

PTA

The Torrance Council Way

Mrs. Ralph Gring

COUNCIL
Torrance Council PTA and the High School PTA board members are following through on the theme for the year: "Leadership Through Innovation, Inspiration, Involvement." A special project close to their hearts has been the pleasure of volunteer duty either at their school or the office of the Torrance Youth Employment Service. This office has been set up for high school students to apply for work as typists, sales clerks, baby sitters, mother's helpers, bus boys, stock boys, car washers, delivery boys, yard workers, helpers and trainees, gas station attendants.

Since the inception of the program in October the Employment Service has been able to provide over 100 jobs for students.

With the leadership of the Torrance High, South High and North High PTA board members for "Inspiration" CAN YOU FIND TIME TO BE INVOLVED and give a boy or girl some work, after-school or vacation time, asks Mrs. H. S. Rogers, president.

ARLINGTON
The December meeting of the Arlington PTA will be a gift exchange luncheon with Mrs. Carl Dalton and Gene Cain in charge of the affair.

A play "Visit of the Christmas People" will be presented at the Dec. 19, PTA meeting in the cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. Fourth grade students and Room 8 will be the members of the cast. Junior Girl Scout Troop 680 will lead the pledge of allegiance.

ARNOLD
A canned food drive for the Head Start Program of Arnold PTA will be held the week of Dec. 16 with children bringing the cans to school to be deposited in boxes located in their rooms.

"Our Youth Look at the Holidays," will be the December PTA meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. A Christmas play by the drama club, music by the school chorus and presentations by the Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls, will be on the program.

COLUMBIA
"Family Tradition" will be the theme of the Columbia PTA meeting Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria with all students participating.

A morning performance will be presented at 10:30 a.m., for those unable to attend in the evening. After the program, Santa will have treats for all the children attending.

A successful PTA membership drive of 100 per cent enrollment has been reported by Mrs. William Gray, membership chairman.

HICKORY
The theme for the Hickory PTA meeting Dec. 18 will be "Involving the Holidays," with students presenting the program.

For the second year, Hickory PTA is sponsoring a Christmas party for the Head Start School, "Jardin De Los Ninos" on Dec. 19. This year Mrs. Smetar's 8th grade class is making all the arrangements from planning, collecting money for presents, to having a real Santa Claus for the children.

LINCOLN
"The Many Doors of Christmas" will be the theme for the Lincoln PTA meeting for December, featuring the students of Lincoln.
Featured chairmen for the month of December will be Mrs. Charles Geier, music; Andrew Foster, program; and Yoshio Higashi, inspirational.

Lincoln PTA recently voted to participate in the Torrance Council Blood Bank project.

MEADOW PARK
Two Parent Education meetings are scheduled by Meadow Park PTA Thursday, Dec. 12. Carl Benson, South High vice principal-pupil personnel, will discuss campus problems. The meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. M. Dykstra, Thursday, Dec. 19, at 9:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria, Robert J. Ellsworth, Torrance Schools juvenile welfare advisor, will present a "Dangerous Drugs" information meeting.

NEWTON
Newton PTA unit meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Dec. 12, instead of the previously scheduled time. The program will be a musicale, "Christmas in America" presented by Newton students and staff. R. F. Leibovitz, principal, will enact the roll of Santa Claus.

NORTH HIGH
North High PTA will present the Music Departments under the direction of Mr. Jones and Mrs. Walker on Wednesday, Dec. 18 in Saxon Hall.
"Sweets for the Teachers" will be featured at North High on Friday, Dec. 20th with each Board Member of the PTA bringing a special sweet tooth treat for the teachers.

PARKWAY
The Christmas spirit will fill the air with song and music when Parkway PTA presents students under the direction of Mrs. DiFiore and Mr. Leland Elloe.

The following Friday, students will enjoy the Christmas parties for which they have worked so hard in collecting papers. The money from the paper drives at school pays for the parties and the students can truly say, "We did it ourselves."

RIVIERA
Riviera PTA will present its Christmas meeting with an all student music program at South High School on Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. Choral groups from the school will sing under the direction of Mrs. Paula DiFiore and the school band led by Mr. Leland Elloe will accompany the singing. Gail Girding, a kindergarten student at Riviera, will play several Christmas selections on the violin.

SEPULVEDA
Sepulveda PTA realizing that "Christmas isn't Christmas without children" will have at least 300 students participating in their Christmas program to be held Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

TORRANCE ELEMENTARY
"Involvement in Yuletide Happiness" is the theme for the PTA meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7:15 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Plans are currently underway for the annual canned food drive which will be held until Dec. 18, at which time, collections are distributed to needy families within the school area.

SOUTH HIGH
South High PTA executive board will provide refreshments for a Christmas Tea for the teachers on Friday, Dec. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the conference room.

Other Christmas events will be the special Band and Madrigal Concert directed by George Andrews, Saturday Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. The proceeds from this affair will assist them in their goal of attending the Sacramento Fair.
Mrs. Pat Byers, is directing a new men's group this year, "The Strollin' Minstrels," who will perform for South High's morning assembly Monday Dec. 16.



Lend Marines A Hand

Cheerful Blue Bird group 84049 did its part in helping the United States Marine Corps with the "Toys for Tots" project to supply toys to needy children at Christmas. The girls brought toys to their party at the home of Mrs. Jerry Weed, counselor. The toys were later picked up by a United States Marine. Around the chimney toy container are, standing, from left, Kim Strohm, Mrs. Weed, Vickie Poor; seated, Lynette Burns and Terry Weed.

Lomita Eastern Star Chapter Stages 16th Installation

In impressive ceremonies on Nov. 15, the Lomita Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held its 16th annual installation of officers at the Lomita Masonic Temple.

Past Patron Marion Jackman, as master of ceremonies, welcomed a capacity audience. Honorary Marshalls, Alice Koons and Mrs. James Nash, escorted past matrons and patrons, who served as

installing officers. They were Mmes. Marguerite Beckwith, Cecil Dowling and Clarence Andres, installing matrons; Jack Tomlinson, installing patron; Mmes. Joe Chudy and Jack Tomlinson, marshalls; Mrs. Frank Tenney, chaplain; Mrs. Clarence Flagg, organist.

The Star Notes, including Rosalie DeGray, Jeanette Collins, Hermina Roche and Hazel Speir sang "It's A Grand Night for Singing," "Friendship," "When You Wish Upon a Star" and "How Great Thou Art."

Emblem bearers were Mmes. Phyllis Hamilton, Adah; and Bertha Miller, Electa. Mrs. Elizabeth Macdonald was Bible bearer, assisted by Dennis Pollack, with Rick Pollock carrying the flag. Flag tribute was given by Alvin Crawford and the invocation and benediction by Ernest Hansen.

Escorted were retiring leaders, Worthy Matron Muriel Gasser and Worthy Patron Burton Washburn as well as Vida Waygood, deputy grand matron.
Installed were Mrs. Jack Pollack, worthy matron and Robert Rudge, worthy patron. Others were Mrs. Earl Ivy, associate matron and Earl Ivy, associate patron; Mmes. Terella Albrecht, secretary; Tina Johnson, treasurer; Bill Williams, conductress; Fred Bergon, associate conductress.

Refreshments were served in the dining room where a large birthday cake topped by a "47," made by Mrs. Mae Van Wie, past noble grand, centered the table.
Mrs. Gertrude Kastrop is chairman for the next meeting which will be a Christmas party featuring a gift and card exchange.

Lomita OES Meets Dec. 20

Lomita Chapter 591 Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Friday evening Dec. 20 at the Masonic Temple, 25725 Bland Pl., Lomita.

Worthy Matron Mrs. Jack Pollock and Worthy Patron Robert Rudge will preside in the East.
Chairman of the evening will be Mrs. Frank Tenney, who with her committee, will serve refreshments in the dining room at the close of the meeting. Christmas carols will be sung by all members.

Appointive officers installed were Mmes. Margaret Peightal, chaplain; Robert Rudge, marshal; Marguerite Beckwith, organist; Erick Marriott, Adah; Arnold Cole, Ruth; Ade Huggins, Esther; Joe Moore, Martha; Lorene Taylor, Electa; Robert Bunch, warder, Jacob Hansen, sentinel.

Introduced by the Worthy Matron were Mmes. Boyd Horton, chairman, Earl Brown, Cecil Duncan, Lola Neilson, Hubert Pemble, Richard Powers, Lois Pratin, Grace Rother, Ruth Steffey and Lew Samson, hostesses; Jack Pollack, chairman, Donald Barnhart, Joe Gonzales, John Powers and Lewis Samson, hosts. Others were Marvin Scott, flag bearer; Ade Huggins, electrician; Donald Barnhart, publicity; and Burton Washburn, prompter.

Mrs. Marion Jackman served as chairman of the reception which followed. She was assisted by Mmes. Jack Tomlinson, Wilson Jones, Clarence Andrews. Serving were Mmes. Phyllis Hamilton, Lucy Kergon, Floyd Mead and Bertha Miller.

Sharon Smith, honored queen and Caryn Jarret, senior princess, of Lomita Bethel 137, Job's Daughters, of the play: "Doctor, take my pulse..."

Jumping Jack Program Opens At Y Dec. 23

With the "working mom" in mind, the Torrance YWCA will again offer its "Jumping Jack" program, holiday care for school-age children, beginning Dec. 23.
The program is designed to help mothers keep their "holiday out-of-schoolers" happy and well cared for by the YWCA.
The program will continue through Jan. 2 except for Christmas Day.
Mothers may bring their children to the YWCA at 7:30 a.m. each morning and pick them up at 5:30 p.m.
Games, crafts and stories have been planned.
There is a special rate for the second child in the family. For more information the YWCA, 2320 W. Carson St., Torrance may be contacted.



Music For The PTA

Wearing red and blue vests trimmed in gold, furnished by the PTA, the Meadow Park Band and Orchestra will present a musical program at the PTA meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the school cafeteria. The director is Dave Sherman. Rehearsing for the PTA President, Mrs. Daniel Goodwin, left, are David Campbell with saxophone; Norman Coy, trumpet; Karen Shelton, clarinet, and Richard Silvey, violin.

Dianas Serve Salvation Army Dinner

Monday, Nov. 11 was a festive evening at the Salvation Army Golden Age Home in Redondo Beach. The Redondo Beach Dianas, working with Mrs. Martin Geery Jack and Mrs. John Renke, provided and served a complete turkey dinner in a Thanksgiving setting.
Complementing the roast turkey were dressing, sweet potatoes a green bean bake, cranberry salad, rolls, and fresh pumpkin pie. Assisting in the serving were Mmes. Jerome Hebert, Philip MacBride, and Barry Hildebrand of the Dianas.

Redondo Beach Dianas are affiliated with the California Federation of Women's Clubs, Marina District, Junior Membership.

Republican Women Plan Yule Party

Del Amo Republican Women's Club will hold its annual Christmas party at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at the home of Mrs. Charles Anderson.
A highlight of the party will be the installation of new officers. They are Mmes. George McMullin, president; John Mester, first vice president; Donald Schlosser, second vice president; Sydney Smith, third vice president; Charles Anderson, secretary; and Dudley Lofthouse, treasurer.
Reservations for the party may be made with Mrs. Donald Schlosser, 2423 W. 230th St., Torrance.

Royal Neighbor Dinner Party
Torrance Camp 8908, Royal Neighbors of America, will hold their Christmas Dinner Party on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Torrance Woman's Club, 1422 Engracia Ave. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Awards Dinner For Jaycees Set Tonight

Torrance Jaycees will stage their quarterly awards dinner dance this evening at 7 p.m. at La Venta Inn, Palos Verdes.
Among the many awards to be given will be the "Outstanding Jaycee of the Month" and the "Outstanding Jaycette of the Quarter."
A holiday theme will be used for the event. Guests will enjoy dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. to music by the Ken George Combo.

Joining the Jaycees and Jaycettes will be the president of Jaycee groups in district 12 and their wives; and District Governor William Burbank and Mrs. Burbank.
Earl Nelson and Arnold Dreier are chairmen of the evening.

Beta Nu's Yule Party Wednesday

The home of Mrs. Richard Holland, 1846 MacArthur St., San Pedro, will be the setting for the Christmas Party for Beta Alpha Nu Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Mrs. Robert Gaylord is assisting Mrs. Holland with party preparations.

Final plans for the group's adoption of a needy family for the holiday season will be announced. The chapter provides gifts and a dinner for a needy family each year.

The program "Pleasures of Possession" will be given by Mrs. Richard Hayes. Highlight of the evening will be the revealing of "Secret Sisters."

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Americanism Contest Sponsored by Dianas

Redondo Beach Dianas are again sponsoring an essay contest for seventh and eighth graders in Redondo Beach schools. Mrs. Barry Hildebrand, Americanism chairman, announces that the following schools are participating this year: Adams, Hillcrest, St. James, St. Lawrence, and Riviera Hall.
A \$25 savings bond, \$10

cash, and \$5 cash will be awarded the writers of the three best essays on the subject. "My Responsibilities as an American." Entries must be submitted before Jan. 10 in order to qualify.
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