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Who: The Caledonian Society of Arizona  
What: Robert Burns Supper  
When: Saturday, January 30, 2010  
Where: Crown Plaza San Marcos Golf Resort  
1 San Marcos Place in Chandler

Tickets \* Menu Selection & More Info:  
602.431.0095 \* [www.ArizonaScots.com](http://www.ArizonaScots.com) (Click on Events & Robert Burns Supper)

### Arizona Scots Celebrate Robert Burns' Birthday In Style!

*Chandler* – On Saturday, January 30th the Arizona Scottish community will celebrate Robert Burns, Scotland's renowned bard, at the Crowne Plaza San Marcos Golf Resort, 1 San Marcos Place, Chandler. The festivities begin at 6pm with cash bar cocktail hour and dinner following. The Caledonian Society invites you to join them as they celebrate 251 years of Robert Burns, featuring a traditional observance of a time-honored Scottish event: Burns Night.

Who was Robert Burns? Robert Burns was the eldest of seven. He spent his youth working his father's farm, but in spite of his poverty he was extremely well read - at the insistence of his father, who employed a tutor for Robert and younger brother Gilbert. At 15 Robert was the principal worker on their farm and this prompted him to start writing in an attempt to find "some kind of counterpoise for his circumstances." It was at this tender age that Burns penned his first verse, "My Handsome Nell". Burns composed songs to the likes of James Johnston's "Scot's Musical Museum" and George Thomson's "Select Collection of Original Scottish Airs." In all, more than 400 of Burns' songs are still in existence, including one of the most recognized, Auld Lang Syne.

The last years of Burns' life were devoted to penning great poetic masterpieces such as The Lea Rig, Tam O'Shanter and a Red, Red Rose. He died aged 37 of heart disease exacerbated by the hard manual work he undertook when he was young. His death occurred on the same day as his wife Jean gave birth to his last son, Maxwell.

On the day of his burial, more than 10,000 people came to watch and pay their respects. On the anniversary of his birth, Scots both at home and abroad celebrate Robert Burns with a supper, where they address the haggis, the ladies and whisky ~ A celebration that would undoubtedly make him proud.

Join the Caledonian Society of Arizona on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and enjoy a traditional Robert Burns Supper. Toast the queen ~ the king ~ the haggis ~ Celebrate in style with Arizona's Scots.

#### **For Information:**

Call the Caledonian Society of Arizona (602) 431-0095 or check the website at [www.arizonascots.com](http://www.arizonascots.com), click on Events. Tickets are \$45 each and include dinner & entertainment. Menu selections & tickets are available online.

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