



Club of
San Marino



2020 - 2021 President's Year End Report

The 2020-2021 Rotary year was truly unique. The world was shut down by the Covid-19 pandemic. State quarantine directives and shutdowns started in March of 2020 and continued until June 15, 2021. Rotary meetings at the San Marino Community Church did not occur during that timeframe due to restrictions. Despite this, our club continued to meet virtually on Zoom and did so faithfully every Thursday from 12:00pm-1:30pm.

Faced with the challenge of not having physical meetings, our club still managed to stay together and develop creative solutions to serve in our community and abroad.

Due to the pandemic, our major fundraiser scheduled in June of 2020 was cancelled. The San Marino Motor Classic did not happen as scheduled, encumbering our budget funds for the 2020-2021 Rotary year. A creative solution was found by the San Marino Charities Board. The Charities budget for the 2020-2021 Rotary year, was comprised of what were to be member San Marino Motor Classic ticket purchases in addition to funds rolled over from cancelled projects in the last quarter of the 2020 Rotary year. With this solution to our budget, our club still managed to fund most of our yearly projects and events.

Our Club made a large effort to continue to make a difference by conducting the following:

In Our Community

- We collaborated with Boy Scout Troop 351 to collect canned food for those impacted by Covid-19
- Our club members donated \$1046 towards an Eagle Scout project which furnished portable hand washing stations in the greater community to help alleviate the spread of Covid-19
- Members also donated \$1300 towards an Eagle Scout project to plant hedges to beautify an empty YMCA lot
- Through District Designated Funds, our club was able to contribute to a Gold Award project building owl houses at the Huntington Library
- Rotarians participated in a Walk for Polio with the local Interact Clubs
- Rotary participated in the San Marino City Egg Hunt where we provided over 500 Easter treats for community children

- We still managed to participate in assembling and donating 146 bikes for our Annual Bikes for Christmas Project with the Rotary Clubs of Pasadena, Altadena and Pasadena After Hours
- Our club made a donation of \$1200 towards Christmas gifts for the children at La Casa in lieu of our Annual Party that was not able to take place due to quarantine restrictions
- Rotary collaborated on a city wide Anti-Bias education effort with the San Marino Police Department, San Marino Fire Department, San Marino High School, the City of San Marino, San Marino PTSA, the Chinese Club of San Marino, the San Marino City Club, the East Meets West Parent Education Club, Partnership for Awareness, and South Pasadena/San Marino YMCA
- Our Community Grants Committee Disbursed over \$28,000 to local non-profits

In International Projects

- Through a Rotary International Global Grant, we collaborated with the Rotary Club of Tijuana Independencia to help restore a secondary school in Tijuana
- In collaboration with the Rotary e-Club Francophone in France and Rotary International Global Grant, we helped provide medical equipment for a rural hospital in Thailand
- We provided emergency COVID -19 agricultural aid in Cambodia
- Through a generous donation of gold coins by member Andrew Kindler, our club purchased an ambulance for a clinic and school in Siem Reap, Cambodia
- Working with longtime partner Buseesa Community Development Centre, our club provided 11 metallic beds with mattresses, installed two 5,000 liter water tanks for water harvesting, solar panels to generate electricity and copper lightning arrester for a maternity ward in Kabaale, Uganda

Our Foundation

- 100% of our members achieved Paul Harris Fellowship level
- Over \$35,000 was raised for the Annual Share program against a goal of \$25,000
- 97% member participation rate was achieved for the Annual Share program
- Over \$3,380 was raised for Polio Plus against a goal of \$1,250. Thanks to a creative solution of Pandemic Pig envelopes, our members were still able to donate at weekly meetings
- \$11,700 of District Designated Funds were successfully deployed on 5 projects
- 3 members achieved Major Donor Level 1 recognition
- Mark Liang was awarded as the Global Grant Scholar through our club's efforts. Mark will be attending Cambridge University

For Our Youth

- Our Bill Steele Mini Grants Committee still managed to find a creative way to disburse over \$35,000 to local schools
- Our Club awarded 2 Barth Scholarships to local high school students
- The Rotary Readers committee awarded books to local school libraries
- We celebrated a Rotary Student of the Month every single month during the school year
- We were able to still honor 8 Military Academy appointees virtually at our Annual Salute to the Academy Appointees program
- Our club purchased a banner for the San Marino Little League
- We donated to the PTSA Golf Classic
- We provided funding for the HMS and SMHS Interact Clubs

In Fellowship

- We hosted a Holiday Rotary on the Town via Zoom for our members to convene to celebrate the Holidays
- Our Annual Chili Cook Off was hosted via Zoom
- A Virtual Wine Tasting Event took place for members to socialize outside of a meeting

Our Programs Committee continued to produce a very high caliber of virtual programs for our club via Zoom. Thanks to creative committee chairs and members, our club still managed to host virtual programs for our youth such as the Art Contest, the 4 Way Test Speech Contest, the Business Plan Competition and the Dan Stover Music Competition.

Our Membership Committee and Club Board found solutions to reduce fees for all members in an effort to retain membership during the pandemic.

All in all, our Club not only survived the pandemic year, but also found ways to serve which is a testament to our club's resolve in making a difference.

Aaron Gil
2020-2021 Club President



Rotary Club meeting via Zoom



Rotarians at the Annual Chili Cook off Distribution



Rotarians at the Can Food Drive Collection



Rotarians and Interactors at the Walk for Polio



Annual Bikes for Christmas Assembly



Olivia Lee with Her Owl Houses