

SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB

President Frosty Foster's Year
1975-76

(as related by Frosty Foster)

It's been a rosy year for the Rotary Club of San Marino. The Club has moved ahead in both membership and service, yet the emphasis has been placed on an atmosphere of relaxed fellowship.

The big "winner" for the year has been The Rotary Foundation, thanks to the tireless efforts of Bill Knoke. In addition to gaining a substantial number of Paul Harris Fellows and Sustaining Members, San Marino has now reached the Foundation's 6800% plateau as of April 1976.

In recognition of his efforts, Knoke was awarded the "Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service." The honor was bestowed on him and 116 others throughout the Rotary world for their outstanding and dedicated service to The Rotary Foundation.

Knoke's plaque was personally presented by William E. Walk, Jr., Past President of Rotary International, during the District Conference at Newport Beach.

The Club did more, however, than increase its collection of Rotary Foundation banners.

Initial steps were taken to affiliate with the Rotary Club of Mulege, Baja California, Mexico. (Finalization may take a little time, as they don't move too fast in that part of the world.)

Other projects have included an outstanding display for the San Marino Historical Society, charitable activities, assistance at the annual Fourth of July parade, community work and the traditional Grad Night party at the San Marino High School.

Steps were taken to find an answer to the annual problem of locating a person willing to accept the duties of program chairman. Hopefully, a solution has been found by having the president-elect fill the capacity. This is already done at many of the larger clubs. The president-elect for 1976-77 has agreed to assume the duties.

In an effort to keep programs within the "avenues of service", responsibility has been given to the members of the Board of Directors, on a rotating basis. The intention has not been to have the directors individually responsible for the programs, but to pass them along to the committee chairmen within their "avenues." It seems to be working.

Surely; the highlight of the year has to be "Rotoscope," edited by Ken Veronda. Using an entirely new format, Veronda has gone completely off his rocker. Nobody has escaped his satirical writings. In fact, his humor has been enjoyed by more than just the members of Rotary. One of Pasadena's top columnists has repeatedly entertained his readers with

excerpts from "Rotoscope."

The success of any Rotary Club is a direct result of its members. San Marino has been fortunate to have the cream of the crop. Cooperative enthusiasm has prevailed in all avenues. All has been enriched by an outstanding Board of Directors.

Frankly, it's made the president's job an easy one.

