

SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB

President Dan Ellis' Year
1963-64

In 1964 the San Marino Rotary Club celebrated its 25th Anniversary. Dr. Dan R. Ellis was President.

Carl P. Miller became President of Rotary International. He encouraged and developed a wonderful International program for all Rotarians to make visits between matched clubs. Our San Marino Club was matched with Nova Friburgo, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In keeping with this program, members of our club, with members of other clubs in District 530, toured South America to further International understanding and good will. Also, our club hosted two high school boys from Brazil. The visiting students, Rudolpho Alberto Assis Libmann and Belmer Ferreira were members of an Interact Club in the Rio de Janeiro district.

District 530 elected C. R. "Chet" Baldwin, Governor. Governor Baldwin had many objectives. One of these was to have 530 become a 300% Rotary Foundation District and another was to organize Interact clubs. Our own club accomplished both. The first organized and operating Interact club in District 530 was formed at our own San Marino High School.

President-elect Dan and Wilma attended the 54th annual convention of Rotary International in St. Louis, Missouri. June 26, 1963 Dave Fiscus officially installed Dan as President of our San Marino Rotary Club. Rotarian Dave remarked that the President's Pin had been worn by Twenty-four previous Presidents and Dan was the twenty-fifth President to wear it. During the ceremony Rotarians, Rotaryannes and guests were treated to a brilliant pantomime and choreography directed by Barbara Fiscus. Dancers were Jane Clay, Hal Loynd, John McDonald, Cal Goodrich, Tru Lattin, Ham Stevens, and Dave Fiscus.

Reviewing the clubs history for the first twenty-five years, it is clear that a tremendous sense of enthusiasm within the club has been the motivating force from Charter Night in 1939 to 1964.

There were many other accomplishments this year. Tru Lattin was appointed as chairman of a committee to study pre-payment of luncheons. The report was given to the Board of Directors. Most members of the Board favored such a plan but action to accept the plan was deferred until the year 1964-65. For the first time our club participated with other clubs in District 530 in hosting a reception and dinner for a President of Rotary International, Mr. Carl P. Miller.

Thirty-three clubs in our District held their Rotary Conference at the Hotel Sahara in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dr. Clarence "Clink" Folsom participated in Project Hope. This was an endeavor in helping other people help themselves of medical teaching and training. He and his Rotaryanne, Gladys, were on the ship S. S. Hope visiting Ecuador, South America.

One of the highlights of the past quarter century was the celebration of the Silver Anniversary of the club. More than 100 Rotarians, Rotaryannes and guests attended the 25th Anniversary at the La Canada Country Club and enjoyed one of the most outstanding meetings in the clubs' history. Feature of the evening was the presentation of a special citation to George Gantus, John Hoffman and Hamilton Stevens, all charter members of the club. President Dan received many congratulatory messages on this special occasion from clubs throughout the United States.

Dave Fiscus who had installed Dan as President also had, as he put it, "The Sordid Task" of demoting President Dan.

In closing his year, President Dan remarked it was an honor and a privilege to serve as President. As Chick Martin expressed it so well, "We are only here for a very short while. Don't Hurry, Don't Worry and Don't Forget to Smell the Flowers Along the Way."

