

**SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB**  
**President Paul Crowley's Year**  
**1998-1999**

The Crowley year began as a surprise to all, when President-Elect Bob Warnock had to leave our club because of an unexpected job transfer. A long-planned Australian trip by the Crowleys and Verondas caused missing of the Rotary International Conference in Indianapolis, among other things. Fortunately, son Jon Crowley, President of Sierra Madre Rotary, attended as a partial cover-up. (The first time in District history that father and son ever served as Presidents, concurrently.) Also Lee Mothershead, our District Governor, doubled as our president pro-tem.

Our Board consisted of Bob Eichcl, Ken Veronda, Warren Yetter, Gerry Wolcott, John Harris, Steve Schultz, Jo Schmal, Will Bortz, Dick Durant, Jack McQueen, Stu Cypherd, Bob Almanza and Len Therrien.

Most long-established Rotary projects proceeded as usual under the superb leadership of the above Board members, and others:

- Monthly Director meetings were breakfasts at the Colonial Kitchen
- Annual "State of the City" talk was by San Marino City Manager Debbie Bell.
- Annual financial contributions were made to the S.M. Schools Foundation, Library foundation, Southwestern Academy, YMCA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and others, totaling \$8,000. Also, \$6,000 to Mini-Grants.
- We continued help to the Girl Scout House and held two of our weekly meetings there.
- Attended District Conferences in Irvine and Palm Springs.
- Held annual Christmas Dinner at San Gabriel Country Club.
- Conducted Paul Harris Luncheon at the Huntington Library, with Lloyd Ownbey presenting the award to Pat Connell and Paul Shickle.
- Entered a prize-winning Rotary float in the July 4th parade.

Special projects were:

- Participated with the Historical Society in a 50th year memorial service at San Marino High for Kathy Fiscus, whose father was our 1944-45 president Stan Chambers was featured.
- Tried to stimulate Rotary minds (a challenge) with:
  - o Weekly "COWARD" awards (Citizen Of Week As Rotary Decrees). 40+ awards.
  - o Occasional "BURP" talk (Brush Up on Rotary Programs)).
  - o Instituted "PORK" (Personalizing Of Rotary Contributions)
- Spearheaded a major project in donating a used San Marino City Fire Truck to the City of Antigua, Guatemala. \$9,400 was contributed by 43 people, whose names are cast on 2 bronze plaques - one on the truck and the other on a wall in our San Marino Fire Station. The refurbished truck now serves the City of Antigua.
- Celebrated the 60th anniversary of San Marino Rotary.
- Ken Veronda hosted a major party at Southwestern Academy, honoring Marie and Paul Crowley for past services to Rotary and the City. For Marie, it was, indeed, hugely well-deserved. Thank you Ken.

The year was a successful one, mainly because it was bracketed by the years of Bob Eichel and Ken Veronda and fell under the umbrella of District Governor, Lee Mothershead. Thanks to everyone!

