

## Los Angeles Historical Bottle Club's President Dave Maryo Retires after Eight Consecutive Years of Club Leadership



Dave Maryo stepped up when he felt it necessary and now is stepping down to enjoy meetings as just "one of the group."

His role that started eight years ago and ran through December 2017, was multifaceted mainly by adding his own style of leadership. He wasn't a delegator, he was a doer. He wanted club members to thoroughly

enjoy each meeting with fewer obligations. He always wanted each member to have time for bottle discussions with others.

At one point, during his presidency, he became a member of the board of the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors (FOHBC) as the Western Region Director. He took that role seriously and put out his own style of newsletter which was a way for him to keep a more personal contact going with the Western Region clubs. He felt the Western Region clubs would feel more a part of the entire picture if he, as their representative, kept them personally informed via the newsletter he created for them.

One of the many interesting events he became heavily involved in was the celebration of the LAHBC's 50th Anniversary in 2017. After some discussion at meetings as to how to celebrate, Dave volunteered to make interesting labels for bottles. Members were encouraged to donate bottles for our 50th event. The bottles were to be won and/or given to folks who attended LAHBC's 2017 annual bottle show. After many dedicated personal hours, Dave fashioned the labels to be California-history driven, colorful and tastefully prepared. He spent many hours carefully placing labels on many bottles. [Editor Note: Refer to Los Angeles Historical Bottle Club's 50th Anniversary Commemoratives in the July | August 2017 issue of Bottles and Extras]

In 2017, he removed the business portion of our meetings and handled that portion via email to the board members. He suggested if any member had an issue they wanted discussed and covered that they could relate that to our club president or any board member to be considered further by the board. This removal step created more time for bottle shopping, talking, raffles and extended time for the Show and Tell portion of meetings.

Among other responsibilities he also maintained our club website, contacted yearly the proper representative of the FOHBC to obtain insurance coverage for our monthly meetings and our annual shows. He also took on the responsibility for filing the yearly proper non-profit tax paperwork. Being the computer guru that Dave is, he created and maintained changes to our annual show flyers/posters and made sure an up-to-date flyer/poster was submitted to the FOHBC for yearly posting in the FOHBC magazine.

His idea for adding special fun to our yearly fund-raising bottle auctions was a matter of organizing a two-sided sheet for auction night: One side was for members to keep track of their bidding/wins while the other side contained auction rules. He even threw in some wooden, homemade auction paddles with numbers on them to assist the auctioneers in identifying the winning bidders. I think I remember he had a picture of a different bottle on each paddle.

In summation, the above is given so you can learn of the dedication Dave gave to the final product which in some cases was our meetings, in others our annual shows and in general he gave his knowledge freely to any member or visitor who approached him regarding information on any given subject or pertaining to the hobby in general. He answered all emails received on our website and brought in printed copies of same to share at club meetings. We thank you for your dedication of eight years Dave. We look forward to you being, "one of the group."

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