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### Santa Monica Rotary Club's 90th Anniversary

Posted by Diane Margolin on Mar 23, 2012



hats and moustaches would add a touch of class with their Past President sashes when they sang their "Happy Birthday Rotary" song at the culmination of the program. That is, before they were led off the stage in an energetic Conga line by Savi.

Thanks to the 13 generous sponsors in the Club, the party at the Casa del Mar will be remembered for years to come. They were Allan Young, Susan Gabriel Potter, George Collins, Con Oyler, Tom Loo, David Price, Scott Kunitz, Barbara Bishop, Monte Herring, Hal Quigley, Ron Davis, The Menzies Family and John Bohn.

On Friday, March 23, Rotary through the Decades was the theme of the 90th birthday celebration of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica. Each decade was represented by a song, dance, or surprise interruption by the Club's talented members. The entertainment, conceived by George Collins, was directed by the Club's Executive Secretary, Savi Labensart, who is a wonderful singer. John Lehne was responsible for rounding up the Past Presidents. Susan Gabriel Potter felt top



The Dynamic Duo of George Collins and Diane Margolin worked closely with the amazing hotel staff to create an elegant, yet relaxing, atmosphere for Rotarians and their guests to dine, dance, and have fun in the hotel ballroom. They are already thinking about the 100th birthday party. But, not for awhile, yet.



Much appreciation to Klaus Mennekes, Toby Lent, Casa del Mar Captain Kathleen and the servers; plus Susan Gabriel Potter, Helene Winkler, Rotaract Club members Micolee Lazaro and Ava Haghighi; Sharon Johnson, Kris Andresen, Kai-li Quigley, Steven Freedberg, Paula from Pure Sense; Abe from Ann's Flowers; and the very talented entertainers. We also had a terrific jazz trio from Crossroads High School who performed during the

cocktail hour. Members could get their pictures taken in the photo booth wearing hats and accessories that gave revealing clues into their personalities. DJ Eric Greenberg kept the music going, even after the party was over. The performers needed a screen to change behind and thanks to new member, Salvation Army Captain Mario Ruiz,



that problem was solved. He brought it to the hotel and picked it up when the party was over! Dee Menzies lent us easels for the Rotary memorabilia exhibit.

In sparkling green dresses RoseMary



Regalbuto and Barbara Bishop started the entertainment with their dazzling Charleston dance. Who will ever forget



Avo Guerboian's impersonation of his Dad, Eddie, when he impersonated Elvis Presley years ago? Greg Hargrave in his colorful clown costume always seemed to appear at the wrong time, but his juggling timing was perfect. Emcee Paul Gaulke did a great job of keeping the program moving. We did hope he would "play his cheeks," but perhaps another time.



Savi entertained us with her beautiful voice in a few numbers. She began behind a shower curtain deftly held up by Bill Werner and Jim Dyer. Why did Jim keep taking photos behind the curtain?



You had to be there....



Monika White serenaded us with the spoons while her husband, Roger played his harmonica. Tom Larmore and John Pacheco strummed and sang with their guitars. Carol Jackson did a



breathy rendition of "Happy Birthday, Mr. President," to David, a la Marilyn Monroe.

Savi joined Pat Bofird and Carol Jackson dressed to sing like the Andrew Sisters. Bill Werner came up on stage to play his harmonica with them. Savi later tried a Madonna song, only to be interrupted by Greg and his juggling, but kept the crowd entranced when she sang "Heroes," accompanied by the fabulous pianist T.J. Montemer.



Barb Bishop and Avo once again kept our toes tapping with their rendition of John Travolta's dancing to "Staying Alive." Those shoes Avo wore were something else! Our realistic stunt men, Nik Goehner and Torrey Vogel fooled a few people who were ready to call the police when they started sword fighting, and even breaking a table. Luckily former Police Chief



Tim Jackman was at the dinner with his wife, Lisa. She handcuffed Nik and led him out of the party. Russ Warner proved to be a distracting interruption when Avo was performing.

It was a night filled with memories of the fun and camaraderie created by the members in our wonderful Rotary Club.

--Diane

You can see more of the photos from that night on our [Rotary Club's 90th Anniversary - Video Slide Show](#)

### President's Pin

Posted by Scott Kunitz

President David wanted everyone to get the chance to see the beautiful President's Pin that Avo custom designed for our club to pass down through the years.



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