

GLEANINGS
FROM THE PROLIFIC PEN OF
POET LAUREATE, P.P. STAN CLARK

*Our president's immortal verse
Just couldn't possibly be worse.
The language that he twists and garbles
Makes some folks think he's lost his marbles.*

*But now he's gone, I've got a hunch
That now we can enjoy our lunch.*

Anon

*An unsung hero we should remark
Was the former president of Huntington Park
Director Frank Weirick has knowledge galore
And if we listen, we'll still learn more.*

*Always one to shoulder a load
Not content to sit beside the road
If you've a job that's needing done
He'll do it well, and make it fun.*

*So thank you Frank so very much
For making Rotary more than lunch.*

*Tall among the heroes
Was one who's known as Jim
The man who got the bait
To pull the big ones in.*

*The Rotary Foundation
Is better off we know
Because the Fischer in our boat
Splendidly did row.*

*So thank you Jim so very much
For making Rotary more than lunch.*

*Here is another poem for the John
Who goes by the name of Clay
But Clay he's not and never was,
He's more like gold we'd say.*

*Now we'll help him throughout the coming year
We're cheerfully behind him to do our duty clear.*

*Thank you John so very much
For making Rotary more than lunch.*

*Year after year the presidents rave
About good old reservoir Dave
The man you can depend upon
When you want the club to run.*

*You want to introduce a guest?
Get Dave, he is the best
Is it advice of which you've need?
Good advise he has indeed.*

*So thank you Dave so very much
For making Rotary more than lunch.*

*A weekly hero was Treasurer John
The Youngken was always on the job
When year's end had rolled around
He hadn't lost a single bob.*

*Thank you so John so very much
For making Rotary more than lunch.*

*To our Reverends, Bert and Fred
Who as our chaplins have us led
Not just in prayer before each meeting
But by example, we send you greeting.*

*To thank you Bert and Frederick C.
Rotary's better because of thee.*

*In the shadows he didn't lurk
The man who cheerfully did work
And that work did never shirk
Was our own Past President Birk.*

*He and Peggy make a team
To get things done while others dream.*

*So thank you Birk so very much
For making Rotary more than lunch*

*This year did have its heroes
While we were climbing up the hill
And one with great devotion
Was the Clanton known as Bill.*

*One night each week at Ineract
He gave them guidance sound
And in its school and district
No club as good was found.*

*So thank you Bill so very much
For making Rotary more than lunch.*

*When to stand to thank I think
Of our own Past President Clink
This Folsom's not a prison wall
But a man to tell us all.*

*That students from a foreign nation
Are refreshing as vacation.*

*So thank you Clink so very much
For making Rotary more than lunch.*

*Don the Scott was also great
Working hard while lying in wait
Lending support at every hand
This next year should be very grand.*

*For Don's already organized
And you better be ready or be disguised
Because this year's for Governor John
And he'll do the job, will President Don.*

*Thank you Don so very much
For making Rotary more than lunch.*

*I do now the committee thank
For a director on whom we bank
It's Alex Smith, couldn't you guess?
Noted for gold and friendliness.*

*So thank you Alex so very much
For making Rotary more than lunch.*

*If I but had the talent
And you but had the time
I'd put everybody's efforts
Into some glorious rhyme.*

*But I don't have the talent
And you don't have the time
So I close with thanks to all
For the pleasure that was mine.*

*So thank you all so very much
For making Rotary more than lunch.*