



**Ladies tour
Los Angeles'
Scenic Sites**

Participants in the Joint Meeting Ladies' Program embark on a tour of scenic beach resorts. Other activities arranged by Ladies' Program Chairman Norma Leenerts included tours of the Music Center, Olvera Street, China Town and the Moskatels. Below, participants donned formal attire to join their husbands for the traditional Tuesday evening banquet and dance.



● **R.R. Allen completes term. . .**

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We also have a new Editor of Analytical Methods, Bill Link. The method revisions were late this year, but not because of Bill. When we finally realized we needed a new Editor and appointed Bill, he started working hard or the revisions would have been much later. You probably know by now, we are finally going to include phone numbers in the directory. I urge you all to send back the data to include in the directory—it is for your benefit.

Also, those who are on committees are aware we have scheduled the committee meetings to not interfere with the technical sessions. Whether this change is gold or a lead balloon, we will know at the end of the meeting.

As to the old, the recipients of our awards were all most deserving. For the first time an Industrial Chemist, Ed Lutton of P&G received the Lipid Chemistry Award.

All of our committees functioned well last year, and I thank them for a job well done. I am still awed at the time and effort spent by so many people to do jobs that help us all, and they do it quietly and well. However, I regret I

must tell you the chairman of the Smalley Committee, one of our most important and far-reaching committees, our good friend Dick Doughtie, died on April 6. Dick did so much, so well for our Society. He is missed very much.

So much for the past and present. Where do we go from here?

First, what about our meetings of the future?

We hear they are too scientific and also they are not scientific enough. We hear there is too much social life and not enough. They are too expensive—4 day or 3 day meetings, 1 or 2 a year. So we have a challenge. What will our future meetings be like? You tell us.

At this point in time when we see accelerated change all around us, we need to ask, in what ways can we best carry out the purpose of the Society, "to encourage the advancement of technology and research in oils, other lipids and associated materials." Shall we keep doing what we are now doing or should we change, and if we change, to what? We have a challenge and a purpose—What do we do?

Thank you. ■