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Rejuvenated Toys Top List of Charity Giving

This is the time of year when organizations throughout Torrance are busy readying preparations for Holiday activities. One realm of civility for many organizations and individuals is that of rejuvenating used toys for distribution to orphans and underprivileged children.

Some of the techniques used by these charity-minded Santa Clauses can well be put to use at home to increase the fire of beloved toys or to revive them for passing on to brothers and sisters, cousins, neighbors and friends.

The one child's toy that continues to survive the times is the soft, cuddly stuffed animal or doll. It is so dearly loved and so frequently fondled that it doesn't take long for it to turn gray and sad by adult standards, to take on a generally disreputable appearance.

Then comes the time to

do something about it. It must be cleaned, tucked away or cold heartedly discarded.

If you have had the misfortune of completely ruining an adored stuffed toy by attempting to wash it, or if you have broken a heart by doing away with a cherished stuffed toy, then you'll be interested in these step by step instructions for rejuvenating sad smudgy faced stuffed toys.

Laundering Stuffed Toys

The doll or animal:

1. Brush well by hand or use the vacuum cleaner to remove dirt or dust.

2. Remove garment if possible.

3. Be sure stuffed toy is washable before getting it wet. Some toys carry a machine-washable or "hand-washable" tag. If in doubt about the washability or if the tag has been lost, open a seam and check on the type of stuffing used.

If it consists of multi-colored fibers, various pieces of fabrics or a brownish colored cotton, chances are the stuffing will stain the covering if it gets very wet.

For these toys, it is best to wash by hand using a brush dipped in stiff dry suds then rinsing with a clean wet cloth or sponge.

4. If doll or animal has embroidered facial features, test these for color fastness by laying a damp white cloth over the embroidery and lightly pressing the cloth with a hot iron.

If color transfers to the cloth, the embroidery will not be fast to washing, and it is best to remove it, and then to re-embroider the face when the toy is clean and dry.

5. Pretreat very dirty spots with a brush first dipped in liquid detergent, a paste of soap or detergent and water or a liquid shampoo.

6. When washing by hand, wash quickly, gently and with a mild soap or other detergent, dunking the toy in and out of warm water. Wash toys with mechanical insides, such as music boxes, without dunking. Rinse thoroughly in warm water.

7. When machine washing, use a very short (as short as one minute) wash, spin and rinse.

8. If stuffed animal or doll has a plushy or fur-like finish, add a little fabric softener such as NuSoft to the final clear rinse, whether the rinse is by hand or by machine. The fabric softener gives the toy a soft, silky and unmatting "coat."

9. Place on a rack or line where air can circulate

around the toy and therefore speed the drying. An electric fan turned on the toy also speeds the drying or the toys can be dried in a dryer placing several clean dry bath towels in with the toys to act as a buffer. If the toy is stuffed with a synthetic fiber or foam rubber, adjust the dryer heat accordingly.

10. When toys are dry or almost dry, reshaping with the hands may be needed to get the arms and legs going in the right direction and to remove any lumpy spots. If stuffing is lumpy or poorly distributed when animal or doll is completely dry, you may want to open a seam or two and adjust the stuffing or add more stuffing.

There may be a time when you want to remove all the old stuffing and replace it with new, in which case it would be wise to use a machine washable stuffing such as the shredded foam rubber. For a successful job, it should be finely shredded and packed firmly.

11. If you want the ears of the animal to stand up, such as the bunny's ears, dip them in an extra heavy starch solution. Unless the toy belongs to a very young child, wires could be inserted in ears to make them stand up.

The stuffed Toy's Garments

1. Mend garments and sew on hooks and eyes or snaps to make future re-hooping and replacing garments easier.

2. Wash by hand with mild soap or other detergent in warm water. If colors are fast, wash by machine.

3. Add a little fabric softener to the final clear rinse to reduce wrinkles, give a soft finish and make ironing easier. Wring firmly.

4. Roll in bath towel to remove excess moisture then dry on a line or in a dryer.

5. If garments are to be ironed, starch them with instant laundry starch following package directions or use convenient spray starch. Starching gives a perky finish and makes the garment stay cleaner longer.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Ladies of the Foursquare Church will sponsor a Christmas bazaar from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at the corner of Lomita Blvd. and Woodwards Ave.

Proceeds will go to the Sunday School annex building fund. Items available for purchases will include dolls, bird cages, turtles, pillows, pillow cases, clothes hangers and dresser scarves.



SORTING WHITE ELEPHANTS and rummage for the Parkway PTA Gala Day Carnival to be held tomorrow are, from left, Chris Larson, Mrs. G. R. Reinhardt and Karl Bednarchik. Members of Cub Scout Pack 877-C and Campfire Girls assisted in collecting items for the 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. event. Co-chairman Mrs. Lou Bed-

narchik and Wen Larson will be assisted by Mmes. Robert Downs, Addison Quarles, Alfred Nelson, Floyd Newton, Peter Salmon and Lewis Corum. Highlighting the event will be a visit by Santa, gift booth, cake decorating contest, and cake walk. —PRESS photo

PTA News

CHRISTMAS PLANS

At a recent meeting of the 223rd Street PTA executive board Mrs. Thomas E. Millard, president, asked Mrs. William Libbrecht to be in charge of the board holiday luncheon.

Santa Claus will be on hand for the event Monday at noon. Mrs. Mike Kawamoto is in charge of arrangements for a Christmas surprise for every child at the school, while Mrs. Gary Ferguson is handling arrangements for a Christmas movie as a Christmas present from the PTA.

A committee was appointed to study revisions in the by-laws, Mrs. Willard Hober, parliamentarian will head the committee, with Mmes. Thomas Millard, John Bankard, Donald Lizotte, Ed Formanek assisting.

Mrs. Mike Kawamoto reported on the recent Halloween festival and Mrs. Edgar Formanek, United Way Chairman reported on the United Way Drive.

READING

ADVENTURES

Lincoln Elementary PTA met recently in the school cafeteria with Mrs. Andrew Foster, president, presiding. Flag salute was led by Girl Scout Troop 2356, followed by inspiration by Mr. Warren Bachmann.

Lincoln Mother Singers performed under the direction of Mrs. June Wiley.

Principal Ernest Thom gave a brief report on the forthcoming School Tax Override and encouraged support.

In keeping with the theme for the evening "Reading Adventures," Mrs. Andrew Foster, first vice president, introduced the guest speaker Donald Parsons, of the

Society of Visual Education. He demonstrated equipment designed to help improve reading.

Mrs. A. C. Bongiono, second vice president, reported on the PTA membership drive which was won by Mrs. Barbara Booth's class.

Attendance banner went to Mrs. Nelouise Gragg's class.

Paper drive was set for Dec. 13. Prizes will be awarded to the classroom in each of the three grade divisions bringing in the most papers. Pick-up service will be available from Mrs. Earl Pitts, ways and means chairman, at DA 3-0495.

Featured chairmen for the month were Mrs. Ralph Garland, legislative, and Mrs. Earle Stancliffe, music.

Hostesses for the evening were mothers of the sixth and seventh grade students of teachers Mrs. Mary Bromley and Mrs. Sally Pendrick.

CITIZENSHIP

Theme for the November meeting of the Torrance Elementary PTA was "Developing Good Citizens."

Mrs. Patrick Fuscoe, first grade teacher, read the teachers' parable, and four parents, Mmes. Frank Masulaitis, Thomas Riddle, Paul Anderson and David Moline, presented the parents' version in song.

Mrs. William McKenzie's student presented a Thanksgiving program following the business meeting.

TESTING

Yukon Elementary PTA's November meeting was held at 2:30 p.m. yesterday featured "The Testing Program in Torrance."

Guest speaker was Robert Dollarhide, guidance consultant.

Inspirational was given by Harold Umbarger.

Chairmen featured were: Mrs. Wendell Towell, welfare; Mmes. Norman Johnson, Donald Willson, Edward Hoffman, and Robert Frank, ways and means.

"Fill-a-basket week" will be conducted next week.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Kappa Delta Alumnae Association of the South Bay will gather at Marineland Restaurant at 1 p.m. tomorrow for its annual Christmas luncheon.

Each member will bring a wrapped Christmas gift which will be given to Terman Settlement House, San Pedro.

Christmas favors made by the alumnae during their October and November meetings for hospitalized chil-



MITE-SIZED MODELS Valerie Burchfield, Sheri-Lee Faulds and Steven Gmur, from left, will share the stage with their dads when Torrance Junior Womens Club presents its annual holiday fashion show, Frosted Fashions at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the clubhouse,

1422 Engracia Ave. Chairman is Mrs. Keith Pierson, DA 5-0477. Assisting will be Mmes. Peggy McNary, commentator; Sam Rumley, stage decorations; Ronald Hoover, coordinator; and Explorer Scouts of Post 242X, stage handling. —PRESS photo

Methodist Bazaar to Be Tomorrow

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Torrance First Methodist Church will hold its Winter Wonderland Christmas bazaar from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Luncheon will be served by Priscilla Circle from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and turkey dinner by Susanna Circle from 5 to 7 p.m.

Highlighting events will be a cake contest and junior cook-off. NESCO Christmas cards will be sold by Miriam Circle.

Also featured will be photos with Santa Claus, children's games, hand-sewn items, white elephants, decorations, gifts and baked goods.

dren will also be displayed.

A 12:30 social hour will precede luncheon. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. George W. Bowman, FR 4-2009.

Juniors to Show Frosted Fashions

"Frosted Fashions" will be theme of a fashion show to be presented at 8 p.m. Wednesday by the Torrance Junior Womens Club at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave. Chairman is Mrs. Ronald Hoover.

Commenting on the fashions, which will be modeled by club members, husbands and children, will be Mrs. Peggy McNary. Sam Rumley will handle stage decorations. Assisting will be Explorer Scouts of Post 242X.

Shops cooperating with the Juniors for the presentation include: House of Chanvictor, Florsheim Shoes, Del Amo Mens Shop, Carousel Childrens Store, Gilberts Toys, Arlington Wig Salon and the Golden Door to Beauty.

Benefit proceeds will go to the YMCA building fund. Enclosure cards will be available for purchase during intermission, with proceeds of the card sale going towards the club's scholarship fund.

Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Keith Pierson, ways and means chairman, at DA 5-0477.

Ball Proceeds To Go Towards Scholarships

South Bay Hospital Auxiliary will stage its third annual candlelight ball in the Crystal Room of the Thunderbird Hotel, El Segundo, tomorrow evening.

A buffet supper will follow dancing to the music of the Lex Golden Orchestra.

The Ball will provide funds for nursing scholarships for students at El Camino College.

Mrs. Gayle Martin, chairman, is being assisted by Mmes. Mark Wood, Carl Rausch, Carol Klotz, Ernest Timme and Mrs. C. R. Walker.

Information is available by calling Mrs. Martin at FR 6-4804.



LADIES IN WAITING will preview maternity wardrobes at a fashion show to be presented by the South Bay Chapter of the La Leche League Monday. The 8 p.m. event will be at the American Savings and Loan Commu-

nity Room, 1959 Kingsdale, Redondo Beach. Chairman is Mrs. Sherman Nathanson and commentator is Mrs. Howard Leslie. Discussing show plans are Mrs. James O'Donnell and Mrs. Joseph Gido.