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**Subject:** Happy 2005 from Glasgow!

Greetings from Glasgow!

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday filled with lots of food and plenty of loved ones! I had a wonderful time back home and was able to visit several family members and friends. It is always nice to spend the holidays with those you love, and not having seen anyone for several months made me enjoy everyone's company even more!

I have been back in Glasgow for about two weeks and am getting back into the routine of being a graduate student, which basically consists of reading, eating, reading, going to the gym, and reading some more! My first couple of days back were very hectic as I worked on my second essay. Now that I've finished the essay, I can hardly believe that the first term is officially over. Although I will be in Glasgow until next September, it really seems like time is flying by.

One of the highlights of my return to Glasgow was a brief snow storm a couple of nights ago. I really enjoyed walking around campus and seeing Scotland covered in snow for the first time. It only lasted for a day, but I was as excited as most children are in seeing the first snow of the year. I also attended a very fun "girls night" Cosmopolitan Cocktail Party. It was another multicultural experience. Girls from Taiwan, China, Japan, Ireland, Germany, and USA were all united under three simple rules: 1) You can only drink pink drinks. 2) You must be a girl. 3) You must wear a skirt or cocktail dress. As silly as the rules sound, I really enjoyed having a "girls night" with such a diverse group of people. It was a really fun way to put all the exams and essays behind us and get ready for the second term.

My upcoming schedule is very busy with two Burns Suppers with Rotarians and several speaking engagements. For those of you who are not familiar with Burns Suppers, Robert Burns is a very famous Scottish poet. The famous "Auld Lang Syne" that everyone sings on New Year's Eve was originally written as a poem by Robert Burns. Every year, around January 25 (his birthday), Burns Suppers are organized throughout Scotland in tribute of the life, works, and spirit of Robert Burns. A Burns Supper usually consists of a traditional Scottish meal, recitations of the poet's works, and maybe even a dram of Scotch Whiskey. I will be sure to let you know all about my experiences. I am very excited about these upcoming events and was fortunate enough to receive an invitation for my Romanticism Class to attend the Burns Supper in Hunterston, hosted by my very gracious Host ! Rotary Club. There are only four of us in my Romanticism Class, and two of them are from the US and are as excited as I am about experiencing our first Burns Supper!

I guess that pretty much sums up my return to Glasgow. I have also updated my website with pictures from the holidays, snow in Glasgow, and the Cosmopolitan Party. Feel free to look at them. In the spirit of Robert Burns and the snowy weather in Scotland and back home, I will end with a few lines from Robert Burns, complete with some unique "Scottish" words:

The wintry west extends his blast,  
And hail and rain does blow;  
Or the stormy north sends driving forth  
The blinding sleet and snow:

While, tumbling brown, the burn comes down,  
And roars frae bank to brae;  
And bird and beast in covert rest,  
And pass the heartless day.

Here is the link to the official Robert Burns website, if anyone is interested:

<http://www.robertburns.org/>

I hope everyone is doing well!

Sincerely,

Karyn Collie

View my pictures at:

<http://community.webshots.com/user/karync91>

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**From:** Collie Karyn [kbc\_butterfly@yahoo.com]

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**Subject:** Robert Burns

Greetings Rotarians!

Here's an additional tidbit concerning Robert Burns: he was Paul Harris's favorite poet. Check out this Rotary website concerning the poet and his connection to Rotary.

<http://www.rotaryhistoryfellowship.org/clubs/ireland-uk/burns.htm> I hope you enjoy! By the way, the Burns Supper I am attending tonight is in Alloway, the birthplace of Burns, and is the club mentioned at the bottom of the page.

Best,

Karyn Collie

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