limited, in Kilmarnock, Scotland.

Usually taking place in April or May, the RBANA Annual Conference and General Meeting is held every year, alternating between Canada and the United States.

Recent Conferences have been held in:-  
Halifax, NS (2006), Winnipeg, MB (2007 & 2011), Houston, TX, on a cruise ship (2008), Mississauga, ON (2009), Detroit, MI (2010), Williamsburg, VA (2012), Niagara Falls, ON (2013), Columbia, SC, in conjunction with the University of South Carolina (2014), Calgary AB (2015), Dallas – Ft Worth, TX (2016), Medicine Hat, AB (2017), Philadelphia, PA (2018) and Niagara Falls, ON (2019).

## The RBANA Family

"RBANA is a network of friends and clubs in North America and globally through the Robert Burns World Federation, that share a common interest in the life and works of Robert Burns and Scotland"

### **RBANA MEMBER ORGANISATIONS**

RBANA presently has approximately 30 club memberships throughout North America, and approximately 40 individual members which is an option for those that are not affiliated to any particular club or society. Alternatively, sponsorship for a particular event is equally appreciated.

### **RBANA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The business of the Association is conducted by an Executive Committee, which is elected at the Annual General Meeting for a two year term. The Executive consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Immediate Past President, three Directors from the United States, and three Canadian Directors. The present Executive Committee is:

President: Paul Kennedy (US)

Vice President: Mark Ferguson (US)

Secretary - Henry Cairney (Canada)

Treasurer James Osborne (Canada)

Immediate Past President Henry Cairney (Canada)

### **Canadian Directors**

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