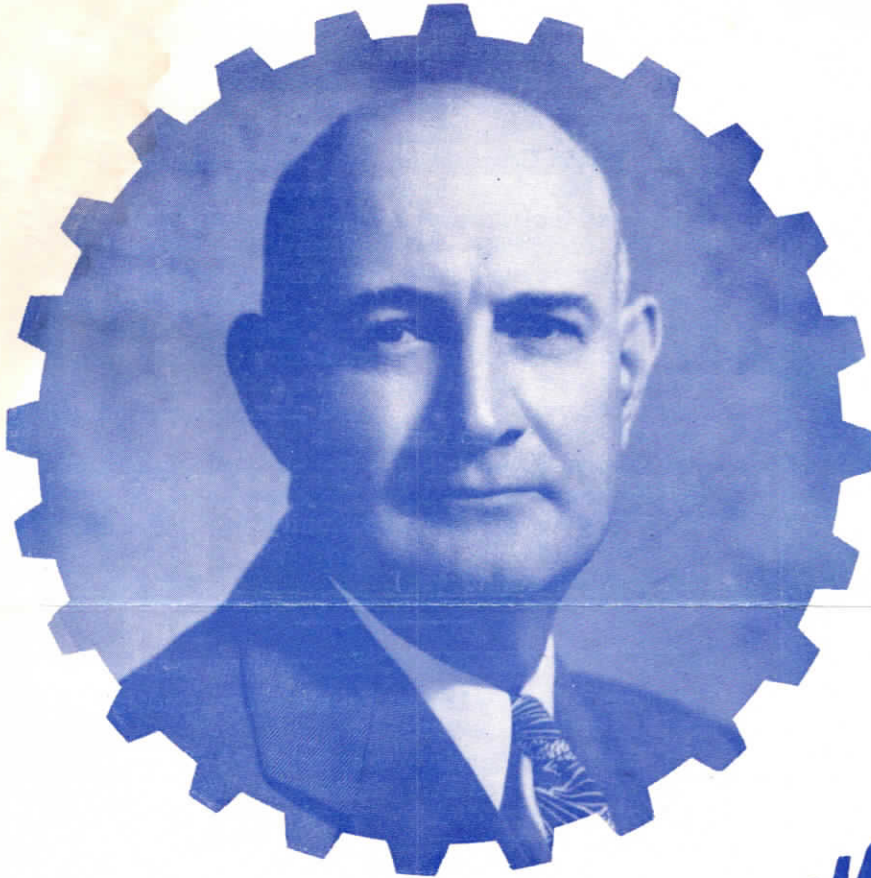


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George B. Morgan
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Thank you, Mr. President, for the many hours you have spent as leader of our Beaumont Rotary Club for 1954-55, the Golden Anniversary year of Rotary. It has been an outstanding year with many firsts, and only by reviewing the record can we possibly realize the accomplishments since last July, including "the highlight of the years" in which we honored our own Benny Hughes.

Heading the list was the Golden Anniversary Banquet last October honoring R.I. President Herb Taylor and Gloria, attended by some 700 Rotarians and Rotary Anns from several districts followed by the Golden Anniversary District Conference in February at which we entertained District 190; organization of a Council of Rotary Clubs with representatives of the Port Arthur, Orange, Port Neches, South Park, West End and Beaumont Clubs meeting once a month to discuss mutual problems and projects; and attendance of 19 Rotarians and Rotary Anns and our Executive Secretary at the 50th Anniversary Convention in Chicago.

In Attendance, we made the high ten among clubs of 300-399 membership in the United States for six months already recorded and expect to make it for May and June; we were in **first place** for March and April of 1955 in this group for the first time in the club's history, due to our unique attendance project, stimulated by Molly Make-Up, the Rotary Parakeet; 52 programs including Christmas Party, Farmers' Party and a Rotary Gridiron skit.

During the year our membership soared to 310, and it looks as though we will conclude the year with 308 active memberships; four Honorary and six Emeritus Honorary, or a total of 318. Rotarygrams wore a special two-color format; we made an extension survey of Silsbee; contributed a Rotary Bell to the new club at Groves, Texas; held a senior active campaign in which a total of 31 new senior active classifications were granted; reframed on mat photographs of our past presidents; held a dinner for 29 new members. We lost 19 members during the year.

In Community and Youth Service, we supported the Beaumont Symphony Society; Neches River Festival; Judith Sproule Appreciation dinner; entertainment for Retired Teachers; and Beaumont's new Tumor Clinic; entertained ten top graduates of Lamar Tech; honor students of four high schools; and dentists who contribute their time to dental chair at Municipal Hospital; Y.M.B.L. Calf Scramble; Little League Football League; American Legion Boys State; and distributed "50 Years of Service" to Lamar Tech, Tyrrell and school

OUR BENNY...

In the Bible, Matthew 13:57 is the following quotation, "A Prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house." We, the members of the Beaumont Rotary Club revised this quotation last Wednesday and did honor to one of the finest men and Rotarians that the Rotary Club has produced — Our Benny Hughes, Third Vice-President of Rotary International.



Benny Hughes

The program was in four parts, Club, Vocational, Community and International Service, each based on Benny's Rotary life and concluding with the presentation by Robbie Robinson, master of ceremonies, of a Rotary Portfolio containing souvenirs and clippings of the highlights of Benny's Rotary career as well as a framed Resolution written by Herf Weinert. It passed by the board of directors and adopted by the Club in a rising vote of appreciation following its reading by President-Elect Ewell Strong.

Pat Peyton led off with the complete history of Benny's Club Service from October 12, 1938 when he became a Rotarian up to the present, showing step by step his rise in Rotary as he accepted all assignments, doing all well.

Vocational Service was given by Herf Weinert who stated that Rotary doesn't pry into its members personal affairs, but Herf before preparing his talk spoke with men who have business dealings with Benny, with his employees, customers, clients, and competitors, and reported nothing but good relations, fair play, a record above reproach, never reflecting anything but good upon his profession.

Community Service by Chick Dollinger. Chick said that the friendship of Benny had meant a great deal to him and to every Rotarian. Many local organizations have used his help and suggestions, to name a few, Town Club, Country Club, Town Hall, P.T.A., Music Commission, his Church and Scouting. In all he has given services above self.

International Service by Kelsey Lamb. No Rotarian can accomplish what Benny has without the cooperation of his Rotary Ann, and in paying tribute to Benny, we pay tribute to Lily. Kelsey told several interesting stories concerning Benny's friends of other countries and said that Benny and Lily would naturally become international minded through the association with the R.I. board members and others from all parts of the world.

To all of these tributes Benny responded with, "It was **you** who gave me the opportunity to serve and you gave me the opportunity to do the thing I wanted to do."

Benny, we salute you!

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libraries; 4 Rotary-Lamar Scholarships; and loaned funds to college students.

In Vocational Service we entertained 80 guests for Employer-Employee Day; distributed Four-Way Test and Score Cards; and presented a number of Vocational Service programs.

In International Service we sponsored our Club's first International Student, Miss Anja Selenius of Helsinki, Finland, at the University of Texas; entered our first candidate for the R.I. Fellowships, Miss Carolyn Lockwood who was named first alternate; solicited \$10 contributions for the Rotary Foundation from members elected since February 1948 for a total of \$750 to date.

Now, all this and much more isn't accomplished without a bit of doing. President George has had with him a wonderful board and 50 or more committees contributing priceless time, interest and energy, but to President George B. Morgan we pay tribute as the LEADER who considered no detail too small for his personal attention and whose almost unmatched enthusiasm for anything Rotary spurred all to achievements appropriate to a 50th Anniversary of the founding of Rotary.

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PROGRAM FOR THIS WEEK

"THE PASSING OF THE GAVEL"
MARKING THE OCCASION OF THE
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