

SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB

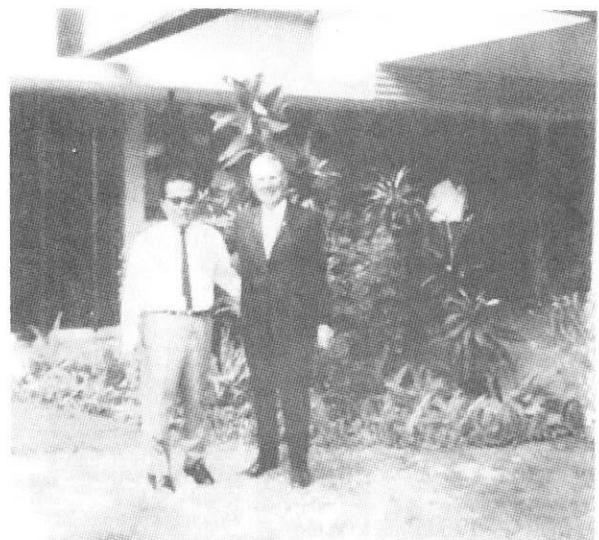
President Birk Lefler's Year
1964-65
(as related by Birk Lefler)

In reviewing this period, two events stand out in my memory. First was our successful advocacy, at the district level, of our member John H. Clay as Governor Nominee for 1966-67. While John's outstanding performance at all levels of Rotary participation made it a much easier task, it nevertheless required a combined club effort to secure the active support of our candidate by the past District Governors and other Rotary Clubs.

Next in importance was the implementation of a quarterly billing program for dues and luncheons. This had been discussed for some time and had been actively sponsored by Dan Ellis, the immediate Past President. This seemingly undramatic and rather routine item was instrumental not only in relieving the Treasurer of a burdensome weekly task, but greatly boosted attendance and resulted in a continuing cash surplus, which was badly needed for our various Community programs.

Under the leadership of Jim Fischer and Jerry Wolcott, our Club raised \$1700.00 through a series of raffles. Travel and holiday packages and contributions by a number of resort hotels were obtained by Jim Fischer. The proceeds were given to the Rotary Foundation and thus raised our Club to the 500% level - a real achievement in those days. Few of us understood at the time what a great amount of effort and expense was expended by Jim Fischer in this project. We thank you, Jim, for the momentum you created in our support of the Foundation.

Another project was the supplying of materials and labor for the construction of a Y.M.C.A. cabin at Big Bear "Y" Camp. The "Y" cabin involved many of our members who made several trips and built an excellent structure, including a concrete slab from plans drawn by architect Fred Turton, our club member. A complete exhibit was assembled of this project and has been on display on several occasions. This, again, was a combined Club effort in which many members donated materials, money and services.



Mr. and Mrs. Birk Lefler with the Thomtais in Bangkok

