

## SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB

President William L. Payne, Jr.'s Year  
1991-1992

It began for President Bill and Mary Payne at the International Convention, in Mexico City in June. International President Rajandra Saboo, from India, announced his theme (and song) "Look Beyond Yourself". District Governor Chris Lyman, and wife Pat, Glendora, chose "Lengthen Your Stride for Rotary".

Payne selected "No Payne, No Gain", handing our monogrammed pens and those increasingly infamous bright yellow pot holders!

The Board, continuing with Gene Orłowsky, Howard Topp, John Morris, Merrill Francis, Jack Hamilton, Alan Weirick, Jim Class, Marge Cokely, Debbie Lowrey, welcomed Bruce Pretzinger, Bob Eichel, Lois Derry, Lois Matthews and Gerry Wolcott.

Objectives adopted by the Board were to: hold more social events with spouses; increase our membership; involve sponsors in new member orientations; liven up weekly meetings; honor special Rotary service; and raise more money for our Community and our Foundation.

Socially, the Club included (paid for) our spouses at the annual District Governors visit, the Christmas and Valentines luncheon programs, and Yearling/Board party at the Mothershead's. Merrill Francis put together a successful Octoberfest at Crown City Brewery. The first Maldonado's Christmas Program was a sellout.

Members were given the opportunity to join the Richard's, Rose's and Bandares's at the Chinese Club-sponsored Hong Kong/Taiwan trip coordinated by Frank Lin. The annual March ski trip was again "captained" by Jon Maeda.

Fourteen new members were added: Greg Asmirian, David Norman, Deirdre Rogers, Doug Larner, Carla Mott, Kevin Sweeten, Jim Tanner, Andy Tyler, Paul Butler, Mike Stafford, John DeMonaco, Allan Tsai, Jack Flynn and Greg Freedman. With pluses are minuses. Gone were Lud Ludwig, Marge Cokely, Peter Wyu, Debra Shaw, and Diane Chapman. Long time members Al Smith and Park Hubert passed on.

To liven up weekly meetings, the Program Chairman brought to us: Dr. Kamal Batniji, Mike Garrett, Bill Moffett, Allan Mathias, John Goddard and Mike Antonovich. Prizes were awarded for the "best" Halloween costumes; the District's international flags were displayed at the February 23, 87th Anniversary of R.I. Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny made surprise visits.

When the W/C was dark, we ventured to: the Old Mill for the DG; Masonic Lodge; Southwestern Academy; Los Angeles Men's Place (LAMP); Southwestern Museum; Almanson Court for golf; and Athenaeum for the Paul Harris luncheon. John Waddell hosted Corsica's Frederic Farina for his year at Caltech. Jeff Holman was selected our twelfth Ambassadorial Scholar, to attend the London School of Economics.

Born were the Rotoract Club at Cal State L.A. with a boost from Steve Garrett, and a Interact Club at Southwestern with assistance of Lee Mothershead and Gary Pizzitola.

R.I.'s Rose Parade float was themed "Time for Learning". Our first-ever float in Peggy Class's 4th of July Parade was designed and constructed by Jim Thompson.

New Community programs supported by Rotary were: Police Radar Trailer, Spotlight on a Right, and funds for a sound system for the Boy's Gym and sand volleyball court at San Marino High. The latter was paid for by Tour di San Marino II, a bicycle ride and pancake breakfast. This "Tour" drew 21 sponsors, netted \$4,500 and included a course map with 36 "architecturally significant" homes. Teacher Mini Grants II, Dick Cooper and Gary Pizzatola raised \$7,000 for 14 awards to 20 teachers.

At the traditional Foundation Luncheon, at the Athenaeum at Caltech, Selma Sax, Mary Snaer and David Narver were made Honorary Paul Harris Fellows. Paul Harris, AKA Jim Young, made an impressive and emotional address. Foundation givings topped \$20,000.

When Sam Lee's assailants were apprehended through a tip from an alert teenager, "hero" Kyle Ferraro was feted by San Marino police, at our April 9 meeting. The Menudo Miler Relay was won by our team of Lee Baca, Berk Johnston, Bob Nafie and Bill Payne.

While the Officers and Directors worked long and hard to assure another San Marino Rotary type year, "Bill Best" awards went to Lucy Solin (House), Ken Veronda (Rotoscope), Bruce Pretzinger (Maldonados), Lois Derry (Program), and Ed Fryer and Chris Datwyler (Tour di San Marino II).

For all that was accomplished, District 5300, at the Queen Mary Conference, awarded us two first—Community Service and Foundation Support, and a third, Attendance. The year was capped off by the Lee Mothershead's production of "Paynoccio".

