

SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB  
President Larry Shepard's Year  
1951-52

Nearly 25 years have passed (to me it seems at great speed) since I started my year as President of San Marino Rotary Club. I had exceptionally competent people to assist me that year. I thought we had exceptionally good programs. The credit for this belongs entirely to Paul Cunningham and the members of his committee. We had an excellent sports committee under Hal Loynd. Roto Scope was handled most efficiently by Ed Daniel Jr., John Snyder, John Haigh, Hal Loynd, and Clarence Fetterman. Monroe Loy, Community Service Chairman, was greatly assisted by Tom Batson, Elder Morgan, Ted Daniel, Daryl Ward, Hamilton Stevens and others. The Rancho Los Amigos Project, a large portion of which was funded by Ted Daniel, was a great success and in my opinion a very, very fine project. Movies were taken by San Marino Rotarians to Rancho Los Amigos once a week and shown to the polio patients, including those in iron lungs.

We tried to emphasize fellowship by a series of parties at the homes of members. Several noon meetings were taken over by the Rotary Anns. At least one or two of these were a surprise, only a few of the members knew that the program would be handled by the Rotary Anns. They took over chairmanship of the meeting, assessed fines and provided delightful entertainment. One program in which the Rotary Anns participated was a fashion show which I believe was enjoyed by everyone.

We had a baseball team and a bowling team.

We put little emphasis on attendance but because of the good programs and good fellowship we ended the year with a 93 % attendance record.

Paul Cunningham wrote a poem for the demotion party which I thought was most clever and hilarious in spite of the fact most of it was at my expense.

Perhaps the Rotary Project I had most to do with didn't start until after my year as President but is one I felt was greatly worth while and so I wish to make it a matter of record here. Several members of the club visited an orphanage (Nino Shima Gauken) on an island in the bay of Hiroshima. We sent money to this orphanage each year for several years. I visited the orphanage twice and what I saw there convinced me our help went a long way and was most useful and greatly appreciated.

L. E. Shepard  
President 1951-52

PROJECTS AND PROGRESS

John Barton and Mayor Clark were again elected to Honorary Membership for the 1950-51 year. A Business Advisory Committee was formed. This committee was made up of several men who would be in a position to know local business conditions thoroughly and the services of the committee would be confidentially available, primarily to any Rotarian in town and, in a general way, to anyone seeking confidential business advice on a local San Marino basis.

The house committee provided additional blackout curtains to darken the room for movies.

Following a thorough discussion of the Rotoscope, it was finally approved to change it to a one-page publication. This motion was later withdrawn and a committee appointed to further study the problems connected with the Rotoscope and report later.

Subscriptions to the Revista Rotaria were renewed.

President Larry explained and put into practice the newer method of integrating major committees in Rotary with the Board of Directors, which would then take the place of the old Aims and Objectives Committee.

Many excellent programs were planned by chairmen of the various committees. Some of these were: Crusade for Freedom, Boy Scouts, Christmas Party at a children's home in Los Angeles, Bowling, Easter Sunrise Service, and others.

Tom Beal, in a rare moment of generosity, finding a \$50.00 bill in his pocket which he did not realize he had, contributed the money to purchase a new American flag for the club.

The year brought many pleasant social activities and Larry commented that by these "we had gained added fellowship in the club."

New Members - Bert Crist and Earl Shepard.

### INTEREST

Larry was a charter member of the Club and throughout the years has contributed in all of the avenues of service . He was one of the founders of Troop 4, served a full term as Director, headed the Service Committee that won the District Award. He is Past President of many civic and professional groups such as: Community Council, Real Estate Board, San Gabriel Valley Alumni of University of California, Shriner, and is an excellent chef. He is the most widely traveled member of our club. A look at his picture some years past indicates he was one of the most handsome men in the Club.

