

## SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB

President Alexander F. Smith's Year  
1976-1977

The year began with our attendance at the International Convention at the New Orleans Superdome honoring International President Robert A. Manchester. His theme was "I believe in Rotary".

The new man on the block, Al F. Smith, inherits the gavel as President of our San Marino Rotary Club. Bulletin Editor, Kenneth Veronda, writes that the new president was not accessible to the working press, therefore there is no idea what's planned. Oh well, Al and Larry just returned from Tokyo, perhaps the hot baths were too much.

Bob Hegart and his hospitality group found beds for each of the international students who came down from Berkeley.

Our prime responsibilities were to reestablish committees and replenish the treasury. The latter was accomplished by a stern fine program and relatively modest expenditures. However, we maintained our civic programs.

John Clay was assessed a substantial fine by president Al for talking him into accepting the job of club president.

Bruce Hotra headed up the Fourth of July Parade honoring "Mac" McCormick, dedicated publisher of the San Marino Tribune. It was a huge success with many Rotarians giving great support to this Bicentennial celebration.

The San Marino Community Graduation Committee sent "most sincere thanks" for our club's donation to the Grad Night Party.

The dinner honoring our District Governor, Paul Lippold, was held in the garden of Mary and Alex Smith's residence. Cedric Scott barbecued the steaks. The wives of the officers and directors were entertained at dinner at the San Gabriel Country Club.

We again provided dinner, overnight lodging and breakfast for international graduate students from U.C. Berkeley. This annual occasion allows foreign students to enjoy Southern California.

Our club again sponsored an art contest at S.M.H.S. providing posters for the Community Chest. We also awarded the cash prizes. Lee Baca organized a gathering of newer members and their wives at the Huntington.

We continued our strong support of the Rotary Foundation. As of September 30th, we had 19 Paul Harris Fellows. We sponsored the Paul Harris Dinner at the University Club, honoring Rotary International's 72nd Birthday.

Woodworker-hobbyists from each club District 530 were to fashion gavels for the San Francisco convention. The instructions for the California-woods gavels have been worked out and coordinated by Claremont Rotary, and San Marino was to produce ten.

Our Rotary Board spent time in working at the Rotary Park (next to the high school) where assorted weeds and debris need to be cleaned up. This was a pet

project of Elder Morgan, built by Rotary labor. We continued our strong support of the Interact Club, one of the leading clubs at the high school.

Representatives of Rotary in South Africa was guest at Thursday's meeting. This delegation with Barney Ingram will visit and introduce themselves to our club.

We entertained a group of visiting Rotary Foundation young businessmen from Australia. We also participated in entertaining 5 students from greater London District #113. This is a District Exchange Program.

Our foundation fellow, Bernard Clay, spoke at our club. He prepares for his Caltech graduation, a trip home to France and a wedding.

We participated in the Club Presidents District 530 monthly dinner meetings.

One of the highlights was the luncheon honoring the Queen and Court of the 88th Tournament of Roses. Pasadena East Rotary Club joined us in this event.

The splendid Demotion Dinner was held at the home of Betty and "Frosty" Foster.

