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From the Office of the Mayor**

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**THE CITY OF FLORISSANT WISHES EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR IN 2015**

On behalf of The Florissant City Council, Judge Boyle, Police Chief Timothy Lowery, the Administration, the many dedicated full and part time employees and the members of all of our Boards and Commissions, Mayor Thomas P. Schneider would like to wish everyone a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Mayor Schneider has prepared the following reflection on the ancient Scottish ballad which is traditionally sung on just prior to each New Year.

**AULD LANG SYNE REFLECTION** (Scottish for “old long since”)

Using borrowed lines from old versions of Auld Lang Syne, and adding personal interpretations and reflections to give contemporary relevance by Florissant Mayor Tom Schneider in 2014:

I borrowed an old Scot’s word or two  
And mixed them with my own  
With hope that I could speak to you  
In this melancholy tone.

Please listen now with a quiet mind?  
Thinking about the passing time  
Reflect fondly on loved ones lost  
Remember them with this rhyme

Before you worked to please your boss  
Or heard a sweet grandchild cry  
Before watching your graduate walk  
Or giving away the bride

Before the War, or the War before that  
When we were young and up to bat  
These heavy thoughts, will they last?  
Fading memories, long since passed!

Old Long Since-- we had these times  
Auld Lang Syne-- is my Scottish rhyme

Should *old* acquaintance be forgot,  
like thoughts that make us wince?  
Should *old* acquaintance be forgot,  
and days of OLD LONG SINCE?

**For old long since, my dear,  
for old long since,  
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,  
for old long since.**

Surely you will have a sip!  
And also I'll have mine!  
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet,  
for auld lang syne.

Should *old* acquaintance be forgot,  
and never brought to mind?  
Should *old* acquaintance be forgot,  
and days of AULD LANG SYNE?

**For auld lang syne, my dear,  
for auld lang syne,  
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,  
for auld lang syne.**

We brave *have* run a race or two,  
with help from hands and minds;  
we've wandered *many* a weary *foot*,  
*since* auld lang syne.

We sometimes *battled* for our dreams  
*vying for hearts and minds*;  
and seas between us may *have roared*  
*since* auld lang syne.

But here's my hand o' trusty *friends*!  
And *give me* hands o' thine!  
Let's *take* that cup of kindness now  
For the sake of auld lang syne.