

LOCAL SOCIETY STEPS OUT FOR ITS MOST WORTHY CHARITY



IN A PICTURE PREVIEW . . . of what local residents will be doing on the night of Feb. 11 when the annual Valentine Ball is staged at the Lafayette Hotel is a typical scene at the home of Judge and Mrs. John Shidler (Rosemary De Camp) at 317 Camino de Las Colinas. The popular couple are bidding goodnight to their young daughter Nita Louise, as they leave to attend the South Bay's top social charity of the year.

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TRADITIONAL ROMANCE OF THE DAY . . . is being displayed in this picture of hearts, flowers, cupids and beautiful gowns as Mrs. Eugene Cook, president of the Auxiliary; Mrs. Paul Winn, secretary; and Mrs. John Beeman, ticket sales chairman, pose on the stairway at the H. C. Barrington home, 1541 Post Ave. The beautiful Ballerina Room at the Lafayette will lend an elegant atmosphere for numerous similar scenes on next Saturday evening.

Annual Valentine Ball Will Attract South Bay Social Set on February 11

Shimmering ball gowns and tuxedos will be much in evidence when South Bay Society turns out on Saturday evening, Feb. 11, for the fifth annual Valentine Ball to be staged under the sponsorship of the Torrance Memorial Hospital auxiliary.

The affair, which heads the list of social events in the area, will take place at the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach. Roger Bacon's orchestra will provide music for dancing in the Ballerina room and in the Cavalier room there will be tables for card playing as well as a buffet supper table.

In the lobby of the hotel will be a huge, red heart directing guests to the ball. At the entrance of the Ballerina room, on either side of the door, there will be two three-foot cupid figurines carrying out the theme of the ball. White cupids, with their arrows, will be used at vantage points in the ballroom, and will decorate the back of the orchestra pit. The same cupid theme will be used in the Cavalier room and will also adorn the buffet table.

Decorating for the affair is being done by Mrs. Paul Winn and Mrs. Wayne Kittleson, assisted by a committee composed of Mmes. Waiter Wolf, James Lees, James Hall and Robert Sleeth, Jr.

Acting as hosts and hostesses for the evening will be Miss Elsa Hammerstrom, supervisor of nurses of the Torrance hospital, Mrs. Viola Anderson, assistant supervisor; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Creeger, the former is head of the Torrance Hospital board; Mr. and Mrs. John Melville, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kresse, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Wood, Mrs. Grover Whyte, Mrs. Mina Shidler, and Mrs. Gertrude Mewborn.

The awarding of the door prize, a \$500 treasure chest, will highlight the evening. The prize will be awarded by Mr. Creeger.

Mrs. Melvin Howard is serving as general chairman of the 1956 Valentine Ball. Mrs. John Beeman is in charge of the ticket sales and Mrs. Robert Sleeth, Jr. has handled the publicity.

The auxiliary was formed in 1951 to promote the welfare of the local hospital through ways approved by the governing board. The group has grown from a membership of 21 to more than 80 women representing eight cities from this area.

Mrs. Richard B. Smith was the auxiliary's first president. She was succeeded by Mrs. John Melville, Mrs. Gerald Eastham and Mrs. Eugene Cook, 1956 president.

Since its four year organization, the auxiliary has purchased a diathermy machine, cubicle curtains, nursery bottle warmer, major surgery table, nursery nebulizer, nursery resuscitator, pediatric scale, and a Morris Clinical Defibrillator.

Proceeds from this year's ball will go to the fund for purchasing equipment for the ten rooms in the two new wings of the hospital to be constructed in the near future. The auxiliary members, who have set their goal at \$7000 for this year's ball, opened their ticket sales campaign the first of the year. Equipment for each room is estimated at \$1000 and the annual Valentine Ball is the auxiliary's greatest money making project.

Other means of raising money for necessary hospital equipment is the identi-photo service the auxiliary conducts at the hospital whereby pictures of new babies are provided within three hours after birth for proud parents. Sewing circles also meet regularly to make necessary bandages and garments for the hospital.

Have a Heart

Help your hospital. In an intense drive this week, members of the Torrance Hospital Auxiliary will bring to a close their ticket sales campaign for their annual Valentine Ball, proceeds from which will go to purchase equipment for the new surgical and maternity wings to be constructed soon. Mrs. Eugene Cook, president of the auxiliary, points out that the local hospital was designed to serve a community of 13,000 persons and with the rapid growth of Torrance the hospital cannot serve the present population of 87,500 in Torrance alone, much less the surrounding territories. The ball is the greatest money-making project for this year, and all residents are being called upon to assist with this worthwhile project.



BEAUX AND BELLES . . . of local society as they prepare to leave for the Lafayette Hotel for the Valentine Ball in support of their local hospital. Assisting their ladies with their evening wraps are, from left, Dr. Howard Wood assisting Mrs. Richard Schaeffer of Redondo Beach, while Dr. Schaeffer does honors for Mrs. Wood. Gaiety prevails in anticipation of a delightful evening with a planned purpose.



SAMBAS, RHUMBAS AND WALTZES . . . to the music of Roger Bacon and his orchestra are being planned by this group of dancers as they prepare to attend the Valentine Ball. After an evening of dancing, they will also enjoy a midnight buffet in the Cavalier Room at the Lafayette. Joining other friends in support of their hospital will be, from left, Dr. Emil Lichina of Manhattan Beach, Mrs. Gerald Eastham of Palos Verdes, Dr. Eastham and Mrs. Emil Lichina.



HEARTS, ARROWS AND CUPIDS . . . will decorate the ballroom and an enthusiastic committee has used its creative talents to make festive the occasion when dancers gather at the Valentine Ball. Shown helping Cupid thrust the arrow through the hearts are from left, Mrs. Melvin Howard, Mrs. Wayne Kittleson and Mrs. Walter Wolf.