

LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

G-W Council

Gardena-Wilmington Council PTA held its Feb. 24 meeting at Dominguez Community Bldg., Long Beach, Mrs. W. A. Blacker, president, presiding.

Prior to the business meeting, a breakfast co-hosted by Dominguez and Gardena-Elementary PTAs was held. Concluding business, Mrs. L. H. Montgomery, L.A. Tenth District Health Center Bldg. Chairman was presented as the principal speaker. She spoke on the origin of PTA and its full meaning, stressing why, as parents, we work in PTA—mainly for clothing of children, feeding and health problems. PTA grew out of the needs of children recognized first by teachers; therefore, it began as an educational program first, and philanthropic second. This large organization of 301 units grew from two teachers instructing mothers how to sew for needy; bathing children in the classroom when necessary; one-bed hospital in a grammar school; also cafeterias, needs cited; in the beginning in the form of "penny kitchens." Now it is recognized by the Health Center Bldg., Cafeteria systems in schools, Yale Center Clinic, and Children's Hospital. The program was concluded with the Mothersingers of Dominguez PTA rendering two songs.

Guests included were Mrs. Eric Heinzman, Harbor Regional Director. Guest principals were Mrs. Alice Fisher, Amestory; Mrs. M. G. Wallace, Carson; Howard Hedges, Catalina; Mrs. Vivian Strand, Del Amo; Mrs. Amelia Mahoney, Denker; Carl Carter, Delores; Maurice McLaughlin, Dominguez; Mrs. Cui Yang, Gardena-Elementary; Ross Hancock, Hawaiian; Guy Holliday, 156th St.; Mrs. Dorothy Higgins, 136th St.; Lee Griffin, Towne Ave.; Mrs. Sam Bragg, Wilmington Park.

Unit PTAs represented were Amestory, Carson St., Catalina, Chapman Ave., Del Amo, Denker, Delores, Dominguez, Fries Ave., Gardena-Elementary, Gulf, Hawaiian, 186th St., 156th St., 136th St., 232nd Pl., Towne Ave. and Wilmington Park.

Seaside

Founder's Day was celebrated on Feb. 9 by the Seaside PTA with the colors presented by the Intermediate Girl Scout Troop No. 1155 and the pledge of allegiance.

Los Cancioneros group presented a varied program of vocal selections both sacred and amusing.

The Character and Spiritual Chairman, Rev. Miller, presented a talk on the "Blameless Twins." Lloyd Jones, principal, introduced three new members of the faculty.

An amusing skit was presented by Mrs. E. R. Walker and R. F. Evans depicting the elder National Congress of PTA and the youthful local association in its continuous state of growing with accompanying problems.

Fast presidents were honored with corsages. They were Mrs. E. O. Raetzler, J. Edmond, Mrs. Robert Parke, Mrs. E. C. Welliver, and W. D. French, president.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the two annual life membership awards. These were made to Mrs. Janice Shaw, the school secretary, and to Principal Lloyd Jones. Seven other past recipients were honored with corsages and button-roses. They were: Mrs. Byron Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Miller, Clyde Beck, Earl Eckert, William Morris, and Robert Fulton.

Founder's Day cake was served with coffee during a social hour.

North High

February meeting of the North High PTA was held in the library of the school, Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Mrs. Barton Davidson, Honorary Life Membership chairman, told the aims behind the sale of Honorary Life Memberships and gave the highlights of the life of Leonard Lifton, recipient. Elected to serve on the nominating committee were: Mrs. Earl Welliver, Francis

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INSIDE DETROIT

Mothers of Twins Form Chapter Here

Recently organized westside chapter of the Mothers of Twins Club met Monday evening for dinner at a Culver City restaurant.

This group is a part of the San Fernando Valley Mothers of Twins Club.

At each meeting there will be an exchange table of twin home and after the dinner there will be speakers such as child psychologists and others familiar with children problems.

Anyone interested in joining the group, which will meet at some restaurant, the first Monday of each month, is asked to contact Mrs. William R. Campbell, 2211 Arlington.

Attending Monday's meeting with Mrs. Campbell were Mrs. Virginia Boyd, Barbara Fosque, and Frances Withrow, all of Torrance.

A medley of instrumental pieces was presented by several students of the music department under the direction of Marty Baum. Miss Deanna Ball narrated the life span of the human being with a background of appropriate music on the piano by Miss Joan Reid. Completing the musical portion of the program, Miss Ball sang "Somebody Bigger Than You and I."

A panel of "Hep Cats" composed of students: Joan Reid, Mike Luongo, Virginia Fazio and Dick Bybee and a panel of "Frehistorics" composed of parents: C. Giuliano, Mrs. Jack Kelly, Mrs. Albert Pesola, and J. Sandberg, moderated by Leonard Lifton, discussed teenage problems.

A large cake decorated with symbols of Founder's Day was served with coffee following the meeting.

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