



June 27, 1986

To My Fellow Almaden Valley Rotarians:

They told us at P.E.T.S. that the year would fly by quickly. They told us that if we weren't careful, it would slip by and all of our plans and goals for our year might not be accomplished. But they were talking in generalities, to the group as a whole. The year has sped by, but Almaden Valley Rotary is not a club that sits idle. In my Summary of Club Plans and Objectives to the District Governor on July 1, 1985, I said, "I consider it a great honor to have been elected President of an already great Rotary Club." I meant it then and I still do. There was never any doubt in my mind that we could fulfill our goals. You will find attached a copy of my final report to District Governor Paul Ehret. As you read through it, you will see that we not only met our goals in most areas, but we excelled. This club is just unbelievable. The spirit of last Friday evening said it all, but it's difficult, if not impossible, to put into words. I've not encountered another Rotary club where the members are so close and accomplish so much as Almaden Valley. There is an esprit de corps that is missing from many other clubs. I asked a great deal of you in time and financial sacrifice this year and in all instances, you came through. Thank you.

Now we start a new Rotary year with a new president. I'm asking that you give Jerry Engles your full support as you did for me. With a club of this caliber behind him, he can't help but have a banner year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bruce", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Bruce M. Curley  
President, 1985-86

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 517

ROTARY CLUB OF ALMADEN VALLEY

Final Report

June 27, 1986

**MEMBERSHIP**

We are currently at 54 members up from a starting membership of 49. We would have been at 57 members, but unfortunately we recently lost three members. Our membership chairman, **Bill Smith** had a membership drive and we have several new members that are still being processed.

**ROTARY FOUNDATION**

We started the year at the 12,700% plateau. Collectively, our club contributed \$8,309 or \$173 per capita by November 1, and had 20 people present at the Foundation Dinner. Our plateau at that point was approximately 14,400%. Under the directorship of Rotary Foundation chairman **Wally Roy** and bowlathon chairman **Dougald Turnbull**, we held a bowlathon which raised approximately \$2100. These proceeds were made available to members as matching funds. As of June 20, we had contributions to the Foundation totalling \$15,292 which is \$318 per capita. Our current plateau is 15,800%. We have 14 new Paul Harris Fellows for a total of 58. We have 15 new Sustaining Members for a total of 62. 100% of our members are either Paul Harris Fellows or Sustaining Members of the Foundation.

**ATTENDANCE**

Almaden Valley continues to lead the District in attendance. There was only one month during the year that we were not first in the District in attendance. Attendance chairman **Reed Grandy** monitored attendance and contacted members who had missed to make sure that they had made up.

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE - Director: Jack Stednitz**

**WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE**

We have successfully completed our project with the Club Juaguas de Cuernavaca by supplying them with sports equipment for underprivileged youth. Chairman is **Wayne Cheney**.



## **INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE**

Our club has sponsored an exchange student from Cuernavaca, Mexico, Silvia Ramos, since July 1. Several of our club activities have centered around this delightful young lady. We also had the pleasure of hosting and entertaining two other members of Silvia's family for two weeks. **Ray Lester** is chairman.

September 29 was Silvia's 18th birthday and on that date the club held a welcoming and birthday party for her. There were over 80 people in attendance including about a dozen exchange students and their host families.

## **INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE**

We have re-established communications with our two sister clubs in Mexico City, the Nāucalpan and del Valle Navarte clubs and hope to exchange visitations with them as we have in the past.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE - Director: Bruce Bondelie**

### **HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME**

The Almaden Valley High School Football Game raised a total of \$13,287.75 for local charities. In addition, the game provides a vehicle for local youth to be recognized for their athletic achievements. **Jim Wangeman** chaired last year's game. This year's game will be under the direction of chairman **Don Cameron**.

### **KONICA SAN JOSE CLASSIC - L.P.G.A. GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Almaden Valley Rotary, for the second year, provided all of the concessions for this week-long event. Using local groups as a labor force, we were able to raise over \$30,000, all of which was returned to the community. Chairman: **Jim Wangeman**.

### **ALMADEN ART & WINE FESTIVAL - POLISH SAUSAGE BOOTH**

Our club members enjoyed good fellowship while we cooked up and served Polish sausage sandwiches to the general public. Our efforts raised \$2,500. Co-chairmen: **Eric Joseph** and **Rich George**.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS**

Through our fund-raising efforts, we were again able to provide scholarships to six area high schools and loans to local university students. Eligible recipients

were recommended to the Board of Directors by the Scholarships and Loans committee, chaired by **Paul Consentino**.

#### **YOUTH**

Thanks to Youth Chairman **Barney Jenott**, we enjoyed a delightful program during Youth Activities Month in which several exchange students including our own **Silvia**, spoke to the club members. We continue to support our local Boy Scout troops and our High School All-Star Football Game supports local youth.

#### **PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT**

One major accomplishment this year was the completion of the beautification project at Pioneer High School. This involved planning and implementing and three weekends of work to provide functional brick and redwood seating for the students as well as lawn and flowered areas. Co-chairmen were **Paul Consentino** and **Paul Uenaka**.

#### **CAMP R.Y.L.A.**

A committee formed under chairman **Stan Laderman** selected five R.Y.L.A. campers. These students were honored at our April 18th general meeting. We plan to have them back to speak to the club after their Camp RYLA experience.

#### **SPEECH CONTEST**

Under the direction of Speech Contest Chairman **Bob Bleier**, our club enjoyed a very successful speech contest and also co-hosted the Area 8 Speech Contest.

#### **INTERACT CLUB**

Some definite progress has been made in the area of forming an Interact club in Almaden Valley. Through our various school projects, we are gradually gaining the support of school administrators, and we are slowly breaking ground in this difficult area. Co-chairmen: **Fred Eberle** and **Earl McIntosh**.

#### **VOCATIONAL SERVICE - Director: Eric Joseph**

#### **ROTARY STUDENT VISITATIONS**

We have established a program with several of the local high schools which makes our members and their businesses available for visits by students interested in a particular career field.



## **CLASSIFICATION TALKS**

As part of our program schedule, we have included talks by our members informing us of their own line of work or classification.

## **THE 4-WAY TEST**

We continue to stress the principles of the 4-way test at our meetings and in our bulletin.

## **SECRETARIES' DAY**

We enjoyed another successful Secretaries' Day with many secretaries in attendance and an interesting presentation by a local elected official.

## **CLUB SERVICE - Director: Herschel Higgins**

### **CLUB BULLETIN**

**Gary Moore** has been doing an outstanding job since taking over as editor of "The Grapevine", our weekly bulletin. We feel that the bulletin is the primary means of keeping the membership informed, especially the Rotary wives.

## **FELLOWSHIP**

Fellowship has always been a strong point with Almaden Valley Rotary. This year has been exceptional. Fellowship chairman **Jerry Gibson** has provided us with outstanding social events including:

**San Francisco Bay Dinner Cruise** - An evening cruising the Bay with good fellowship, city lights, great food and fireworks.

**Halloween Party** - A traditional Halloween Party with costume participation stressed. Almost everyone turned out in costumes. Prizes were awarded for the best ones.

**Christmas Luncheon** - One of our favorite functions, the Christmas Luncheon attracted over 100 people. Highlights included presentation of cash gifts to needy organizations, a choral group, corsages and potted flowers for the ladies, yule logs and Christmas ornaments.

**New Year's Eve Party** - Lots of holiday cheer as we celebrated the coming of the new year in typical Almaden Valley style. The party was held in the home of Larry and Sue Mueller.

**Almaden Valley Charter Party** - Our traditional charter party is always a successful function. This year's was no exception with a great slide show by **Jim Guido** and entertainment and dancing to the Tongue 'N' Chic Orchestra.

**Gala Awards Night** - This was a first for Almaden Valley Rotary. It was an opportunity to recognize our members for their accomplishments throughout the year, as well as the awarding of Paul Harris Fellowships. The evening concluded with a special nostalgic treat, a movie of the year's events set to a musical soundtrack.

#### **ROTARY INFORMATION**

Bulletin editor **Gary Moore** was also Rotary Information chairman. Through "The Grapevine" he was able to keep the membership informed on many aspects of Rotary. Our weekly "Quiz" format in which members were quizzed on specifics about Rotary and other subjects and fined if they don't know the answer, was very successful.

#### **FIRESIDE CHATS**

Our initial Fireside Chat was very well received. A small group of Rotarians, old and new, and their wives, got together informally at a member's home to discuss principles of Rotary and get acquainted.

#### **PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT AND R.I. FUNCTIONS**

##### **ROTARY DAY AT THE OAKLAND A'S**

A number of our members signed up for this event and in the process helped to sponsor our five RYLA campers.

##### **AVENUE OF SERVICES BARBEQUE**

Fifteen Almaden Valley Rotarians turned out for the Avenue of Services Barbeque, most of whom helped head chef **Ray Lester** prepare the food for the masses.

##### **DISTRICT 517 MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR**

Again, **Ray Lester** and a crew of nine were on hand to do the cooking and serving chores.



#### **DISTRICT 517 ROTARY FOUNDATION DINNER**

Almaden Valley had twenty people in attendance at the Foundation Dinner, sold \$7,200 in tickets and won the Grand Door Prize.

#### **SIX-DISTRICT DINNER HONORING ED CADMAN**

Almaden Valley had forty people in attendance at the Ed Cadman Dinner.

#### **DISTRICT TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

Almaden Valley participated with four players. Almaden Valley's team of **Jerry Gibson** and **Herschel Higgins** took first place.

#### **DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Almaden Valley entered two foursomes.

#### **DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

100% registration

We had a high percentage of member participation.

Governor's host club

Almaden Valley rotarians worked at the registration desk

Another "dynamite" hospitality suite

#### **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

Our 1986-87 team came back from the Assembly fired up and ready to go.

#### **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - LAS VEGAS**

21 Almaden Valley Rotarians and wives attended the International Convention in Las Vegas.

Bruce M. Curley, D.V.M.  
President 1985-86