

SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB
President Dave Fiscus' Year
1944-45

The coming Rotary year found Richard A. Wells, President of Rotary International with 5212 clubs and an estimated membership of 226,000. This was an increase over the previous year in both number of clubs and in membership.

Clyde E. Hopping, a resident of San Marino, a Rotarian in Alhambra, became District Governor. The number of clubs remained at 50 as of the previous year, but the membership had gained and was now 2879 in District 107.

A new Rotary Year bloomed, the flower for this new year was David Fiscus. Dave's club objective was, "To Make Rotary Realistic".

SPECIAL INTERESTS

The first project of Dave's year confirmed the idea that the new President intended to make Rotary realistic. An Attendance Contest was authorized. Rules of the contest were developed, and the club divided into three teams: Marines, Home Front, and Secret Service (Intelligence).

A boy was sent to Sacramento to the California Boys' State.

Continued sponsorship of the Scouts was approved by the Board of Directors.

Dave requested that there be a planned campaign to educate both new and old Rotarians in Rotary principles, essentials, and objectives.

Sponsoring more adequate park facilities in San Marino.

Participation in the programs of the John Tracy Clinic and the Hazel Hurst Foundations.

The Club desired to participate in the Easter Sunrise Service of the Community.

In a survey it was found that ninety per cent of the club members were engaged in some specific community efforts. This was "Making Rotary Realistic".

This year one program was planned for "Neighbors' Day". Each member brought as his guest a business or residential neighbor to the meeting.

First 100 per cent month - "Sure, our chests are out and our hats off to the Marines, Home Front, and Secret Service. We have been 100 per cent in attendance during July. This is our first 100 per cent month in attendance." So went the article in the Rotoscope of August, 1944.

The Club had several dinner dances.

NEW MEMBERS

Emmett Elmer, Louis Hansen, Charley Johnson, Dr. Lorenzo Whiting, Dr. George Woodruff, Arner Roberg, George Morgan, H. Paul Cunningham, Irving G. King, and T. Edw. McGowan. This Rotary Year there were 39 members.

And thus, the Fiscus Dynasty ended. It seems logical to let Dave describe the end. Under the title "Fiscus' Final Fling" Dave writes:

"Since this is the last issue of the Rotoscope before some of us are evicted from office I would like to take this opportunity to tell all the members of our club how much I appreciate the honor of having been your president for the past year and the wonderful cooperation that you each have given me. I know that what each of you has done has required special effort in these busy times, and because of that I value your active support all the more.

We have had a good year together. I know that I have enjoyed seeing the wheels go around, and have been amazed at times at the capacity of Rotary for accomplishing worth while things. We can well be proud of the start we have made in certain projects, and in particular, of the unselfish community service so very many of our members are rendering.

I am gratified for the opportunity of being a Rotarian. When the old rocking chair gets me I will look back on this year of pleasant associations with a great deal of pride and satisfaction. In the meantime, I look forward eagerly to many years of active support of our fine club."

President - Dave.



David & Alice



David Ficus