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## 'Magic of May' Theme for Greenthumb Flower Show

Greenthumbers Garden Club is busy with plans for its third annual flower show to be held May 10, 11, and 12 at the Sea-Aire Field House. The theme of this year's show will be "The Magic of May." It was also announced that the club will again this year comply with many requests and will feature a special section for floral arrangements of a wedding nature. The entire program will be published soon and door prizes will be awarded by the club.

These announcements are the results of the February meeting of the club held at the home of Mrs. Louis Wilhelm. Mrs. Eldon Sellmeyer, president, conducted the meeting and thanked officially all members who helped with the decoration of the Torrance auditorium and Civic Center for the All-American Day celebration.

Greenthumbers present at the meeting were Meses. John Klug, William Greenwood, Al Mategorin, Al Bahn, Earl Muback, Clarence Barrow, Maude Vulgamott, John Fitzgerald, Louis Wilhelm, Eldon Sellmeyer, George Horton, John Knight, and Paul Kolleck. Also present were two guests, Mrs. Crowley of Canada, a former resident, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Cy Crowley.

### CHI OMEGA ALUMNI MEETS

Chi Omega Alumni of the South Bay area met Tuesday evening, Feb. 26, at the home of Mrs. W. J. Hesnault Jr., 25 Eastfield Dr., Rolling Hills. Mrs. Jack Nelson was co-hostess. Members heard reports from the committee which planned and gave the February birthday party for the patients at the Ocean View Sanitarium.

A definite date will be announced for the March meeting which will be a luncheon rather than an evening meeting.

### Chapter to Honor Prexy

Tierra del Ray Parlor 300, Hermosa Beach, Native Daughters of the Golden West, will honor Mrs. William Stidham, senior past president of Tierra del Rey, at their meeting, March 5. Mrs. Stidham is the deputy grand president of the Inglewood Parlor.

At the parlor meeting held Feb. 18, plans were made for the luncheon and fashion show to be held May 18 at the Plush Horse. Mrs. Frank Turck was also installed as outside sentinel.

The daytime group met Feb. 21 at the Palos Verdes home of Mrs. Kay Moehopos to work on corsages and decorations for the fashion show.

## New Council Officers to Be Installed

New officers will be installed at St. Catherine Council meeting this evening at 8 p.m. in the parish hall. Honor guest will be Mrs. R. Calvert Haws, past archdiocese officer, president of National officer, and at present editor of the CCD news. Other notables will be Mrs. Merle Sloane, western deanery president, Jean Sackley, Deanery chairman on home and schools and others.

The Rev. Raymond Tepe has again appointed Mrs. Joseph Andrade as president of the council. Serving with her will be Mrs. William Reeves, vice president; Mrs. John Segreto, secretary; Mrs. Ernest Kardosy, treasurer.

Chairmen appointed are: Mrs. Henry Busittel, altar; Mrs. Sylvester McElroy, confraternity; Mrs. Frank Risica, home and school; Mrs. Monte Gmur, ways and means; Mrs. Ernest Simon, health; Mrs. Dwight Beechman, membership; Mrs. H. E. Moore, Red Cross and Community Chest; Mrs. John Bennet, welfare; Mrs. Edwin Clark, USO and Mrs. George McNeill, publicity.

St. Catherine's parish was started in 1950 with thirty members. It now has between four and five hundred members.

### BOARD MEETING

Marina District 18, California Federation of Woman's Clubs will hold an executive board meeting tomorrow, March 1, at the Palms Woman's Club, 10420 Palms Blvd., Los Angeles, at 10 a.m. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. Reservations are being taken by Mrs. Sanford Mullins, El Segundo.

### SOROPTIMIST RUMMAGE SALE

Torrance-Gardena Soroptimist International will stage a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, at 1439 Marcellina, near the post-office. The public is invited to attend the sale, proceeds from which will go to the club's service project. Mrs. Winona Ellis is chairman.

# LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

## Arlington

February executive board meeting of Arlington PTA was held in the school cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 7. Present were Meses. J. H. Blue, F. Stoeckle, J. Ramirez, R. Gilbert, L. Van De Vort, P. Bruce, L. Biley, M. Spaulding, A. Oliver, R. Cyr, R. Webster, J. Prince, A. Doxakis, H. Fisk, R. Eystone, C. Johnson, J. Leonard, M. Douglas, A. Nichols, and Mal Richland and Weideman.

Mrs. L. Biley, finance and budget chairman, announced that the paper drive held in January enriched the treasury by \$92.60. Prizes were won by Mrs. Cahen's class for the lower grades and Mrs. Comorre's class for the upper grades.

A get-acquainted day was held Feb. 20, between the hours of 10 and 2 at Verburg's Hall. White elephants were auctioned and coffee and doughnuts were sold for a silver offering. Baked goods were also on sale.

## No. Torrance League 'Mom Organized

Wednesday, Feb. 20, was the date of the first meeting of the North Torrance Little League Auxiliary, held at the home of Mrs. Jeff Bell, 3719 W. 187th St., to elect officers.

Present at the meeting as guests were Mrs. L. Marshall and Mrs. D. Campbell of the Torrance National Little League Auxiliary, who advised the North Torrance group on the purpose and duties of a Little League Auxiliary.

Elected to serve as officers for the coming years were: president, Mrs. Jeff Bell; vice president, Mrs. I. J. Mark; secretary, Mrs. Juanita Schafer; treasurer, Mrs. Paul Welch. Chosen to serve on the board of the auxiliary were Mrs. Gerald Cunerty, publicity chairman; Mrs. Joe Sorenson, ways and means; Mrs. Herb Fisher and Mrs. L. L. Smith, concessions chairman.

The president, Mrs. Bell, said the purpose of forming an auxiliary for the North Torrance Little League was to aid and assist the players and Little League managers and officers in all undertakings. Mrs. Bell further advised that there would be a general meeting of the newly-formed auxiliary on Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m., in Room 1 of the Crenshaw Elementary School. Mothers of Little League players are invited to attend and become members of the North Torrance Little League Auxiliary.

It was announced that during the membership drive 302 parents and teachers joined the Arlington PTA. Anyone who did not join during the drive may do so at anytime.

## 186th Street

Two honorary life memberships were presented at the Founders' Day meeting of the 186th St. School PTA, held in the school auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 14. The recipients were Mrs. Herman Eisenbeis, president, and Mrs. Stephen Pencheff, faculty representative. Mrs. Pencheff is more familiarly known to the PTA as Miss Evelyn Buckley, and is a bride of only a month. Mrs. Hugh Allen, honorary life membership chairman, praised Mrs. Eisenbeis and Mrs. Pencheff for their long record of service to children and the PTA.

Preceding the presentation, a skit entitled "Order in the Court," was presented with the following cast of characters: Meses. W. S. Stewart, J. T. Evans Jr., James Ellis, Billie Lewis, Hugh Allen, and Mr. Richard Evans and all the past presidents. Mrs. Edward Patton served as stage hand. A group of El Camino singers under the direction of Mr. Hill, sang selections from South Pacific and other semi-classics.

The past presidents were honor guests and received neck corsages with small gift gavels, and a year's subscription to the California Parent-Teacher magazine as gifts. Past presidents attending were: Meses. W. Early, J. M. McKerlie, Clifford Bennett, James Gauley, Leo Wagner, Claud Hill, W. Sutherland, W. Ten Eyck, A. B. Pond, and James McMillen. Also introduced were past recipients of honorary life membership from the 186th St. School PTA. They were Meses. Oliver Lang, George Matthews, and Harold Sprankle. Those having life memberships from other PTAs were Miss Ruth Engdahl, Meses. W. D. Earley, Eric Heinze, and Robert Straughan.

Election of officers was held and the following slate of officers was chosen for the year 1957-58: Mrs. James Ellis, president; Mrs. W. S. Stewart, first vice president; Mrs. Philippe Major, second vice president; Mrs. Billie Lewis, treasurer; Mrs. R. Dean Bryan, secretary; Mrs. Hugh Allen, auditor; and Mrs. Donald Dittman, historian.

Miss Jo McCollough, a faculty member, sang the inspirational message, "You Never Walk Alone." A tea and social hour followed the meeting.

## Riviera

Mrs. Ernest J. Weller and Mrs. Glen Grimsley were surprised Thursday night, Feb. 21, with life membership awards from the Riviera PTA. They were presented by Mr. Robert B. Dexter, principal of Sepulveda School and former principal of Riviera School and last year's recipient of a life membership.

The past presidents of Riviera PTA, Mrs. Ray Hold, Mrs. Ross Dorsett, and Mrs. Glen Grimsley, were introduced at the meeting.

Mrs. William Peterson, Mrs. Rod Freeman, Mrs. Robert A. Bha, Mrs. Lester Oswald, and Mrs. Ernest S. Weller were elected to the nominating committee for the purpose of nominating the fall semester slate of officers.

A very humorous skit: "What PTA Means to Father," was presented with Richard Dodge, Maurice Wilson, George Stefan, Ed Shields, Rod Freeman, John Smith, Berney Beard, and Mel French giving stellar performances.

The seventh grade chorus under the direction of John Walker opened the meeting with several very delightful musical selections.

Three new teachers were introduced by Dr. Duncan, Riviera School principal. They were Miss Susan Water, Mr. Keith Deeds, and Mr. Ronald Hall.

Mrs. Francis Stoeckle, Torrance Council PTA president, and Mrs. Mark Wright, from the Torrance Board of Education, attended the meeting also.

The meeting was adjourned to enjoy a social hour celebrating Founders' Day—the birthday of PTA.

## SEA-AIRES TO DANCE MARCH 2

Sea-Aire Stars, a square dance group sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Dept., held their fourth dance recently at the Sea-Aire Field House, Reynolds and Lupine Drives.

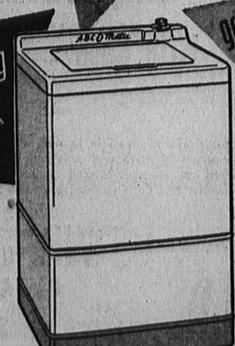
Their caller was Clarence Barrow. The dance group, which is open to all those interested in square dancing, will continue to meet every month on the first and third Saturdays, at 8 p.m.

Those enjoying the last square dance were Pat and Fred Layman, Toni and Chuck Thompson, Pat and Mark Caldwell, Delores and Bill Marleau, Alene and Otto Lippold, Roberta and Rill Parker, Fae and Don Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Evans.

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