

1954-1955

Francis Grey - Twenty-ninth President
Omar Creer - Secretary

Francis, a man of few words, had a very busy year. He and Omar Creer, his secretary, attended the Rotary International Conference in Seattle, Washington.

Rotary was 50 years old 1955 so Francis celebrated the event with a dinner in the Veterans Hall. Bill Jansen, District Governor, was the guest speaker. Charter members and past Rotarians were invited guests.

Seventy-seven trees were purchased and planted in McBean Park.

Three stag parties were held in his year, one of which had Louis Franceschi as chairman. Louis had all of the food and wine donated by Luccas Delicatessen, New Joes Restaurant and the Petri Wine Company all of San Francisco.

Six foreign students were entertained at our noonday luncheon on International Day. The boys were from Wales, Japan, India, and Australia, and the girls were from Korea and the Phillipines.

The "Gold Rush Gaities" were staged in grand style (dinner and gambling games).

A very worth while project was transporting the blind to Roseville monthly for recreation.

As requested by Rotary International, Francis had Richard Lee compile a history of our Club. That history is chapter one in this volume.

Six new members were initiated during his year.

Francis says that serving as president of our Club was a very rewarding experience.

1955-1956

John Perry - Thirtieth President
Omar Creer - Secretary

John had a very successful year as Rotary President. Some of his projects were: painting the Boy Scout Hall, building the sidewalks around the Bleachers in McBean Park, and planting trees in the park.

The attendance in his year was 98.6 per cent. John had 17 consecutive 100 per cent meetings.

1956-1957

Richard Neville - Thirty-first President
Omar Creer - Secretary

Dick was one of our very popular presidents. He thoroughly believed in and practiced the Rotary slogan: "Service Above Self." All Rotary projects progressed during his year.

His early demise in June 1972 was a shock to our entire community.

1957-1958

Carleton Hall - Thirty-second President
Arnold Reese - Secretary

Carleton's year was extremely eventful. Frank Farnsworth almost sawed John Perry's leg off when they were working the Camp Rada (Roseville Automobile Dealers Association) Boy Scout Hall on Gold Hill Road. John was rushed to the Roseville Hospital where they stitched the wound. John survived.

Carleton and Pershing Wyatt purloined the Lions Club charter at their Charter night dinner which caused much confusion. The episode touched off a friendly feud between the two clubs. The Lions in revenge swiped Carleton's gavel and returned it to him frozen in a 200 pound cake of ice.

Rotarians Hall, Coppin, Clinger and Jerry Jansen built an outdoor barbecue and a walk-in box at Camp Pahatsi Boy Scout Camp. It was reported that they kept their spirits up with Cutty Sark and Soda (whatever that is).

Carleton finished a year as president of the Benicia Rotary Club and stated that he showed them the Lincoln method of conducting a Rotary Club.

1958-1959

Robert Schlundt - Thirty-third President
Arnold Reese - Secretary

Robert kept things humming during his year. The usual Rotary activities were faithfully carried out under his guidance.

Bob says that he enjoyed his year as president very much.

1959-1960

John Carnesecca - Thirty-fourth President
Jack Griggs - Secretary

Being an efficient business man, John knew that we could not operate without sufficient funds. Hence, he staged a big "Coon Hollow Follies" evening at Mt. Pleasant Hall which netted our club \$1,800 (our bank balance was only \$125). The Follies were gambling games such as bingo, black jack, roulette and craps, also delicious dinner was served for a price. With this capital John promoted all of our usual activities.

Statement from John: "My year as president of the Lincoln Rotary Club was a very happy and pleasing experience."

1960-1961

Louis Franceschi - Thirty-fifth President
Jack Griggs - Secretary

Without doubt Louis Franceschi is one of our most dedicated Rotarians. Important projects in his year were the promotion of the Eye Bank and boosting our per percentage in the Rotary International Foundation Fund.

Louis has traveled extensively and brought to our Club many interesting pennants from foreign clubs.

Quote: "My year as president of Rotary was the most pleasant experience of my life."

1961-1962

Joe Wilson - Thirty-sixth President
Jack Griggs - Secretary

In 1947, Joe Wilson initiated the idea of having a Blood Bank for Lincoln and vicinity. For three years Joe transported the donors to Sacramento, assisted by Mary McQueary. In 1950 the Rotary Club assumed the sponsorship of the Blood Bank. That year the Mobile Unit came to Lincoln to collect blood. Joe estimated that to date 3000 pints of blood have been donated probably have a value of \$70,000.00. The Blood Bank serves the Western Placer Unified School District.

Joe also started the project of selling Christmas trees which was a financial success for a few years.

One of his outstanding programs was a Ladies Night when the celebrated John Crose gave a talk on "World Understanding and How to Achieve It."

1962-1963

Jack Griggs - Thirty-seventh President
Carlin C. Coppin - Secretary

Having served as secretary, Jack was well versed in the activities of Rotary. His outstanding project was the construction of the rest rooms of McBean Park.

He has served as secretary for many presidents before and after he was president. Jack deserves a lot of credit for his faithful service as secretary of our club. He has served in that capacity for ten years.

1963-1964

Primo Santini - Thirty-eighth President
Jack Griggs - Secretary

All of the usual Rotary activities flourished under Primo's leadership. It was in his year that the cement slab was poured and the frame for the barbecue pit was completed at McBean Park.

Other activities were: a duck dinner with Edward Grey as chairman, ducks provided by Primo and Dr. Nathan Dubin; a

fish derby at Dr. James Ragsdale's pond (first fish caught by Dr. Nathan Dubin), Dick Lee acted as judge of the contest; a bus trip to Candle Stick Baseball Park with the Lincoln Lions Club; a raffle for a heifer to be sent to Japan, Primo received a letter of thanks from the Japanese farmer who received the heifer; started the practice of having Rotarians who misses a meeting throw darts at a target to determine the amount of the fine. The target, in the form of a Rotary wheel, was designed by Ray Johnson of Gladding McBean Co. and was constructed by our local carpenter Edward Russell. Primo was a busy man.

1964-1965

Dr. James "Bud" Ragsdale - Thirty-ninth President
Pershing Wyatt - Secretary

Dr. James "Bud" Ragsdale has served our club in many capacities. As president, he was determined to increase our percentage rating in Paul Harris Rotary Foundation Fund. He boasted our rating from 400 per cent to 600 per cent.

Another worthy project was building the Concession Booth on the Little League Baseball Field.

A Fish Derby, a fun event, held on his lake was an outstanding success. Dr. Nathan Dubin caught, the first fish and won first prize. The Doctor said the fish was so.....
.....long.

Bud says: "An answer to this question is what I greatly wish: Does fishing make men liars, or do only liars fish?"

1965-1966

Dr. Nathan Dubin - Fortieth President
Jack Griggs - Secretary

In Dr. Dubin's year the Concession Booth at McBean Park was finished. The club donated \$200 to the high school student loan fund that year.

The Doctor has traveled extensively and brought us pennants from far away places, Africa, India and Europe. We enjoyed his duck dinners and buck stews.

It was he who asked Dick Lee to bring the history of our club up to date.

Nathan remembers that he and Jack Griggs attended a Rotary work shop in Quincy, a very pleasant experience.

1966-1967

Robert Jiminez - Forty-first President
Jack Griggs - Secretary

Bob was a fine president. He levied fines on the least provocation and increased our bank balance substantially.

His big project was the fence around the football field. It cost about \$800.00.

We placed fifth in our district in attendance during his year. Bob ran a lively Club, and we know who was boss.

1967-1968

Larry Alcorn - Forty-second President
Jack Griggs - Secretary

Being a banker Larry conducted the affairs of our Club in true banker style. He was very meticulous in all of his undertakings. The Rotary Club needed funds so Larry scheduled a ball game between Placer Nevada League Champions and the Lincoln Union High School Team. The game was decidedly a financial success. Bill Williams was the chairman and took care of the arrangements for the game, and Dr. Nathan Dubin and Dr. Cy Sergis took care of the fatalities.

Another project, "The Big John Circus," was not so successful financially, but the kids enjoyed it. Larry also built the gates for the Lincoln baseball field in McBean Park.

1968-1969

Orrin Hofman - Forty-third President
Jack Griggs - Secretary

Orrin must be given credit for initiating one of our most worthy and important projects, namely the establishment of the High School Scholarship Fund. This award of \$100.00 is made annually in the name of our Club.

The patio at the Lincoln Library was built in his year, and all of the usual Rotary activities thrived under his guidance.