

## Needlework Guild Aids All Charities in Area

Peninsula Volunteers of the Needlework Guild of America is the charity that helps other charities. They are dedicated to collecting and distributing new clothes for the needy. Thus, they assist recognized charitable organizations to meet their requirements for new clothing and household linens. All garments collected are distributed in this area, keeping it on a personal, neighborly basis.

President of the Peninsula Volunteers Branch of the Needlework Guild is Mrs. Eric C. Jacobsen of Rolling Hills. She is very active in community affairs, and is a past president and charter member of the Highlanders, a philanthropic woman's club on the peninsula. Her spare hours are spent raising tuberose begonias and cymbidium orchids. She has been associated with the Needlework Guild for nine years; four as secretary, and has just served as first vice-president and purchasing chairman.



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the Assistance League, and \$400 to the Sandpipers, enable the purchase of orthopaedic or sturdy school shoes for needy children. The 1969 garment request lists from the agencies, total 9500 items of clothing and household linens. The greatest need is for warm nightwear, 650; bathrobes, 268; coats and sweaters, 701; as well as school clothing and underwear. The Harbor General Hospital in Torrance alone receives 1500 items such as baby layettes, blankets, bathrobes and nightwear.

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The Junior Auxiliary is an active part of the Guild. There are 7 Brownie Groups, Campfire Girls, The Plaza Sew and Sews, National Charity League of Ticktochers, and the Peninsula 4H Club. These young people, last year, contributed 349 garments.

In the 16 years, that the Peninsula Volunteers of the Needlework Guild of America has been in operation, well over 150,000 garments and household linens, and \$11,000 for shoes have been donated. There are no paid workers in the volunteers, no taxes, no middlemen. Giving through the Guild is a direct, personal gift to someone who really needs help.

Over 1500 women and children in the Peninsula Volunteers answer the needs of 13 local agencies, schools and institutions.

Yearly donations of \$700 to

## Takes a Bow for A Job Well Done

One of the biggest jobs of handling publicity in the city of Torrance is done each week by Mrs. Ralph Gring, publicity chairman for the Torrance Council of Parents and Teachers Association.

Mrs. Gring, who has been involved with PTA since she first became a room mother at Casimir School, now gathers, rewrites and edits the news releases from the 40 schools in the Torrance Council, submitting them as a PTA column which appears regularly in the Friday edition of the Torrance Press-Herald.

From a room mother in 1957 at Casimir, Mrs. Gring became Honorary Life Chairman for Lincoln in 1963-64; ways and means chairman in 1964-65; and assumed the presidency in 1965-66. She served as publicity chairman for North High in 1967-68 and has handled the PTA council and unit news from 1966 through the current year.

During these years, she completed the PTA parliamentary procedure course, worked on school bond issues, and during her presidency at Lincoln, she conducted a workshop every Friday and through summer school. She has conducted four publicity workshops for unit chairmen and received the Hon-



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orary Life Membership award from Lincoln PTA.

Her other activities include day camp assistant for a Brownie Troop in Inglewood, Den Mother for Pack 310C Den 4; has put in 500 hours of volunteer service at the Pre-Natal and Gardena Well Baby Clinic.

Each year she finds time to walk for the Arthritis Foundation and has done hours of volunteer work for the City of Hope.



VICTOR WOMEN STAND TOGETHER

Residents of a neighborhood know its need better than anyone else, so thought the women of the Victor tract, who organized the Victor Woman's Club in 1961. A park in their area has claimed their first attention as well as many philanthropies. The organization also furnishes a get-acquainted vehicle for these women, who are joined by their husbands, for several social events during the year. The 1968-69 officers for this group are from left seated, Mmes. Herbert Coe, president; Glenn Leitner, publicity chairman; standing, from left, Mmes. Richard Young, second vice-president; David Young, corresponding secretary, and seated at right, Mrs. Jack Cunningham, recording secretary.

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## Leads Torrance Woman's Club

Torrance Woman's Club, the city's oldest federated club, organized in 1921, successfully carries out its program for advancement in all lines of general culture, civic betterment, and public welfare, under the leadership of one of Torrance's enthusiastic newcomers, Mrs. Robert Winship, who has been a resident for eight years.

The club president, a native of Marianna Pa., came to California when she was 8 months old. She attended Sacred Heart Grammar School and Academy and attended Los Angeles City College. Married in 1949, she is the mother of a son, Lee, 18, and a daughter, Cindy, 15.

Under her direction, the Torrance Woman's Club advanced its scholarship program by donating \$25 for music scholarships; \$200 for nursing; \$25, library; \$400, education; and \$100 American Field Service.

During this club year, the group also made substantial contributions to its philanthropies, \$25, Indians; \$30, Care; \$2, Pennies for Art; \$68, Pennies for Pines; \$90, Girls State; \$75, YWCA; \$75, YMCA; \$250, Southwest Association for Retarded Children; \$126 to CATHY (Community Assistance to Homeless Youngsters).

The General Woman's Club also assists the Junior Club with staffing the Youth Employment Service, furnishing jobs to youth of the community.



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