

## **Ronnie O'Byrne.**

Ronnie was born near Edinburgh and started his working life as an apprentice in the engineering industry in 1972. He retired in March 2021 having worked for the previous 35 years as the Canadian General Manager of the engineering technology company ISCAR Ltd - that is part of Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway.

Ronnie's main summer hobby is golf where he maintains a single figure handicap, his other interest is in the world of poetry, performance poetry and Scottish and Irish history.

He is a past winner of the Tam o'Shanter recital trophy held annually at the Globe Inn, Dumfries, Scotland – he also a published poet and twice winner of the Jack Hume Poetry competition hosted by Robert Burns Association of North America.

Ronnie has also performed at the Edinburgh International Fringe and at Burns Suppers and Corporate Events in the UK, Ireland, Europe, and North America - as a speaker and performer of Burns poetry and song.

Ronnie is a past Board Member and Canadian Director of the **Robert Burns World Federation Ltd** and has served on the Board of **The Robert Burns Association of North America** (RBANA).

Ronnie continues to work with the Board of RBANA to help administer and expand the key objectives of the organization. In addition to his work with RBWF and RBANA Ronnie is also a Past President and Secretary of Halton Peel International Burns Club and The Niagara Falls (Canada) Burns Club.

He has been married to Susan for 44 years – they have two grown up sons and live in St Catharines, Ontario.



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