

## **SAN MARINO ROTARY CLUB**

**President Lois Derry's Year  
1996-1997**

**Lois Derry's year began with the International Convention in Calgary, Canada, which was also attended by Debbie Priester, Bob Eichel, and Therese and Lee Mothershead.**

**Our primary goal for the year was to increase fellowship, fun and service. We inducted 7 new members bringing our membership to 101.**

**As usual Rotary Foundation was a primary focus of San Marino Rotary. This was the first year our Paul Harris luncheon honoring our two recipients of the Paul Harris Honorary Fellowship awards was held at the Huntington Library and it was very successful. Our honorees were Virginia Randall, a teacher at Carver School, and Jim Sherar, long time fire captain with the San Marino Fire Department. They both have a long history of service to the community.**

**Our 15<sup>th</sup> Ambassadorial scholar was Nicole Biles from San Marino and she went to Florence, Italy. We were entertained and informed of her experiences by many e-mails and letters.**

**Rotary International Ambassadorial scholar, Linda O'Conner from Calgary, Canada, was sponsored by Debbie Lowrey Fogarty, attended several events with us, and was hosted by Debby, Lois and other members for special occasions.**

**Some of our programs were the 4-way speech contest, Dan Stover Music contest, Career Connection with almost 300 students and community professionals participating talks from the Huntington Hospital and the Huntington Library. Another special program was the visit by the Rose Queen and her royal court which was a combined meeting with the Altadena and Pasadena Sunrise Club. Each month Loren Kleinrock brought an outstanding student of the month as our guest and, as usual, we were amazed at their accomplishments.**

**Early in the year we sent \$1200 to a school in Guatemala whose plight was brought to us by Ken Veronda. The small school is in the Highlands of Guatemala home to the Karyobal and Maya natives. Our grant went right into the classroom enabling this school to remain open. Later in the year, we had party at Merrill and Margie Francis's beautiful home to benefit the FINCA program which also benefits these very needy people. It was a colorful, successful event and the money all went to a great cause.**

**With Margie Lowe-Francis as chairman, we again won best float in the San Marino Fourth of July parade. It was a fun project with several Rotarians pitching in to build, design and drive.**

We hosted a Rotary Group Exchange delegation from the Philippians at lunch, then had a small home reception before attending a no host dinner. We also arranged for the group exchange members to stay with members of our club.

Our participation in RYLA was very successful with 10 students from San Marino High School and 2 from Southwestern Academy attending. We also had 4 of our members attending as counselors and facilitators.

As usual, we supported many community programs such as YMCA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Mini Grants, Community Fair, Southwestern Academy, Grad Night, Volley Ball Court at the high school, Little League, Junior Tennis Tournament, and Eaton Canyon Nature Center.

Our fundraiser chaired by Bruce Pretzinger was very successful and we had a lot of fun. It consisted of a 50/50 raffle with one card from a deck drawn each week. It lasted for almost 50 weeks and Mark Chen drew the final winning card.

Our social events consisted of a wonderful Holiday Party at the Shakespeare Club chaired by Debbie Priester with many members and guests attending. We were entertained by the Citrus Singers. A social for new members and the new and old board was hosted by Lois at her home. Although not strictly a social, we had a wonderful summer party at Lee and Theresa Mothershead's home honoring our visit by District Governor, Ernie Jensen. We also had our annual demotion party at the Athenaeum chaired by Chris Daywyler, which was a well attended and fun event.

The district convention was held in Palm Springs and, although the temperature reached 115 degrees during the day, we had a wonderful time. San Marino Rotary was honored with both the President's and Governor's citation for outstanding service.



Building the 4th of July Float



International Convention  
Calgary, Canada