Rotary Year 2012-2013



It is my privilege to lead our club into the year of "Peace through Service" and into the City of San Marino's Centennial year celebration. I greeted our members every meeting with a warm welcome to the "likeable" San Marino Rotary Club.

The Rotary July 4th parade has been the tradition kick off our Rotary year. We are thankful that our past President Bob Nafie refurbished the Rotary float so that San Marino Rotary may showcase its spirit of "Service Above Self" every July 4th.

I assembled the club board members to take leading roles in many areas of service in our club. Steve Talt, Immediate Past President; Peter Corzo, President Elect; Dennis Kneier, Treasurer; Karen Paciorek, Secretary; Wayne Carter, Foundation; Mike Driebe, Youth Service; Terry Petrillo, Membership; Joe Petrillo, Program; Lucille Norberg, Social; Lois Matthew, Fritz Seares, and Greg Thompson.

Our club is known to serve our community and beyond. Through our active service projects we are able to demonstrate the vibrancy of the club. In celebration of San Marino Centennial year, we presented to the City of San Marino a "Red Car" mural on the wall just east of the City Hall on Huntington Drive. The tireless works of Dennis Kneier for many years has finally paid off with that beautiful "Pacific Rail Red Car". In addition, The Rotary Centennial Sports Field, a joint project with the City ,was dedicated in May 2013 at Stoneman School, home of the San Marino Recreation Department. This grass field will provide additional sports activities for our youth in the community.

All our community service projects and many charitable funding will not be possible without the membership support of the San Marino Rotary Charities- the charitable arm of the San Marino Rotary Club. This year, Len Therrien headed up the San Marino Rotary Charities Board with 18 board members have done an outstanding job to support our community and beyond. The Charities Annual Report, first ever, features active committees accomplishing many projects from local to international. The funding of Rotary Charities is largely derived from members' contributions as well as from the third annual San Marino Motor Classic. SMMC has drawn increasing crowds of classic car enthusiasts and the like to Lacy Park every early June. San Marino Rotary Charities as well as Pasadena Humane Society and Peterson Automobile Museum are the beneficiaries of the car show event.

Our membership has reached the highest level in the recent years. Lucille Norberg received the "Rotarian of the Year" award at the District Conference in San Diego. Steve Garrett, our own Past District Governor, had made the District Conference a great success for District 5300 and had made Dr. Sylvia Whitlock proud for her year as our District Governor.

Isaac Hung President 2012-2013