

The Heather and Thistle Society of Houston, Texas, USA

The Society's 57th Annual Burns Supper & Ball was held in the Marriott Westchase on January 23rd. There were 350 members and guests in attendance. The chairman for the evening was the current Chieftain of the Society, Robert Boyd. The haggis was addressed by a founder member of the Burns Club Jack Hume and the Immortal memory delivered by the former Society Chieftain Ted Hirtz. During the evening Sheila Helme was awarded the Jack and Phemia Hume trophy for service to the Burns Club, see the picture below, with Jack Hume (on Sheila's right) and Robert Boyd.



Sheila Helme receiving the Award

Jack Hume, addressing the haggis

The following afternoon, 24th January, 30 of the Club members gathered at the Robert Burns Memorial Bust in Hermann Park for a short ceremony, to celebrate the birth of Robert Burns.

Following the brief ceremony, the group repaired to a local Pub. There the Burns Club, which is an interest group within the Society, put on a presentation, and held a Scottish Trivia Quiz

You can view video clips from the Burns Supper at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIDXoyTNQEI>

The entertainment for the evening was provided by two pipe bands -the Houston Highlanders and St Thomas Episcopal School. The dancers were from the same school. The local Scottish Country Dance group also gave a demonstration. The Dance band was "Hugh Morrison and Friends".



Some of the ladies taking the flowers to the pub



The past Society Chieftains at the Burns Bust