

AWARDS NIGHT - 1991

Apprehensive to begin the year

- ROTARY is a VOLUNTEER organization, but at all the conferences, you are approached as THIS IS your LIFE
- It is NOT MY LIFE, but one part of it
- I intended to keep it in PERSPECTIVE, but try to be RESPONSIBLE (questioned at times)
- MEMORY of one morning at breakfast
- WALLY ROY trying to convince me
- RELUCTANT because BIG JOB and HEIDI in senior year (sports)
- Wally had learned that his CANCER had reappeared and right there he made me realize that everyone only has SO MUCH TIME and to make the most of it
- So I said yes
- I hope that all of you enjoyed the year without the necessity of me saying "YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE FUN"

Year starts with Bill Mayhood

- AS ALWAYS
- The FIRST MEETING of the year was with the District Governor, Bill Mayhood
- SUCCESSFUL as usual, because our club is involved in so many activities
- But he did find ONE AREA that needed improvement - we were one of only four clubs with NO WOMEN in the club
- Not one of the original goals but 3 women now in club and MORE coming
 - Bonnie Piche
 - Joanne Bengiveno
 - Roberta Bondelie
- Not to be forgotten our other new members are:
 - Brian O'Neill
 - Jeff Rosen
 - and two others entered just prior to my term
 - Roger Hassler
 - Miles Yamamoto
- I also forgot the Governor's MYSTERY gift - I wasn't getting any help from the past president
- Rich, this is your reminder

To start with - Recognize the Board

- Rich Flynn - President-elect, one week to go
- Bob Jones - Secretary and will remain
- Herschel Higgins - Treasurer and needs to stay to balance the books
- Don Cameron - his helper
- Tom Cox - Sergeant-at-Arms

Club Directors

- Jack O'Brien - Club Service I, whose committees were:
 - Attendance - Paul Uenaka
 - Classification - Jim Guido
 - Club Bulletin - Paul Heaney
 - Fellowship - Earl Steinhoff, Peter Paul & Tim Steele
 - Fireside Chat & Historian - Hersch Higgins
 - Membership - Paul Consentino
 - Program - John Guisto
 - Public Relations - John Gilleland
 - Rotary Information - Don Cameron & Earl McIntosh
 - Finemaster - Ed Lacina
- Dean Di Benedetto - Club Service II, whose committees were:
 - All Star football game - Jack O'Brien
 - Art & Wine Festival - Bob Nave
 - Bowlathon - Dean Di Benedetto & Mike Wiles
 - Super Bowl Party - Dean Di Benedetto
- Mike Wiles - Community Service, whose committees were:
 - Camp RYLA - Bob Mikolic
 - Pioneer Interact - Stan Laderman
 - Oak Grove Interact - Dick Cunningham
 - Senior citizens - Paul Heaney
 - Speech contest - Bruce Bondelie
 - Awards & Scholarships - Jim Guido

which were all very successful, they must run themselves
- Ed Lacina - International Service, whose primary committee Rotary Foundation - Gary Exberger
- Rich Couser - Vocational Service, the cushy job that gets you on the board
- We had our final board meeting at the Feed and Fuel and I handed out THANK YOU awards to each of the board members except one Dean
 - one EXTRA, so to Don Cameron
- NO MORE, but verbally I would like to thank two others - Paul Consentino for sponsoring me and looking out for me and Jim Guido for basically the same - both were there to help when I needed it.

Significant Events During the Year

- July AGAIN - All Star Football Game (Jack O'Brien)
- August - DAD had a baby girl, my SISTER (certainly made me feel younger)
- LOTS OF VACATIONS - Continued Jim Dowling tradition of the POST CARDS which are in a binder
- September - Almaden Valley ART AND WINE Festival
Thanks to Chairman Bob Nave and his crew
- Rich COUSER won his race for the SCHOOL BOARD
- Added two new HONORARY members
 - Donna Dawson, Pioneer Interact Club advisor
 - Jane Tolentino, All Star Football Game secretary
- November - I began this thing about a TENNIS RACKET which will probably stick with me forever
 - I told Paul Heaney that I had this article I wrote, read it, approve it and use it when I didn't have an article
- December - The loss of Phil Maher, a charter member of our club
- December - Christmas LUNCHEON with the SENIORS at the Southside Senior Center (thanks to Paul Heaney, Santa - Bob Jones)
- December - HELP THE NEEDY project headed by Rich Flynn (those involved helped several very needy families with food, clothes, bicycles and will be a project for the future)
- March - BOWL-A-THON at Oak Ridge Lanes headed by Dean and Mike Wiles
- April - District SPEECH CONTEST WINNER from Santa Teresa - Jessica Megginson
Thanks to Bruce Bondelie for his work
- April - Best Average ATTENDANCE award at the District Conference
 - this after some heated discussions on attendance at a club assembly
 - 100% attendance in February
- PRIVILEGED MEMBERSHIP to (at Charter Party)
Anne Griswald, Sue Roy and Beryl Maher
- The ENDOWMENT FUND continues to grow and we handed out a lot of contributions and scholarships
- May - FOOTBALL BANQUET, Brent Jones speaker
- June - Served security for the WORLD CUP RACE WALKING event
Good job Jim Guido
- June - Leland Grad night facade project
Thanks to Rich Flynn and the whole crew (incl all our new members) SHIRTS
- June - Sponsored four students to attend Camp RYLA
 - Thanks again to Bob Mikolic
 - BAR-B-QUE CORN & FRUIT

The combination of these events, a couple of others to be mentioned, the social events already mentioned and several other social events such as the RENO AIR RACES and the LONG BEACH GRAND PRIX where those that attended claim it was a car race

IT was a very busy YEAR.

Service Above Self Awards, I have four

- The first is the All Star Football Game Chairman Jack O'Brien
 - Tried as many before to INCREASE the ATTENDANCE, he achieved filling the stadium by making it SMALLER
 - Lost SJ Spartan Stadium to SJCC which turned out to be a positive
 - Game needed MORE OFFENSE, half achieved it with a score, 43 to 3 for the South but I was supporting the North
 - Searched corporate sponsorship and I imagine that isn't dead yet
- The second is to Paul Heaney as the Grapevine editor
 - He took over for Bruce Curley and I believe produced an excellent newsletter
 - It is a job that is every week, requires a lot of preparation and just plain work
 - And I think he did an outstanding job deserving of this award
- The third is to Ed Lacina as the finemaster or finemonster
 - apparently, the finemaster is going out of favor in the District but I hope we never give it up, because I believe it is an integral part of our meetings
 - also, whenever I was losing it at the podium, I could just say it must be time for the finemonster
 - I also know that a considerable amount of time is spent in the preparation
- The fourth is to Stan Laderman as the Pioneer Interact Club representative
 - A club of some 100 members
 - Pioneer was represented by Margaret Quan as the District Governor and Ciappa as Lieut Gov
 - Pioneer hosted the District Interact conference in October and we hosted the BBQ (thanks again to Ray Lester)
 - And the crowning glory when we had 45 Pioneer students for a luncheon as well as 20 students from Oak Grove this past month
- One other person that I have to recognize is John Guisto and in fact I have a Service above Self plaque on order
 - He has continued to mention that he was not getting the respect due him, and it seems also to be true in my case
 - I'm sure he's reminded Roberta that this is a tough job
 - As I was going through past newsletters I was reminded that we had more programs than we had weeks

As a prelude to Harris Pellish Award - CLUB'S FELLOWSHIP AWARD

I thought I would list the social functions during the year:

- Tailgate party before the All Star football game in July (the work of Dean DiBenedetto)
- ASRC Picnic in August (the work of Peter Paul & Tim Steele)
- Halloween Party in October (Earl Steinhoff)
- Day at the Races in November (Peter Paul & Bob Jones)
- Christmas Party at the Country Club in December (many)
 - Bob Nave - reservations
 - Ray Lester - Yule Logs
 - Mike Niimoto - Corsages
 - Program
- Super Bowl Party in January and the intro of a new drink (the work of Dean and others)
- Valentine luncheon in February
- Secretary's Day in May
- Charter Party at the Horseman's in May
 - Earl's crowning glory
- Joint Board Meeting in Reno in May
 - Thank you Paul Consentino
- Tonight's Awards Dinner

Harris Pellish Award

- Harris Pellish was BEFORE MY TIME, but the intent of this award is to mimic his personality
- The award is given to the person who contributes the most fellowship to the rest of the club, not only through outside events but also at the regular meetings, Because I'm designating TWO WINNERS

The first award is to Earl Steinhoff as more of a traditional award for his efforts on some if not on all the social functions

And the second winner is SOMEONE who has made many contributions during the year on not only the social functions but fellowship in general at the meetings

- even though, sometimes, his fellowship gets in the way of my conducting meetings

AND that is Dean Di Benedetto

Reece Griswald Club Service Award

- This award is given for outstanding CONTINUOUS service to the Almaden Valley Rotary Club
- And it is a poll of the past presidents of the club
- The recipient of this award is someone I asked to be on my board to add old-line stability to an otherwise potentially volatile board
- He was club president in 1980/81
- He accepted a job on my board that all the current accountants in the club had already sufficiently served there time
- He was our club treasurer and he managed our money very successfully while there was still money in our treasury
- Hersh Higgins

Rotarian of the Year

- SELF EXPLANATORY
- A person who was always available to me during the year
- Who kept telling me what a great job I was doing
- Who was the Club Service I director in charge of the many club functions such as attendance, classification, fellowship, membership, programs, public relations, rotary information, finemaster, historian and fireside chats
- Who was the last year's football game chairman and who is going to be next year's
- And who accepted and completed very successfully the task of putting together the Almaden Valley Rotary Club Directory and History (describes our club and member profiles)
- And who finally really cares about the activities of our club
- Jack O'Brien