



# Robert Burns Association of North America

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To RBANA Associate Clubs, Individual Members, Friends of the Poet everywhere

Fraternal Greetings and Felicitations,

As we close out our celebrations of this 265<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the birth of Robert Burns, I would like to tell you of a tremendous opportunity for us to make a lasting impact towards his Immortal Memory. Many of you are aware that over the last two centuries, more than 60 statues have been erected in memory of Robert Burns; but none in this, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; in fact, the last solo statue of the Bard was in 1960, more than 60 years ago.

The Robert Burns World Federation in partnership with the Greenock Burns Club; the oldest Burns Club, has been working to create a new Statue to honor the Poet in a most meaningful way by erecting a new statue for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It will be located in Greenock, on the waterfront, near the Ocean Terminal where tens of thousands of immigrants; many of our ancestors, departed their homeland for North America. What better way to honor the poet, Robert Burns, than to create this incredible memorial which will be the first and last image modern day tourists see as they arrive and depart from the Quay.

Please take a few minutes to review the attached brochure which describes in greater detail this incredible project and consider supporting the project. If you are a member of a Burns Club, or other like-minded organization (Scottish Association, St. Andrew's Society, etc.) discuss with them also how they might support the project here in North America. Details on how to support the project, or to make tax exempt donations in the USA, will be forthcoming.

Fraternally yours,

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