

STANLEY MINER

President, 2002-2003

During my year as president SIR accomplished the following:

1. Heightened awareness of, and intensified focus on, the Rotary Foundation. We gave \$3,000 to the Annual Fund, the highest amount in many years and perhaps the most the club has given in a single year since the late 1980's. This was a continuation and expansion of what the Board began under Mardie Rhode's leadership the previous year.
2. Led the Polio Eradication Campaign for SIR in which we raised over \$6,000 in donations and pledges.
3. Membership continued to grow, but at a slower pace. SIR approached 50 members, but never exceeded a total of 48. We started to eliminate marginal members.
4. Had an incremental expansion in the International Service Committee through our contribution to the BRIDGES project in Peru and a project to dig wells in Zimbabwe. SIR also gave assistance to flood victims in the Czech Republic through the Prague International Rotary Club.
5. Established a connection with other "International" Rotary clubs and actually received items for our SIR auction from two of them.
6. Initiated the practice of having more regular social functions for members outside of regular meetings: Open house at the president's home and smaller gatherings at several member's homes. In recent years these times had been rare.
7. Purchased a Paul Harris Fellow banner and formally recognized our significant contributors to the Rotary Foundation, as an adjunct to the increased focus on the Rotary Foundation...