



# The Milwaukee Burnsian

The Newsletter of the Robert Burns Club of Milwaukee

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**October, November, December 2011**



All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are at the “wee but and ben” of Pete Kucik:2965 N. Bartlett Ave., # 4, on the east side of Milwaukee, one block west of Oakland Avenue, one block north of Locust Street. Telephone number (414) 332-2036. There are steps in front of the building and you ring the doorbell for #4. Handicap access (of sorts) is in the back. Park on the Linwood side of the street, in the middle by the garbage containers. It’s about 1/3 block to the back door through the alley (not wide enough for a car). There’s no doorbell in back so call on a cell phone for me to come and open the door

## Club Calendar of Events

### October-NO MEETING

Nov. 16, 2011 meeting. 7 PM Agenda: “The Merry Muses of Caledonia” by Linda Daly. The naughtiness continues as Linda breaks tradition with Robert Burns’ pornographic poems, formerly considered too raw for mixed company and discussed by the women when they were alone... Libraries should have a copy and the text is accessible on the internet.

**Dec. 21, 2011** - annual Christmas potluck - note EARLIER meeting time of 6:00 PM. Bring a dish to share (food-food, not dessert food).

No January or February meeting

**February 12, 2012** - Burns Supper (flyer attached). Make your reservations now

A Wee Word Frae the President, Priscilla Kucik

You never know where you’ll find an unlikely Burnsian scholar. One such is the rock group Jethro Tull. Not only did they record “John Barleycorn” but Burns’ “To a Mouse” inspired their song “One Brown Mouse” and Burns’ quote “Hypocrisy” a La Mode” in the introduction to “The Holy Fair” inspired their takeoff “salvation a la mode”. Their Aqualung and Heavy Horses albums are heavily influenced by Robert Burns’ poetry, especially his love of animals.

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Large Robert Burns book collection for sale (230 rare titles)

Dr D.A. Low was a renowned Burns scholar who passed away a number of years ago. His wife is now in ill health she is having to move and down-size her belongings so sadly must part with Dr. Low’s book collection.

Dr. Low’s son, Chris Low, has listed the titles and put the collection up for auction on Ebay. Here is the link:

<http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/160640674334?ssPageName=STRK:MESELX:IT&trksid=p3984.m1555.12649>

What would October be without a bit of Tam o’ Shanter?

Take the time to view this 9 minute YouTube video by Halloween. <http://youtu.be/OoE7TnZCaVg>

While Tam o’ Shanter sits bousing at the nappy and getting fou and unco happy, Kate his sulky sullen dame is gathering her brows like gathering storm, nursing her wrath to keep it warm. An insight into the poem from Kate’s point of view. Written by Eleanor Bain, Kate o’ Shanter performed by Eleanor Bain, Agnes her neighbour performed by Sally Oliver, Music by Steve Tyler, Sound by Euan Tennant, Lighting by Pete Harper, Directed, Filmed & Edited by Marjory Boyle Crooks, Written for the Burns Supper at Linlithgow Rugby Club.