

My Rotary President Poem  
By Lisa E. Clary, June 2017

Here I stand doing something I thought I would never do.  
Never say never because it will come back to haunt you.  
Just followed Randy with Gary waiting in the bull pen;  
I don't know how this happened or even remember when.  
Duane H has it all written down that I did not say no,  
And Ken has my money so that must really make it so.  
Jimmie Keith will give me a hug and make it all right.  
I am going to need that extra boost to get through the night.  
Mickey S will bring the Bright Leafs so I do not forget stuff;  
Having a reminder will help make it not so tough.  
Dwayne G, Tommy, Mickey M, Sandi L, Susie, Beth, Herbert and Frank  
Will help keep things moving so I don't draw a blank.  
Doug, Sandi K, Tom, Kristi, Bruce, Steven, Angela, Charles and Bill  
Will remind me that where there is a way, then I must have the will.  
Ellen, Pat, Lynn, Keith, James, Mary Jane, Judy and Jerry  
Will keep my spirits up by telling me not to worry.  
Norman, Alan and Rachel may not always be here in person each week,  
But they step up in other ways when it is their help we seek.  
Hey Paul, hey Paula, John or Clyde: Have you recently seen Vin.  
Haven't heard or seen him since I don't know when.  
Well, let's get this year started with my thoughts and goals.  
Two Paul Harris Fellows, a benefactor and each member playing their usual roles.  
EREY funds for the foundation and PolioPlus to find a cure;  
We can raise money, of that I am sure.  
Ask people to join and bring them into our fold

We are a unique people, one of a kind and with no other mold  
We will cook burgers, hot dogs and steaks.  
We will raise money no matter what it takes.  
We support the youth, the hungry, public service and more:  
Lunch buddy, essays, scholarships; none of them are a chore.  
The reverse raffle to help make someone a little more rich;  
All will be pulled off without even a hitch.  
Service Above Self is our motto to live by.  
I will do my best at this job: I promise to try.  
My one year reign as President begins tonight.  
And I am up here doing this with a little fear and fright.  
I will be holding my breath to get through this each week.  
I will try not to mess up when I open my mouth to speak.  
It is no telling what will come from under this hat.  
As long as these meetings don't all fall flat.  
I won't do a countdown as I did as the Chamber President in the past.  
I am told I will blink and it will go by fast.  
I know that everyone in this room will have my back;  
Hard workers, true Rotarians, Service Above Self spirit, of that there is no lack.  
My job has been taking photos behind the scenes with a camera in my face;  
Now to be in the photo I have to find someone to take make place.  
No matter what happens please be patient and kind.  
Because here I stand as your President and I think I may have lost my mind.