

SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB
President Irving G. King's Year
1946-47

The club Objective "To Promote a Greater Interest Among Our Members is the First Objective of Rotary."

Another great Rotarian became President of Rotary International, Richard C. Hedke could have visited 5, 828 clubs with 280,000 members, time permitting.

Again, Los Angeles furnished the District Governor, Hugh M. Tiner, whose duty it was to visit the 52 clubs in District 107 with 3,545 members.

San Marino Rotary Club presented to District Governor, Tiner, a total of 49 Rotarians. These 49 members of the San Marino Club ended the year with an attendance of 91.84 per cent.

GETTING THINGS DONE

President Irving commented "a man too busy for Rotary should not be in Rotary."

It was the desire of President Irving to make Troop 4, the biggest and best Troop in San Marino.

Tucked away under Events to Come, "Tom and Erma Beal vacationing down around Texas way before Tom opens up his new drug store around September." Tom has typefied the image of Rotary throughout the many years he has been a member.

In the approval of Ted Laveson, with the classification of "Past Service," our club acquired a Chef of world renown. More will be said of him and his culinary arts at a later date.

President King appointed Percy Cowherd and Larry Shepard as a committee to study the advisability of having a nominating committee presenting nominees for President and Directors.

Thumbnail biography of George Gantus - dancer, successful merchant, dancer, sportsman, dancer. George was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, moved to Los Angeles, went into the food business with his father, became and is a very successful merchant.

Another unusual event - fishing for your lunch. The club met at the Rainbow Angling Club in Azusa, fished, caught trout, then were served an excellent trout dinner prepared by George Gantus, Dick Kirkpatrick, George Priest, and Guy Lauderbaugh.

As further evidence that the club was searching for activities in which they could serve, one finds the purchase of phonographs for the McCormick General Hospital as another example of this service.

The devotion of this club to the youth is exemplified by its interest in scouting and sponsorship of same.

Rotarians and their wives took over "The Drunkard" for an evening of fun. Seems some of the brothers did more than enjoy the acts. What with free beer, etc., they really took the title seriously.

The Rotary Foundation became a memorial to Paul P. Harris.

The Conference of District 107 was held April 21 and 22 in Las Vegas. Many Rotarians and Rotaryannes made the trip.

It was moved and approved to appropriate funds to help defray the expense of the Easter Sunrise Services.

Rotarians discovered the need to give financial assistance to the wife of a former member. After much discussion, the club cashed the \$500.00 denomination, Series "F" War Savings Bond, and the proceeds of this sale together with the contributions from each member, was turned over to the wife.

The new "Prexy" George Edwin Norwood, started life in Kansas City, Kansas. More about him later.

NEW MEMBERS

Rotary grew this year. Eleven members were inducted. They were: Ted Laveson, Clarence Folsom, Hubert Shepard, Herb (Mac) McCormick, Harry Bleeker, Chris Hendra, Bill Winn, John McDonald, Bill Hitchcock, Bud Godfrey and Eugene Fishburn.

A review of this year and of the many events again set an example of Rotary in Action. About January, 1947, President Irving King had a heart attack, and did not serve actively as President for the rest of his term. He was able to return to meetings after about two months, but Paul Cunningham, Program Chairman, finished out the year as an unofficial acting President.

