

CLUB 33 HISTORY MINUTE #36 4/29/2010

In gearing up for Rotary Club 33's Centennial in 2011, let's turn the clock back to 1957 – fifty-three years ago. George Sears, classification Commercial Banking assumed the Club's Presidency. During Prez George's term, our membership grew again; now our ranks stood at 320 members. Another big change was our name badges to the present-day style – a welcome departure from the heavy blue metal devices with heavy pins that ruined our lapels. Our lunch programs that year were filled with topics of post-war technology and advancement. We heard concerns about Russia's "Sputnik" satellite, also a fascinating demonstration by Pacific Telephone of "stereophonic sound"; which featured aircraft and railroad sound effects sweeping around the meeting room. Our Club also learned about our new regional freeway plans from Jacob Dekema, and received inside advice about proper freeway entering and exiting strategies. THE ROTATOR began a tradition of "grading" the previous week's lunch program by inserting at the page bottom small icons of whales, meaning "a whale of a talk"; or maybe TWO whales for an over-the-top presentation. Sometimes it printed an upside-down floating whale for "a real stinkeroo". And that's your Club 33 History Minute.