

SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB

President John Young's Year
1983-1984

Rotary had concluded its 44th year of service in San Marino, Owen Day had been properly demoted at Caltech's Athenaeum and here was our Rotary Club ready to set sail on the "Sloop" of John Young. It was also the beginning of a Rotary year with important positions filled by Johns: John Harris, John Heslin, John Morris, John McDonald, John Halliday, John Clay and John Goodreau.

Rotary International through the Foundation voted to expand up to \$63,000,000 on educational and 3-H programs. The proposal to permit women as members of Rotary was defeated, and dues were increased \$3.00 to \$20.00 a year and clubs were granted permission to take members from outside its territorial limits.

International President's message to all Rotarians, "Share Rotary - Serve People" was a call for development, membership, vocational and community service for all Rotarians.

Sixteen Rotarians from the San Marino Rotary Club contributed \$17,000 to get the International Fellows program off to a wonderful start. An International Fellow is a Paul Harris Fellow who agrees to continue his leadership role in foundation support.

San Marino Rotary has helped the kindergarten program of the Rotary Club of Antigua Guatemala. After the earthquake there, plumbing and electrical supplies were needed. These needs ranged from 50 cent switches to \$50 toilets. Our Rotary Club gathered donations and these were delivered to the Antigua, Guatemala Rotary Club by our own Ken and Winfred Veronda. Service above self.

Governor Bill Ford made his visit to our club the evening of September 16th at the Old Mill. Officers and Directors met at John Young's home earlier in the day. The membership began to socialize at the Old Mill starting at 6:30 with all members making the proper attitude adjustments for the visit of the District Governor.

Members of the Rotary in District 530 were asked to donate \$15.00 per member for P.E.P. - the Polio Eradication Program. Each club is to fund a creative way to raise this donation.

Rotary Float. President Bill Skelton comments, "A Rotary float in the Tournament of Roses is a great way to share Rotary's objectives and encourage others to serve people in need. It is fitting that the Rotary be represented, if there are people in need in our communities and the world, we do something about it. So let us share Rotary and remind others around the world to Serve People."

District Governor Bill Ford sent warm thanks for our Club Assembly at the Old Mill. Members who missed Bill's charm, Irene's enchiladas, and Dick's Dos Equis may have missed the best Club Assembly in years.

Berk Johnston frets that "In-come" for his teenagers is about two a.m.

An outstanding program brought to us by His Honor the Mayor of one City of San Marino discussing his twinning with another City of San Marino. Lynn Reitnauer brought the story of the remarkable 2-1/2 days of celebration involving forty

California Sammarinese with many others of the other kind of Sammarinese.

Al Smith hosted the annual putting contest at the San Gabriel Country Club. True golfers were to show up early, and the duffers next, and all diners to show at the usual noontime.

Our club was host to the clubs from Altadena and Pasadena East Rotaries with their wives and friends, with the Queen of the 95th Tournament of Roses and her Court in attendance at the Women's Clubhouse.

One thousand dollars was donated to the police to purchase the equipment for "Operations Identification" program.

Saturday, March 31, was "Run for Fun" under Bill Payne's management. Sponsors were Dean Witter, Merrill Lunch, Lloyd's Bank, Security Pacific Bank, American Federal, Trans National Bank and The John Harris Company.

"Hands Across the Border" was a joint project of our district and Baja California Rotarians. Our club gathered clothing, food and medical supplies for the project.

Fifteen new Paul Harris Fellows were added during President John B's year. Bob Almansa joined with 85 other active members as a Paul Harris Fellow bringing the total to 85

June 28, 1984 ended a year of fine service of John Young with his demotion party held at the Athenaeum in Pasadena. Best wishes to John.

