

# PTA

## The Torrance Council Way

Mrs. Ralph Gring

**COUNCIL**  
Torrance Council of Parent Teacher Association, will be conducting a class on Parent Teacher Information for six weeks beginning Tuesday, March 5, at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Wright Elementary School, 3915 Spencer.

The class is open to all members of Torrance PTA and will be taught by a member of Thirty-Third District.

**ARNOLD**  
"Freedom Through Knowledge" was the theme of the meeting of the Arnold PTA and Founder's Day was celebrated by the presentation of a playlet, "Experiment With Time" by members of Mrs. Harris' class. Mr. Wiloughby's eighth grade held a Model Congress.

Trophies for the Essay on Americanism Contest were presented by Mrs. William Fisher. Climaxing the evening was a medley of patriotic music by the Arnold School Band and Chorus.

**EVELYN CARR**  
"Leaders We Have Known" will be the theme of the Feb. 28 meeting of the Evelyn Carr PTA to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Herb DeYoung will preside over the business portion of the meeting. The pledge of allegiance will be led by Junior Girl Scout Troop 2380 under the leadership of Mrs. Betty Edmonds.

Mrs. Stewart Angus will present a special tribute to Founders Day and present this year's Honorary Life Membership Award. Former presidents and past recipients of the Honorary Life Membership Award are especially invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served by room mother hostesses from rooms K-2,3,8, and 25.

**MADISON**  
Mrs. Maria Avitabile, safety chairman of the Madison PTA, set Thursday, Feb. 29, as bicycle registration day. A representative of the Torrance Police Department will be at the school parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to administer Safety checks on the bikes and issue licenses.

Miss Carol Anderson, teacher of the fifth-sixth grade class at Madison, received the Honorary Life Award at the February meeting. A skit on the highlights of Miss Anderson's life was presented by Mrs. Flanagan and the Madison Misérables.

**NORTH HIGH**  
"Inter-Nation Communication" will be the theme of the Feb. 28 meeting of the North High PTA to be held at 7:30 p.m. in Saxon Hall.

El Camino College Choral Group will present musical selections and a discussion and slides will be presented by a panel of AFS students.

Mrs. A. J. Stillwell will conduct a brief business session. Members of the nominating committee will be elected. Mrs. William Casida, Founders Day chairman, and Mrs. Kenneth Lemke, Honorary Life chairman will be featured, and past presidents and former recipients of the Honorary Life Memberships award will be guests of honor.

Refreshments of Founders Day cake will be served at the conclusion and the Sophomore class mothers will be hostesses.

**PERRY**  
Honorary Life awards were presented to Paul D. Horgan, 5th and 6th grade teacher of Perry School and to Frank Hadley and Mrs. Edythe Johnson by Perry PTA for their outstanding work with youth groups and PTA activities.

By presenting these awards, Perry joins in this contribution to youth by adding \$25 per award to the PTA Scholarship Fund in the names of the honorees.

Bicycle licensing will be held at Perry on March 1 with the cooperation of the Torrance Police Dept., Safety Division. A rodeo will follow in the afternoon.

**SEPULVEDA**  
Sepulveda PTA achieved a milestone in the history of the school by awarding three Honorary Life Memberships instead of the usual two.

The recipients were Mrs. S. R. Saunders, past president of Sepulveda PTA, coordinator of PTA articles for the Press-Herald, has written several articles for the Parent Teachers Magazine and has written several education pamphlets for Dr. Hull, her employer. Mrs. Thomas C. Irving, current president of Sepulveda PTA has served on the Board since 1964 and started a Parents Assistants Group to help teachers in preparation of class material. Mrs. Wanda A. Reynolds, a teacher at Sepulveda since 1956, is active in all PTA projects and is Auditor on the current board.

**WALTERIA**  
Founders Day was observed by Walteria PTA this month with Mrs. Nelson Cullum in charge of the program. Honorary Life Membership Awards were presented by the PTA to Mrs. William Letz, president, and George McCoy, a teacher at Walteria.

Mrs. Robert Brow, safety chairman, announced the bicycle rodeo and licensing will be Monday, Feb. 26, at 9 a.m.

The March PTA meeting will be March 14, with the theme "Making Children Successful Through Speech."

**HOWARD WOOD**  
Mrs. William Brown, program chairman of Howard Wood PTA, announced the next meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m.

"Turning About," is the theme for this month with panel discussion entitled "Do You Have A Question?" Mr. Littlefield, a representative from the 7th and 8th grades will complete the panel. A question box will be in the main office for two weeks and questions may be deposited there.

**CALLE MAYOR**  
Calle Mayor PTA welcomed American Field Service Exchange Student Bjorn Gunnarsson at its February meeting. Bjorn is a senior at Torrance High School and resides with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Borland and son, Gary, 16, and daughter Debbie, 13.

Introducing Bjorn was Mrs. John Hughes, Speech chairman for the Torrance Chapter of American Field Service, and Bjorn showed slides and told about his native Iceland.

**HAMILTON**  
Families — past, present, and future were honored in a special skit starring Mmes. Charles Halgren, Jerry Luce and Larry Townsend, at the February Hamilton PTA meeting.

Honored guests included Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance Unified School District; Mrs. Perry Baker, president of Torrance Council of PTA; past presidents and past Honorary Life Award recipients of Hamilton PTA.

## For Women Going Back to Work Y Offers Guidance Class

Torrance YWCA is again offering its class in Vocational Guidance for Women. This class, especially planned for the woman interested in going back to work, includes testing, individual counseling session, and eight sessions with speakers on many subjects designed to help a woman discover what kind of a position for which she is fitted.

Testing in aptitudes and interests and the explanation of the test profile and a personal counseling session is done through the cooperation of the State Department of Employment, Torrance Branch.

Other sessions will include speakers on many different



A HAPPY MOMENT, TOO!

Haldale Avenue PTA added a bit of fun at its presentation of Honorary Life Memberships, a feature of its Founders Day program, by giving gag gifts along with the award pins. Mrs. James Murphy, honorary life chairman, presents awards and gifts to Mrs. Orland Hansen, PTA president, who holds the crying towel, and Mrs. Phyllis Quayle, who also receives a large poster with an embossed heart. Mrs. Hansen is current president of the Haldale PTA and Mrs. Quayle is remedial teacher at the school.

## Past-Prexys Honored At Membership Tea

Auxiliary to the Torrance Fire Department entertained at a Tea on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 17, at the home of Mrs. Carl Marshall, 24508 Falena, honoring past presidents and new members.

A red and white color theme was used in decorating. The tea table, from which refreshments were served with tea and coffee, was also festive in the red and white motif.

Past presidents honored were Mmes. Ray Flagg, founder and first president, 1952-53; Walter West, 1956; Edgar Polston, 1957; James Wass, 1958; William Slonecker, 1959; Ronald Power, 1960; George Blahnik, 1961; Richard Sprout, 1962; Kenneth Spain, 1963; Gilbert Pike, 1964; Denny Haas, 1965; Mack Oetting, 1966; and Edward Siminich, 1967.

Tea hostesses were Mmes. Bruce Smith, Samuel Kirkwood, John Blain and Carl Marshall.

Mrs. Walter West, hospitality chairman, was in charge of the guest book. Guests were Mmes. Gayle Davis and Carl Lindgren. Representing the Redondo Beach Auxiliary were Mmes. Robert Johnson, president;

## Wesleyan Guild Meets Monday

"The Church and the American Indian" will be the topic discussed when Mrs. Arthur L. Young of Redondo Beach addresses the Jean Liles Wesleyan Service Guild of Wayside Methodist Church, Lomita, on Monday evening, Feb. 26. She will be presented by Mrs. Arthur Anderson.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. by Circle 2, directed by Mrs. James Yates. Mrs. Edward Seibold will give the devotional and Mrs. John Lang, president, will conduct the business meeting.

Dinner reservations must be made with Mrs. Ray Linquist.

## Job's Bethel Initiates Five New Members

Five new candidates were initiated at the Feb. 20 meeting of the Torrance Bethel 50, Job's Daughters. Honored Queen Linda Watt presided. Assisting her were Billie Ott, senior princess; Debby Fox, junior princess; Brenda Watt, guide; and Kathi Bennett, marshal.

After the initiation ceremonies, refreshments were served.

The Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian to the State of California, International Order of Job's Daughters, made official visits to five Bethels, including Torrance, recently.

## Square Links To Open New Class

Squares Links Square Dance Club is starting a new beginner's class on Sunday, March 3, at the YWCA building, 2320 W. Carson, Torrance, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The instructor will be Ron Russell, who is also the club caller. Class will be open for three weeks.

The club dances every third Saturday at the YWCA and all square dancers are invited.

## Court Our Lady of Victory Initiates New Members

Formal reception ceremonies were conducted Thursday by Mrs. Richard Ashear, grand regent, Court Our Lady of Victory 1344, Catholic Daughters of America. The candlelight ritual was under the direction of Mrs. John Bono, district deputy from Court St. Joan of Arc, Inglewood.

Dressed in full length white formals, topped with the colorful ritual robes of their stations, the following officers assisted Mrs. Ashear: Mmes. Basil Shannon, vice regent; James Butler, prophetess; Norman Dupont, lecturer; Sy Durham, monitor; Arthur Disterheft, financial secretary; Paul Leyn, treasurer; Donald Page, historian; Leonard Skinner, sentinel; and Gladys Campbell, organist. Mmes. Charles Buckley, Sam Ester Jr. and Roger Ste. Marie acted as banner bearer and guides, and Mmes. Margaret Breidenbach, Nicolas Humting and Rhonda Metro were members of the color guard.

Initiated into the national organization were Mmes. Augustin Coray, Matthew O'Connell, Albert Schlack, Louis Stora and Miss Linda Shannon. Also initiated were Mrs. Elene Harris of Court Joan of Arc, Inglewood, and Mrs. Alyce Olson, Court Madonna of the Hills, Redondo Beach.

The impressive ceremony was enhanced by a candlelight statue of the Virgin Mary, with pink roses and ivy tastefully arranged at the foot of the statue.

The nine phases of the Catholic Daughters program were explained by Mmes. Arthur Rinaldi, state monitor; John Bono, district deputy, and Wesley Muzik, state chairman of World Missions.

Area chairmen discussing their work were Mrs. Mary Butterfield, extension, Mrs. Shirley Klaesges, public relations, and Mrs. Helen Becker, education.

## Wine Tasting Planned by Clipped Wings

An International Evening of Wines and Cheeses is planned by the TWA Clipped Wings Club to welcome aboard new and prospective members for 1968.

The evening of fun and cheer, featuring cheeses and fruits to complement the flavors of American and European wines, will be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. William Gordon, 424 Via Linda Vista, Hollywood Riviera.

An open invitation is extended to all former TWA hostesses, who are now living in the South Bay area. Those wishing more information regarding the club and its Wine Tasting Party may call Mrs. Gordon.

## Las Artistas to Hear P. Lauritz

Paul Lauritz, internationally known artist and lecturer, is slated to appear at the meeting and luncheon of Las Artistas, women's art club, Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Rodger Young Auditorium, 925 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles.

Meetime is at 11:15 a. m. and luncheon at 12:15 p. m.

## ORT Group Meet Slated

South Bay Chapter of the Women's American ORT, "Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training," will hold its general meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. M. Feiger, 29185 Oceanridge Dr., Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Program for the evening will be a demonstration of fresh and artificial flowers. All interested women are cordially invited to attend. For further information, Mrs. Marshall Coburt may be called.

## Entertains Auxiliary

Ladies Auxiliary to the Torrance Fire Department held its February meeting at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Spaan, 3611 W. 228th St.

Mrs. Bruce Smith, president, conducted the business meeting at which newly revised by-laws were presented.

After the business session, a white elephant sale was held. Mrs. Spaan won the door prize.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. John Blain, Denny Haas, Dennis Hansen, Samuel Kirkwood, Milton Langum, Carl Marshall, Mack Oetting, Edward Siminich, William Slonecker, Bruce Smith, Kenneth Spaan, and Walter West.

## VFW Sponsors Annual Contest In Area Schools

Lomita VFW Post and Auxiliary 1622 sponsored their 21st annual "Voice of Democracy" contest in the high schools of the area recently.

Participating schools on the topic "Obligation" were Narbonne, North, South, West and Torrance High schools.

The first place trophy was presented by the auxiliary to Richard Whittaker, a 10th grade student at North High where Mr. Nushi is speech teacher.

The Lomita Auxiliary and Post have been given the 4th District Recognition Trophy for outstanding work.

Ernest Barratt is chairman for the Post and Mrs. Roy DeRusha for the auxiliary.

## Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

There are undoubtedly those who will be relieved to hear that we have decided to cut down the number of articles on my New York trip to two instead of the 72 installments I had planned originally. That's because I have discovered that practically everybody I talk to has been there. It's as frustrating as being an old maid who went on her first date and found there's nobody around to tell about it except Zsa Zsa Gabor.

Who is there left for me to tell: "When you're 105 stories up in the Empire State Building the people below look as small as ants?"

However, my husband admitted that I had picked up notes on New York that he had never noticed before. For instance, all the newspapers carry grocery store ads featuring "California steaks," at 69 cent a pound only they're the cheap, inexpensive chuck-blade cut used for stew out here. What an insult!

Moreover, has it ever been written that the employes at the United Nations have their own bowling league? Also on the bulletin board I noticed announcements for chess club meetings, cricket, alumni information (birth announcements, weddings, etc.) and what really made me feel like home, a credit union circular.

My son, Brian, was happy to hear that I saw Madison Square Garden (a "must" for all squares) and Yankee Stadium, besides taking a tour of Shea Stadium as well.

You see I at least have my kids as a captive audience, but the older ones keep asking about the wrong places. For instance, they wanted to know immediately if we went to "Arthur," the discotheque run by the first Mrs. Richard Burton.

I had to tell them that when their father heard that the cover charge was \$5, he replied: "For Liz, yes; for Sybil, no."

We skipped a few of the other expensive eateries, or to put it more bluntly, they skipped us, because as we later learned, "21" doesn't accept you without a reservation, not if it isn't in the name of the Duke or Duchess of Windsor or Jackie Kennedy.

Incidentally, I called the New York telephone number listed in the book for Senator Robert F. Kennedy. (I wanted to exchange notes on child rearing with Ethel.) By coincidence, because undoubtedly the number has an exchange, the line was busy, which gave me great satisfaction to report to my husband who complains about our phone being tied up.

## Auxiliary To Meet Feb. 27

Harbor View Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Ulabrand Hall, 1125 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro.

## Guild Meets

Mrs. Fay Parks was hostess to St. Cecilia's Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Wednesday evening. During the business meeting, conducted by Mrs. Alma Smith, plans for the remainder of the year were discussed.

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