

The Friendly

Westwood Village Rotary Club

Los Angeles, California

Celebrating 75 Years of

Service Above Self

1929-2004





DEDICATION

In your hands is a historic record of the Rotary Club of Westwood Village from 1929 to 2004. It includes two earlier volumes, the 25th and the 50th Anniversary Books.

Since the publication of our 50th Anniversary Book in 1989, the WVRC brought two governors to District 5280, William Goodwyn in 1985-1986 and Marshall Anderson in 1994-1995.

We also honor three members who are Westwood Village Rotarians for over fifty years. They are PP Howard Henkes since 1952, PP James Collins since 1953, and with perfect attendance PP James Downie since 1954.

As each president recounts his year of leadership, two names are frequently acknowledged. Fittingly, he was the president who launched us into our 51st year and remained active until he joined The Lord in December 2002. He mentored many administrations and acted as Executive Secretary and Treasurer alongside his dear wife Opal. He was our guardian angel who whispered words of wisdom to keep us on course. Although Douglas Desch passed away six months before my presidency, I had the distinct pleasure of learning from this fine Rotarian and wise gentleman during the previous five years.

We dedicate this 75th Anniversary Commemorative Book to our dear friends Doug and Opal Desch.

Peter More
President 2003-2004
Westwood Village Rotary Club



1979-1980 President William C. Goodwyn

Looking back twenty-five years has been a challenge and certainly invokes nostalgic memories. Of the nine officers and directors on my board, only three remain members today. Doug Desch served as Vice President, Dick Littlestone was Secretary, and John Singleton served as Treasurer. The board included Roy Belosic, John Jeffery, Eric Loberg, Russ Richards, and Bill Peplow. Sadly, five of the nine are now deceased.

As the incoming president, I was fortunate to travel to Rome for the International Convention, and experienced one of the most chaotic events in Rotary International history. I attended the first of two opening ceremonies along with seven-thousand others, and the welcome speeches from the mayor, national president, and other dignitaries were so long, the bus drivers who delivered the attendees (the convention center was 25 miles from Rome) left when their shift was over, stranding everyone following the ceremony. The next wave was arriving for the second ceremony, and that set the stage for the rest of the convention.

Serving as club president for our 50th anniversary (and the 75th anniversary of R.I.) was a special honor and privilege, and there were few moments during the year without much excitement and activity. World events dominated the headlines: the American hostages in Iran; the Russian

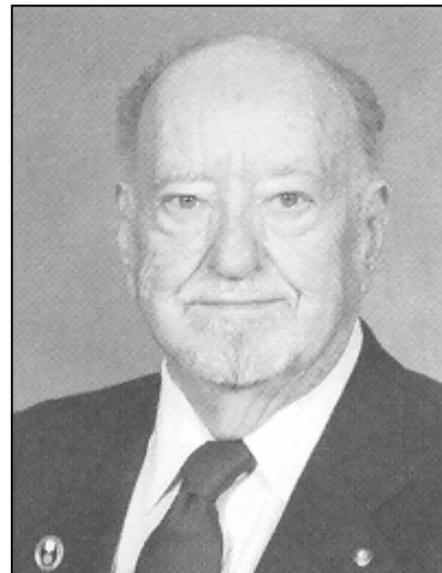
invasion of Afghanistan; the international boycott of the Moscow Olympics, the leading economic indicators hitting the third lowest level in history; the resignation of the Secretary of State protesting the American attempt to rescue our hostages; record inflation and interest rates; and a presidential election year, kept the discussions at club meetings very lively.

Highlights of the year included thirty-six new Paul Harris Fellows; the 50th anniversary dinner-dance attended by 300 community leaders; our new club banner; Past President Sam Wanous confirmed as District Governor Nominee for 1981-82; the wine-tasting party given in honor of fellow Rotarians from Paris, France; our plans to erect a flagpole in the center of Westwood Village, and the 50th anniversary book, were but a few of the exceptional activities made possible by the dedication and unselfish contributions of our members.

We had more than forty people at the District Conference in San Diego, and WVRC was recognized by winning first place in International Service, Community Service, and Club Service, and second place in Vocational Service. The biggest award was presented at the Governor's Ball, and for the first time in our history, our club won first place in the Best Club competition. We won a banner to be displayed for a year and also received a permanent bell in honor of that recognition.

No one can serve successfully as a Rotary club president without the support and contributions of the club members, and that was certainly true during our 50th anniversary year.

William C. Goodwyn



1980-1981 President Douglas Dell Desch

Officers

President Elect- John Singleton
Vice President- Eric Loberg
Sec/Treasurer- Roy Belosic
Board of directors:
Howard Siskel
Dave More
Bill Bloomfield, Jr.

Of all the Past Presidents in the last twenty five years, Doug's Rotary career was the most difficult to assemble for this history. Yet, here was a man who dedicated himself not only to the Westwood Village Rotary Club, but to the District, and International as well. The difficulty may rest in the fact that Doug lived under the Rotary Motto, "Service Above Self."

Serving as Club President was just the beginning of his achievements. In 1983 he was named Club Rotarian of the year, for among other things, his work with the Rotary Foundation.

In 1995, Doug was named District Rotarian of the year. Again, this honor for his dedication to the Foundation

In 1998, Doug was awarded the very prestigious Rotary International Service Above Self commendation

Doug, along with his wife Opal, kept very active in the club. Opal, a member of the Rotary Anns from the late 1970's often wrote a column which appeared in the Windmill regarding the activities of our women's group. She later became Executive Secretary for the Westwood Village Rotary club under Doug's

guidance. When illness forced her retirement, Doug took over the task and along with the excellent handling of financial matters, provided priceless aid to presidents and directors.

Douglas Dell Desch held the classification of 'Motion Picture Distribution.' A good part of this was in affiliation with Disney Studios. Doug personified the fun and cleverness of the Disney characters, and always had stuffed toys and gadgets to give away to both the young and old.



Using the caricature bust drawn by a Disney Artist for Doug, the editor sent this sketch back to him along with payment of a whopping Rotary bill.



We still have Disney Dolls and 'Finger Mice' you gave us, Doug. They serve in a small way to remind us of your many kindnesses. We'll miss you.

James Downie



1981-1982 President John R. Singleton

My years as President were 1981 and 1982 and they were the most fabulous years of the Westwood Village Rotary Club. The year was a difficult one in the fact that I was following two outstanding presidents - Bill Goodwyn, two years before me, and Doug Desch, the year immediately before me -- both who took the Westwood Village Rotary Club to the position as #1 Large Club of the District.

Needless to say, my responsibilities were to once again repeat as #1 Large Club with a few extra awards, which we did accomplish. We wound up #1 Large Club in International Service, #1 in Club Service and #1 in Youth Services. Plus, the Governor's Special Award as the most supportive club in the district. Maybe the fact that Sam Wanous, a member of our Westwood Village Rotary Club, was the District Governor had something to do with the award.

My year started out with the International Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil, which was attended by Joanne and myself, the Wanous' and the Tsengs. I started the year by presenting everybody with a calendar beginning in June, going through the following year, and I announced to everyone at that time that we were planning to have a social event with our spouses. Several memorable events: a trip to Las Vegas for one weekend, and another weekend at the Alisal Ranch in Ojai. We also had the first "Sweetheart Brunch" at the

Beach Club, which I am happy to say is now an annual tradition. Another outstanding event was our trip to Guadalajara, Mexico, to visit our sister club. Steve Scherer and myself, headed up the hearing aid project in which we were able to first visit the special school for deaf children with six audiologists. At that time we took ear molds and checked the students to see what their hearing disabilities were. Later the same year we returned with 216 hearing aids and ear molds for the deaf children. What a fabulous event that was. Many tears of happiness were shed by all -- children, parents and Rotarians.

To help some of the newer members become more acquainted with the older members I would interview each member and give a short bio of their background before each meeting. I would generally cover two or three people at a time. For the advertising they received I fined them \$50.00 each (which was the start for the club fine inflation). Our general membership increased to 132 members. During my term as President a few of the new members that joined Rotary were: Dick Robinson, Bruce Rolf and Bob Thom.

One of the best things I did for the Club, particularly the Presidents that followed me, was that I got the Board to approve Doug Desch as the Permanent Club Secretary. The results do not have to be explained. The District Conference was held at Mission Bay in San Diego, where we were presented our awards. One of the memorable events at the conference was a luncheon meeting we hosted and at that time we presented Dr. Salk with a Paul Harris Fellowship. As the fabulous year came to an end, and at the demotion party, I was given a Roast put on by Eric Loberg, along with the help of Jim Downie and John Hoag at the Beach Club.

These memories and experiences will always bring happiness, pride and inspiration in being an active member of the Westwood Village Rotary Club.

John Singleton





1982-1983 President Eric Lewis Loberg

For some of you older Rotarians, this will be a trip through memory lane. For you recent Rotarians, this is a window to the past.

Hello, Rotarians, stand by for news! Thus, in the style of Paul Harvey, we started off the inaugural address to this fine august group for the Rotary

year '82-'83, 20 years ago! Almost immediately an attempt was made to disrupt this formal "calling to service presentation" by a few crude, inappropriate, discourteous, ill mannered, shameless and rude hecklers who continued their sophomoric banter through the difficult half hour discourse. However, the overwhelming importance of the talk was more than a few miscreants could squelch, and the call to "Service Above Self" rang loud and clear. Anyway, my time spent at the Presidents' Training Seminar on learning focusing techniques was to be invaluable.

Let me enumerate what was accomplished in 1982-83. This was a year that produced 1st Place awards – not Honorable Mention or certificates of participation -- 1st Place awards, numero uno, el maximo, blue ribbons in:

- Vocational Service
- Community Service
- Youth Service
- Club Service
- Bulletin
- Large Club

2nd Place: International Service
The only avenue of service we did not

take 1st place in was International Service, which is as a joke because nobody, and I mean nobody, did or does as much as we do in International Service. They had to give us second place in something. Obviously, we were awarded 1st Place for the best large club in the District, but the "finest year ever" would have to still wait for Jim Summer's year. Of course, Jim could only dream about garnering all these awards. But Jim, I know you're listening and your year was the "finest year ever."

My year was sandwiched in between "Ah"....John...."Ah" Singleton who has been recognized as the "Rotarian of the Year" by this club (what more do I need to say?). And Roy Belosic, who was able to salvage a club that by that time was in total disarray. John got to go to Sao Paolo, Brazil and I think Roy got to go to Rome for their international conferences. I got to go to the Big D—Dallas—but who can complain when Jim Collins was lucky enough to go to downtown L.A.

As I look back on the year, I would have to say the highlight was our "fruit juice" talk where we learned that by simply eating fruit and drinking fruit

A "FINE" THING

Today, little thought is given to fines paid by members to support our charitable work. That said, one occasionally 'gulps' a little when viewing their quarterly statement, but Service Above Self continues unabated.

Back in the Fifty's, the assessments ran from One Dollar to maybe Ten and were collected in cash. Subject to the abilities of the reigning President, the small fines covered such things as a rowdy table, someone late for the meeting, or possibly not wearing their Rotary pin. The Sergeant at Arms was equipped to circulate amongst the members to make the collections. At one point in our early history, the old saying, "How about feeding the kitty" was followed up by the Sergeant displaying a resemblance of a real 'Kitty' with a moveable jaw. It snapped happily at the bills presented.

As time and informality slipped away, the kitty was exchanged for a silver plated 'Silent Butler' mounted on a long handle. A clever wire device opened the lid by remote control. The 'Butler' was a gift from the Rotary Anns and was considered to be in better taste.

For many years, the stock phrase used in fining was, "thank you for contributing to the youth fund." But, with the expansion of our charitable work in many fields, the acknowledgment now is usually made to the charity of the day. The only language not changed, might be the mutterings of the unfortunate person fined. The advent of inflation and the fact that our club had grown and was tackling larger projects, the smaller fines proved time -consuming and not practical for the small revenue collected.

Our Rotary fining process was for the most part, done during the President's first half hour and it was the general rule to use most of this time for that purpose alone. Many of the ideas used in extracting fines were hilarious and made the giving next to painless. A president of the Santa Monica Club, put his office staff on alert for names in the news similar to those of his Rotary members. They looked for convicted bank robbers, scam artists, crooked politicians and anything out of the ordinary. This information was cleverly formatted to a person being fined and the results were humorous. The collection process was so good, that it attracted members from other clubs who came for the fun.

The operation of our Rotary club today has become more sophisticated and the office of the President carries greater responsibilities. For some, eliminating the fun and games as practiced by the earlier regimes seems fitting. However, the membership has a way of creating their own humor, which in turn preserves the enjoyment of the fining process.

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juice before consuming the usual meats, sugars and fats, we could reduce our rate of infection and sickness by any disease to virtually zero. Alas, this was more than poor Les Holve (our resident pediatrician) could stand, and I do recall him leaving somewhat before the presenter completed his talk. Hank Heuer's presentation on Esops was nothing compared with this juicer.

Of course we participated in the usual programs: the Maude Booth Shopping Spree, the progressive dinner for the exchange students, the day at the races, the presentations of clocks and sabers, the cop of the year award, Ladies "Day" (singular) at Christmas, Junior Achievement, ad infinitum, ad nauseam.

Interspersed between the tireless efforts on the important formal matters, we did have time for a few jokes, poems, limericks and puns not always.....understood by the entire membership but none-the-less presented. Remember the "Sailor Who Sat on a Rock?" Or the queer bear? Or the prolific sponges? Remember we also learned the "Secrets to a Happy Marriage."

Alas, the Presidency was for one year only....there was no second term, nor a desire for one by either side. "Political Correctness" had not at that time gripped the country so we were able to have a little fun and poke insults at each other without the fear of today's "moral outrage." Blessed are those that can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused!

Talking about "Political Correctness," at my initial Board meeting, a lobster clambake dinner at my house, we were the victims of a full blown CROSS BURNING on the front lawn. A couple of the board members were nervous but I immediately smelled Dr. Mike O'Connell all over it. Mike was always such a great help during my year. Even my across-the-street neighbor, Dr. Edwin Cooper, a black physician at UCLA, still continues to laugh about



it. Can you imagine that happening today? We would all be in jail.

But that was yesterday, and today we have Peter More ON HIS WAY TO FOREVER....TOGETHER....with Shirley, let's continue our full support and have some fun. In wishing Peter continued luck in a great year, the best year has already been taken,

Eric Loberg



1983-1984 President Roy R. Belosic

Officers:

Vice President Howard Siskel
Secretary David More
Treasurer Wm. Bloomfield, Jr.

Directors:

Jim Greathead Community Service
Jack Harris International Service
Howard Helfman Youth Service
Art Henry Vocational Service

District Governor:

Bob Houston

International Conference

Toronto, Canada June, 1983

The International Convention held in Toronto Canada was the most enjoyable Rotary experience Rebecca and I had ever had. An Air Canada plane crash and a Toronto high-rise building fire, not withstanding, it was a wonderful trip. Toronto is a beautiful city, modern, clean and charming. The real enduring experience of the trip was the conference itself. The Plenary

sessions and the special meetings were outstanding. Incoming R.I. President Bill Skelton's theme, "Share Rotary - Serve people" pervaded the community of 20,000 Rotarians in attendance. I'm not a gushy person, but at the opening plenary session, when the procession of flags from 102 participating countries took place, I was damn proud to be a Rotarian! It was a wonderful moment, and the pride I felt was renewed throughout the week at events like the California Breakfast that attracted 1200 fellow Rotarians from the Golden State, and the Paul Harris Fellows luncheon with 1500 in attendance, or the incoming president's luncheon with over 2000 gathered to hear President Skelton's uplifting address. There was an in-home hospitality, mystery dinner night, and the fun of meeting new Rotarians from everywhere imaginable, every time you walked down the street or went into a store or restaurant or a museum. Thank you all so much for sending Rebecca and me to Toronto. The joy of Rotary and its positive influence on the whole world will long live in our hearts."

District Conference

San Diego Hilton May 1983

Club assembly

Our club assembly was held at Madam Wu's Restaurant in Santa Monica.

District Governor Bob Huston

Roy was pleased during his year to provide a very special line-up of guest speakers. Among the notables were: Daryl Gates, Los Angeles City Police Chief, Zev Yaroslavsky, City Councilman, Happy Hairston, Lakers Basketball star, Jimmy Weldon, creator of 'Webster Webfoot', Terry Donohue, UCLA Football Coach, Jim Bush, UCLA Track Coach and Elizabeth Armstrong, President of the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners."

A Little Frustration

Roy, like many Presidents of the era, put up with the antics of an informal group of Rotarians known as the "Floor Committee." Dick Van Curen was possibly the most articulate of the group, and would often interrupt the meeting with some unnecessary comment. President Roy Belosic was the first to meet Van Curen in battle, and often won. He had produced a series of counter wise cracks, much

like this one: "Dick is an amazing fellow- I once saw him talking, drinking, eating and smoking- all at the same time."

Another First

Under President Roy's banner year, Westwood Village Rotary was the first to have its own club song. "Let Service Turn the Wheel" was composed and arranged by Orville John Hoag. It was introduced at the first meeting of the year. Rotary International sent special recognition of the song, and also published it in the official club song book. A brief article was written about the song in the Rotarian Magazine.

Roy directed that a photograph of the entire club be arranged. It was the first to be taken in five years, and the site was the beautifully landscaped hill just above the Swan Pond on the hotel's property.

In Honor of

An American flag that flew over the Capital Building in Washington D.C. was provided to us on request of Congressman Mel Levine. It was installed as our official Rotary Club Flag. A special Marine Corps Color Guard officiated at the installation. Our former flag was retired with honors and was presented as a personal symbol of love and respect to Virginia Gandy, daughter of John Sandman, our last surviving charter member. John passed away at One Hundred years and six months, just shortly before this special event was to be made in his honor.

President Roy created the first WVRC Club Historian position. John McGinnis was the first to be installed.

Roy also created 'Avocational Day' during his presidency. It has continued through the years as a popular event for our Rotary Club.

President Roy advised there were some new organizational wrinkles this year as well. One was the appointment of John McGinnis as our official club historian and archivist. "A few years ago, I spent almost 12 months researching and writing our club's 50th anniversary commemorative book. It was a very satisfying job, but it would have been much easier if there had been someone like John McGinnis to help sort out the collected nostalgia of over half a century. Part of the

problem was that it was spread all over the place from members garages to little used closets, to long forgotten boxes of souvenirs shoved under the bed, or a dusty corner of an attic or basement. Now we have its stored safely in one location and clearly identified, with John keeping a careful eye on it."

Music Abounds

Don Wood, provided expert musical accompaniment to every patriotic song, in any key that was comfortable. To give him an occasional break, a quartet composed of Bill Boeck, Jack Harris, Don Parson, and Bob Lintner, performed for our club.

District Awards

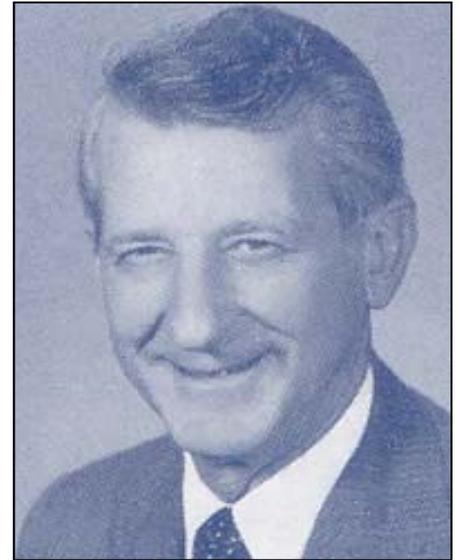
Club Service- First place Blue Ribbon, Howard Siskel, Chairman
International Service - First place Blue Ribbon, Jack Harris Chairman
Community Service- First place Blue Ribbon, Jim Greathead, Chairman
Vocational Service- Second place Red Ribbon, Art Henry, Chairman.

Final comments

During his final meeting, President Roy thanked his committee along with Opal and Doug Desch, Secretary and Executive Treasurer for their fine work and attention to detail. The Bel Air Hotel and its employees were thanked for their friendly and efficient service. "All that's left for me to do is to thank all of you as much as I possibly can for a privilege and a pleasure that was one of the great experiences of my life. I will miss it tremendously."

Roy Belosic

This summary of Roy Belosic's presidential year was provided by Rebecca Belosic with Jim Downie



1984-1985 President Howard B. Siskel

First advice to aspiring Rotary presidents; check on where the International conferences are going to be held. You get a free trip as an incoming president. One year it was in L. A., another was in Las Vegas. I was in Birmingham, England. John and Esther McGinnis were on the trip with us, and in their new Mercedes got lost on the 'roundabouts' almost every night.

Things you learn the hard way. Be sure you know the name of every member. Develop a sixth sense as to timing. "I only need a couple of seconds for an announcement." Usually that means five minutes. An open microphone leads to an open mouth. Next, there's always that nibbling worry that the speaker won't arrive or will arrive 20 minutes late and then want to talk for 45 minutes.

I think about two almost saintly members now gone: Drs. Herb Andrews and Milo Brooks. I still cherish their friendship. But I also have a couple of brilliant devilish members also now gone: Hunter Brown, a brain surgeon, and Dick Van Curen, a very articulate gentleman. They had a habit of standing up to be recognized during the meeting and then in particular, Dick would proceed to make some caustic remarks such as "Mr. President it amazes me that this club would pick somebody as dull witted as you to do this job; I suggest that you resign." I kept a list of responses, equally sarcastic: "A dog is smarter than some people. It wags its

tail and not its tongue" or, "Take a tip from nature, your ears aren't made to shut but your mouth is." Actually after the first outburst he came to me and said he wouldn't do it again if that bothered me. I said it would add a little spice in the meetings so we had fun the whole year.

The year I was President, Eloise was also President of the Rotary Anns. This double presidency had only happened once before in 1956-1957. I think it worked out well for both organizations. These were great years for our club. At the District Conference we were awarded Best Club and firsts in the Four Avenues of Service. Today the prize is a little round cloth doily, but in those days there were huge metal trophies awarded. I came home with a trunk load. In March we had a great visit with the Guadalajara club. Twenty Seven arrived, led by Martin Del Campo a.k.a. Buffalo and his wife Carmelita. Thursday, we had a dinner dance at the beach club, Friday was the day at the races and home dinners, Saturday shopping, golf etc. and a party at our house with singing, dancing, margaritas, and Jack Hiatt at the piano.

Curt Counts was chair of the International Committee and in charge of other service chairs were Randy Cavender, Andy Anderson, Dick Robinson, Dave Moore, Vice President, Bill Bloomfield Jr, Secretary, and Ron Wanglin treasurer. Bruce Harris did the Windmill, and Jim Greathead was in charge of membership. It ranged to about hundred and 125.

Realizing that I was in enemy territory being a USC graduate, I took the bull by the horns. My first meeting started in the usual style but all of a sudden a Dixieland band came marching in playing Dixie jazz. Then they switched and started "Fight on for old SC". A request was made for the "Hills of Westwood" but the band said they didn't know the song.

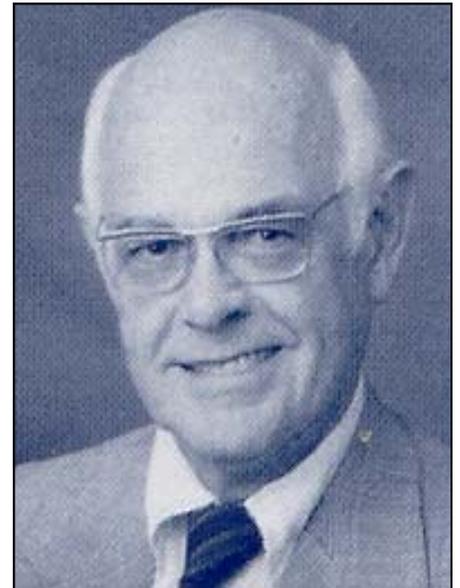
My last meeting had a surprise. About half way through my soliloquy suddenly, from the rear of the dining room a strong melodious soprano voice was heard. Was this like a singing telegram? Would some young thing come up on stage to warble a brief musical Pop and kiss President Howard on his blushing cheek? Not

at all. This program, the final one for 1984-85, had a real touch of class! The Siskels had arranged to have present Ali England, one of the leading sopranos at the Verdi restaurant in Santa Monica. Unfortunately her accompanist had been delayed in traffic. Guess who filled in the fine , unrehearsed accompaniment? None other than Don Wood! Soon the accompanist did arrive. She was Kathy Manteja, the musical director of Verdi's and an accomplished musician in her own right. Yes, Ali England did a couple parody numbers for President Howard and yes he did blush. Then she went on into a wide ranged program of popular show tunes and wandered around through the audience enchanting numerous Rotarians with her talent (and close proximity). What an actress Ali is! She sang a number sitting on Dick Van Curen's lap, even danced with him! And you would swear she was enjoying it. After a delightful program and several encores she received a standing ovation. All that beauty and talent and rare good humor wrapped in one package. Ali was great, District Governor Bill Goodwyn was heard to mutter later, "This was sure going to be a hard act to follow for the new club president." President Howard Siskel went out in a blaze of glory!

Note: The description of Howard's guest entertainer was taken from the July 11, 1985 Windmill. Bruce Harris, editor. JD

My demotion party was at the Bel-Air Bay Club. The skit proceeded to highlight all of my idiosyncrasies. Bill Jr. personified me and did a great job. Did you ever see yourself as others see you? Very revealing, particularly if your wife helps the scriptwriters by revealing your secret oddities. Some presidents refer to their year as the greatest. 1984-1985 wasn't the greatest; it was the most magnificent.

Howard Siskel



1985-1986 President David L. More

Officers
Vice Pres.- Wm. Bloomfield, JR.
Secretary- Ron Wanglin
Treasurer -Randal P. Cavender
Directors
Marshal Anderson
Fred Breer
Wally Fischmann
Dr. Bruce Rolf
Howard Siskel
Windmill Committee
James Greathead, Editor
Alan Culver
Wayne Hart
Dick Littlestone
Roy Belosic

International Conference Held in Kansas City, Kansas. Eleanor doesn't recall anything spectacular about the gathering other than it was pretty close to home. Again they were reminded of Jim Collins' conference in Los Angeles, and then felt much better.

The District Conference was held on May 1st in San Diego at the Hilton. District Governor Bill Goodwyn called it a party for 700 guests. Archie Morrison of the Santa Monica club was Chairman. Speakers included Governor Richard Lamm, sports analyst Bud Greenspan, and popular actor Forrest Tucker. Over ten entertainment acts were viewed

Prior to taking over the club, Dave and Eleanor were traveling in Europe with one of Ernie Wolfe's guided tours. In the interest of starting off his presidency right, Dave left the

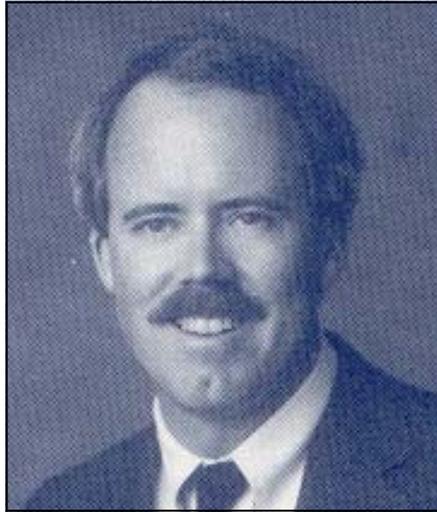
traveling group in Prague and flew home to take over his first meeting as President, It began with the ubiquitous announcements. He was just getting into the swing of things, when from the back of the Garden Room came the wonderful sounds of a Barbershop quartet led by Dr. Bill Boeck and called, "The Phase Four." Songs included " Goodbye My Coney Island Gal," "That Old Gang of Mine," and "Shine on Harvest Moon." Our own Jack Harris and Don Parson were members of the quartet. There were other requests from the audience, and the program was much enjoyed.

Soon after taking office, Dave instituted "President's Corner" and often included a personal column in the Windmill. Ron Lyster and Mike Newman were admitted to the club during Dave's year, and Robert Brant, Sally Brant's husband, was named to the Million Member group by Rotary International. It wasn't determined just how many had joined on that day to become the millionth member

President Dave appointed Terry White, Howard Siskel, Howie Henkes, and Hank Heuer to check the feasibility of establishing a Westwood Village Rotary Foundation

President Dave was an active member of the YMCA Board of Directors. He had both a novel and successful way of seeking donations: he would mail the entire request for funds card with a little note saying, "Take care of it when you can." We did.

Dave More's year assembled with the help of Eleanor More



**1986 - 1987 President
Bill Bloomfield, Jr.**

My "year" really wasn't a year at all: It was, in fact, the installment in a trilogy of "thirty something" guys who cut their teeth in the Sixties and wanted to lead... or drag...the club in to the fun loving, carefree times of our youth. Happily, along the way Ron Wanglin, Dave Whitehead and I forged a close, lifelong bond of friendship.

Highlights from my year
We honored the club members with the most "Imperfect" attendance. Those members who went out of their way not to make the rest of us look bad. Howie Henkes was singled out for his 34 years of imperfect attendance.

I started the annual financial advisors meeting, which, of course continues to this day. Fortunately, no one took it very seriously! The club's first Hump Day was held on my Hump Day, courtesy of the creative, fertile mind

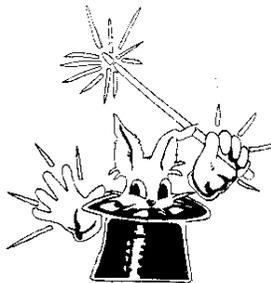
of Ron Wanglin. I was nearly seduced by the gal he hired to "crash" my meeting. (I was single at the time, a theme Ron and several other members enjoyed using against me.)

We arranged to have 27 longer-time members give Craft Talks. This allowed newer members to become better acquainted. In my year we committed to raising \$100,000 for the Polio Plus Campaign. The money was to be collected over the following five years.

We held a "Milo Brooks" day presciently honoring "Saint Mllo" just seven weeks before he passed away. I still remember that despite all the honors and awards he had received in his long, productive life, the only award that was on display in his home when he died was the plaque we had presented to him seven weeks earlier. The Westwood Village Rotary Club was very special to St. Milo.

Finally, for me, at least, I loved playing with the Head Table. I tried to come up with a reason for grouping the head table, and then see if the club was able to guess what they had in common. Some of the better groupings included: I honored all the club members named "John." I honored all the club members who had neither me nor the Web Service Company as one of their customers. (I fined the heck out of all of them, reminding them that the purpose of Rotary was service, not enrichment. Conversely, I really honored Michael Reyes, Web's largest customer at the time. He sat alone a the head table, dining alone on the finest crystal, with a filet mignon for an entree, and champagne. Fortunately, he was a good sport about it, and continued to do business with Web after suffering the embarrassment.

Bill Bloomfield, Jr.



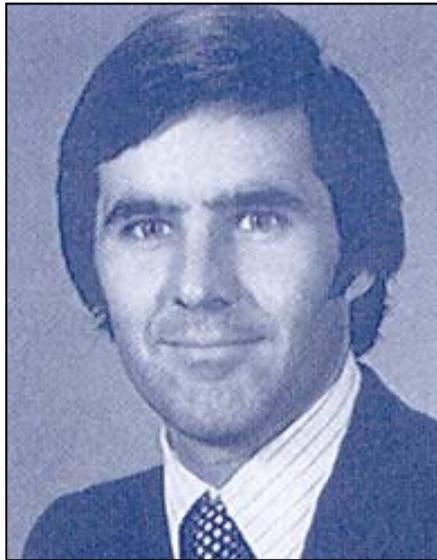
Magic Castle trip a hit - Bill Pierce vanishes in thin air !

Fifty-four Rotarians spent Tuesday evening at the Magic Castle. It was mind boggling! After a delicious prime rib dinner, we were treated to feats of levitation, materialization, hallucination, alteration, and reincarnation. For several hours, the rules of nature (as well as common sense) were repeatedly violated. Still the consensus on the bus trip home was that the greatest show was the Bill and Sharon Pierce disappearing act. How did they do it?

**A New Windmill
Editor's Introduction
April 10, 1986**

As popular comic Marty Allen liked to say, "hello Dere" I'm Roy Belosic and I'm your Windmill editor. Now to some of you that means little more than the quarterly changing of the guard with reference to the Windmill, but for many others it might prompt strong feelings of deja vu. Wasn't Belosic the Windmill editor some years ago? In fact, wasn't he the president of the club once upon a time as well? Yes, it's all true. Shortly after I joined Rotary in 1977, I accepted the position of Windmill editor and continued in that capacity for three enjoyable years. This was back in the days when the editor handled the job by himself for the entire year. My three-year tenure ranks the second longest in club history, but before you think that might be a big deal, let me tip my hat with great gratitude and affection to our beloved Bob Campbell who turned out a splendid edition every week for over 25 years! We lost Bob recently but he will never be forgotten; and if his beautiful Rotary Ann is reading this, Blanche we love you! Anyway I'm back at the typewriter again after an absence of some six years or so. I think I may be the only the past president in our club ever to serve as Windmill editor. I guess recycling works! But next year I understand that past District Governor Sam Wanous is going to give this a go. Since he's already a very successful author of instructional text, he should take it on nicely. Well enough about moi; I'm just delighted to be serving the club in this way again.

Roy Belosic, Editor



**1987-1988 President
Ronald Chase Wanglin**

For me, I think that Rotary began in 1932, the year that my father, Chase Wanglin, joined the West Los Angeles Rotary Club (now Westwood Village). He was an active and supportive member of the club, serving as President in 1937-38, and both his first wife, Marjorie (1939-40), who passed away, and my mother, Ann (1959-60) served as Rotary Ann (now Auxiliary) Presidents. Growing up I attended many meetings at his side, initially at Truman's restaurant at the corner of Westwood and Wilshire Blvd., and later at the Hotel Bel-Air. Contemporary members of my father's tenure will always stand out vividly in my mind for their friendliness, wit, knowledge and dedication to Rotary: Bob (and Blanche) Campbell; Milo Brooks; Don Handy; Bill Peplow; Joe Valentine; Ed Stoner (who gave me my first summer job at his lumber yard at age 15); John Sandman; Sam Wanous; Lowell Lauesen; Sandy Sanderson (who sold me my first car, a 1966 maroon Mustang) and so many others. My siblings and I attended all sorts of Rotary functions, from the annual summer picnics at Hap Gilman's lovely home to UCLA football and basketball games with other Rotarians.

Upon returning to Los Angeles from U.C. Berkeley and Hastings Law School, I joined my father in the insurance business (1977) and within just a few short months became a member of the club. Gene Prindle was my sponsor and I was warmly

welcomed and supported by many friendly faces. Don Handy and John Martin made sure that I joined the Board of the American Red Cross (West District) which met at the old Veteran Avenue and Wilshire location. Later on I served a two year term as Board Chair, merging the West Los Angeles and Beverly Hills boards into one combined Board of Directors.

At the time that I joined the club, I felt that I helped bring down the average age from age 70 to 68. While this wasn't quite true, in fact this began a transition within the club where a number of younger members joined over the next few years, helping to perpetuate the leadership and spirit within the club. Like myself, there were a number of legacies: Bill Bloomfield, Jr. (Bill Bloomfield), Lee Walker (Dick Walker), Mike Newman (Homer Newman) and David Quillico (John Quillico). Others who came on board included (but certainly not limited to) Dave Whitehead, Roy Belosic, Chris Gaynor, Ted Ihnen, Michael Reyes, Ed Jackson, Tom Lenehan and, as the club's first woman member, my sister Valeri, who was sponsored by Bill Bloomfield, Jr.

Not long after becoming a member (and not knowing any better in my youthful enthusiasm), I was asked to join the club Board of Directors and served as chair of both the Youth Service (1981) and International Service (1982) committees. In 1983 I was asked to continue on as Treasurer, but in doing a quick bit of math, I realized that if I waited a year before becoming an officer, I could possibly serve as Club President in 1987, the 50 year anniversary of my father's holding of the same office. With the blessing of the Board, I sat out a year and Bill Bloomfield, Jr. took my place. I became Treasurer in 1984 and with Dave Whitehead right behind me in the chairs, Bill, Dave and I developed a close friendship during our joint efforts to entertain, challenge and grow the club during our tenures.

Many of you are aware that the first meeting of the calendar year is recognized as "hump day" for the club president--the day that he or she is on the down slope of their term. This originated the first week of 1987, when unknown to anyone else in the club, I secretly engaged an attractive young lady to interrupt Bill Bloomfield, Jr.'s

meeting in recognition of his getting over the hump of his Presidency. The normally unflappable Mr. Bloomfield lost some of his composure and as I recall, our mystery guest left a number of tell-tale red lipstick marks on his cheek.

My year as Club President began with Marianne and I attending the Rotary International Convention in Munich, Germany. We first traveled to London, and then met up with Yosh and Toshi Setoguchi in Munich to attend the Convention and explore the countryside. We took a side trip to the Porsche factory in Stuttgart, enjoyed a number of beer gardens and fine German cuisine, and then extended our trip with Yosh and Toshie by renting a car and visiting Innsbruck, Salzburg and Vienna.

My board was composed of Dave Whitehead as President-Elect, Andy Anderson as Vice President, Jim Sumner as Secretary-Treasurer, Mike Newman as Community Service Chair, Chris Gaynor as International Service Chair, Neil Campbell, Jr. as Vocational Service Chair, Tom Lenehen as Youth Service Chair, and Bill Bloomfield, Jr. as immediate Past President. This was a great group of individuals, all of whom could be counted on to perform their responsibilities at the highest level and who raised the spirit and camaraderie of the club. Bill Bowermaster (Downey) was our District Governor and, coincidentally, a long time friend of my father.

The main focus for Rotary during the 1987-88 campaign was the Polio Plus initiative: the effort to purchase and distribute enough polio vaccine to eradicate Polio worldwide. Long time member Howie Henkes agreed to Chair the club's Polio Plus fundraising efforts, with the goal of raising \$125,000. When all was said and done, the club raised close to \$150,000 and I am eternally grateful for Howie's leadership and commitment to this important program.

My goal throughout my year as President was to keep the club engaged, to make it fun, and to include spouses and families whenever possible. We had at least four meetings that included spouses (with the best being the Christmas program), fines were heavy and

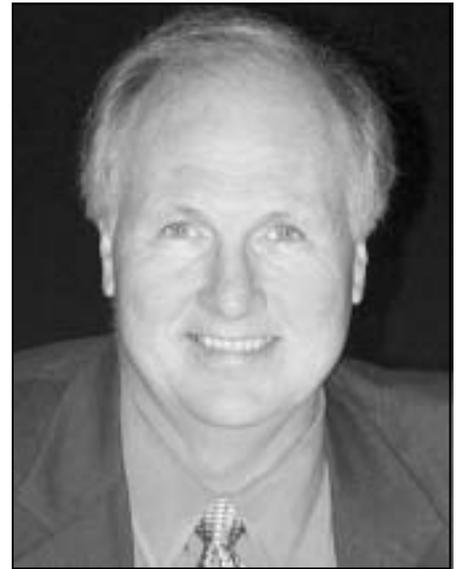
often, and we celebrated Hunter Brown's 16th birthday (he was a leap year baby) by presenting him with a 2 foot by 3 foot driver's license and a birthday cake with 16 candles. All of the traditional events were held (Valentine's Day Brunch at the Beach Club, the annual picnic, the progressive dinner) and all of the committees were active with many important projects.

The District Conference was held aboard a cruise ship that left Long Beach and traveled to Ensenada and back. Although the seas were a little rough, our club won the District "Best Large Club" award and reflected another banner year in the history of the club. In a change that has not since been repeated (although I hope it will), the demotion party held at the Beach Club was Luau style, with everyone attending in Hawaiian dress. It was a relaxing, fun evening for all who attended. Marianne was pregnant and Brian was born soon after in September of 1988. All in all, hopefully a great year for the club, and certainly a great experience for Marianne and me.



My additional thanks to Doug Desch, Jim Collins, Howie Henkes, Jim Downie, Andy Anderson, Bob Lusk, Clark McQuay, Jim Sumner, and so many others who supported me during my year.

Ronald Wanglin



1988-1989 President David R. Whitehead

This was a great time for me personally as Karen and I were married during my year. Karen and I will always be grateful for the way WVRC supported us. As a club we also had a great year. With Ron and Bill preceding me I had a great education in what it takes to be president of WVRC. I started my first meeting with three goals in mind: promotion of fellowship (the lubricant for success in any club project), membership development (sound familiar?) and encouragement of more participation by members. We were coming off a great year of support for Polio Plus (Ron Wanglin and Howie Henkes had just completed a fund raising drive generating over \$125,000 - smashing our commitment to RI) so I felt that this year the focus should be on our club. To this end I had great support from the board and club.

Officers and Board
We had an outstanding leadership team this year, not unusual for WVRC! Andy Anderson was President Elect, Jim Sumner was "the best Vice-President in the history of WVRC", Tom Lenehen was Secretary-Treasurer and did an outstanding job promoting fellowship (more on that below), Mike Newman as International Chair organized the visit by our sister club from Guadalajara, Neil Campbell in Community Service, Chris Gaynor in Youth Service and Ron Wanglin as Past President. As a testament to the good works of the board and club we

won the coveted "Best Large Club" trophy. This award and its competition has now been replaced by other recognition... but those that were around back then remember the work that went into winning this award.

Fellowship

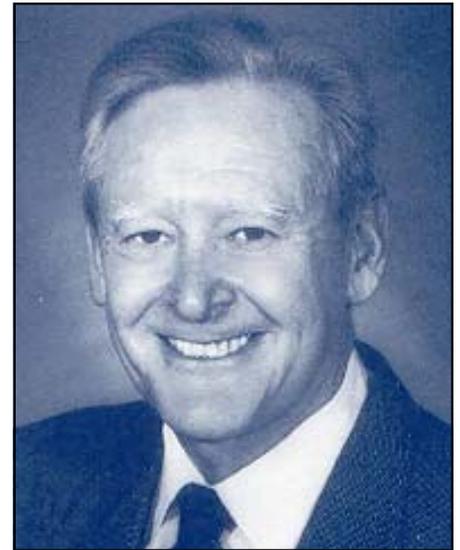
As mentioned above, Tom Lenehen was in charge of putting together a year of fellowship for the club. My only direction was to have enough different events so that our diverse membership could all find something fun to participate in. We went to the Dodger Game (thanks, Bob Boe), we played golf (thanks, Ralph Beasom), we enjoyed a night at the Magic Castle (thanks, Harlan Lewis), we had a ski trip (thanks, John Singleton), we had a Progressive Christmas Dinner (thanks, Bill & Peggy Bloomfield), we had a tennis tournament (thanks, Donn Conner), we dined and enjoyed opera at Verdi's (thanks, Dave More & Howard Siskel), we enjoyed a Marina Del Rey harbor cruise for Valentines Day (thank you, Ron Wanglin), we enjoyed a family picnic (thanks, Howard & Eloise Siskel), a boat trip and tour of the Channel Islands (thanks, Tom Lenehen & Stew Gilman), we enjoyed an evening Yearling Social (thank you, Harlan and Margaret Lewis), and we enjoyed

great attendance at the Paul Harris Dinner (thank you Doug Desch). All these events were dutifully recorded in the Windmill.

Speaking of the Windmill, do you remember the Christmas issue? Dick Littlestone was Windmill Editor and for our Holiday Issue he published a multi-page book with photos of fellowship activities, articles from the committee chairs, and an article from DG Archie Morrison. I remember spending several hours pouring over pictures and clippings on Dick and Doris's dining room table trying to decide which photo and article should be included (thank you, Dick Littlestone).

These are some of my memories and recollections as president. If you're reading this as a new member of WVRC I encourage you to get involved and participate. If you are an old timer I encourage you to continue to participate and stay involved. You make Rotary a powerful and beautiful way to serve.

Dave Whitehead



**1989 - 1990 President
Marshall L. Anderson**

Officers

President Elect James Sumner
 Vice President Thomas Lenehen
 Secretary-treasurer Mike Newman
 Board of Directors
 Community service, Crystal Russell
 International service, Stephen Scherer
 Vocational Service, Thomas Davie
 Youth Services Ron Lyster

International Conference

My year began when Pat and I attended the International Rotary Convention in Seoul, Korea, sent by the Club to learn more about the coming year. Great food and festivities in addition to the formal programs to enlighten incoming presidents, district governors, directors, and the new international president. A wonderful experience!

District Conference

The District Conference was held at Dana Point. It was a beautiful but very cold weekend and I remember bicycling with Ian Scharlet. The ball was a shipwreck party outdoors and we were practically blown away by fierce and cold winds. Some people wore costumes -- I think we did but I do not recall what they were.

Accomplishments

New programs initiated in 1989/1990 included the host-hostess dinners, a wine festival, and announcing the horoscopes of members on their birthdays. The host-hostess dinners consist of Rotarians hosting a dinner for eight people whom he or she does not select and may not know very well. In return the Rotarian and

What Kind of Rotarian are you?

Some are like wheelbarrows-

No good unless pushed

Some are like canoe's

They need to be paddled

Some are like kites

If you don't keep a string on them, they will fly away

Some are like balloons

Full of wind and likely to blow up unless handled carefully

Some are like a good watch

Open face, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works.

-from a Rotary Club bulletin April, 1985

spouse or friend would be invited to three dinners hosted by another Rotarian with the same procedure. This program continues today and helps Westwood Rotarians get to know each other better.

The wine festival was developed to raise funds for children needing cranial reconstruction or prosthetic assistance. The event was held on a Sunday afternoon at UCLA. Ten wineries provided the wines, the Rotary Auxiliary provided the appetizers, and Rotarians and others supplied items for the silent auction. The festival was an active event from 1990 until 1996 and raised nearly \$100,000 for children in need. Word has it that it will be held in 2004. The Valentine's Day Brunch had been dropped for some years, but was re-instituted in 1990 and re-named the Sweetheart Brunch. This was a

success and is still an active program in 2004.

With my background in law enforcement, I was able to draw several dignitaries, including the Chief of Police and the L.A. District Attorney.

The success of this year shows that when a president has a great team he or she will enjoy a productive year. My team included Jim Sumner, Tom Lenehen, Mike Newman, Steve Scherer, and Ron Lyster. With a hand that has five aces you are a sure winner!

It is unknown whether a correlation can be proven, but during this administration the Cold War stopped and the Berlin Wall did come down.

Andy Anderson



**1990-1991 President
James D. Sumner, Jr.**
(Deceased)

THE GREAT HOAX OF THE FIFTIES

Jack Pennell was president in 1957-1958. He began his first club meeting by saying there would be no further fining. Rather, he said, he would be offering stock purchases in Westwood Youth Incorporated. Prior to this announcement he had obtained the services of Fred and Johnny Johnson, printers and Rotary club members. The boys produced stock certificates that appeared real in every way including fine scroll work. The certificates were for one dollar Jack offered the club these shares for money collected for the Youth fund. He said they would declare a dividend at the end of the year and there would be a drawing where the winner would receive \$100.00

Well, Jack proceeded to collect fines from \$1.00 to \$25.00 which was the maximum for those years. The sale of stock went on for several months, with everybody thinking it was a great Idea.

Not soon after, Jack received a letter from the State Security and Exchange Commission and signed by the Assistant Secretary of State who said he had received information that Jack was selling stock in a corporation that didn't exist and there was no brokerage license in effect. He said this was a very serious matter involving fraud and if guilty, he and the Rotary club would both be subject to a lawsuit. The letter also stated Jack had only two weeks to respond.

Jack mulled over the letter for maybe three minutes and ran immediately to Dee Westmoreland, a Rotary member and the practicing attorney for the club. Dee looked at the letter and remarked it was a very serious matter, but he had several acquaintances in Sacramento, and he would see if anything could be done to adjudicate the matter. Jack was in touch with Dee every day for almost a month, hoping something could be done.

Finally a letter was received from Sacramento stating further action on the fraud was being taken.

This whole thing took several months, and finally at a club meeting, Dee Westmoreland confessed the hoax. He admitted to obtaining official state letter heads, filling out the complaints, then sending them back to his friend in Sacramento to be mailed. Jack Pennell was much relieved but the sale of stock was immediately abandoned.

Story recalled by Howie Henkes

Officers

President Elect. Thomas K. Lenehen

Vice President Michael F. Newman

Secretary-Treasurer -Christopher H.

Gaynor

Sergeant at Arms- Jim Downie

Board of directors

Past President Marshall Anderson

Community Service- Ron Lyster

Club Service - Rudolph Alvarez

Vocational Service-Crystal Russell

International Service Stephen Scherer

Youth Service-Michael Yousem

Club Meeting place

Bel-air Hotel, Garden Room,

with socializing before meetings

in the Pavilion Room adjoining

International Conference was held in

Portland, Oregon. With all the

Romantic spots the conference has

been held, we felt this some what of a

let-down. Then we reminded ourselves

of Jim Collins attending In Los

Angeles, and others in Texas, and this

turned out just fine.

District Conference

The conference was held at the

Miramar Hotel

Club Assembly

Jim arranged the club Assembly to be

held at the Mountain Gate Country

club. It took place on October 24th

and was an historical first for wives of

Rotarians to be included in the

assembly. The event included a

reception, dinner and meeting. There

was entertainment, and interesting

reports from the chairpersons of the

four Avenues of service

Memorable events

Jim, an avid golfer, was instrumental in arranging a yearly golf tournament for Westwood Village Rotarians. They took place at the Los Angeles Country Club and from the reports made at our regular meetings, were very much enjoyed.

Unusual events

President Sumner had the dubious honor of presenting the Honorable Ronald M. Attenborough who spoke on ESOPS and their importance in emerging Eastern Europe. There was total agreement among Rotary members, this was the 'most' boring talk made in the club's history.

"This will be the greatest year in the history of the Westwood Village Rotary Club." We were constantly reminded of this fact by Jim himself who coined the phrase. If the year wasn't the greatest, then it certainly came close.

Jim's Demotion was possibly the first to be video taped. Years after the event, he called one evening and said that Doris and he had watched the tape again. He thanked me for the Spartinburg, NC Courthouse and Live Bait Shop rendition. We were delighted with the call.

Jim Downie



1991-1992 President Thomas K. Lenehen

Following Jim Sumner's presidency, I decided to give my Avenues of Service committees free rein. On their own they picked up and improved the operation of some projects already in place and developed several new ways to serve under Rotary's guidelines. The International committee set up a trip to Ghana.

My year was sprinkled with golf jokes that apparently were left over from Sumner's presidency. I found these jokesters an excellent source for fines.

Both the police and fire chiefs were able to attend our meetings, and I did wonder if that might have left Westwood Village vulnerable to loss. Just kidding, of course.

I miss Club member Ian Sharlit, . Ian helped in many capacities during my year. He later was critically injured in a bicycle / automobile accident, suffering severe brain damage. His sense of humor and spirit did much for the club, and his participation in skits and demotions were much enjoyed.

We performed a regular meeting completely in reverse. We thought it might be some consternation to the traditionalists, but everyone took it in stride. We did have a speaker whose English was not understandable and the club treated him politely. We were educated about world politics by foreign students, of whom 6,000 presently attend U.C.L.A.

We gave a party at UCLA for Dr. Yosh Setoguchi's Child Prosthetic program.

The Alumni Center was very comfortable and the affair was enjoyable. The Rotary Anns' support was outstanding and featured a Western Party theme.

Our speaker, U2 Pilot Mark Phillips told of the difficulties encountered in a 16 hour mission. We were unaware the plane literally had to be manually flown due to changing stress elements on the aircraft. .

Finally we went to Palm Springs for the District Conference. We hosted International Service. I was called on to give a speech without any prior notice. I did a fair job, but please in the future give me a chance to prepare..

Our Rotary Service is meaningful. The Westwood Village Rotary Club serves as a community example of noble and good actions. The members' exemplary service has now contributed for 75 years.

Thomas K Lenehen



Gene Gilbert

Recalling a talented old friend

Many older members and Rotary Anns recall 36 year Westwood Village member, Gene Gilbert. Gene was written up in the 50th year history, and the newspaper article mentioned was just recently located by our member Jim Collins. We were now able to view some of his marvelous art work. Gene was well known as a Westwood sketch artist, author, active in real estate ventures, as a designer, builder and owner of many properties. In World War 1 Gene sketched the ruins of war and battlefield action. The pictures were published in book form and over 15,000 copies had been purchased before he left France. Gene's sketches and his history of Rancho San Jose de Buenos Ayres, (Westwood, Bel Air, and Holmby Hills) appeared in a special edition of the 1963 Evening Outlook newspaper. Gene was responsible for the overall design of the Duke University campus and buildings, the Philadelphia Library, the Ben Franklin Hotel, Pennsylvania Museum of Art, Tower of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh and the New York Evening Post building.

Ed.



1992-1993 President Michael F. Newman

Are we having fun? Is it fun? Are we doing it? Can we get away with it?

These were the opening questions each meeting during the '92/'93 Rotary year. Governor Ollie Hunt's District theme was: "Integrity Above All". The International theme was: "Real Happiness is Helping Others".

Having served seven years on the board, as we all did then, I was tutored by the likes of: Dave More, Bill Bloomfield Jr., Ron Wanglin, Dave Whitehead, Andy Anderson, Jim Summer, and Tom Lenehen. I grew with Chris Gaynor, Steve Scherer, Ron Lyster and Ralph Woodworth. Bloomfield, Wanglin and Whitehead were my first years in Rotary. Each tried to out do the other! All taught that President's time was "showtime" and that this half hour of each meeting was critical. Have fun! So for a change I brought the Podium to center stage and tried to make fun, and I think we did.

The first meeting started with Jim Downie playing harmonica. Amy and Patrick Newman's poem was read, and the meeting culminated with my arrest. Ernie Wolfe reported it this way: "Alas, executive prerogatives were then interrupted by - to be fair - a rather attractive female police officer. President Mike was arrested on the spot (she can take me in anytime) and charged with Soliciting Prostitution or some such victimless crime. He pleaded nolo contendere. I've always wanted to use that word

and had the good sense to engage Henry Heuer right then. As he was being handcuffed and led away, Henry leaped into the fray, producing a writ of Humongous Corpus which somehow brought Sunny Jim Sumner out as some sort of projected Heir Apparent. This affront was quickly voted down by loud voices of protest. Mike was then released into the custody of Amy and Patrick."

Highlights of Fun Time included: Lee Walker Day: Lee, about to be married sat alone with his fiancé Alison at the head table. Six experts with eight marriages amongst them pontificated advice for the couple to be. The experts were: Bill Bloomfield Jr.; Chris Gaynor; Ron Lyster; John Singleton; Bill Goodwyn; and Dave Whitehead.

Virginia Gandy Day: Special recognition and Honors included Governor Ollie Hunt's presentation to Virginia for her contributions to the Foundation, which back then already personally exceeded \$14,000.00. He noted Virginia's lineage, John Sandman, her father, was a Charter Member of W.V.R.C.

A musical event: led by Jim Lockwood-Stewart on bassoon, John Hoag on the piano and Bill Maxwell on the accordion.

Diaper Derby Day: Imagine five new fathers and four new grandfathers with baby dolls messed with "Bel Air Hotel Chili", spread across our head table. Who would clean up and change the fastest? Ernie Wolfe reported: "Competitive ambition drove five, more or less manually dexterous, fathers to un-diaper, wipe off the Bel Air Hotel chili, and re-diaper simulated offspring: finishing first was the youngest, Dave Quilico, followed by the most competitive, Ron Wanglin, most intense, Ted Ihnen, most concerned, Michael Reyes, and least interested Bill Bloomfield Jr. Grandfathers were jolly good sports, but conditioned their participation on absence of Bel Air Hotel chili. First to finish was the happiest, Ray Zickfield, followed by the most methodical Clark McQuay, most professional Bill Pierce, and wondering why the nurse maid wasn't there to do it was Bill Bloomfield Sr."

Chasen's Luncheon Meeting: WVRC left the Bel Air Hotel to celebrate at

Chasen's. Ralph Woodworth made the special Spouses Day happen!

Michael Newman's 40th Birthday: Black armbands and cake for all.

Blood Pressure Reading Day: courtesy of Bruce Rolf and Ralph Beasom.

April Fools Day: a meeting run backwards ending with a pledge and prayer.

'92 Olympic Games in Barcelona: Clad in red pants and white golf shirts that bore the U.S. Flag, Jim Collins and Don Nelson accompanied by their wives Carol and Roz told of their exploits at the Barcelona Games including their air conditioned, not so air conditioned "little Renault".

Paulist Choristers and a Jewish-Christian prayer at Christmas: For years, I wanted these boys as the Christmas program. Little did I know my own son Patrick would be a member later. Unfortunately, these movie star singers were out of our price range. But, Christmas '92 this choir included Ben Scherer! Dad Steve Scherer was our Christmas program chair! So - Steve and I matched donations and alas we had what I believe ranks among our top Christmas programs. The festival kicked off with a Hebrew reading by Lenny Freedman and a Jim Lockwood-Stewart Christian prayer.

Events:

Events contributed to the fun. We had the traditional Siskel Family Picnic led by Ralph and Helen Beasom. Golf Classics led by Jim Sumner, Mike Yousem and John Jansen; Hobby Day led by Mike Reinhardt; Tennis Tournaments led by Jack Harris and Chris Gaynor; Maude Booth Christmas shopping led by Mike Yousem; Christmas Braille Institute led by Howard Henkes; Christmas Caroling led by Ernie Wolf; a Valentines Luncheon Cruise led by Dave Whitehead; the Japanese Youth Exchange led by Yosh Setoguchi with Kristen Loberg as one of our exchangers; Dodger night led by Doug Desch; and the Third Annual Milo Brooks wine tasting to raise funds for limb deficient children led by Andy Anderson and a cast of many!

For some new traditions, we also: Hiked together in the Santa Monica Mountains led by Howard Henkes; attended a U.C.L.A. baseball game

with WVRC member and U.C.L.A. Hall of Famer, Curt Counts; Fished together with a boat excursion off the Malibu pier and lunch, led by Mike Yousem; and took a Channel Island boat ride and island day visit with Tom Lenehen.

We also had a Halloween Party for friends and family with the help of Jim Collins – free hotel room at his very own Ramada, costume honors went to: Marie and Bruce Rolf and Marge and Jim Downie. I led a U.C.L.A. vs. U.S.C. pre-game barbecue at the Rose Bowl. Of course, U.C.L.A. won! A special memory is the family outing led by Andy Anderson to tour the Rose Parade Floats in their making.

So, we had fun at meetings and events!

Did we get it done?

Oh yes! Excellent programs, with Steve Scherer at the helm led by Hank Heuer and Jack Harris, first quarter;

Andy Anderson and Howard Siskel, second quarter; Bob Lusk and John Singleton, third quarter; and Jim Collins, fourth quarter.

Projects of continuing excellence were led by a board of Chris Gaynor, President Elect; Steve Scherer, Vice President, Ron Lyster, Secretary-Treasurer; Ralph Woodworth, International; Jim Bechtel, Community; Henrietta Knapp, Vocational; Steve Day, Youth and Tom Lenehen, Past President.

All of our traditional W.V.R.C. programs continued. We attempted to break new ground with Ernie Wolfe leading a literacy program. Frankly, Ernie stayed committed to a young man Clinton Thompson whom he ultimately brought to the club. Ernie read with this boy and mentored him well. Others tried, but success was not as readily available.

Howard Henkes continued to lead our

Polio-Plus Program and David More received a Certificate of Merit.

Our long tradition of work with the Guadalajara Rotary continued with the Blind Girls School and we broke new ground in the area of hearing aid and surgical assistance. Not intending to leave out any of the major players it must be noted that Steve Scherer, John Singleton, Ralph Woodworth and Mike Yousem put together a program that continued for years. Matching R.I. grants were applied for and received. We not only took hearing aids to Mexico, but the project resulted in new surgical procedures. This Project continued under presidents to follow. I can only relate, that one of the most moving events in my Rotary life was our experience at the deaf school in Guadalajara. Members with Audiologists worked to fit hearing aids and prepare a few for surgery over a number of days. Our club then

WHERE WE MET: A HISTORY

Where we met: A History, we've come a long way in the selection of a permanent meeting place for our club. In the early Fifties we met at Truman's Drive-In located on the South East corner of Westwood and Wilshire boulevards. We didn't hold our meetings in parked cars, but gathered in a lean-to attached to the south face of the drive-In structure. It was a long narrow room with spacious windows on the south wall. They looked out onto a vacant lot with weeds, and let in sunlight which, during the summer, made the heat inside almost unbearable. Truman Fairless, a Rotary member and owner of the establishment, after being threatened with lynching, finally installed air conditioning, which cooled the room but also recycled the cigarette smoke so it was sometimes difficult to see the speaker's table. The room was painted a semi bright green. Everything was green save for the windows. Strangely, it was a morale builder as no one worried about damaging anything and assumed a kind of 'devil may care' attitude.

Because of confined conditions, the microphone was constantly being knocked over. Truman found a young volunteer who cleverly rigged pulleys, sash cord and weights so the microphone hung from the ceiling and could be pulled down to any convenient level. You've see similar set-ups at boxing venues.

During those days, shady stories and swearing were carefully controlled by the "Amen Corner" (Men of the cloth, led by Jesse Kellems), who sat at table just in front and to the right of the president. They rarely said anything as their very presence was warning enough.

There were few if any unfriendly associations among members, as it was not uncommon to be seated nearly on the lap of the person next to you, and because the room was always full, that could be anyone.

Despite all the negatives, the meetings at Truman's were treasured by those who experienced them.

WHERE WE MEET

Past Presidents Howard Henkes and Jim Collins recall that we moved our meeting place to the Bel-Air Hotel in December of 1962. since Truman had decided to turn our room into an exclusive Night Club. We think it was called the Safari Room. This forced the club to move their meeting place to the Westwood House. This was short-lived though, as a fire inspector walked into the room on the day Ronald Reagan (running for Governor) was speaking to the club. The inspector noted we had hardly enough room to breathe and gave us thirty days to find a larger facility. Several of the Board of Directors and Secretary, Bill Peplow made arrangements with the Bel-Air Hotel to move to the Garden Room in December, 1962. The hotel agreed to provide a buffet luncheon each week for \$6.00 per person. The chef, however, tired of the buffet and soon we were served a sit-down lunch.

The Garden Room was almost too nice. At the time we moved in, it was decorated in restful, sophisticated shades of dark green and blue. Presidents in the 60's and 70's had a hard time getting the audience 'up,' or in some cases, awake. One president installed a large India taxi horn on the lectern. This increased the attention span for at least those sitting near the front. There were other drawbacks to this otherwise attractive meeting place. The stage area was not on center with the main floor. Members seated at the south end of the room had difficulty viewing those at the head table. To compound that difficulty, there were two pillars supporting the opening to the stage. Despite moving the lectern, it was still necessary for the President to stretch in order to have eye contact with the south end of the main floor. Renovation took place some time in the Eighties, and included the removal of the pillars, along with the conversion of the room to a lighter paint and carpet scheme.

To the best of our knowledge, the Garden Room has been made available to us constantly, with the exception of the renovation; when Prince Charles came to stay; and a recent kitchen fire. During the renovation, we met at Madame Wu's restaurant in Santa Monica. With the arrival of Prince Charles, we went 'dark' for that week. Restoration of the kitchen facilities took almost a month. During that period, our meetings were held at the Riviera Country Club.

At this writing, it seems hard to comprehend that our Rotary club has been meeting at this facility for over Forty years. Despite both changes in ownership and management, the Bel-Air Hotel and grounds continue to be beautifully maintained.

James Downie

attended a parade and ceremonies at the school. I will never forget the young children stomping their feet and clapping their hands, able to hear for the first time. It was awesome to visit classrooms where teachers and students were having their first experiences speaking to one another. This was truly a Rotary Project to be remembered and emulated.

Finally, we continued our tradition of giving to the R.I. Foundation with ninety-eight percent attendance at the Paul Harris Dinner Dance. Howie Henkes, Howard Helfman, and Tom Lenehen won trips at the Paul Harris event dinner.

The following became Paul Harris Fellows in '92/'93: Sarah Rose Sharlit, daughter of Ian; Amy Newman, daughter of yours truly, Dave More Jr., son of Dave More; Mike O'Connell, member; Jill Klepetar, wife of Ron; Mary Dewhirst, wife of Floyd; Regina Herrick, wife of Dick; Don Connor, member; Max Lichtenberger, member; Lisa Siskel, daughter of Howard; Mary Loberg, wife of Eric;

We inducted a record number of new members: Joe Moffit by Bill Bloomfield Jr. Bill Maxwell by Henry Tseng. Ralph Smith by Dr. Bruce Rolf. Don Nelson by Westwood United Methodist Church. Jolie Thompson by Andy Anderson. Mark Block by Bill Goodwyn. Nilutar Askari by Adel Shoja pour. Adam Boserup by Bruce Rolf. A. Clawson Bleack by Bruce Harris. Dayna De Vito by Erny Pinkert. Joachim Fischer by Max Lichtenberger. Ernest Kenney by Adel Shoja pour. Weine Widquist by Steve Scherer. Inju Stugeon by Bruce Harris. Walter Hyatt by Bill Bloomfield Sr.

By our speaker gifts, we contributed to "Tree People." A tree was planted in Los Angeles in honor of each of our program speakers.

Finally, I must recognize Doug and Opal Desch, Executive Secretary-Treasurers; photographers, Bill Michael and Don Wood. Sergeant at Arms, Jim Downie and Jim Edwards and Rotary Ann Pat Anderson. They all contributed to a great year.

My year ended with the traditional demotion held at the Beach Club. Roy Belosic and company executed a wonderful skit with Maple Mike Awards. Jim Downie built props you wouldn't believe. I'll never forget

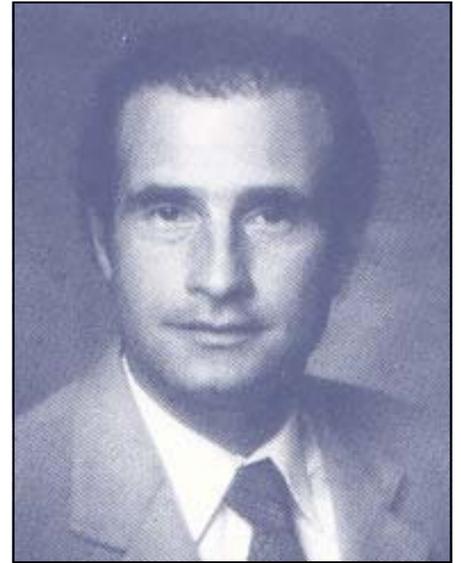
Dave Whitehead relentlessly popping from a T.V. screen: "I'm Mike Newman, I'll sue anyone for \$19.95."

W.V.R.C. has been a wonderful place for me to be. I continue to cherish my friendships made here.

W.V.R.C. members have played a part in my life even before my being a member. This has made it special to share Rotary with these people. Deceased member Bob Perkins taught me to swim. Former member Tom Biner is the father of my first sweetheart Julie during cotillion days. Tom was also my dentist as a child and introduced me to his young new partner, former member Mike O'Connell. Mike would care for me in an emergency if Tom wasn't there. Former member Ernie Pinkert was the kid around the corner who dared us to jump off an apartment building's upstairs veranda. Dick Walker was my little league manager when I played with his son Lee. Brian Bumpas was a neighbor, and my first boss, as I sold newspapers in Westwood Village. Doug Desch was a wonderful friend to children, making us all feel included as our parents participated in Rotary. I remember his days as Rotary Andy for my mother Bonnie.

To all Rotarians, I cherish our continued friendships and am proud of all our work together. I thank all of you for my wonderful year and all the support you provided. Yes, we had fun. Yes, we got it done! All because of you!

Michael Newman



1993-1994 President Christopher Gaynor

Officers

Steve Scherer President elect
Ronald Lyster Vice President
Board of Directors
Dennis Cornwall Vocational Service
Leonard Friedman Community service
Michael Reinhart Youth Service
Steve Day International Service

International Conference
Melbourne Australia
District Conference
Torrey Pines, California

It has been said (by Jim Sumner) that Jim Sumner's Rotary Year was the greatest year of the Westwood Village Rotary Club. I am here to tell you that yes, indeed, he did have a great year; however, in comparison to my year, it was a close second.

The 1993-94 year began with the International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Rose and myself to visit the "land down under." It was also the first vacation Rose and I had had since the children were born. We met many club presidents from all over the globe and discovered the far-reaching grasp of Rotary throughout the world.

Upon returning, I instituted the President's Corner column in our Windmill. On a weekly basis "pearls of wisdom" were dispensed to our Rotary family. To follow is a President's Corner column from Christmas of 1993: The world is a crazy place. It seems you can't pick up the newspaper without having some

outrageous crime being committed. There are mornings where I am just reluctant to look at headlines. Maybe that's why so many of us get so caught up in sports. Every now and then it's nice to reflect on some of the things we take for granted. Last night my family and I decorated our Christmas tree. My children were so excited. They are starting to count down the days to Christmas, and are quick to remind us what presents they cannot live without. It is moments like these that allow Rose and myself to reflect on how truly blessed we are. Rotary touches all of our lives and through Rotary we are able to reach out and touch many other lives. With my year approximately 50% completed, I continued to welcome any and all suggestions that would make our club even better during those final six months.

Not a meeting passed without a joke presented by yours truly. It's true! The group unanimously looked forward to applauding or denouncing my attempts at humor. The head table was used as a weekly theme and members were always challenged to determine the link among individuals sitting there. At every meeting, our song was led by "The Three Dons and a Jack Quartet" (Don Gaymon, Don Wood, Don Parson and Jack Harris.)

In 1993 our club enrollment approximated 120 members, and we were considered one of the premier clubs in our district, always battling it out with the Palos Verdes Peninsula club. We had many spectacular programs and events. On one occasion, we went to dinner and a play at a little theater in Burbank, where over 100 people participated. We had tennis and golf tournaments, a sweetheart dinner, a progressive dinner for Rotary Scholars hosted by Bill Bloomfield, Sr. and Peggy Bloomfield. There was a Rotary Scholars barbecue hosted by Mike Newman, a Dodger night, a ski trip hosted by John Singleton, the club picnic at the Siskels', a Magic Castle night hosted by Harlan Lewis, and Christmas caroling, with chili served afterwards at the Beasom house. Myron Taylor once again talked about the Four Way Test. Paul Wineman shared his perspective on the Middle East. We had a wine and cheese festival at UCLA, the proceeds from which went to the Milo Brooks

Foundation and the UCLA Craniofacial Unit. We succeeded in raising over \$11,000.

It was an eventful year, a memorable year, a raucous year. Humor and humiliation seemed to be intimately entwined, as evidenced by the proceedings at my Hump Day and demotion.

Yes, 1993-94 was a very good year, and, in hindsight, if not the greatest year of WVRC, certainly one of the very best.

Chris Gaynor



1994-1995 President Stephen E. Scherer

Officers

President elect- Ron Lyster
Vice President -Ralph Woodworth
Secretary / Treasurer -Steve Day
Past President -Chris Gaynor

Chairs – Avenues of Service Chairs
Community Service -Adel Shojapour
International Service -Howard Phillips
Vocational Service -Ralph Smith
Youth Service -Ed Jackson

Chairs- Club service
District Assemblies -Jim Greathead
Hospitality Dinners -Howard Siskel
House Committee -Dave Whitehead
Membership -Mike Newman
Programs -Roy Belosic
Rotary Foundation -Doug Desch
Windmill -Ernie Wolfe
Yearlings -Harlan Lewis

Chairs- Auxiliary
Co-Chair -Eloise Siskel
Co-Chair -Joy Bennett-Wolfe

Club meeting place
The Garden Room at the Bel-Air. A Great place to have lunch and visit with friends each week.

International Conference
The conference was held in Taipei, Taiwan. The International Theme was "Be A Friend". Debby and I decided to take our children Rachel (13) and Ben (11) along and then we extended our trip to include several days of touring in Beijing, China. Yes, we all made it to the Great Wall. Rotary and touring the two Chinas made for an unforgettable and remarkable event in each of our lives.

District Conference
The conference was held at Rancho Las Palmas in Rancho Mirage. Mike Newman chaired the District Conference for District Governor Andy Anderson. The theme was "It Begins with Family." WVRC won awards in all categories of Rotary activity including the Best District Conference Hospitality Suite Award for Jim Downie's "Special" Rotarian in a hangman's noose. Jim's effort was truly worthy of any Hollywood movie set. Over 65% of the Club attended the District Conference. This was a testament to Mike's outstanding planning, and our collective pride that our own Andy Anderson was the presiding District Governor. However, the highlight of the conference was when Andy named Doug Desch, District 5280 Rotarian of the Year for 1994-1995. The District Conference was extremely successful and an important moment in the history of WVRC.

The Auxiliary
During the year the Auxiliary members arranged several WVRC events and many members served on various Avenue of Service Committees. The Auxiliary is a unique and important part of WVRC. I attended each monthly meeting during the year and it was most enjoyable. Eloise and Joy were awesome Co-Chairs.

Marriages
Three Rotary marriages occurred during the Year: Ernie and Joy Bennett-Wolfe, Sandy and Roberta Sanderson, and Don and Nancy Gaymon.

Deaths

Three Rotarians died during the year and they are missed: Syl Hanson, John Martin, and Mark von Stein.

WVRC Sweatshirts & T-shirts

One of the most enjoyable duties of the WVRC President is fining the members. WVRC Sweatshirts cost \$100 each and the T-Shirts were a bargain at \$25 each. Each member "received" at least one sweatshirt and one t-shirt during the year. Some noteworthy Westwood Village Rotarians actually received "multiple gifts." Rumor has it that many of these garments are still in active use today.

Bel-air Bay Club

I have great affection for the Bel-Air Bay Club. And so, we used different venues at BABC for Board Meetings, the Club Assembly, the Sweetheart Brunch, the Outgoing Board Dinner and the Demotion Party.

Memorable Events

Don Wood being presented with a plaque honoring him for 28 years of "piano playing" service to WVRC. Don had to retire because his fingers stopped working.

Jim Collins being named YMCA Man of the Year.

Bill Bloomfield, Jr. being the subject of a Wall Street Journal article discussing his leadership in preventing lawsuit abuse.

Ernie Wolfe being named WVRC Rotarian of the Year.

UCLA winning the NCAA Basketball Championship under Coach Jim Harrick who had spoken to us earlier in the year.

Ron and Guin Lyster planning a "perfect" demotion party at the Bel-Air Bay Club.

"Igor" appearing at Hump Day and the related Feminine Forum. Steve Day was the Hump Day Chair Person and Dave Whitehead was his able assistant.

Dave Whitehead and Jim Downie collaborating on a "special" kick-off for the Board at our 1st meeting. Dave introduced each Board Member ... as they burst through Jim's artistic covering of the victory portal ... wearing a WVRC Sweatshirt ... and sprinted to the head table. Debby salvaged Jim's creative victory portal-covering portrait of me in a football helmet and WVRC jersey and it is now tastefully displayed in our home.

Jim and Carol Collins hosting the Country Western Auxiliary Party. Howard and Eloise Siskel hosting the annual "backyard" picnic. Ralph Woodworth hosting the club for Spouse's Day at Chasens. Dave More presenting a WVRC Foundation check to Yosh Setoguchi ... payable to the Milo Brooks Foundation. The check represented the proceeds from the WVRC Wine Tasting and Food Festival held at the James West Center.

Jim Greathead announcing monthly District Breakfasts and then securing the commitments to attend from our members. Jim's quiet and sincere approach to this difficult assignment resulted in record District Breakfast attendance by the WVRC.

Sam Wanous trying to tell his famous Helen Brown joke ... and not being able to finish because of his own laughter.

Opal Desch "manning" the weekly luncheon registration table with Doug.

Roy Belosic introducing dozens of program speakers. Roy's ability to paint a verbal picture was amazing and entertaining.

Lenny Friedman, Bruce Harris or Jack Harris leading us in singing "God Bless America."

Mike Yousem appearing as a blond nurse during the demotion skit entitled "Scherer Terror."

George Dea and Janice Koyama attending the Yearling Reception at Harlan and Margaret Lewis' home.

Chris Gaynor, with the help of Ed Jackson and George Dea making Career Day at Hamilton High a reality and a success.

Peggy Bloomfield coordinating the Christmas Progressive Dinner for the Rotary Scholars and Bill Bloomfield, Sr. driving his vintage bus from house to house.

Bill Michael miraculously recovering from a coma and Ralph Beasom's daily visits to his bedside.

Mike Newman serving as membership chair. During the year, thirteen new members joined WVRC ... the survivors are: Sally Brant, George Dea, Lee Dunayer, Ken Lever, Lenore Mulryan, Sharon Rhodes-Wickett, Ann Samson, Danny Skinner and Bob Wessling. Both George and Bob are now Past Presidents of the Club.

The One Ton Club: Several members of WVRC needed to lose a few pounds. So the One Ton Club weighed-in during a meeting in August. The collective weight of Howard Phillips, Ed Jackson, Rick Livermore, Bill Michael, Steve Scherer, Mike Newman, Mike Yousem, Stew Gilman, Tom Lenehen, Steve Day, Ron Lyster, John Singleton, Ernie Wolfe, Andy Anderson and Hank Heuer was 3,430 lbs. Under the watchful eye of Advisor/Coach Dr. Ralph Beasom we started to watch our diets and exercise regularly. Our final weigh-out was in June and our collective weight was 2,983 lbs. Unfortunately, since that time we have started serving dessert at our meetings.

Visiting our sister Rotary Club in Guadalajara: The purpose of our March visit was sparked by the vision of John Singleton. WVRC formulated the Cochlear Implant Project where we provided the financial, administrative and medical input to perform the 1st cochlear implant surgeries in Mexico. Dr. William House assisted by Dr. Jose Sanchez Gill (a Guadalajara Rotarian) performed the initial surgery with over a dozen WVRC members sitting in the waiting room viewing the procedure in real-time by video camera. It was a life-changing event for those receiving the implant ... the profoundly deaf could now hear. Visits to Guadalajara were always filled with great fellowship and significant events. International Service Chair Howard Phillips helped create an unforgettable itinerary. The following was our schedule for this 3-day visit:

Welcome Reception at the home of Guadalajara PP Rafael Ramos Regla and his wife Tita. (Rafael was a generous and important member of the Guadalajara Rotary Club). Miss Guadalajara Beauty Contest at the Hyatt Regency Hotel (I was asked to present the crown to the winner ... tough duty).

Visit to the School for Blind Girls (Mike and Sheila Yousem arranged to repair their swimming pool plumbing system).

Visit to the School for the Deaf (Pomp and circumstance with the Governor of the State of Jalisco).

Rotary Meeting at Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara (Endless speeches by the President of the Guadalajara Rotary Club and myself

as translators tried to make sense of it all).

Observation of the 1st Cochlear Implant Surgery in Mexico at Hospital Mexico Americana

Home Hospitality (I'll never forget watching Opal drop into the elegant interior foyer pond of our hosts).

Visit to the Village of San Miguel (Our Rotary driver carried loaded pistols when driving into the countryside).

Lunch in Tepatilan at El Chec Campestre Restaurant with Mariachi Music (The best margaritas and guacamole on the planet).

Visit to a Cattle Ranch (The bulls were enormous), and Visit to the Ballet Folklorica de la Universidad de Guadalajara at the Delgado Theater (Beautiful, but it was time to return to LA).

Guadalajara Rotary Club President Carlos Gabriel Lopez Aranda Ramirez and his wife Gina were our hosts. It was a wonderful Rotary experience with service above self at the core.

Special Rotarians

It is hard to know where to start or when to stop in naming "special" Westwood Village Rotarians. Our roster is wide and deep with extraordinary individuals. Doug Desch sponsored my membership ... Howard Siskel was President when I joined ... John Singleton taught me how Rotary can accomplish the impossible ... Jim Sumner presided over the Greatest Year in the History of the WVRC ... and the list goes on. Debby and I have been a part of the Westwood United Methodist Church since our arrival in Los Angeles in 1979. So ... I'll always hold a special place in my heart for the so-called "Methodist Mafia" (those holding dual membership in WVRC and WUMC).

Advice and final thoughts:

ONWARD and UPWARD

Steve Scherer



1995-1996 President Ronald William Lyster

"Keep the rubber side down!" Wise advice from your club president, 1995-1996, Ron Lyster, who helped found the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (IFMR) in 1991. According to Ron, "1995-1996 was a very good year, but then again, I cannot imagine any year as president of the Westwood Village Rotary Club not being a good year. No president leaves office without a healthy respect and admiration for the quality of our club's members – you are the greatest!"

So, what happened in 1995-1996? In keeping with the "road trip" theme, we traveled together. The club gift to members and guests was a road map, and we made use of it. We started off with a trip to Laguna Beach for dinner and the Pageant of the Masters (thanks to that grandest of masters, Doug Desch). Later we renewed an old tradition – the Las Vegas trip – with a new twist. We invited our Rotary friends from Guadalajara to join us at the Luxor. We were hosted at a cocktail party by the Las Vegas Rotary Club, having an opportunity to mingle with our hosts and our Guadalajara guests. The Guadalajarans brought with them a video of our joint cochlear implant program – a very moving presentation. And the year ended with a trip to Dr. Mike O'Connell's Bass Lake home.

We played together. There was the traditional annual golf tournament and we had a tennis tournament too.

Other events included the annual picnic at the Siskels' (Eliose and Howard celebrated 50 years of marriage during this Rotary year – as did Sunny and Lenny Friedman), Christmas Caroling with Ernie Wolfe, and our Valentine's Day Brunch at the Museum of Flying. The IFMR had a motorcycle ride to San Felipe, Mexico, which started at the Westwood Village Rotary Club. We had a joint meeting with our parent club, Santa Monica, at the Riviera Country Club where we displayed our hobbies and avocations – a "Hobby Day." This was the first joint meeting with the Santa Monica Club since our club was sponsored in 1929. Bill Goodwyn gave a brief history of both clubs, and the hobbyists provided the program for the day.

We were creative. Our club banner was replaced, and we had new lapel pins made up with a California Bear and the words, "Westwood Village." We planned for the future with our meeting place contingency committee which conducted a survey of possible meeting venues (something that we should renew from time to time, in this writer's humble opinion). And we started our club's website at wvrc.net.

We raised money. Our wine tasting event was the last of the series and we raised over \$15,000 for the Milo Brooks Foundation for limb deficient children, the UCLA Craniofacial Clinic for Children, the UCLA Center on Aging, and our own Westwood Village Rotary Foundation.

We launched Parkinsonians Learning Lifelong Useful Skills (PLLUS), a program that we continue to support strongly and which we have promoted at many Rotary International Conventions. We also undertook projects to supply skis to Zakopan, Poland, and a portable X-Ray machine to a Children's Hospital in Istanbul, Turkey (thanks to the efforts of Tom Lenehen). We mentored recent immigrant children from Bellagio Road Newcomer School with our "Rotadopt" program. We held our annual Maude Booth Christmas Shopping Spree, and we participated in the Braille Christmas Lunch. Dave and Eleanor More's grandson, Nate, was one of six District 5280 students participating in our Japanese Youth Exchange Program. We also

hosted a German Youth Exchange team. Rob Greenhalgh, UCLA Student Body President, was sponsored by Westwood Village and became an ambassadorial scholar in 1996-1997. We hosted a Group Study Exchange Team from India.

We had plenty of good programs. A favorite was by our own members – “Unusual Makeups” – where our Rotarians told “war stories” of make-ups they had made in foreign lands. And who can forget “Bring a Trojan to Lunch Day”? Our speaker was Mike Garrett, and our ranks were filled with Trojans – perhaps as many USC fans as Bruins. Lest our ample Bruin contingent feel slighted, UCLA basketball coach Jim Harrick was also a speaker that year; Mr. Harrick was made a Paul Harris Fellow (thanks to the George and Marion Schwartz Fund). And we had craft talks – Ken Lever, Sally Brant, Brad Bach, David Kearse, Bob Wessling, Clarence Chapman, Lee Dunayer and Janine Krivokapich.

Our club hit 128 members that year, among whom (in addition to the craft talkers) were George Cox (a returning Rotarian), Dick Herrick, Elliott Turner, Steve Adler, Gregg Elliott, and Lenore Mulryan.



Yes, it was a very fine year indeed. Thanks to our members, and our Board, which included Ralph Woodworth (president elect), Steve Day (Vice President), Stew Gilman (Secretary), Sally Brant (Community Service), Ralph Smith (International Service), Howard Phillips (Youth Service), Dave Long (Vocational Service), and our Past President, Steve Scherer. A very special thank you also goes to Dr. Ralph Beasom, without whose “Rotary Memories” photo album this memoir would have been far more difficult to prepare.

Ron Lyster



1996-1997 President Ralph M. Woodworth

Officers

President-Elect Stephen M. Day
Vice President Homer B. Newman
Sec/Treas Ralph B. Smith

Board of Directors

George Dea
Robert B. Wessling
Kenneth H. Lever
Mark L. Block
Past President Ronald W. Lyster

President’s Right Hand: Doug Desch

Meeting Place:

Garden Room, Bel Air Hotel

International Conference:

June – Calgary, Canada
R.I. President Luis Vicente Gaiy
Theme “Build the Future with Actions and Vision”

5280 District Conference:

May – Rancho Mirage (Palm Springs)
District Governor Robert L. White

The Rotary Year started out with a little fun with the Palos Verdes Club President, Gus Valardi. We had a guillotine on the stage with a magician acting as a “beheader,” removing Gus’ head. (Taking care of the competition early.) That same day we were treated to a special dessert by Tom Lenehen – thank you, Tom. As the year progressed, in July we attended a Dodger game with dinner at Taix Restaurant. This was followed by a “Great” summer party at Judy and Bob Wessling’s house. The theme “Presidents and Politics” or “Raucous Caucus.” It was promoted

by Marian Tseng in her red, white and blue invitations.

Homer Newman opened his home and use of the pool for a BBQ for the Rotary Scholars, both incoming and outgoing. Many of the former scholars also attended. Once again Eloise and Howard Siskel opened their house and yard for the annual Rotary Family Picnic. I do not know what we would do without them always being so generous and helpful with our Rotary events. Rounding out the month of September was the Club Assembly held at the newly built Skirball Cultural Center and Museum. The Board and officers met with District Governor Bob White while the other members and their spouses had a tour of the facility. We all met in their great outdoor patio (very large) for cocktails and dinner, followed by a speech by our District Governor. Special thanks to President Elect Steve Day who made all of the excellent arrangements.

As we rolled into October we journeyed down to the Bonaventure Hotel for the annual Paul Harris Dinner with the theme “Carnavale.” As usual, we had more members present than any other club in the district. Much of this is due to Doug Desch’s persistence.

During this time many other events were taking place in WVRC. The Host-Hostess dinners were progressing under the leadership of Eloise and Howard Siskel; the “Windmill” was undergoing changes under the direction of Ernie Wolfe. Ernie started a “Profile” page where a member’s biography is written up. The first biography was of Howie Henkes, giving newer members a chance to know their fellow Rotarians better. Eventually, all the biographies were put into individual binders and given to members. “Table Talk” was started by Mark Block and Don Gayman. A new concept where each table discusses a general topic and one person from each table gives the table’s conclusion. One topic in August 1996 was – “Terrorism” where the majority of the members felt they would give up some freedom for more security. How well the topic fits into today’s life. The programs under Chair Leo Tseng were very interesting and entertaining. WVRC member, Ed Jackson, was instrumental in getting

Sid Lasaine from Hamilton High as a speaker. The movie "Mr. Holland's Opus" was fashioned from his life. Mr. Lasaine was also made a Paul Harris Fellow. Kirk Harney created a Toy Library at the Westside YMCA that was very successful. Here you borrowed toys instead of books.

With the holidays approaching, Homer Newman planned a very special Christmas program for Spouses' Day. As the New Year started I was portrayed as the Maitre d' of Chasen's on Hump Day. February saw the Sweetheart Brunch taking place at the Beach Club under the direction of Ron Wanglin. Spring we were visited by the Japanese Exchange students under the direction of Yosh Setoguchi. They had a good time touring UCLA and relaxing at the Beach club.

The whole year we worked on our project with the Guadalajara Rotary Club. George Dea coordinated the acquiring of an ambulance, with the help of Clarence Chapman, from UCLA. It was given to the community of Ixtlahuacan de Los Membrillos, Jalisco, Mexico. The two clubs paid to have the ambulance equipped and put into top condition.

On May 1st a group of us went to Guadalajara to present the ambulance to the village. While in Guadalajara, we visited the School for the Deaf and the Blind Girl's School. At the latter, we checked the swimming pool which was refurbished thanks to WVRC member Mike Yousem. We have done projects with our sister club for many years with



John Singleton taking an ambassadorial role.

Shortly after the Guadalajara trip the District Conference began the next weekend at the Marriott Hotel in Rancho Mirage. This was where I received my best present. We took

top honors as being the "Club of Excellence" 1996-1997, the "Best!" We earned twelve Club of Distinction awards, and ten Merit awards. Our officers and board along with the committee chairs and the members made this all possible. Everyone worked hard. A very special thanks goes to President Elect Steve Day, who should get the Pulitzer Prize for writing the awards book. Without his creativity, we would not have been the number one club.

Ted Ihnen and David Kearsie did an excellent job of taking care of the GSE team from Singapore and Malaysia. Following that we had our Santa Maria BBQ as a fund-raiser. Everyone worked very hard on making it a success, especially Steve Adler. Unfortunately, we didn't meet the goal we had projected.



Congratulations to Past President Steve Scherer on being our Rotarian of the Year. It was an honor to have been an officer during his term as President. We had a very outstanding year. The club and its members contributed considerably to the community and internationally. Being a member of a successful Rotary club gives one the feeling of accomplishment knowing that all the work was not in vain. Service Above Self - WVRC is Number One.

Ralph Woodworth



1997 1998 President Stephen Morgan Day

Officers

President Elect: Homer Newman
VP: Bob Wessling
Secretary/Treasurer: Don Nelson
Executive Secretary: Doug Desch
Sergeant At Arms: Tom Lenehen & Jim Downie

Board of Directors:

Community Service: Ann Samson
International Service: Steve Adler
Youth Service: Ron Klepetar
Vocational Service: Kirk Harney
Past President: Ralph Woodworth
Rotary Auxiliary Pres: Marie Rolf

International Conference

Glasgow, Scotland - June 14, 1997 to June 17, 1997.

District Conference

Long Beach, CA - April 30, 1998 to May 3, 1998

Memorable Events:

Fellowship outing to Anacapa Island organized by Tom Lenehen
Summer picnic at the Siskels
Club Assembly & Governor's Visit - Paul Netzel District Governor
District Softball Tournament
Holiday party at Sally Brant's home
Hump Day celebration with Lucy impersonator
75th Anniversary Celebration with our sister club in Guadalajara, Mexico
Club outing to the Getty Museum
Valentine's Sweetheart Brunch
Joint meeting with Wilshire Rotary - LAPD Chief Bernard Parks speaker
Chasen's at the Movies fundraiser - Ralph Woodworth
Demotion Party - "Dayo"

Greatest accomplishments:
 Parkinson's Pillus program gets started
 Wonderful year for fellowship activities
 GSE Teams from Russia and Paris
 Japanese Youth Exchange
 Rotary Scholars
 Rotaract at UCLA begins under
 leadership of George Dea
 Joint service project with our
 Guadalajara sister club. We provided
 a surgical microscope to the Hospital
 General de Zapopan.
 Chasen's Fundraiser
 Governor's Award of Excellence
 recipient
 Leading club in District for gifts to
 Foundation

Disappointments, unfortunate
 occurrences:
 Deaths of PDG Sam Wanous and his
 wife Martha
 Death of Howard Phillips
 Death of my mother
 Membership did not grow during my
 year
 Special Rotarians in my opinion.
 Doug Desch - the Rotarian most
 responsible for making my year a
 success
 My immediate past presidents

(Newman, Gaynor, Scherer, Lyster
 and Woodworth) all provided most
 appreciated advise
 Jim Downie -Insightful advisor
 Ernie Wolfe - another wise advisor
 Ray Zickfeld - my sponsor and father-
 in-law

Stephen Morgan Day



**1998-1999 President
 Homer B. Newman**

Officers

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 Vice President- Steve Adler
 Secretary/ Treasurer- Ronald Klepetar
 Community Service - Peter K. More
 International Service - Theodore Ihnen
 Youth Service - Elliott L. Turner
 Vocational Service - Paul N. Sorrell
 Past President - Stephen Day

Programs

Michael Newman
 Program highlights
 Paul Wineman Mid East
 Head of UCLA Medical Center
 Sister Enright Principal St. Paul's
 Palisades High Madrigal Singers
 and many more outstanding
 programs
 Traditional Events
 Awards to police and firemen
 Award to UCLA ROTC top student
 Paul Harris Fellows selection
 Polio Plus program
 Maude Booth Christman shopping
 Visiting Japanese students
 entertained
 Rotary Club picnic
 Club Assembly
 Hump Day
 Demotion Party- "Saving Lieutenant
 Homer (from himself)"

Special Events

We participated in the district trip to
 Guadalajara to hear the Rotary
 International President speak
 Mike Yousem was chosen Rotarian of
 the Year
 Our Angel Virginia Gandy was
 generous in making several

25 years of Sight and Sound

Not much was remembered about the sound system at Truman's Drive Inn, except to say that we don't recall a failure except when the microphone was accidentally knocked over. As mentioned in the 'meeting place' article, the microphone was finally attached to a cable from the ceiling and could be raised or lowered at will. The Amplifier was part of the system used in the restaurant and did reproduce the human voice quite well.

Our club relocation to the BelAir Hotel brought on sound problems. The setting of the Garden Room where we meet was both beautiful and spacious, but despite a series of speakers mounted in the ceiling, the amplifier used to drive them was only 10 Watts leaving a lot to be desired as a public address system. It was provided by Musak, the canned elevator music company, and when it failed, only Musak could fix it. We installed our own microphone and pre-amplifier to help the system, but they were stolen several weeks later.

About Four years ago, the hotel installed new equipment. Peter More, our club sound expert, comments on the equipment: "Its good gear but assembled by an amateur. The mixer is an Altec hands free auto mic mixer. The power amp is a Crown driving a series of 12" ceiling speakers. Coverage of the system is pretty good with exception of the area by the door in the back of the room. The Hotel needs to install additional equipment there ..."

The old fashioned 8 millimeter movie projectors and standard slide projectors are now obsolete, being replaced by PowerPoint presentations using laptop computers and LCD projectors. We have witnessed numerous shows using Microsoft PowerPoint. Our member David Whitehead introduced this medium to our club. Getting clean audio to the meeting room was not as easy as originally anticipated. Earlier, we included a powered speaker carrying the audio signals to the audience; but assembling all this extra gear became a nuisance. Dave Whitehead conceived the use of a wireless link to the house sound system. With a large bright image projected on the screen and sound playing through the over head speakers, we are able to present sophisticated DVD shows at our weekly meetings.

Peter More, also an electronic specialist, acquired a piece of software from Microsoft called Picture Story. It displays a group of photographs in sequence and the designer can control the dissolves, fades and zooms.

The improved quality of both our sound and visual aids is welcomed by our Rotary members.

Ed.

members Paul Harris fellows.
 Special thoughts
 I believe strongly in the Host/Hostess
 dinner program.
 All the support from so many people
 made it an enjoyable year. All could
 not be named in the report.
 I could not recall many of the events
 and luncheon speakers without the
 beautifully bound photo album
 prepared expertly by Dr. Ralph
 Beasom.

I thank the entire club for making it
 possible to 'Hang Loose' during the
 Rotary year 1998-1999.

Homer B. Newman



**1999 - 2000 President
 Robert B. Wessling**

Officers

- President Elect: Steve Adler
- Vice President: Ron Klepatar
- Sec/Treasurer: Theadore Ihnen
- Sergeant at Arms: Jim Downie & Tom Lenehen
- Board of Directors
- Club Service: Rudolpho Alvarez
- International Service: Peter More
- Youth Service: Elliott Turner
- Vocational Service: Nevin Senken
- Past Pres: Homer Newman

Club meeting place: Bel-Air Hotel

International Conference

The International Conference was
 held in Singapore, June 1999 and was
 attended by Judy and myself

District Conference

This year's District Conference was
 held at the Double Tree Hotel & Resort
 in Palm Springs

Memorable Events

We continued with our support of Fire
 Station #37 in Westwood. Thanks in
 part to Ernie Wolfe, we managed to
 raise at least \$29,000 which was used
 for improvements to the station. Also
 the Reach Out and Read Program
 was initiated by Neven Senkan in
 cooperation with the Pediatric
 Department of the UCLA Medical
 School. Rotarians and members of the
 Auxilliary volunteered to read to
 children up to five years when they
 are at UCLA for their regular Well-
 Child visit.

Club participation in going to the
 Dodger game July 21, 1999

Hump Day

Last Picture Show at Chasen's
 Hosting GSA team from Bavaria
 Demotion 6/24/2000

Accomplishments

During my year our club was honored
 for providing the greatest monetary
 contributions. Westwood Village
 Rotary Club was No. 1 in raising funds
 for the International Rotary
 Foundation, I took delight in making
 our club aware it was De Pauw not De
 Paul University.

Booth for PLLUS

Disappointments, Unusual
 Occurrences

Guadalajara visit last minute
 cancellation

Drop in membership

Special Rotarians

Henry Tseng, Doug Desch

Robert B. Wessling



**2000 - 2001 President
 Steve Adler**

Memorable special WVRC events
 occurring during 2000-2001 included:
 An exciting visit to the Buenos Aires
 International Conference where
 Claude and I first met RI President
 Frank Devlyn. Frank was most
 impressive with his appreciation of the
 internet from the local level up
 through International
 correspondence. It was Frank's desire
 for all Rotarians to use the internet for
 club communications and
 referencing... as well as maintaining
 closer and more constant contact
 with RI members worldwide.

Thanks to Peter and Jeff More's
 commitment to designing, creating
 and maintaining our WVRC web site,
 Westwood Village was Awarded
 "Club of Distinction for Electronic
 Communication" the first year we
 went online.

I'm proud of three hard working
 women who served with me as WVRC
 2000-2001 Directors: Community
 Service - Ann Samson, Vocational
 Service - Ann J. Elkin, PhD and Club
 Service - Susan M. Allen, PhD.

I hope every WVRC President enjoys a
 guardian angel as I did. Doug Desch
 saved me time and considerable
 effort in accomplishing official tasks I'd
 never have been able to do without
 him. I continue to miss him.

Kudos to Sally Brant who programmed
 weekly speakers Jim Hahn, Rocky
 Delgadillo and Jack Weiss all before
 they won their respective city wide

elections.

The ever helpful Rotary Auxiliary Prexy Shirley More provided constant backup with special emphasis on the Annual Picnic and the yearly Regional Conference.

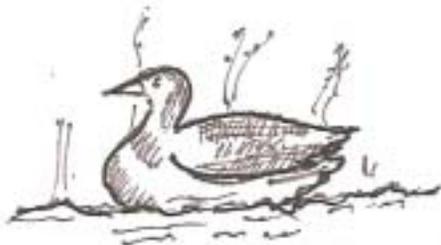
PP Ralph Woodworth, my friend, sponsor and mentor provided advice and an ear whenever tsunamis beached my WVRC boat... concerning last minute, rescheduled Rotary exchange visitors or an eleventh hour venue switch for a Regional Rotary event.

Happily WVRC had 114 members in July 2001. PP Ron Lyster, Rudy Alvarez, Kevin Komatsu, Bill Michael, PPs Tom Lenehen and Mike Newman really helped push membership that year. The high point of my year was the



fabulously, crazy demotion party celebrated at the Bel Air Club... and hosted by the hilarious and inventive PP Eric Loberg as me.

Steve Adler



2001-2002 President George L. Dea

Officers

President Elect: Ted Ihnen
Vice President: Peter More
Secretary: Rudy Alvarez
Sergeant at Arms Jim Downie & Tom Lenehen
Board of Directors
Community Service: Ken Kilpo
International Service: Todd Gurvis
Youth Service: Keven Komatsu
Vocation Service: Ann Elkin

International Conference: San Antonio, Texas 2001-2002
District Conference: San Diego, California

Memorable Events

The most memorable event of the year was unfortunately the 9/11 tragedy and all those innocent people who were killed in the twin towers in New York City.

On the lighter side, completed my tenure without being recalled, Hump Day and Demotion party and Skit

Awards: Our club like other voluntary clubs went short of operating funds so Jim, the idea man, Downie came up with the scheme of manufacturing and printing out Dea Dollars to reward good deeds. And an email was also sent out to the entire membership to be a Rotary fink to generate more fines for the club. Club Distinction in International Service. Rewarded members with DEA DOLLARS

Just like a Greek tragedy, my year as

president in 2001-2002 was marked by joy, anxiety, and tragedy. Let's start first with anxiety between me and the club members. I was lucky that I wasn't recalled and finally made it to the end without any interaction. My goal for the year for the club was to recruit a net of seven new members. My thought was to concentrate on having interesting speakers, headed by Sally Brant, having fun at club meetings and giving priority to local community projects.

In the beginning of the year, the program consisted of some national updates by asking people from general consul offices

Let me congratulate the most important committee and under recognized committee in our club; that of club service. They do the job week in and week out so smoothly that one hardly notices what a good job they did. That is the ultimate satisfaction. For three years, Sandy Sanderson has arranged for members to lead the salute to the flag and the Invocation, or thought for the day. Jack Harris arranged for music. Jim Downie and occasionally Gregg Elliot, played the piano, with Lenny Friedman, Steve Day and Steve Scherer leading the singing..

The RI theme was Mankind is Our Business and boy did we stick to the theme. With speakers from Sweden and South Africa.

Things were going well during July, 2001 until our meeting to help celebrate the Japan student exchange program. It was about 4 days before the meeting that I found my international chair had gone on vacation and had not done any planning at all. Jumping in with the help of Ernie Wolfe we managed to make it look like we worked on the program for several months before they came! We went swimming. Thanks Ernie for saving my butt. This was not the only time he did that throughout my tenure.

Then in August, we were guests of Leo and Marian Tseng for our Hawaiian luau feast with pupus and maitais sponsored by our Auxiliary.

Another highlight was our joint meeting with the Beverly Hills Rotary Club to listen to a speaker.

We had a variety of speakers. The most notable were the famed

television producer of the Academy Awards show, Gilbert Cates, Bob Rosen, Dean of the UCLA School of TFT, and the basketball coach of UCLA Steven Lavin, and Stewart Khoh.

The most notable community project we had was the support of the fund drive for the Westwood grammar school and support of the Aidan's Place, a specially equipped playground on the Westside for the disabled and able bodied children.

With all this going on, you would naturally expect a near revolt of the club members. I was saved luckily by the sweetheart Valentine luncheon planned by the incomparable Rudy which was a great success at Beau Rivage in Malibu.

As an incentive for members to recruit, I was able to award the eagle pin to a number of people: Ray Zickfield, Slosson Viau, Ted Ihnen, Rudy Alvarez, Mike and Homer Newman and Jim Bechtel.

Naturally later, there were two things I would never forget. The Hump Day where I was surprised by Santa Claus who tried to answer my request to gain more new members. And following that theme, the Demotion Party which premiered the character Igor who came to be infamous throughout the history of the club. I want to acknowledge all those involved in the production of both.

I was honored that Ron Lyster was named Rotarian Member of the Year for our club. He has done so much for our club that he should be rightfully recognized.

I want to thank Ron Wanglin and the incomparable Doug Desch for chairing the last two meetings in June while I was attending the District Conference.

Of course, Doug Desch, being the good guy he was, decided to have a Mexican feast with margaritas. Many left the meeting happy with mysterious grins on their faces.

George L. Dea



2002-2003 President Theodore Paul Ihnen

Officers

The Officers for the Rotary Year were President Elect - Peter More; Vice President - Rudy Alvarez; Secretary - Ken Lever; Treasurer - Doug Desch; and Sergeants At Arms - Jim Downie and Tom Lenehen.

In December, Doug passed away and Ernie Wolfe became Executive Secretary and Don Nelson became Executive Treasurer. Margie Downie and Sally Newman were Co-Presidents of the Auxiliary.

Board of Directors

The Directors were Kevin Komatsu, Community Service; Henry Heuer, International Service; Jim Bechtel, Youth Service; and Ralph Smith, Vocational Service.

International Conference

The International Conference was held in Barcelona, Spain in June, attended by Ihnens, Mores, Deas, Lysters, Mulryans, and Ann Sampson. Mikhail Gorbachev was presented the Rotary International Humanitarian Award and Jerry Lewis was given the Rotary Award of Honor for his work with children and Muscular Distrophy. The Club once again had an exhibit featuring the Parkinson's PLLUS Exercise Therapy Program.

Visit by Rotary International President Bhichai.

The premier event of the year was the visit by the President of Rotary

International Bhichai Rattakul, the first visit to Westwood Rotary by a sitting RI President in the Club's history. President Bhichai addressed a special Club evening reception and dinner meeting held at the Riviera Country Club with a capacity crowd of over 200. Many members of Rotary Officialdom attended (a Past RI Director, many Past District Governors, many District Club Presidents and Incoming Presidents and representatives from over 15 District Clubs). The program featured some history of Westwood Rotary, a piano concert recital by a District Music Finalist, the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow award to UCLA Chancellor Albert Carnasale and a talk by President Bhichai.

Digital Dave Whitehead made a spectacular film of the evening events and created a DVD of the program, which also included various still pictures of the event as well as pictures of the other aspects of Bhichai's visit.

PDG Bill Goodwyn and his wife Judi served as the President's aides during the visit and were later designated as Bhichai's representatives to a year-end District Conference.

Bhichai spent the next day with Westwood Rotary, visiting projects including Aiden's Place and the Parkinson's PLLUS Exercise Class at the Westside YMCA. There was a relaxing lunch at the Beach Club hosted by Bill Goodwyn, where Henry Tseng demonstrated his ability to touch his toes for Bhichai. Bhichai was welcomed at a dinner at Lawry's hosted by PP Jim and Carol Collins. Ted and Bill and Judi Goodwyn drove Bhichai to the International Conference in Anaheim the next morning.

The Club donated in Bhichai's name \$10,000 to the Rotary International Foundation for the Polio Eradication Initiative.

Rotary's 4-Way Test, Dr. Myron Taylor had long been noted for his scholarship and talks on Rotary's 4-Way Test. He gave the first such talk in 1972 to Westwood Rotary and subsequently spoke to over 100 Rotary Clubs, and Assemblies. In March 2002, Myron wrote a book compiling his talks entitled "Rotary' 4-Way Test - Of the things we think, say

or do." Each week, we gave a copy of Myron's book as a gift to speakers, scholars and other visitors.

We also had Myron give a talk to the Club at a meeting in February, which we filmed and had made into a DVD as a Club archive for future years.

Projects.

We carried on our traditional programs like the Braille Holiday Luncheon, the Youth Holiday Shopping Spree, the clothing drive for the Salvation Army Transitional Housing Project. Kacy Rozelle led a group joining Manhattan Beach Rotary to Mexico to build for Corazon House. We began the working with Angels Flight, Global Neuro Rescue, and Young Stars Basketball.

Fellowship Events.

We had many fellowship events. The UCLA -USC Rally Day was a joint meeting with LA 5 at the new Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral with over 100 Westwood Rotarians attending (many transported by bus) and over 500 people at the meeting with the school football Coaches, the Athletic Directors, former athletes, radio announcers and more.

The Deas organized a "Going to the Geffen" event. The Valentine's Day Brunch was "A Day at the USO" at the Typhoon at Santa Monica Airport.

Programs.

We had outstanding programs throughout the year featuring speakers such as Honorary Member

Uri Herscher (Skirball), former member Paul Wineman on the Mideast, Art Linkletter, Ellis Stanley (LA Emergency Preparedness), Art Guerro in his first year as UCLA's Athletic Director, Steve Lavin in his last year as UCLA's basketball coach and many others.

Passing of Several Members.

During the year, several of our long time and very active members passed away: PP Douglas Dell Desch who Ernie Wolfe said " He owned and operated the Westwood Village Rotary Club;" PP "Sunny" Jim Sumner, who always delighted us with his golf jokes and organized the annual Club golf tournament; PP Roy Belosic, who was well known for his creative contributions to demotion skits and his sense of humor; and Honorary Member John Quilico, a member since 1963.

Doug had long been the Executive Secretary-Treasurer for the Club and provided valuable guidance and experience for the smooth operations of the Club. On Doug's passing, Ernie Wolfe and Don Nelson stepped up as Executive Secretary and Executive Treasurer respectively and ably steered the Club through this major transition.

The Techno Trio.

Our intrepid trio of techno-literati combined together to provide many, many audio-visual presentations for the meetings and archives: PP Ron "Lyster-dot-Com," Webmaster extraordinaire; President Elect Peter

"Moretech," and "Digital Dave" Whitehead, Rotarian of the Year.

The Demotion Party.

The year ended with a Demotion Party at the Bel Air Country Club. The traditional skit was an unbelievable feature film projected via DVD entitled Jed and Edwina pay their respects to Cuzin Ted, continuing the Hump Day Theme. The film was an amazing production featuring the Downies' Mountain cabin, a chase scene with Bill Bloomfield's antique car, Sandy Sanderson by the roadside in Bel Air and even cameos by the Bel Air Hotel Valet staff.

Ted Ihnen

Editors note. This demotion was the first composed with a digital camera and shown to the audience on a



large film screen. The prime actors were Elliott Turner and Lillian Kliever. The filming, editing and direction were accomplished by Dave Whitehead.



Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul at WVRC

Excerpts from the Windmill 1/30/2003

Yes, it was a historic occasion - and played just that way. Prexy TED called us to order at Riviera Country Club, and the Pledge was led by PP STEVE SCHERER. MYRON TAYLOR gave the Invocation, and I quote some of it - We confess that we live in a culture that is increasingly deaf to your words and blind to your presence. Yet, we thank you that we can still believe that there is "Mind behind the Universe, Purpose running through it, Meaning in it, and Destiny ahead of it"...We come together this evening as Rotarians, a people of good will, seeking truth and justice and peace. While we do not always achieve these ideals, we realize that sincerely seeking them is still a necessity.

Prexy TED then began with introductions of honored guests. He noted that Director Luis Felipe Valenzuela had planned to attend, but his daughter became ill. Present at the Head Table were past Rotary International Director Sam Greene, from Westlake Village, plus our own MYRON TAYLOR and his wife, Sarah. TED then introduced PDG ANDY ANDERSON and his wife, Pat, and PDG BILL GOODWYN and his wife, Judi - BILL is serving as Aide to President Bhichai during his visit with us.

Prexy TED briefly outlined some of the history of Westwood Village Rotary, noting that we were founded in 1929, and will soon be celebrating our 75th Anniversary. We are proud of our close association with UCLA, and have undertaken projects all over the world - in India, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. 18 years ago, while BILL GOODWYN was District Governor, the now-annual Paul Harris Celebration was begun, raising over 2 ½ million dollars for Rotary International outreach - but this is the FIRST time Westwood Village has had the honor of hosting the President of Rotary International!

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RI President Bhichai Rattakul visits WVRC

But after so many highlights, the real feature of the evening was the address by our honored guest, Rotary International

President Bhichai. In introducing him, Prexy TED outlined his long political career, serving as a member of Thailand's Parliament for nine terms, plus being leader of the Democratic Party. He has served as foreign minister, deputy prime minister, speaker of the House, President of Parliament, and leader of many Thai delegations to the UN. He is particularly proud of serving as Chairman of Thailand's Anti-Corruption, Anti-Drugs and National Audit commissions. In Rotary, he was District Governor, RI Director, Chairman of the Executive Committee; and of course, it's Chairman. Note that his slogan for his year is "Sow the Seeds of Love", which appeared on the 5280 Banner hung over the podium - and the logo and slogan were very nicely copied on our individual dinner tickets, thanks to PETER MORE.

We of course stood when he came to the podium, much to his embarrassment - and if anyone in Rotary deserved a standing greeting, it was he. President Bhichai began by pointing out that his invitation to speak at WVRC didn't reach him for a month - it first went to Bangkok, then to Singapore, and finally, to Evanston. (There are bureaucracies everywhere, apparently). He noted that Past Director Sam Green and he have the same birthday - Sept 16th - but by Asian tradition, he wanted to honor Sam by placing him senior to himself! When he was in LA for the Tournament of Roses, it was suggested that he should attend the Parade - which meant getting up at 0430. He said "Why should I?" and thus managed a full night's sleep. His aide, however, did attend - and "He came back exhausted".

Earlier in his term, he met with the Presidents of Kiwanis, Lions, and Optimists, and found that we all have the same problem of declining membership. However, he pointed out that Rotary is in better shape

than the others, and he attributes this to our better sense of mission - we are doing so much internationally that is important, and that keeps us ahead. Rotary has no new major programs this year - because we already have so many good ones (Editorial - is there a message here for WVRC? Just asking...). However, one of his two major focuses is on Membership Development and Retention. He cautioned us not to seek members at any cost, but to admit only quality prospects, which we are certainly doing at WVRC.

His other focus is on our Polio Plus Program. Rotary started our drive to eradicate Polio in 1979, with a grant of \$750,000 to the Philippines. Then, during the period 1985-88, our Polio Plus program raised a total of \$246 MILLION - and we have now pledged to our partners in this vital effort a total Rotary contribution of \$500 million. To reach this goal we must raise the final \$80 million by June 2003 - and with just five months to go, we are still \$50 million short. Historically, in 1985, there were 400,000 NEW CASES in 126 countries around the world. Today there are only FIVE countries where polio exists -but while the number of cases was down to 1500, there was an increase of 500 cases over 2000! The reason for this increase is that some of the last remaining pockets of polio are very difficult to isolate and treat with vaccine.

He is looking forward to his visits on Friday to Aiden's Place, and seeing the Parkinson's PLLUS Project at the Westside YMCA. He feels strongly that both these projects exemplify the very best of Rotary - that is, projects that are started from the bottom up, where each club decides what THEY wish to start and support. He made an impressive statement about the R.I. President's budget, which was set at about \$700K for his year. In the first six months of his year, he has only spent \$200K - he is mindful that this is not 'his' money, but ours, and he works hard at saving wherever he can. In a visit with President Hinkley of the Mormon Church, they offered to donate \$50K to the Polio program, from the church ITSELF. Since the goal from the Rotary Clubs of Utah was \$100K, this goal was then raised to \$130K, and he pointed out that this represents the best of his bottoms-up approach.

President Bhichai concluded by reading a poem, which he discovered after announcing his own theme of Sow the Seeds of Love. It is - "And God Said No" by Claudia Minden Weiss: *I asked God to take away my Pride, and God said No. He said it was not for Him to take away, but for me to give up. I asked God to make my handicapped child whole, and God said No. He said her spirit is whole, her body is only temporary. I asked God to grant me patience, and God said No. He said patience is a byproduct of tribulation, it isn't granted, it's earned. I asked God to give me happiness, and God said No. He said he gives blessings, happiness is up to me. I asked God to spare me pain, and God said No. He said suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me. I asked God to make my spirit grow, and God said No. He said I must grow on my own, but he will prune me to make me fruitful. I asked God to help me love others as much as He loves me, and God said, "Ah, finally you have the idea"*



2003-2004 President Peter K. More

Officers:

The Officers for the Rotary Year were President Elect – Rudy Alvarez, Vice-President – Don Nelson, Secretary – Kevin Komatsu, Executive Secretary – Ernie Wolfe, and Executive Treasurer – Don Nelson. Marian Tseng was our Auxiliary President.

Board of Directors:

The Directors were Jim Bechtel and Sean McMillan for International Service, Ralph Smith for Community Service, Mike Gintz for Youth Service, and Lee Dunayer for Vocational Service.

International Conference:

The Rotary year kicked off with the R.I. Convention in Brisbane, Australia. My wife Shirley and I were joined by Ann Samson, Ron & Guin Lyster, Dave & Karen Whitehead. For the fifth consecutive year, we exhibited and promoted the Parkinson's Exercise Program at a Rotary International Convention. We were the only club from District 5280 exhibiting a project. After the Convention, Shirley and I joined the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians on a ten-day air tour in private aircraft of Queensland, from the Outback to the Barrier Reef. It was a magnificent trip.

Projects:

A new project this year was the donation of \$5000 for the lighting system at the WLA Little League. This will extend the useful hours of the baseball field especially during the winter months.

In April 2004, PP Leo Tseng and I attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the RC of Hong Kong Island East. This sister club relationship was established by PP Chris Gaynor (1993-1994) during his year as president. We donated \$1000 to their Centennial Project, the Hong Kong School for the Deaf.

Other new projects include used hearing aid collection (Ralph Smith); old cell phone collection (George Dea and Rotaractors); UCLA Neuro-Oncology Database (Sean McMillan); Angel Flight (Lee Dunayer and Sean McMillan); sponsorship of Ryan Ingrassia, candidate for World Peace Scholarship (Lenore Mulryan); group picture of members and past presidents (Dave Whitehead); and at the end of the year, the taking over of the sponsorship of the University High School Interact Club (Mike Gintz).

Projects established during prior years continued: holiday shopping spree with youngsters from the Westside Family YMCA (Mike Yousem); clothing donation to the Salvation Army (Slosson Viau & Andy Anderson); Japan Youth Exchange; GSE members from Brazil; Paul Harris Awards for Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year (Howie Henkes); Volunteer of the Year (Ernie Wolfe); Progressive Dinner for Ambassadorial Scholars (Peggy Bloomfield & friends); Braille Holiday Lunch (Howie Henkes); Braille Fishing trip with WLA Brentwood Rotarians; Meals on Wheels; RYLA sponsorship; Corazon House project built a house in a day in Tijuana (Kacy Rozelle); sponsorship of Ambassadorial Scholars; and UCLA Rotaract.

Ongoing annual fellowship projects were equally important: Geffen Playhouse and reception (George Dea and Homer Newman), Luau - Fun Party (Leo & Marian Tseng), Picnic at Siskel Gardens (Howard & Eloise Siskel), Sweetheart Brunch (Kevin Komatsu), bikers rode and pilots flew to Furnace Creek in Death Valley for a lunch fellowship (Ron Lyster), Hobby Day (Lee Dunayer), Holiday Lunch Celebration and demotion party for the President (Don Nelson).

There were significant advancements in Club administration. Vice President Don Nelson spearheaded the change from a paper system to RICAS, Rotary International Club Administrative System. This service allows users to

access the member database, thus providing an online membership roster with photographs.

Our website continues to lead the District. It was updated weekly by webmaster Ron Lyster with details on Club programs, photo-graphs, and our weekly newsletter, The Windmill. Speaking of The Windmill, editor Ernie Wolfe now distributes the newsletter on paper as well as via email.

Our electronic communication is easier than ever. To send email to our membership, we simply email to members@wvrc.net and it distributes to all current members.

For almost seven decades, the Westwood Village Rotary Auxiliary was always there to support our activities. Under the leadership of Marian Tseng, they played a major role in our 75th Celebration, the Luau, Sweetheart Brunch and the Picnic. They were invited to join us in my kick-off meeting, the Holiday Program, Investment Day and special programs. Auxiliary programs this year included UCLA Fowler Museum and downtown Courthouse field trips.

Programs:

Our program chair, Sally Brant, along with her quarterly chairs brought us great speakers: Westside Cosmonaut Dennis Tito, Westwood One Radio chairman Norman Pattiz, Sheriff Lee Baca, KCBS anchor Bill Whitaker, Councilman Jack Weiss, Janice Hahn, Bel Air Hotel MD Carlos Lopes, Nixon Library's John Taylor, KABC talk show host Al Rantel, and Disney Hall acoustician Yasuhisa Toyota.

Money Matters:

Fines from the floor set a new record at about \$10,000. Each event operates as an independent profit center. The 75th Anniversary Party was no exception. We sold "75 Years of Service" shirts as a fundraiser. Our year ended with an \$8,000 surplus.

Membership:

At the end of the year, we published an updated Roster book listing all 103 members. Members that joined this year were Chris Bradford, Tony Deryan, Sol Dresner, Gordon Fell, Ed Gauld, Shane Waarbroek and Madame Sylvia Wu. We sadly lost dear friends and long-time members Bill Bloomfield Sr., and PP Howard Siskel.

District Conference:

At the Hilton Hotel in Costa Mesa, WVRC was presented with the following awards:

"Rotary International Presidential Citation" and "Governor's Award for Excellence": PP George Dea was presented with the Governor's Special Award for his dedication and leadership.

GOLD Awards:

Club Programs, Family of Rotary, Internet Communication, Community Service, Scholarship, Rotary Foundation, and Overall Rotary Foundation

SILVER Award:

Youth Programs, Youth Activities Foundation Participation

BRONZE Award:

International Friendship Exchange, International Humanitarian Programs, Youth Exchange Programs, Overall International Projects, Community Youth Projects

So what really happened?

What you have read is quite an extraordinary list of projects, but what was my year really like? It was colorful from beginning to the very end. Preparing for each meeting took considerable time if it was to come off right. The first quarter went off smoothly. At the first meeting, I relocated the podium to the center of the head table with the Club Banner behind it. There was frequent use of the screen to show pictures using a portable computer and a projector.

On the morning of September 18, I received a phone call from the Hotel Bel Air that the Garden Room, where we have our meeting, was shut down due to smoke damage during the kitchen fire. We went dark that day. The following three weeks we held our meetings at the Riviera Country Club.

As this was the Diamond Anniversary year, I invited numerous past presidents to talk about their year or to fill in for me when I was away.

In mid - January we took our first group picture in many years. Meanwhile the momentum was building up to our big 75th Anniversary Celebration on March 25-26-27. At the end of the 75th bash, Ron Lyster told me that was my Hump Day. I was wrong to believe him.

The following week Shirley and I left for a China holiday with our children

which included a stop in Hong Kong to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our sister club, the RC Hong Kong Island East. Ah, things finally seemed to be winding down for my year.

The phone rang. It was the Hotel Bel Air explaining that they were losing money at the \$26 they charge us, and their break even is at \$33. I appointed VP and Treasurer Don Nelson, PP Jim Collins and PP Ralph Woodworth to explore options. After numerous scouting and meetings, we settled on two options: To remain at the Hotel Bel Air and pay the \$33 or move to the Luxe Summit Hotel, the venue of our 75th Party. We will have two meetings at the Luxe in July and we will vote on the matter.

VP Don Nelson took charge of the entire demotion event at the Bel Air Country Club.

Westwood Village R.C. celebrates 75 Years of Service Above Self.

The leading event this year was the 75th Anniversary Celebration. We began planning this event in July 2003 under the direction of Event Chair Ron Lyster. The event took place at the beautiful new ballroom of the Luxe Summit Hotel. Many people played a part in making this event a memorable one. One hundred and eighty members, spouses, friends and Ambassadorial Scholars attended. It was great to have ten members and friends join us from our Mother Club, the Rotary Club of Santa Monica.

Also present were DG John Colville and his wife LeAnn, AG Hal Quigley and wife Kai-Li, PDG Len Wasserstein and partner Ruth Linnick, Gov. Executive Aide Carmela Raack and husband Jim. Widows of members were also present: Peggy Bloomfield, Doris Sumner, Rebecca Belosic, and Adell Quilico.

The evening began with refreshments on the patio. The cue to shift into the ballroom came from our own Gregg Elliott conducting his eight-piece orchestra. We were treated to an evening of memories of the past 75 years through presentations by our past presidents Ron Wanglin covering the period from 1930-1950, Jim Collins from 1950-1970, Ron Wanglin again 1970-1990 and Steve Day 1990 to the present. Each period was accompanied by a meticulously assembled slide show, music and dance of the period. In the midst of

the 1960's segment, we all packed the dance floor to do the Twist. Paul Harris (played by Jim Johnson from RC Fullerton) shared with us the changes that Rotary International went through during these periods.

The evening's entertainment was designed and executed by PP Dave Whitehead. Ralph Woodworth headed catering. Event Chair Ron Lyster supervised the event from beginning to end. Many, many a member played a big part in its success. It was a magnificent evening that will be remembered for years to come.

I'd like to offer my deep gratitude to those members of the WVRC and the Auxiliary whose participation made this year so special for me. It was indeed my honor and privilege to serve this Club during its 75th Anniversary year.

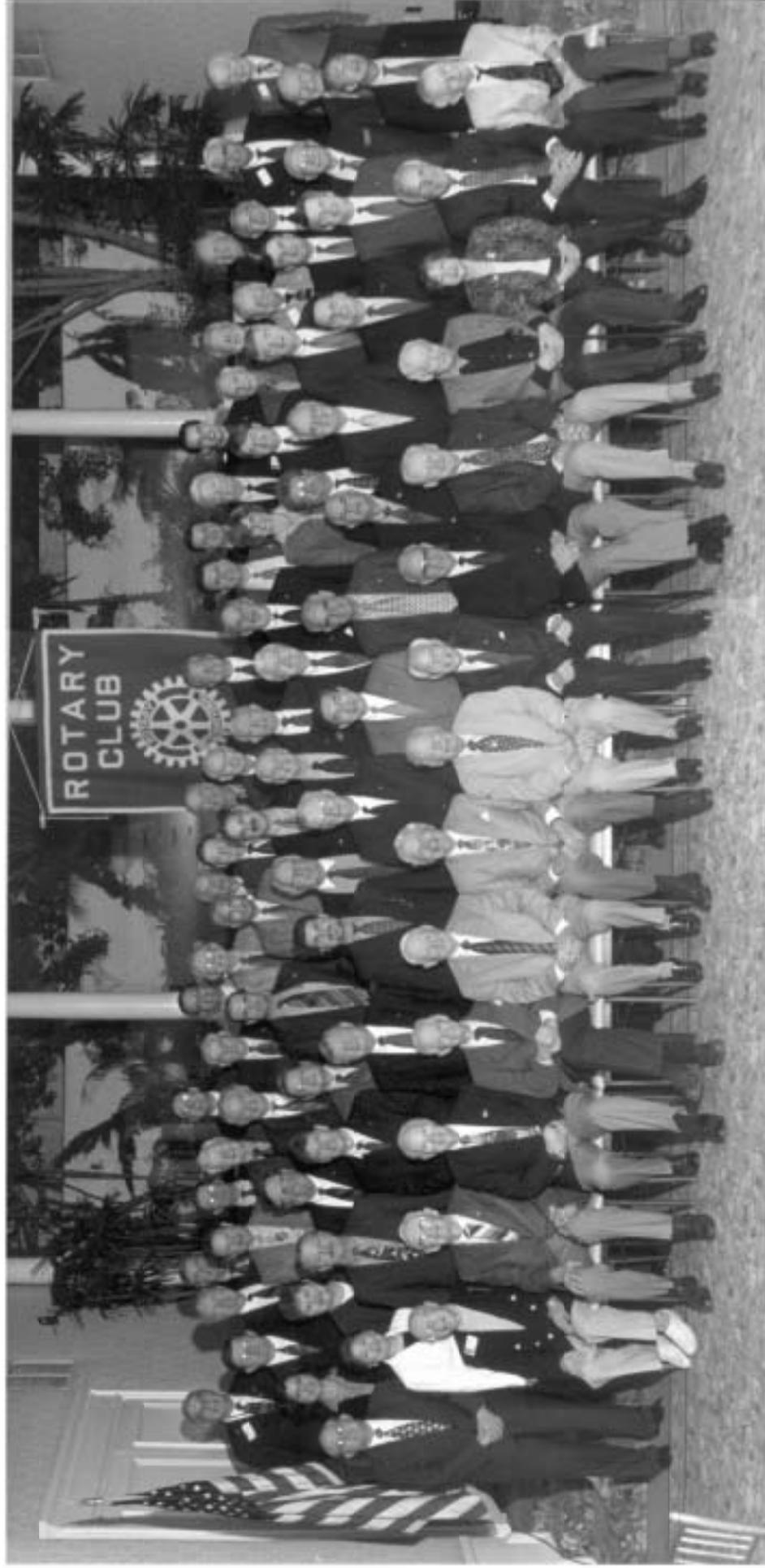
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Westwood Village Rotary Club

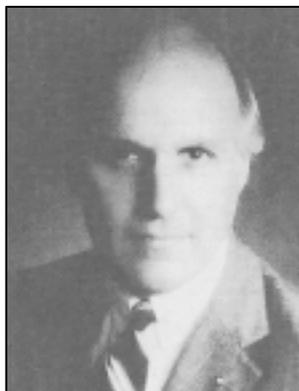
75 Years of Service Above Self

January 15, 2004



Front row L-R seated: Lenny Friedman, Sandy Sanderson, Ralph Beasom, Bruce Rolf, Bob Lusk, Jim Collins, Howie Henkes, Henry Tseng, Jim Downie, Andy Anderson, Bob Troxler, Ro Shaw, Bill Goodwyn, Howard Siskel. Row 2: Gordon Fell, Ann Samson, Nora Aquino, Sharon Rhodes-Wickett, Sean McMillan, Bob Wessling, Ted Ihnen, Leo Tseng, Homer Newman, Lee Dunayer, Mike Yousem, Don Nelson, President Peter More, Ernie Wolfe, Rudy Alvarez, Mike Newman, Ralph Smith, Mike Gintz, Steve Day, George Dea. Row 3: Dennis Cornwell, Dan Price, Hank Heuer, Chris Gaynor, Tony Deryan, Chris Bradford, Eric Loberg, Clark McQuay, Ralph Woodworth, Elliott Turner, Mark Block, Lillian Kiewer, Terry M. White, Steve Scherer, Slosson Viau, Ron Wanglin, Ray Zickfeld, George Cox. Back row: Bill Michael, Art Henry, Steve Lore, Ed Gauld, Myron Taylor, Bob Flick, Rick Livermore, Ron Lyster, Clawson Bleak, Don Park, Terry R. White, Stew Gilman, Dick Davis, Gregg Elliott, Mark Block, Kacy Rozelle, Bob Thom, Shane Waarbroek, Al Bellanca, Floyd Dewhirst, Dave Whitehead, Bruce Harris and Jack Harris. Taken at the Bel Air Hotel, Garden Room by Rotarian Dick Thompson. Directed by PP Dave Whitehead.

WVRC District Governors



William C. Goodwyn
1985-1986 Governor
Rotary International
District 5280

It is a great honor to serve as District Governor of any Rotary International district, but it was especially meaningful for me to serve the clubs of District 5280. I was exposed to Rotary early on when my father joined the Rotary club of Louisville the year I was born. His involvement and leadership in Rotary for thirty-six years provided me with a wonderful understanding of the organization which served me well with my own activities.

Our district is one of the smallest geographically of the 517 throughout the world, but at the time I served as governor, was one of the largest in both number of clubs and Rotarians. I was one of the few governors who never had to spend an overnight involving the governor's official visits to the clubs in the district. We were recognized for our continuing support of the Rotary Foundation, and the large numbers of visiting and outgoing Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars we hosted from Los Angeles.

You can never be prepared for the demands on your time when serving as governor-elect and governor. It requires at least a two to three year commitment, and the preparation and training fill volumes.

Events that stand out in my memory during my year of leadership include being the first governor of the first all-Iranian Rotary club (Rancho Park) in the world (outside of Iran); joining fifteen small planes to deliver needed supplies to the citizens of Santa Rosalia, Mexico; helping to get the PolioPlus campaign up and running; engaging in numerous public discussions regarding women in Rotary; the Westwood Village Rotary Club visit to Guadalajara, Mexico; my district conference in San Diego; and being the founder of the first Paul Harris Dinner.

The largest district fund-raising event for years had been an annual picnic held at Rancho Dominguez Hills which raised around \$7000 for the district. I felt we had the wealth and interest to do something which would produce a bigger return, and we produced the first dinner which included over 300 people and raised over \$75,000. Since then the dinner has raised more than \$2.5 million for the Rotary Foundation. The biggest surprise was the strong objections raised by many in the district who didn't like change.

The year created many challenges (including my father's death), but it was memorable and a privilege to serve.

William C. Goodwyn



Marshall L. Anderson
1994-1995 Governor
Rotary International
District 5280

My year as Governor of Rotary District 5280 was both exciting and rewarding. My wife Pat and I learned the geography of many communities we visited in the Los Angeles area. Forty Seven individual Rotary clubs heard my talk about the value of friendship.

In 1994, the International motto was "Be a Friend." My talk included a story about a friend, a maternal bar owner on Central Avenue who spread a rumor about my strength which discouraged combative arrestees from fighting. It made my job as a young 'beat patrol officer' a bit easier.

Friendship is so wonderfully broad. The people Pat and I enjoy are mainly Rotarian friends, and the valuable projects we have been involved in are primarily sponsored by Rotary. During my year as governor, I was involved with a district wide organ donor program locally, and a trip to India, where we aided young polio victims awaiting orthopedic surgeries.

I worked with task force groups dealing with illiteracy, drug abuse, and the prevention of riots such as those that took place in Los Angeles in 1992. In other district projects, we raised \$125,000 for education, with some grants made to teachers for special classroom activities.

It was my privilege to serve on the Tournament of Roses Float committee whose theme that year was, "Building Universal Friendship"

As an amateur chef, I, along with Pat and some talented Rotary spouses, wrote and edited a fund raising cook book of recipes donated by Rotary Clubs in our district.

My year as Governor ended with the district sending Pat and me as representatives to the International Convention in Taipei.

Marshall L. Anderson

Other Past Presidents



Henry Tseng
Past President
Hong Kong Rotary Club
1969-1970

At today's meeting, the last day of Rotary Year 1969-1970, Pres. Henry Tseng made his annual report saying:

"Before giving my Annual Report, I wish to thank the Directors, Officers, Committee Chairmen and all our members for the confidence they have placed in me, and for their loyalty and support all through my Rotary Year. Indeed, this has been a most enlightening year for me. I have learned that the best accomplishment is getting our members to participate, and our success is entirely owed to the Chairmen of the 4 Avenues of Service.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation to our Hon. Secretary, C. K. Lo. His outstanding abilities have made my Rotary Year so much easier.

Now I come to my Report: Our Hon. Treasurer, Jack Wolf reports that the finances of the Club have been very satisfactory throughout the year. For the first time in many years, our Club's General Fund has a surplus of over \$20,000. As to the Community Service Fund, after earmarking for the year's outstanding commitments there will be a surplus of over \$45,000.

The Club Service Committee under Vice President Peter Scales has met quarterly during the year to REVIEW and RENEW their efforts. The chairmen

of the 14 subcommittees have carried out their jobs with great enthusiasm. The average attendance for the first 6 months was 71.18% rising to 76.95% to date. The committee was efficiently led by Chetan Bhojwani and Michael Fung. Leslie Gordon was Chairman of the Classifications Committee. During the year 3 Rotarians became senior active and 4 members changed classifications. It was a good year with many new Classifications opened.

Bob Hawley was editor of the "Peak" and did a splendid job. It is estimated that there will be a profit of over \$3,000 for the year.

Chairman F. K. Hu of the Flag Committee received 226 flags and given out 347. Past President Bevan Field wrote a brief history of the club, which is distributed with every flag.

The Chairman of Fellowship Committee David Wu, reports a very active year, and hosted 3 special fellowship luncheons especially for new members to feel at home. 2 beach barbecues were held, which were attended by a large number of our members. The Christmas luncheon, with Santa Claus Bill Blaauw was enjoyed by 336. For the first time, the Club organized a tennis team and played two matches with great success.

Donald Brooks was Chairman of the House Committee. He improved the layout of this luncheon room.

Rudi Schneidewind was Chairman of the Magazine Committee, arranged for members to donate their "Rotarian" magazine to various organizations in the Colony. A very successful Magazine Week was held in January.

The Membership Committee under the chairmanship of Wilfred Wong Jr. had a busy year. Most proposals were recommended.

Peter Sanderson served as Chairman of the Membership Development committee. 41 new members have been inducted this year. R.I. Pres James Conway suggested a membership growth of 5%. We netted 31% this year.

Charles Harvey was the Chairman of

the Program Committee. A series of vocational talks were held during the year. Many interesting speakers were invited, and the quality of these has been high. It has been a most rewarding year.

Donald Brooks took over the Chairmanship of Public Relations. The committee would like to record its indebtedness to Charles Harvey for the services of his organization.

I.P.P. Deans Peggs expanded Rotary Information this year. Briefing sessions for candidates were held every month which proved very successful. A fun program of Rotary Information has been presented by nearly all Past Presidents. Forums on the 4 Avenues of Service have been held in 4 different sessions, which penetrated Rotary Information to new and old members.

Bill Blaauw served as Sergeant-at-Arms. We enjoyed his weekly performance very much. The collections and red boxes were most satisfactory every week.

George Choa was Chairman of the Special Assignments Committee. We enjoyed a most successful Christmas Lunch. A delightful TVB night made Rotary famous overnight. His Excellency the Governor attended our Gala Premiere in the City Hall, which was followed by a dinner at the Hong Kong Club, and the film was generously donated by Dick Woo. The final event was last week's grand raffle, with prizes donated by members, which netted \$6,000.

The Chairman of Community Service Geoffrey Speak reports a busy year. The major project undertaken this year is a Day Care Center for Mentally Handicapped Children which is located in the Wah Fu Estate. Zi.te. A fund of 40,000 has been earmarked for this project, which is expected to be completed in September.

The Schools Sailing Centre project was completed during the year, and the Centre was opened on May 30th by I.P.P. Deans Peggs. In addition, a number of minor projects have been undertaken.

The Rotaract Club of the University of Hong Kong plans to promote general

interest in industries among students.

The 3 Interact Clubs of St. Joseph's College, St. Paul's College and Raimondi College made tremendous progress in their community service activities. They have accomplished a lot with very little help.

Each of the clubs undertook its own successful projects. They also jointly participated in an anti-drug drive and a campaign in the Youth Employment Service to help students to find jobs during the summer holiday. The Chairman of Vocational Service Committee, John MacKenzie, reports a busy and successful year.

A total of 30 scholarships were awarded to the Hong Kong Technical College. A stimulating conference was held on "Joint Consultation" and "Labour Legislation." 6,000 book marks with the 4-Way Test printed in English and Chinese were distributed to schools and colleges.

Factory visits for Chinese University students were organized, and a Precision Lathe was donated to a Pre-Vocational School in Aberdeen.

In addition, a number of vocational talks were delivered by club members and the committee sponsored 4 talks on matters of community/vocational interest.

The committee undertook a survey of membership activities outside of the Club, which showed that the members of the Rotary Club of H.K. are active in all service areas within the community, and that they are fulfilling their vocational responsibilities with distinction.

The Chairman of International Service Committee, Folkert van den Akker, is happy to report that the Significant Achievement Award, with a cheque of US\$1,000 has been received from R.I. for the last Rotary Year. This is in connection with the Scholarship Scheme for Underprivileged Children. Today, the education of 183 children is sponsored by 47 Rotary Clubs. These Clubs also financed a Christmas Party for the children.

A large number of visiting Rotarians, some in groups, attended our Meetings throughout the year.

A very successful program was arranged for World Understanding Week, and 4 distinguished guests were invited to speak. They were the

Chief Justice of H.K., the Australian Trade Commissioner, the Consul General of the Netherlands and the High Commissioner of India.

Slides of Hong Kong were sent to various overseas clubs to promote better understanding of Hong Kong.

We will always cherish the visit of R.I. President James Conway which was indeed an honour for us.

We had a very successful District Conference, and I wish to express my admiration to Past Pres. Sonny Sales for magnificently conducting the Conference in the illness of District Governor George Lin.

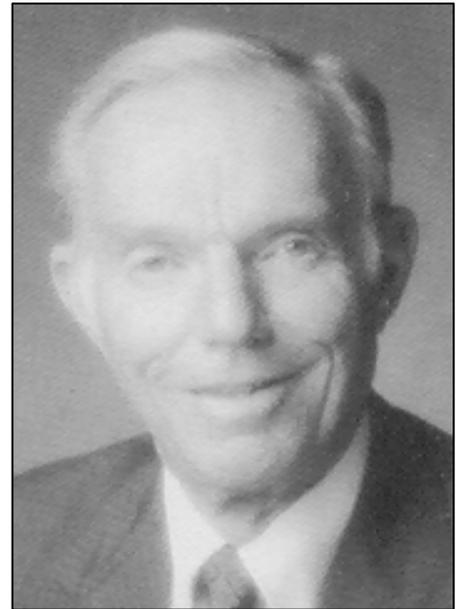
My grateful thanks to District Governor George who has guided me throughout my Rotary Year.

I am also indebted to District Governor Nominee Bob Choa who has given me immense assistance and guidance. I thank all the Past Presidents, and especially D.P., for their invaluable advice. This concludes my report.

And now, I come to a very happy moment. Peter has been an excellent Vice President. He has given me immense assistance and I have relied on his remarkable abilities. His outstanding qualities of leadership will be reflected in a rewarding year ahead of us.

It is my great pleasure to invest Peter Scales as our next President. Will you all join me in wishing him a most successful year."

Henry Tseng



**Clark McQuay
Past President
West L.A./Brentwood
1979-1980**

In 1979/80 I was President of the West Los Angeles/Brentwood Rotary Club. The Fox and Hounds Restaurant (owned by a member Jerry Breitbart) in Santa Monica where our meetings were held had been sold and we moved to the Holiday Inn on Wilshire Blvd, now named the Doubletree Hotel. My first meeting was memorable in that the speaker failed to show. Fortunately, the program chairman, John Karcher, had a back-up and all went well.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Rome that year and it was a fantastic experience. Bill Goodwyn, president of WVRC that year, also attended. The "new" Pope was visiting his native Poland but sent word that he would meet those who stayed an extra day. Father Pat took about a dozen of us to the Vatican where he knew someone who guided us into the auditorium where the Pope spoke in English. The Pope was well informed about Rotary and what they had accomplished throughout the world. Ernie Wolfe led a post-convention tour to Dubrovnik, Berlin, Paris and London. The highlight was going through Check Point Charlie into East Berlin.

We had a goal to increase membership to forty and we accomplished that. Our main fundraiser was an Art Show and Sale

held at the Holiday Inn and was a great success. We held a Vocational Guidance Day with University High School which entailed hosting two to four students in our business and offices during the morning and then all met together at our regular luncheon. Another accomplishment during my year was adding Brentwood to our name to better identify our area and attract more members.

Among my Board were John Buerge, Hank Wild, Archie Haljun, John Karcher, George Madox and Bob Marshal. One great friend I met that year was Erra Kariola from Finland who spent three years here with his wife and two children and joined our Club. They have visited a few times and we have spent time with them in Finland. Also, I became close to a Rotary Fellow that year from India, Arvin Singhal. He now has a son attending Georgia Tech.

My demotion party was held at the Beach Club and I was driven from our home in the back of a hearse with my name in the window. My family was not too happy with that. I was disappointed there were no flowers.

Clark McQuay



**Leo Tseng
Past President
Hollywood Rotary Club
1981-1982**

I feel honored to be included in the elite group of past presidents of the Westwood Village Rotary club, to commemorate our 75th anniversary. Even though I am not a past president of this club, my affinity with the Westwood Village Rotary club goes back over 20 years.

I was president of the Hollywood Rotary club from 1981-1982 when Sam Wanous was the District Governor. We spent time together at the R.I. convention in Santa San Paulo, (while Martha and

Marion shopped for Brazilian gemstones). One of the highlights of the trip was a call made to the Hollywood Rotary club when District Governor Sam addressed the members at their luncheon meeting. Sam was so excited that he forgot what he was planning to say!

John Singleton, as incoming Westwood Village Rotary club president, was also at the conference with us. John and I attended each other's demotion parties in June 1982, at the end of our year of presidency.

District Governor Sam honored the Hollywood club with the "most friendly club" award at the district conference in 1982. I believe that Westwood Village Rotary club received the best (large) club award.

When Bill Goodwyn became the 1980 - 86 District Governor, he appointed me as "Zone Representative" for the clubs which included the Westwood Village Rotary club. The job of "Zone Rep" is to act as a liaison between the District Governor and individual clubs. In that capacity, I became acquainted with many of the Westwood Village Rotary members, some of whom were already longtime personal friends.

PDG Bill Goodwyn later coached me in chairing a district conference by giving me a stopwatch to keep the meetings and events on schedule. His advice came in handy a few years later when I chaired the Paul Harris dinner (as it was known then). Westwood Village Rotary club topped the district in attendance for that event.

When I relocated my office from Hollywood to Century City in 1991, there was absolutely no doubt in my mind that the club I would transfer my membership to would be the Westwood Village Rotary club.

Leo Tseng



ROTARIANS OF THE YEAR

Every year the WVRC honors a member Rotarian who has demonstrated the high ideals of Rotary and, in particular, service and support of the WVRC. This honor, known as the *Rotarian of The Year* award is traditionally given at the end of each Rotary year. The recipient is selected by the past awardees and the selection is kept secret until the award ceremony.

1969-70 Paul C. Hannum*	1988-89 Myron J. Taylor
1970-71 Robert B. Campbell*	1989-90 Ronald C. Wanglin
1971-72 Milo B. Brooks*	1990-91 Gary Gitnick
1972-73 John H. Sandman*	1991-92 Marshall L. Anderson
1973-74 George Schwartz*	1992-93 William E. Bloomfield Sr.*
1974-75 Max S. Dunn*	1993-94 James B. Downie
1975-76 Howard J. Henkes	1994-95 Ernest Wolfe Jr.
1976-77 Yoshio Setoguchi	1995-96 Michael F. Newman
1977-78 Lowell L. Leuesen*	1996-97 Stephen E. Scherer
1978-79 Samuel J. Wanous*	1997-98 James W. Greathead*
1979-80 Carl R. Flandrick*	1998-99 Michael Yousem
1980-81 Donald T. Handy*	1999-00 Henry Tseng
1981-82 James A. Collins	2000-01 Ralph Beasom
1982-83 William G. Peplow*	2001-02 Ronald Lyster
1983-84 Douglas D. Desch*	2002-03 David Whitehead
1984-85 John R. Singleton	2003-04 Don Nelson
1985-86 William C. Goodwyn, Jr.	
1987-88 Howard B. Siskel*	

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Rotary Fellowships

Motorcycling Rotarians

I was attending a District Assembly in 1991, preparing to be International Service Director of our club, when I was exposed to the Rotary International Fellowships. The presenter of that session passes around a list of available fellowships- Yachting, flying, skiing and golfing, but not motorcycling! I had a brand new Harley Davison at that time, and I thought it was a shame there was no Rotary Fellowship for us motorcyclists. I contacted Rotary International In Evanston and, as they say, the rest was history. I met fellow motorcyclists in Australia, in Sweden and in Canada who had the same idea- Let's start a Rotary International Fellowship for Motorcyclists- and we did. Our first organized ride was from the Westwood Village Rotary Club in west Los Angeles, to Death Valley where we stayed at Stovepipe Wells. My son, Marty rode along on the back of my Harley. He was 11 years old. Since the initial ride, the fellowship has grown. We have over 2000 members in chapters covering North America, Europe, South America, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand., Turkey and India. The North American Chapter has held events in New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Texas, Washington, The Great Lakes Area, Arizona, New Mexico and California. We have nationally traveled to Mexico and Canada. We have traveled to both Calgary and San Antonio when the Rotary International conventions were held in those cities. We already have plans for the 2005 Convention in Chicago.



International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

Established in 1965, the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians is a global network of over 1,500 Rotarian pilot members in more than 50 countries. Many members have flown their private aircraft over the oceans to RI Conventions, fly-in events, Rotary service projects, and various other home club and district programs. A gathering of typically 50 to 70 Rotarians and family members join in a fly-away after a RI Convention. Recent International Fly-Aways flew through the South Western states following the San Antonio Convention in 2001; across Spain and Portugal following the Barcelona Convention in 2002; across Queensland after the Brisbane 2003 Convention; and we had a beautiful fly-away among the Hawaiian Islands following the Osaka Convention in 2004. These ten day events bring together the best of the common interests in Rotary service and aviation, where friendship is fostered with members worldwide. On the local front, activities take place in the form of voluntary Angel Flight missions: the transportation of children with their parents from their rural homes to major hospitals for medical treatment. On the lighter side, social events include a weekend fly-away to destinations such as the Napa Valley, the Grand Canyon and Sedona area, the Reno Air Races, Death Valley where we met up with the Motorcycling Rotarians, and the San Francisco Bay area.



WVRC members: The Dunayer family, McMillan family and the Mores at the USS Hornet in Alameda NAS with IFFR members

WVRC is proud to be active in IFFR though our pilot members Bill Edwards, Lee Dunayer, Bert Kriesberg and Sean McMillan. As an IFFR life member, it is also my pleasure and privilege to serve as the Southwest Section Chief for IFFR Americas.

Peter More

Westwood Village Rotary Auxiliary



Though our group was formed nearly 70 years ago, its function today remains relatively the same: to promote friendship and fellowship among the spouses of the Westwood Village Rotary club and to support our Rotary club's projects and goals. The one major change during the past 25 years was to our name. With the advent of women being accepted into Rotary, we felt we should no longer be called Rotary Anns. Our by-laws were thus changed from designating members as "wives" to "spouses" of members of WVRC. (Note: To this date, no men have joined our ranks!) The club then became known as the **Westwood Village Rotary Auxiliary**.

We still meet once a month from October through June, with the exception being February. Around Valentine's Day, our Rotary club holds its annual Sweetheart Brunch to which we are invited and this substitutes for a February meeting

As always, our opening event for the year is the picnic, which has been held for many years in the Siskels' lovely garden. This family event features swimming, volleyball, games and of course, loads of good food. Several Rotarians barbecue hot dogs and hamburgers and everyone brings a salad or dessert. No one goes home hungry!

Meetings are held primarily in members' homes, but for one or two months each year, a "trip" is scheduled to some point of interest. We have visited the Merle Norman Museum with its fabulous car collection; the Miniature Museum; Huntington Library; the Nixon and Reagan Libraries; Los Angeles Superior Court; UCLA's Japanese Gardens in Bel Air; the Robinson Gardens in Beverly Hills; Angel's Attic in Santa Monica; Adamson House in Malibu, decorated with beautiful tile work produced right there in Malibu. Lunch is always a part of this, whether at the site or in a nearby restaurant. Spouses are always invited to join us and we usually have a nice turnout of men.

One of our meetings each year is the unique "Tea" luncheon - a tea, served at noon, held in the home of Carol and Jim Collins. Members bring delicious sandwiches, tea desserts and other gourmet items. Our Tea programs have ranged from fashion shows through musical programs, make-up demonstrations, and even a talk by our own Rotarian Ralph Woodworth reviewing Chasen's history.

Our last event of the year is the Summer Fun Party. In the "old days" this was a costume party with a theme. Some members appeared in elaborate get-ups, having spent long hours putting together their costumes. But in recent years, we've become lazy and have chosen more simple themes such as the Luau. (Doesn't every man have an Hawaiian shirt in his closet?) The luaus have been held in the home of Marian and Leo Tseng which overlooks the Valley and is a perfect site for a summer evening's event. More recently we changed to a Mexican theme for a party held in the garden of President Rudy Alvarez's daughter.

After reading the above, one might think we are just a frivolous group. Not true. At our Christmas Luncheon the socks on our money tree are filled with donations which go to such projects as Reading by 9, Parkinson's PLLUS, and the Westwood Village Rotary Foundation. Members also bring toiletries and cosmetics which are distributed to women in several of the Salvation Army's programs. At the end of the year, surplus funds are donated through our Rotary club to good causes.

We feel that our club must be very special to have survived all these years, because out of all the Rotary Ann (or Auxiliary) clubs once in existence in District 5280, we are the only one remaining

YES, WE ARE SPECIAL

Marjorie R. Downie

ROTARY AUXILIARY PAST PRESIDENTS

1936-37 Dorothy Beem*	1960-61 LuAnne Leonard	1984-85 Eloise Siskel
1937-38 Billie Shafor*	1961-62 Dorothea Redman*	1985-86 Marie Rolf
1938-39 Linda Henkes*	1962-63 Kay Redmond	1986-87 Virginia Counts*
1939-40 Marjorie Wanglin*	1963-64 Alice Hannum*	1987-88 Margaret Lewis
1940-41 Marguerite Miller*	1964-65 Betty Ahlm*	1988-89 Jessie Robinson
1941-42 Willie Willits*	1965-66 Marie Jones*	1989-90 Bettye Woodworth
1942-43 Marjorie Dalley*	1966-67 Cynthia Lusk	1990-91 Sally Brant
1943-44 Ruth Ross	1967-68 Helen Beasom	1991-92 Eleanor More
1944-45 Helen Scott*	1968-69 Grace Handy*	1992-93 Pat Anderson
1945-46 Peggie Gilbert*	1969-70 Martha Wanous*	1993-94 Joanne Singleton
1946-47 Eva Brooks*	1970-71 Marjorie Downie	1994-95 Joy Bennett-Wolfe
1947-48 Agnes Stoner*	1971-72 Arlette Westmoreland*	1994-95 Eloise Siskel
1948-49 Martha Taylor*	1972-73 Toshie Setoguchi	1995-97 Esther S. McGinnis*
1949-50 Blanche Campbell*	1973-74 Peggie Bloomfield	1997-98 Marie Rolf
1950-51 Harriet Baines	1974-75 Shirley Harris	1998-99 Roslyn Nelson
1951-52 Pauline Thompson*	1975-76 Dorothy Stroh	1999-00 Judith Wessling
1952-53 Lois Dunn*	1976-77 Lynne Schenck	2000-02 Shirley More
1953-54 Margaret Gilman*	1977-78 Selma Civiletti	2002-03 Marjorie Downie
1954-55 Marion Palmer*	1978-79 Ann Lewis*	2002-03 Sally Newman
1955-56 Madge Andrews*	1979-80 Dolly Carr	2003-04 Marian Tseng
1956-57 Renee Kennedy	1980-81 Sharon Pierce*	2004-05 Patricia Anderson
1957-58 Ava Peplow	1981-82 Monica Pruppacher	2004-05 Eloise Siskel
1958-59 Doris Howell*	1982-83 Bonnie Newman*	
1959-60 Ann Wanglin*	1983-84 Jan Culver	

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Presidents of Rotary Club # 3171

to whom the Safe-Keeping of this Charter is invested during his term of office

WEST LOS ANGELES ROTARY CLUB

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1939-40 "Red" Dalley	1939-40 Marcell Dyer, M.D.	1948-49 Jack W. Swann	1956-57 Robert Kennedy
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SEVENTY FIVE YEARS
of service above self

Presented to James B. Downie, President-Elect for 1972-1973
June 29th, 1972

Our Charter

Many WVRC Rotarians may not have looked too closely at our Charter. Understandable, since it only appears once a year when our leadership changes. The Charter is entrusted to the current president for safekeeping during his Rotary year. At the end of his term, he signs his name to the back (see the adjacent photo) and passes it on to his successor.

There are stories about the president losing the charter, but in 75 years, no president has lost sight of this important piece of WVRC history. The history of the charter is well known to Jim Downie and he would be happy to answer any questions. Take the time to look it over next time it appears at a meeting.

WVRC Past Presidents



2004

Front row : (L-R) Bob Wessling (99-00); Bob Lusk (68-69); Jim Collins (62-63); Howie Henkes (64-65); Henry Tseng (RC Hong Kong 69-70); Jim Downie (72-73); Ron Wanglin (87-88); Ernie Wolfe (67-68); Howard Siskel (84-85). Second row: Homer Newman (96-99); George Dea (01-02); Ron Lyster (95-96); Eric Loberg (82-83); Peter More (03-04); Ralph Woodworth (96-97); Steve Scherer (94-95); Bill Goodwyn (79-80). Third row: Dave Whitehead (88-89); Andy Anderson (89-90); Ted Ihnen (02-03); Steve Day (97-98); Clark McQuay (RC WLA Brentwood 79-80); Mike Newman (92-93); Chris Gaynor (93-94); Leo Tseng (RC Hollywood 82-83). Hotel Bel-Air January 15, 2004.

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1931-32 Ted Dalley*	1957-58 Jack Pennell*	1983-84 Roy R. Belosic*
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1954-55 Jack Potter*	1980-81 Douglas D. Desch*	

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The 75th Anniversary Celebration



Excerpts from the Windmill...The 75th Weekend, March 25-26-27th at WVRC

Having waited until after the Saturday night finale, I'm now trying to put together the complete story – and the several events tend to merge together in my mind. The entire weekend started when Pres. PETER rang the bell to start Thursday's meeting. And it is true that CLAWSON BLEAK started us off with the Pledge on Thursday. Our two PP's, DOWNIE and DAY, then led us in America – another good job. JACK HARRIS came forward to provide an Invocation. He suggested that unless we put Faith first, our lives will lead us nowhere – the Good Lord knows where we are, and that is what really matters.

There were eight members of our Rotaract Club at the meeting. MICHAEL GINTZ, Youth Chair, introduced their President, Colleen Yorke, who spoke for the group. Some of them were among our members who participated in the Corazon Project, building a house in Tijuana in one day! There was footage showing them at work, and the site itself was quite challenging. Colleen gave an excellent overview of what they are doing, and they do grow in numbers at each meeting. Pres. PETER presented each of them with one of our WVRC shoulder bags, which were well received. They are a fine group of students, and Rotaract is known for volunteering as needed at many UCLA functions.

MICHAEL then introduced our Speaker. Steve Sann is a UCLA alumnus, took his law there, and is one of the leading experts on the history of

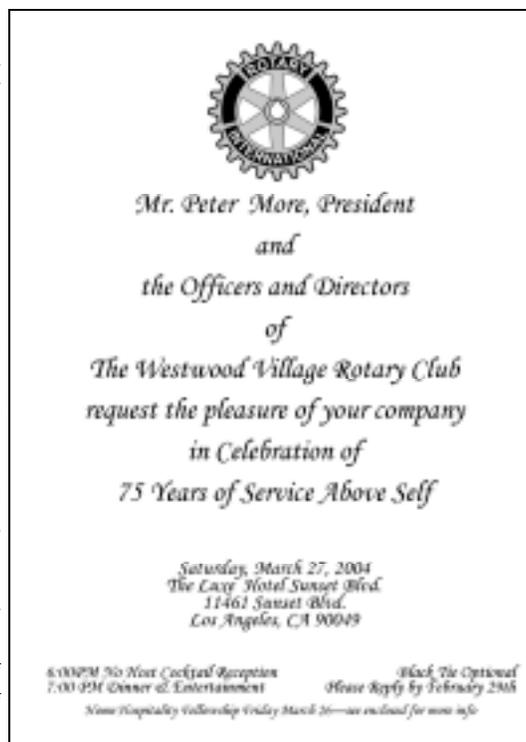
our campus. Both his grandparents graduated from UCLA in 1930, which was the first class on the new campus. So he has combined his long-time interest in our University with his love of history, and is often consulted by the media in this regard. He is a member of the Westwood Historical Society, and we are fortunate to have him with us today.

Steve began by noting that by 1919 the Southern Branch of the University was located on what is now the site of Los Angeles City College, on north Vermont Avenue. Originally called the State Normal School, it was a Teachers College, covering 25 acres. In 1924, it was renamed UCLA, and became qualified to grant undergraduate degrees. At this point, the Regents began searching for a new and larger site.

Also, in 1919, Arthur Letts had purchased 3296 acres of mostly raw land for two million dollars, then known as the Wolfskill Ranch. This plot was bordered by Beverly Hills on the east, Sepulveda on the west, Sunset on the north and Pico on the south. He died shortly after that, and his daughter, Gladys, married Harold Janss. This is how the Janss brothers came to control this vast acreage. Harold and Dr. Ed were planning a unique business district, in which all architecture would be Mediterranean in appearance, and plans had to be approved by Janss. They selected over a dozen different architects to design the first buildings, and the signature structure was the domed building designed by Allison and Allison, in which they had their offices. This was in Romanesque style, and was followed by the Fox Theatre in 1931, Percy Lewis, Architect. Paul Williams designed The Kelly Music Building (later called Alice's Restaurant, and now Tatinos). The concept of mixed usage, with retail on the ground floor and residential space above,

was first put into practice at their domed building, with UCLA male students residing on the second floor. The Holmby Building, with its tower at the corner of Weyburn and Westwood, was the first women's dorm – again, with retail space on the first floor. The latest student housing, by the way, will be for 1400 graduate students, in the apartments being built now along Veteran and Weyburn Avenues.

The Regents were interested in this area, but one of their primary conditions was that the land had to come to them at no cost! To secure this site, the cities of Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, and Venice floated a bond issue, which enabled them to purchase the original 383 acres, (since grown to 431) and then donated the entire parcel to the Regents. Construction on the first four buildings began in late 1927 – the





Pres. Peter, PDG Andy & PDG Bill with the three Rotary Hall of Fame perfect attendance awardees: PP Jim Collins, PP Jim Downie and PP Howie Henkes.

Library, Royce Hall, and the Chemistry and Physics buildings, all facing the Quad.

In the Village itself, Desmonds was managed by our long-time member and PP, JOE VALENTINE. In 1933 he came up with the idea of holding a Homecoming Parade. In the movie footage on Saturday evening, you will recall seeing the Westwood Village Jewelry Store. This was the original name for HOWIE HENKES and his Dad's store, which opened TWO DAYS after Campbells Bookstore, in 1929. It's pretty impressive that Westwood Village Rotary has a current member who retail roots go back to 1929! Other early stores were Sears Roebuck (where Rite Aide now stands), J.C. Penny, and Fosters (crystal and silver) which blew up in 1971 because of a gas leak. The Village was the Place To Be – but this in turn caused the rents to skyrocket, and some tenants began to leave. Parking has always been a problem – and this must be solved if the Village is to regain its primary position as a retail and entertainment center.

Westwood Village Rotary was really a moving concern – we met at several locations, and just before coming to the Hotel Bel Air we were at Mrs Grays' Inn, which became Truman's. I remember giving my craft talk there, and there were THREE of us talkers – so I only got ten minutes! However, to be fair, I think I have maybe caught up on time at the podium since then... Mrs Grays Inn had a Drive In, and their slogan was "Food with a College Education". The Tropical Gardens Ice Rink, often associated with Sonja Heine, could accommodate ten thousand spectators for Hockey, and one of its attractions was FIVE acres of free parking. We have always had more movie premiers than any other venue, and in the early days, The Exorcist ran at the National Theatre continuously for over a year. We grew

from three screens to seventeen – but at the same time we dropped from five grocery stores to zero. Serious competition for movies came when the Westside Pavilion opened in 1985, and Century City added fourteen screens in 1987, with Santa Monica providing another dozen two years later – and free parking, to boot! Steve is a fountain of information, and let's hope he can return, when we'll have time for some Q&A.

LENNY FRIEDMAN spoke briefly about his career. When he got out of the Air Force in 1946, he married Sunny, and they moved to LA. He and two partners opened a jewelry store, but they had trouble getting merchandise since they had no prior sales record, and thus no quotas. He soon left the partnership, and opened Crescent Jewelers – and the first seven years were tough. He recalls Federated taking over Bullocks, and the B of A was the tenant before Rite Aide in what had been the Sears building. Tom Crumplars and the Chatham were busy restaurants, and Potter's Hardware was a going concern. There were at least two barber shops – the Blue and Gold, and Oakley's. And so, our tour of the Village ended.

FRIDAY HOST/HOESSTESS and SATURDAY NIGHT

The wonderful hosts on Friday were the ANDERSONS, BRADFORDS, SALLY BRANT, COLLINS, DAYS, DOWNIES, GAULDS, McQUAYS, MULRYANS, HOMER NEWMANS, LEO TSENGS,



Mr. Russell Adcock, proprietor of LA Dance Experience in Westwood along with his dance partner, the current World Champion in Theatrical Dance, Ms. Cate Caplin entertained us with dance styles from past decades to the present.

WANGLINS and WOODWORTHS. There were thus eleven host families, and 101 guests. This was very special for all of those who attended, and Pres. PETER wants to thank each of the hosts for their hospitality – and Rotary Spirit!

Pres. PETER got us settled at our tables shortly after 7 pm on Saturday, and the new Luxe facility was most attractive. DAVE WHITEHEAD, assisted by film clips from DAN PRICE, had two screens going, and they were - there is no other word – splendid! GREGG ELLIOTT'S eight piece band was a big hit, and they provided a nice mix of music, both dreamy and faster-paced. The two dancers were excellent, although some of us worried as Russell Adcock swung Cate Caplin overhead and all around. DON NELSON did an amazing job of keeping track of who was coming, and we ended up with 180 places, all of which were filled.

Pres. PETER started us off with a toast to all our members, present and past, and the Auxiliary, our constant supporters since 1936. Next he introduced District Governor John Colville, PDG Len Wasserstein, and our own two PDG's, BILL GOODWYN and ANDY ANDERSON, Assistant Governor Hal Quigley. Governor's Aide Carmela Raack, former Ambassadorial Scholars Diana Ross and Lee Broekman, and Dee Menzies, President of the Santa Monica club. Next, BILL and ANDY asked three members to come forward – all were PP's - HOWIE HENKES, JIM COLLINS, and JIM DOWNIE. They were presented with the Rotary Hall of Fame Award for FIFTY years of membership in Rotary.

Jack Siegal of Santa Monica related the tale of the Founding of Westwood Village – (then called WLA Rotary). Several of their members met with Angus Cavanaugh, Principal of University High School – who became our first President – and Santa Monica bankrolled our startup costs. At this point, PP RON WANGLIN came forward to talk about the period 1930 to 1950. RON'S dad, CHASE, was President of the Club in 1937-38 – and again, the visuals were terrific. Paul Harris, played by Jim Young, who is a PDG from Fullerton Rotary, made the first of several appearances, speaking of the founding of Rotary in Chicago in 1905, and the dance team did the Fox Trot. Next up was PP JIM COLLINS, covering the 50's to the 70's. More audio visual, and the dancers were jitterbugging.

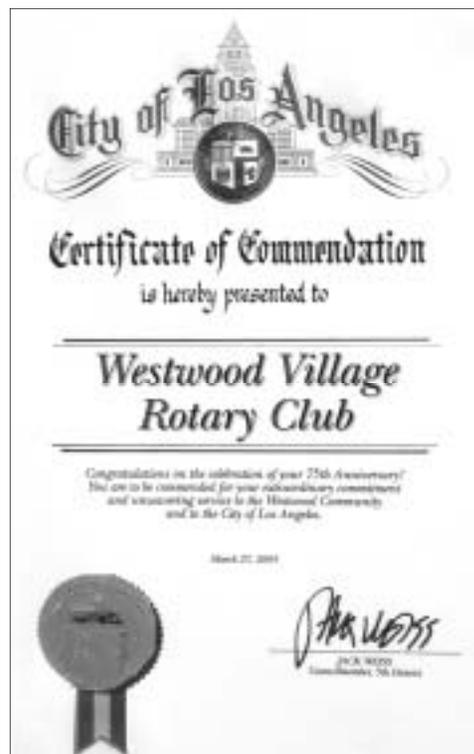
Dinner came next, and all agreed that the three entrees were excellent. We were called upon to Exercise – that means, doing the Twist – and some of those in attendance pulled it off. PP STEVE SCHERER covered the 70's up to '89 – and what else appeared but dessert in the form of BAKED ALASKA! Paul Harris was still appearing, and PP STEVE DAY spoke about the 90's up to the present, with our dancers doing the Salsa.

Pres. PETER wound it all up, thanking the many members who helped in what has to be our best party, ever! It was One For The Book, and we all came away with fond memories – and great expectations for the future. PP RON LYSTER, you did it again, and all your hard work paid off. PP DAVE WHITEHEAD was involved in everything – he was the Producer, and did himself and WVRC proud. And PETER, your guiding hand showed when needed, and you are to be congratulated by all of us who attended. At least a dozen members, spouses and guests told me how

much they enjoyed it – and the tributes were well deserved.

YOE, Ernie Wolfe

The following pages feature photos from the 75th Celebration Dinner. Thanks to Jeff More & Dick Thompson for doing great work as our photographers for the evening.





President Peter More



Peter & Shirley More



DG John & LeAnn Colville, Shirley & Peter More



PDG Jim Young as Paul Harris



PDG Andy Anderson, LeAnn & DG John Colville, Judi & PDG Bill Goodwyn



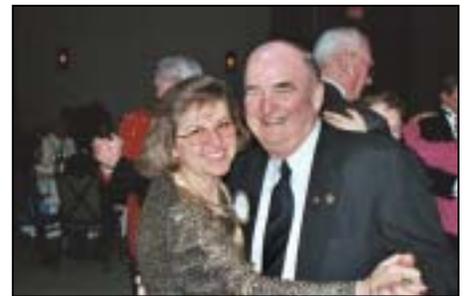
Mary & PP Eric Loberg



PP Jim Collins, PP Jim & Margie Downie, Carol Collins, PP Bob Wessling



PP Dave Whitehead handled the AV presentation



Karen & PP Jim Edwards



Rose & PP Chris Gaynor



Elliott Turner & Vicky Morales



Mark Block, PDG Andy Anderson, Marcia Rozelle, Marjorie Block



RI Scholar Lee Broekman & YOE Ernie Wolfe



Caroline & Bruce Harris



Marion & PP Leo Tseng



Jessie & Dick Robinson



Marie & Bruce Rolf



Carol & PP Jim Collins



Marjorie & Ray Zickfeld



PP Steve Scherer, PP Chris Gaynor, Hank Heuer



Pat & PDG Andy Anderson



Pat & Brian Bumpas



Santa Monica Rotarians: Jack Siegal, Pres. Dee Menzies, Kai-Li & AG Hal Quigley, PE Lionel & Lisa Ruhman. Standing June Doy & foundation students.



Carol Collins, Eleanor More, Roz Nelson, Judy Wessling



PP Ralph Woodworth, Judy Wessling, Bettye Woodworth



Helen Beasom, PP Homer & Sally Newman



Pauline Harris, Clawson Bleak, Floyd Dewhirst, Marjorie Viau



PP Leo & Marian Tseng, Peggy Bloomfield, Bonnie & Richard Crouch



Cindy Lusk, Mary Frances Cox, Pat Anderson with granddaughter Beth



Cathy Collins Hession, Adam Boserup, Jan Stuckman



Sunny & Lenny Friedman, Pres. Peter More



Rhea Davidson, Shane Waarbroek, Sharon & Chris Bradford, Vacharee Fell, Susan Allen, Gordon Fell



Marjorie & Mark Block, Lee Dunayer, Cathy Rezos, Marti Dunayer



Karen & PP Dave Whitehead



Sloss Viau cutting the rug with Cate Caplin



Professional Dancers Russell Adcock & Cate Caplin entertained us all evening



Roz & VP Don Nelson



Judy & PP Bob Wessling



Cathy Rezos & PE Rudy Alvarez



Nina & Ed Jackson



Standing: UCLA Rotoractor Sam Wong, PP George Dea, Jessie Robinson, Janice Koyama.
Seated: Dick Robinson



PP Bob Lusk, Floyd Dewhirst,
PP Howie & Petie Henkes



Annie & PP Henry Tseng, Nora Aquino,
Pres. Peter More



Pres. Peter More, PP Jim & Margie Downie, Bob
Leonard, Rebecca Belosic



The Lyster Family: Guin, Cindy PP Ron, Marty



Nina & Ed Jackson, Lenny & Sunny Friedman, ?



VP Don & Roz Nelson



Gregg Elliott's Band



Karen & Dennis Cornwell



Adel & Zoreh Shojaour



Sheila & Mike Yousem



PP Steve Scherer, Hank Heuer, Bill Pierce, Dennis Cornwell



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