

SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB

President Dr. George Edd Norwood's Year  
1947-48

Rotary's 38th Annual Convention was held in San Francisco, California, June 8-12, 1947. Incoming President Edd Norwood, Bonnie, and daughters Mary Jean and Nancy Jo attended; and Ham and Coral Stevens also were among the 14,000 there to see S. Kendrick Guernsey of Jacksonville, Florida, chosen President of Rotary International. The new Governor of District 107 was Thurston Harshman of Glendale, California.

President Edd's year was typified by his call for all chairmen to "Plan your work, then work your plan." Edd's boundless energy was contagious and 1947-48 was probably the most productive our club has ever had.

The club's Constitution and by-laws were revised and updated, and seven new members were inducted during the year.

The club received a special award at the District Conference in Catalina for Vocational Service and our support of the Boy Scouts of San Marino, the Rotary Foundation, The Percy Cowherd Memorial Fund, The Tumor Clinic, and The McCormic Hospital were part of President Edd's service programs.

Bonnie Norwood hosted Rotary meetings in the Norwood's beautiful home on Lorain Road, making all feel welcome and better acquainted due to her gracious hospitality. Bonnie, Erma Beal, and other Rotary members served (their then young and active baseball-playing Rotarian husbands) delicious home-cooked chicken, cake, and coffee at Lacy Park during the hotly contested ball games between the Rotary team and other community organizations. In fact, those were the days when young, active members, like Kirby Lesh, would pay for and eat two complete lunches at Pierres--and then help clean up a few extra desserts!

Boy Scout Troop Chairman Tom Batson and Scout Master Bob Gerhart have led our club members in a very close association with the Scouts of Troop Four.

The Presidents of District 107, on Sunday, January 18, 1948, gave a 40 to 1 vote of indication in favor of division of District 107; San Marino then became a club in District 160-C.

Application for Roy Denny in the classification of senior active was accepted and approved for submission to the membership.

"Finances were also up for discussion frequently and rightfully so because of some relatively large projects that were either finished during the year, or were projects of the current year such as:

100% Rotary Foundation Contributions	\$500.00
Cowan Memorial Fund	700.00
Tumor Clinic	500.00
McCormack Hospital	143.00

President Edd stated that: "These, together with several other projects that required lesser outlays, (including Boy Scouts, Easter Service, Police Fund, etc.) gave evidence that the Rotary Club of San Marino was maturing and therefore assuming more and logical responsibilities. Because of this, a special committee of the Board recommended an increase of dues from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per year, and an increase in the initiation fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00.

Some of the other particularly interesting and new projects and accomplishments during the year were: 1) Two Rotoscopes edited by Rotaryannes; 2) Club family picnics; 3) Civic Scrolls of Honor were presented to Carlton Tibbits and Clyde Holley and more individual civic responsibility was implemented; 4) Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws; 5) A blind veteran was presented with a Braille watch; 6) The club Presidents of our zone were entertained at a luncheon meeting after which, one of our members, Irv King, was appointed a member of the District Nominating Committee; 7) The Music and Entertainment Committee presented us with new plastic protected song sheets; 8) Our club was host to the Monday Dinner Session at the District Conference in Catalina.

#### NEW MEMBERS

Ben Eaton, Jim Bradford, Ed Daniell, Mr. Burkhart, Charles Shreve, Parker Storts, and Myrv Ball.

#### MR. ROTARY HIMSELF

To members of the San Marino Rotary Club, Edd Norwood is "Mr. Rotary" himself. He believes in the principles of Rotary. He thinks it and he lives it thoroughly.

San Marino grew to a membership of 52 and the club's objective set forth by President Edd Norwood was "Certain advancement and good fellowship by thoughtfully planned action!"

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

Edd and Bonnie Norwood attended our 1971 "Former Members" Day at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel, a real heart warming reunion. But Governor Edd passed away in January, 1973. We are all the richer for having him as a friend, a counselor, a Rotarian, and a great physician.

