

SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB

President Gene Orlowsky's Year
1992-1993

Our emphasis for 1992-1993 was fun, fellowship and foundation. R.I. President Cliff Dochterman's theme was "Real Happiness is Helping Others". District 5300 Governor Don Aiken's theme was "Be Happy". My theme was "You Make the Difference". My goal was to have each and every Rotary member participate and feel excited about an organization that is dedicated to serving a purpose higher than one's self.

My year began with a bang at the R.I. Convention in Orlando, Florida. What a great place for someone with three small children. Julie and I became instantly "Rotarized" and motivated to have a truly great year. I personally met R.I. President Cliff and he energized me to set high goals, expect much from club members and acknowledge everyone's accomplishments.

We certainly had fun, accomplished a lot and served a purpose greater than ourselves.

Our leadership team consisted of Debbie Lowrey, President Elect; Lee Mothershead, Secretary; Gerry Wolcott, Treasurer; Bill Payne, Past-President; and Doug Larner, Sergeant of Arms. Our Directors included Lucy Solin, Chris Datwyler, Lois Derry, Ben Bassett, Lois Matthews, Ed Fryer, Bob Ebert, Bruce Pretzinger and Bob Eichel.

In September our foundation committee chaired by Gil Slagel and Company had a very successful fund raiser at the home of Barbara and Scott Bice. We honored the Schmidts and the Hunts for outstanding contribution to the community. Over \$7,000 was raised for foundation giving and our total for 1992-1993 was over \$21,000.

The Ritz Carlton Hotel was the venue for the "Magnificent Seven" Mixer, the brain child of Presidents Gene of San Marino, Susan Foster of South Pasadena, and Gene Moscarel from Pasadena. Over 650 attended the great fellowship event. Dick Hultine was our club chair and did a great job!

In December we had our third annual evening at Maldonados to bring in the yule tide. Another sell out! Lois Derry and Gordon Weaver co-chaired our Mini-grants program which raised over \$7,000 for San Marino Schools.

Dennis Margridichian did a terrific job with our reverse raffle and dinner at the Ritz Carlton raising over \$8,000 net for the San Marino High School's scoreboard. Past President Bill Payne completed the sand volleyball project with the help of Ben Schmidt, Warren Yetter and company. Warren enjoyed it so much he went out and joined Rotary!

There were many other highlights I would like remembered about 1992-1993. The first is that we nominated Debbie Lowrey to be the first female President of the San Marino Rotary. San Marino hosted the Group Study Exchange joint meeting with South Pasadena, San Gabriel, Temple City, and Alhambra. Grace Wand and Jeff Jonker received Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships, and I had the opportunity to M.C. at the District Conference. Last but not least it was an honor to nominate Steve Garrett as District Governor for 1994-1995. Past President Bill Payne gave Julie and I a terrific send off at the demotion party on June 24, 1993. The highlight of the party was the talk by Elmer Jordan, Director of Rotary International.

