

She's Distaff Member Among City Rulers

The Park and Recreation Commission remains her first love and she is now serving her 11th year with this group. She is Torrance's first woman member of this commission appointed to the Commission by Mayor Albert Isen with the approval of the City Council on Oct. 8, 1957. This park commissioner is Mrs. Kenneth (Naomi) McVey, who has been active in the development of this community for the past 17 years.

She made her debut into the community's activities when she became a member of the Perry PTA shortly after moving to Torrance. She filled many offices and became president in 1954. Two years later, she was presented with an Honorary Life Membership by the Perry PTA.

About this time she was appointed on the original committee of five to select a Sister City for Torrance, a project co-sponsored by the City Council

The Chamber of Commerce selected Mrs. McVey to join 35 other outstanding women as guests of the United States Air Force to visit the Academy and North American Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs.

1960 was a busy year for the local woman, who served as a judge for the Bank of America annual Achievements Award and was chairman of the Powder Puff luncheon sponsored by

the Aviation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Still in 1960, she became the first general chairman for a two day citywide celebration honoring the sister city, Konya, Turkey. The Mayor and his wife and many city officials came from Konya to attend.

Naomi says one of her greatest thrills came in 1961 when she was selected to become the first woman "Citizen of the

Year" and was presented the Whyte-Laughon trophy.

She was active with the Torrance Dental Health Association and became moderator of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee in 1961. This is now known as Educational Council of Torrance. (ECT).

Another honor came to her in 1962 when the Torrance Council of PTA presented her with

a National Honorary Life award.

Her other interests include membership on the executive board of the Torrance Chapter of Red Cross; member of the committee that selected Guatemala City, Central America as Torrance's second Sister City and was official representative to the capitol to begin the friendship in 1965.



MRS. KENNETH McVEY

and Chamber of Commerce. Konya, Turkey was the city selected as the first Sister City.

With her son, David, active in boy scouts and her daughter, Julianne, active in girl scouting, Mrs. McVey was chosen as president of the Mothers Clubs for both troops.

In 1956, North High school was completed and Mrs. McVey was on the first nominating committee to set up the executive board for the new PTA and served as vice president.

This civic leader helped organize the first Coordinating Council of Torrance and served as president in 1955-56.

In 1958-59 she assumed the presidency of the Torrance Council of PTA. During her term six or seven new schools were opened and she had the responsibility of organizing new PTA groups.

A member of Eta Kappa Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, she became president of the group in 1959. During her term, she was instrumental in instituting free camperships for underprivileged youngsters.

At the end of 1959, Mira Costa Regional Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, consisting of 14 chapters in the South Bay, selected Mrs. McVey as the "most outstanding member" and presented her with the Phyllis Healy trophy.



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