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# Rotary Club *of* Chicago

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## January 25 - Poetry Slam

25 January 2011 marks the 252nd anniversary of the birth of Scottish poet, Robert Burns.

All over the world, from Glasgow to Chicago and Tokyo to Oslo, millions of people will celebrate the life of Robert Burns and the enduring resonance of his poetry by hosting Burns Suppers. A Burns Supper features poetry, toasts to lads, lassies and the immortal memory of the Robert Burns, bagpipes and haggis. Burns' most famous works include Red, Red Rose, To a Mouse (which features the line "the best laid scheme of mice and men gang aft agley") and, of course, Auld Lang Syne, which is sung by billions of people to welcome each new year.

The Rotary Club of Chicago will host a traditional Burns Supper during our luncheon. In doing so, we will recognize and celebrate the poets' influence on Rotary and in particular on Rotary's Founder, Paul Harris. Robert Burns was Paul Harris favorite poet. In his 1935 book, "This Rotarian Age" Harris wrote ""When I think of Burns I see the thing we are striving for in Rotary - The Brotherhood of Man".

Joining the tribute to Scotland's Bard will be Carron Little and the Young Chicago Authors. Carron, a graduate of MFA program at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, received her undergraduate degree from Goldsmiths' College, London University, U.K. Since serving as Artist in Residence for the British Arts Council in 2000, she has taught Art and Design. In 2004 she was commended for her innovative teaching practice. In 2007, the same year she was selected to pass the Teaching Threshold, she established the N16 Arts Network to develop art teaching practices in local schools. Carron worked with the Literary Guild Complex as one of their Incubator Poets in the 2010 production of Tour Guides and coordinated the Youth Media Conference for Young Chicago Authors. She currently is art critic for Our Urban Times and on the Art Advisory committee for Wicker Park Chambers.

Young Chicago Authors transforms the lives of young people by cultivating their voices through writing, publication and performance education. YCA is known for organizing the world's largest youth poetry slam competition Louder Than A Bomb. It produces an online publication *Say What Magazine written for and by youth. It also provides free writing programs for young people and organizes in-school residencies.*

## - Upcoming Events

February 1:Dr. Paul Knappenberger, Adler Planetarium
February 8: Robert Knuepfer, Jr., RI District Governor
February 22: No Luncheon - See 23rd
February 23: 106Th Anniversary Celebration - The Legendary Drifters
March 7: A Concert To End Polio
May 12-15: RI District 6450 Conference, Blue Harbor Resort, Sheboygan
May 21-25: RI Convention in New Orleans

Chris Kennedy visited Rotary/One on January 18th.

Please join us

# 106th Birthday Bash

for the founding of Rotary

## The Legendary Drifters

*Entertainment, Great Food &*

*Wine/Beer Included*

*Meet the celebrity beverage servers*

**Rotary/One Foundation**

*Rotary Club of Chicago*

**To benefit the Eradication of Polio**

February 23, 2011

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Union League Club

65 West Jackson Blvd

Main Dining Room

$106 / person

or $156 / per couple

Register Online:

www.rotaryone.net

312-372-3900

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