

Torrance Elementary Honors Mrs. J. D. Dutton and Harry Oliver for Services

Mrs. J. D. Dutton and Harry Oliver were recipients of the highest award that the Parent-Teacher association can confer upon an individual, the Honorary Life Membership. The honor presentation was a part of the Founders Day meeting held by Torrance Elementary PTA.

The award represents a donation that has been given to the PTA teacher's scholarship fund in the name of the recipient. The awards are presented only to those who have made outstanding contributions toward making the world a finer and safer place for children.

In an association whose every task is daily dedicated to just that purpose, it is an achievement to merit special recognition.

Mrs. Dutton, who has been active for many years in PTA work, and Harry Oliver, head custodian of Torrance Elementary, have given unsparingly of their time to further the avowed purpose of the Parent-Teacher organization.

Past presidents were also honored at the dinner which preceded the meeting. Candidates for office for the 1956-57 term were announced at the meeting. The ballot is as follows: president, Mrs. J. D. Dutton; first vice-president, Mrs. Ed Ludwig; second vice-president, Boone Kirks; third vice-president, Mrs. J. Eardley; fourth vice-president, Mrs. S. Brooks; recording secretary, Mrs. R. Whisnand; corresponding secretary, Mrs. P. Dehne; treasurer, Mrs. L. Sandell; auditor, Mrs. W. Coburn; historian, Mrs. C. Mullen.

Serra High Mothers Set Meeting Date

The Mothers' club of Junipero Serra high school, 14830 South Van Ness, Gardena, will have its regular monthly meeting in the cafeteria, Monday, February 27, at 8 p.m.

Reverend D. F. Bracht, S. M., principal, has asked that all mothers make a special effort to attend.

Women of Moose Active In Interclub Meeting Ceremonies

Torrance Women of the Moose have been very active this month in attending club functions in other communities.

Joyce Clay, Junior Graduate Regent, and Deloris Olsen, Junior Regent, are attending the Mid-Winter Convention in Redding. The convention began Wednesday, February 22, and will continue through Saturday, February 25. Distinguished guest speaker at the convention will be Mabel Shirley, Grand Regent of the Women of the Moose.

Eight members and the Escort Team of eight attended Ritual Chapter Night in San Pedro recently. The Escort team, wearing their new formal of bouffant white pique and corsages of red roses, received numerous compliments on their effective presentation of the floor work. The team acted as escort for the San Pedro Chapter.

Marge Baudin and Ethel St. Germain from the Torrance chapter attended the Friendship Breakfast held recently in Compton.

The Publicity committee met for luncheon at the home of Esther Landbrigger to complete plans for the Publicity card party scheduled for Wednesday, March 14. Initial plans were made for their Kid's Party in May.

At the general business meeting held last week, it was announced that the success of the bake sale was very gratifying.

Costume Ball Will Highlight Purim Fete

Gardena Valley Jewish center will celebrate the Festival of Purim at its Fourth Annual Costume Ball, on Saturday night, February 25, at 9 p.m., at the Center, 1425 S. Gramerey Place, Gardena. Music and entertainment will be furnished and refreshments will be available.

A Queen Esther contest for teenage girls will be held. The winner of the contest will be awarded a gift certificate.

Prizes for the best costumes will be awarded. The next general meeting of the GVJC will be held Tuesday, February 28, at 8:30 p.m. at the Center. It is open to all members and friends.

The Festival of Purim is also known as the Festival of Lots. It commemorates the triumph of Mordecai over Haman in ancient Persia. As such, it symbolizes the historic triumph of justice over prejudice.

When Vizier of Persia, Haman induced King Ahasuerus to decree the annihilation of all Jews in his provinces. Through the timely intervention of Mordecai and the intercession of Queen Esther, the villainy and treachery of Haman was exposed to the King, and the evil decree was annulled.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hardcastle Receive Walteria Honorary Life Member Awards

Honorary Life Memberships were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hardcastle at the Founders Day meeting of the Walteria School PTA.

The awards were presented by Cletus Nestlerode, Honorary Membership chairman, to the Hardcastles for their service to the group. Mrs. Hardcastle is a former president of the organization and both currently are members of the board.

Mrs. W. T. Allen presented the program, which was highlighted by a skit written by Mrs. Carl Cramer and done in pantomime by fourth graders. Roderick McDaniel's class presented slides and narration on the life of Lincoln.

Named to a nominating committee to recommend candidates for association office next year were: Mmes. E. B. Pfau, R. F. Maynes, C. W. Johnson and G. Hardcastle. Election of officers is planned at the next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, when civil defense will be the chief topic.



MRS. AMERICA PRIZE . . . Mrs. Marilyn Jensen (left), supervisor of women's and girls' activities for the Recreation department, and Margie Ewen, Home Service representative for the Southern California Gas Co., view the silver trophy to be awarded to the winner of the local 'Mrs. America' contest by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce. Frederic Photo.

Recreation Department Will Aid 'Mrs. America' Finals

It has just been announced by Bud Fellers, Torrance Junior Chamber "Mrs. America" chairman that the Torrance Recreation department is to act as co-sponsor of the "Mrs. America" division finals.

Fellers also announced that through the courtesy of Torrance Director of Recreation Harry B. Van Bellehem, they had secured the services of Miss Marilyn Jensen, supervisor of women's and girls' activities.

Kappa Delta Sets Luncheon Plans

Kappa Delta alumnae of the South Bay area will hold a luncheon at Marineland restaurant on Saturday, February 25, at 1 p.m. The luncheon will replace the regular evening meeting for this month. George Ann Carr, Frontier 2-2804 is handling reservations.

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