

Wins 'Service to Mankind' Awards Sertoma To Honor Dr. Storkan



DR. MARGARET STORKAN

Dr. Margaret Storkan of Redondo Beach has been chosen to receive the "Service to Mankind" award to be presented by the Torrance Sertoma Club, announces Duane Marshall, president.

The purpose of the award is to give recognition to an outstanding citizen in each Sertoma Club's community for his or her humanitarian, heroic, civic or other type of service to the community or nation. From the club winners in each district, a district winner is selected each year, and from the district winners an International winner is chosen.

Bill Sibley, Governor of Sertoma International, West Los Angeles District (including 11 Sertoma Clubs) announced on Feb. 1, that Dr. Storkan has also been chosen to receive the district award.

A presentation luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 13, in honor of Dr. Storkan at the Pen and Quill Restaurant, Manhattan Beach, when she will be presented with the local and district "Service to Mankind" awards from the two presidents.

If chosen for the International award, for which she has been nominated, Dr. Storkan will be

given this honor at the International Convention June 26-29 in Miami, Fla., by Mrs. James Burchfield, international president.

Born in Butte, Mont., Dr. Storkan was graduated from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul and earned her degree in medicine at Creighton University, followed by graduate work in dermatology at the University of Minnesota. She began practice in Los Angeles in 1950 and since 1955 has practiced in Redondo Beach.

Maintaining active membership in four local and six national professional societies and as Assistant Clinical Professor, University of Southern California School of Medicine, the South Bay doctor does research on leprosy.

The Veterans Administration Hospital, Long Beach; Los Angeles County Health Department; Children's Hospital, Los Angeles; United States Public Health Service, San Pedro; and the Los Angeles County Hospital, all avail themselves of her professional services as a consultant in dermatology.

Her volunteer community welfare projects account for an average of ten hours each week as she serves as a member of the Board

of Directors of Family Service, a member of the Welfare Planning Council of Los Angeles, in the Mental Health Department for Family Services and spends one day a week in the Watts area.

Since 1963, Dr. Storkan has for two months each year served as an unpaid volunteer on Project Hope, the world's first peacetime hospital ship serving in distressed countries throughout the world.

The Sertoma award winner was named South Bay Citizen of the Month in 1966 by Great Lakes Properties, Inc., developers and owners of the South Bay Financial Center. Later, she was selected Citizen of the Year over 11 other nominees and for this honor, she was commended by a resolution of the California State Assembly.

Soroptimist Club of Palos Verdes-Redondo conferred upon Dr. Storkan the singular honor of awarding to her their first honorary life membership.

Affiliated with the St. Lawrence Martyr Church, Dr. Storkan is a frequent speaker before service clubs, women's clubs and other organizations.



DAVID BAR-ILLAN

Pianist Will Close Area Concert Series

On Saturday evening, March 9, Israeli pianist David Bar-Illan will perform at the Mira Costa High School Auditorium in the last concert of the 1967-68 season of South Bay Community Concerts. The membership drive for the fall season ended March 2 and artists for the coming season will soon be announced.

David Bar-Illan is a third generation Palestinian, born in Haifa, Israel. He came from a musical family and began to study music at the age of four. He studied throughout Europe until he won a coveted scholarship at New York's famous Juilliard School of Music and came to the United States for further study.

After making his debut in Israel, Bar-Illan was engaged by Leonard Bernstein for an appearance with the New York Philharmonic. Since then he has appeared in Berlin, Amsterdam, Switzerland, Holland, Scandinavia, and England. He has appeared throughout the United States and Canada, including two performances in Carnegie Hall. In addition, the artist has toured the major South American countries. Mr. Bar-Illan has been hailed as a young virtuoso with mature musicianship.

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Life IS Worth Living

Torrance Juniors Make It So For Villa Contenta Residents

Villa Contenta Nursing Home and Convalescent Hospital, 22035 S. Vermont, Torrance, is home for 175 senior citizens, who have been "adopted" by the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, under the direction of Mrs. Ronald Large, Americanism chairman.

Assisting her in many of the projects carried out at Villa Contenta is Mrs. James Burger, philanthropy chairman for the club, which chose the convalescent hospital as its major charity.

Most of the patients are in wheelchairs or bedridden and with the arrival of the Junior Woman's Club on the scene an increase in recreational activities and attention from the "outside" world has made their stay at the hospital much brighter.

Due to the efforts of club members, Halloween tray favors were provided for the patients and at Christmas, scout troops sponsored by the Juniors, made 150 holiday tray favors to create the spirit of the season.

Residents put their minds and hands to work at the craft shop where Juniors have provided materials and lend helping hands in making simple craft items. Jigsaw puzzles, books, magazines and record albums have also been donated

for their amusement. A continuous donation of record albums is made to be used on the stereo record player purchased with trading stamps donated by the club.

A highlight of each month is the Birthday Party instituted by Mrs. Large and her committee. The party honors all residents with birthdays that month. Cake, punch, ice cream, decorations and small gifts afford a fun time for all residents.

Bouquets of large crepe paper flowers, made by club members, are placed around Villa Contenta to brighten the environment.

The Junior Club appropriated \$25 to be used in buying small instruments, tambourines, bongo drums, castanets, for patients to use in accompanying the stereo music or at their weekly community sings.

Funds for many of the projects, which Juniors have conducted at Villa Contenta, have been raised by the sale of paper flowers, stuffed pillows and bath sponges sold in the Americanism booth at the club's Bake'n Craft Sale.

In addition to friends and family, someone cares about residents at Villa Contenta—that someone is the Torrance Junior Woman's Club.



With Civic Pride

Torrance Jaycettes entertained at a coffee last Saturday morning to greet the entrants in the "Miss Torrance" contest to be held March 9. Each contestant will be chaperoned by a Jaycette, who will help her with makeup, dress and other phases of the competition, during rehearsals and on the evening of the contest. Discussing the program for the evening, Miss Sue Foster, left, Miss Torrance of 1967, checks over events with Mrs. Graydon Smart and Mrs. Phil Shaeffer, Jaycette chaperones.

Woman's Club Will Elect New Officers

Election of the 1968-69 club officers will highlight the March 6 catered luncheon meeting of the Torrance Woman's Club at the club-house, 12:30 p.m. Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, president, will be the presiding officer. Mrs. L. W. Richards, a new member will be introduced by Mrs. Robert Winship, second vice president.

Torrance American Field Service students will be guests of the club, and each will give a brief resume of his experiences in the United States.

Joe De Bock is from Antwerp, Belgium, where his father is a policeman. After returning from North High School, Joe will accept a four-year scholarship to the university where he will study economics.

Erkki Leikoski is a senior at South High School. His home is six miles from Helsinki, Finland where his father is a Senior Commissar

for the police and his mother is an office employee. After graduation and military service, he will attend art school in Helsinki.

Bjorn Gunnarson is from the capital of Iceland, Reykjavik. His older brother works with his father, a director in industry. A younger sister is a stewardess for Icelandic Airlines. Bjorn attends Torrance High School this year, and plans to enroll in a school of aviation and then a school of advance technology.

Arequipa, Peru, is where Mary Luz Buena lives with her father, a teacher, her mother, four brothers and a sister. Mary is at West High School.

Robin Newcomer at West High was Torrance Chapter's American Abroad last summer, living with a family in Catanzaro, Italy. Robin aspires to major in journalism, perhaps becoming a foreign correspondent.



Happy Birthday To You

Torrance Junior Woman's Club representatives, loaded with birthday gifts, decorations and refreshments, staged their monthly party at Villa Contenta nursing home last week. Their party honors all those patients having birthdays during the month. Enjoying the celebration are, from left, Miss Mabel Moranz, getting assistance from Mrs. Milton Gregory of the Junior Club, in opening her gift, while two other celebrants, Mrs. Minnie Sloane and Mrs. Mary Jane Walsh, chat with Mrs. Ronald Large, party chairman.

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Counting Sales for Grand Prizes

Their best salesmanship is being exercised by boys of the Torrance National Little League in their annual Candy Sale now under way to defray costs of field maintenance. Sixteen prizes are being offered by the Auxiliary and every boy selling 96 candy bars will receive a transistor radio. Some of the top sellers, dreaming of the prizes, are, from left, Billy Basen, who has sold 900 bars; Jim and David Brown, working as a team, have totaled 1,116 bars.

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