

Swan Song

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## THANK YOU, PRESIDENT LEE



President Lee G. Griffin

**THIS WEEK: PRESIDENT LEE WILL SING!** He will sing the traditional "Swan Song" sung by the retiring president each year on the last Wednesday in June. Be with us to hear him sing the old year out and the new year in . . . in never-before arrangement.

Therefore, in behalf of 328 active members and 13 honorary Rotarians of the Beaumont Rotary Club, we thank Lee G. Griffin for the year he gave us as club president . . . 12 months during which his attention was never far from the club administration which gave us good friends, new acquaintances, timely information and entertainment, participation in community affairs and astute leadership.

1960-61 was the year we celebrated our 48th Rotary birthday, in which we entertained R.I. President Edd and Pearl McLaughlin, enjoyed the fourth successful Babe Zaharias Golf Tournament; saw George Morgan elected District Governor; welcomed 27 new members; sent 13 to the Tokyo Convention; and watched club interest emphasize international service as numerous foreign visitors were entertained in Rotary homes.

In fact, our Rotary programs emphasized the international scene as speakers brought us information on the problems of Communism, Cuba, Europe, South Africa and the Far East, but we also heard about taxes, economics and education on the national scene; and Texas debt, history and wild life. Our attention was brought to the problems of the new city administration, port affairs, the mushrooming petro-chemical field, Juvenile Delinquency and the revival of Downtown Beaumont.

Initiation fee was raised to \$75; 13 delegates and their wives attended the Galveston District Conference; new members received an hour's indoctrination, a kit of Rotary information and a certificate of membership to hang on the wall. Gold 100% attendance pins were awarded to 70 loyal members, about 21% of the club. We paid \$8 per member to R.I.; \$1 per member to the District; \$1 per member to the District International Student program; and \$1 per member to the Rotary Foundation Fellowships.

In Vocational Service we sponsored the course, "8 Keys to Effective Leadership". We also sponsored a boy at the Texas Forestry Camp; American Legion Boys State and the YMCA Youth in Government; two Rotary-Lamar Scholarships; gave \$100

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to the Ray Pinney Fund at Lamar; gifts to Cal Farley Boys Ranch; Opera Workshop, Beaumont Symphony; the new Nederland and N. Port Arthur Rotary Clubs and the Nederland Inauguration Band. Sally Weinert was Princess of Rotary, N.R.F.; our president arranged for a new kitchen range at Municipal Hospital; the Golf Tournament hampered slightly by raffle problems brought in \$4,364, most of which goes to the Boy Scout Camp; numerous students benefited by the Student Loan Fund. We supported the urgent need for Good Government in Resolution and honored our deceased Rotarians by planting a tree on the Lamar College campus.

In additional international service, we wrote letters of greeting to more than 100 new Rotary Clubs in foreign lands; continued to support our orphan in Vienna; sent the Rotarian Magazine and Revista Rotaria to schools, hospitals, and libraries. We netted the honor of being in the 200% class of the Rotary Foundation.

President Lee has been a wonderful presiding officer, working briskly through heavy agenda, leaving out the immaterial and giving us the necessary with the light touch that has endeared him to us all. So it is with sincere regret that we see the close of 1960-61. Thank you again, Mr. President. May your memories of 1960-61 be as bright and happy as ours. Voila tout . . . except for the inimitable, the amazing, the stupendous Swan Song, come this Wednesday, June 28.

Last Week

Invocation	Hubert Oxford
Club Sweetheart	Catherine Lindsey
Introductions	Herf Weinert
Newscaat	Jack Neil
Program Chairman	Ike Neumann

Doak Procter's color slides of Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bank Kok, Macao and places of the Far East were made doubly interesting by his running comments, many on the lighter side, last Wednesday as he presented high lights of his trip through these Asiatic countries. Rotarians who recently attended the 1961 Rotary Convention saw many familiar scenes.

Some astonishing things about Japan, our hated enemy of some 16 years ago, are: its 98% literacy; the magnificent new fireproof buildings (financed

by us); the excellent railroad service; its elaborate temples and shrines; the U.S. financed roads; the population growth control; and the Geisha. We are reminded that eighteen million people live in an area the size of California.

Hong Kong, island off the cost of China where one and a half million people live in a 32 square mile area came in for its share of pictures. Here the Tiger Balm "king" lives in a palace while millions of refugees from Red China live on housetops, in houseboats and any vacant place in the utmost austerity, if not squalor.

Macao, protectorate of Portugal, has its interesting scenes such as the custom of shipping hogs in basket cages much like those used to transport bananas. The show closed with photographs of Thailand and Siam proving the statement that these are a happy people. Let us hope world political power permits them to remain so.

Doak's still pictures in color with lively comments were extremely interesting and informative.

—OBA


In Memoriam

Saddened this Rotary year by the loss of four of our beloved Rotary Anns, some 300 club members stood for a Moment of Silence last Wednesday, this time in memory of Merle Locke, wife and mother of Rotarians Blakey and Charles Locke, who died unexpectedly, Monday, June 19. Rotary Ann Merle was a native of Coleman and had lived in Beaumont for 22 years where she had a host of friends who mourn her going. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Blakey and Charles and the other members of the family.

ABSENTEES: JUNE 14  
Father-Daughter Day  
Week Before Last

Adkisson, Ainsworth (2), Allison, Baird, Balcom, Benckenstein, Booth, Trav Brooks, Bryant, Conrad, Cornell, Cranston, Geo. Dishman (2), F. O. Dollinger, Duren, Ellis (S), Fernon, Friedman, Gale, Gallier, **GRIFFING**, Holland, Hunt, F. Hunter, K. Hunter, James, Jeffrey, Jenkins, J. Johnson, Kadanka, J. B. Kinsel, J. Klein, Kolter, Maness, Mayer, Mitchell, Murphy, L. V. Nelson, Ike Neumann, Ott, Phelps, Pigford, Pitts, Shaw, E. Singleton (2), Sparks, Standlee, Steinman, Thomson, Theall (2), C. Walker, Ray Ward, Pat Wheat, Lee Wheat, C. Wilson (2), J. Y. Wilson, Waldo (2).

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