

SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB
President Hal Loynd's Year
1955-56

The club was directed this year by friendly and likeable President Hal Loynd. Hal was manager and later owner of San Marino Motors Ford Agency and is best remembered for his occasional columns in the Rotoscope labelled "Sir Loyn Tips", "Rotatin Around Town", "Prexy's Corner" and "Hal Lucinations".

Club officers were Dave Fiscus, permanent secretary, Ed Brewster, treasurer, W. M. Sergeant-at-arms and Bert Crist, Chaplain. Directors were Paul Briede, Dan Ellis, Carl Johnson, Bud Godfrey, Bindy Bindewald, and Paul Kent.

The club membership had increased to 68. The Governor for District 160 C was Tige Payne of Pasadena who was responsible for 33 clubs and 2,100 members and presided over a very successful District Conference held in Las Vegas.

The President of Rotary International for this year was A. Z. Baker of Ohio, U. S. A. At this time there were 419,000 Rotarians in 8,840 clubs and 92 countries world wide. The International Convention was held in Chicago, Illinois, which President Hal and his Rotaryanne Daphne attended.

The year 1955 marked the Golden Anniversary of Rotary International and it was celebrated at a Ladies Day Party and a joint meeting with the South Pasadena Club with a showing of the film "The Great Adventure" recapturing fifty years of Rotary.

Service activities for the year included continuing support of the Hiroshima Orphanage, Rotary Fair Play Awards to seniors at San Marino High School, and the weekly film program at Rancho Los Amigos.

New members joining the club were John Dalzell, Don Scott, John McCarville, Wendell Wilson, Truman Lattin, Al Hodges, Jack Probst. Honorary members voted were Clark Bell and Corson Ide.

A long to be remembered Board meeting was held at the desert home of Larry Shepard. President Hal with his trumpet and Cal Goodrich with his trombone plus singing from the rest of the group created sounds which frightened away all wild life from the area. A club assembly was held at President Hal's home with one of the first of the fabulous Tom Beal-George Gantus barbecues.

The outstanding social event of the year was an old fashioned Halloween Barn Party at Woody's Cottage, organized by "Zeke" McDonald, Daryl "Hezekiah" Ward, Patrick "O'Toole" Scott and "Out Door" John Clay. Mac McCormick showed up with a "made in Texas" straw hat that played "Dixie" when the wind blew through it.

One of San Marino's most honored Rotarians, Stan Turner, was invited to the Orient for a several weeks speaking tour, where he visited three Rotary Clubs in the Philippines which he organized 25 years previously.

The year closed out with a Demotion Party for President Hal and the inauguration of incoming President Cal Goodrich at Eaton's Santa Anita.

