

Decorator Will Speak To Alumnae

Highlighting the next meeting of the South Bay Alumnae of Gamma Phi Beta will be an informal address by Curt Wagner, local interior decorator, on "Decorating Your Home." The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. L. M. Hamilton, 3432 Via Palmino, Palos Verdes Estates, at 8 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

Mr. Wagner is well known in this area through his shop in Hollywood Riviera and his decoration of many homes throughout the South Bay. Members are encouraged to bring their own decorating problems to the meeting for suggestions by Mr. Wagner and discussion by the group.

A nominating committee for the 1957 slate of officers will be appointed during the business session.

Co-hostess with Mrs. Hamilton will be Mrs. Phyllis Murphy of Rolling Hills. All new Gamma Phis in the South Bay area are invited to attend.

Fireladies Plan Social Calendar

The yearly social calendar was presented and discussed at the February meeting of the Torrance Fireladies held last Monday evening at the home of Mrs. James Wass, 3252 Winlock Rd.

The first event, a Valentine box social, was planned for the month of February with the date and place to be announced later. At this affair a prize for the "prettiest box" will be given.

After the business meeting the hostess served refreshments.

Members present were Mmes. Ed Polston, Richard Sprout, Ray Stratton, Walt West, Sam Dial, John Millard, Bill Slonceker, George Blahnik, Pete McCon, Charles Reintama, Leonard Christian and James Wass.

AT CRESTLINE

Enjoying the snow at Crestline recently were Mr. and Mrs. Don Minor and their daughter Judy, of 2822 Onrado, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rudd and their children, Donnie and Patie, 1327 Acacia. They were there for a week end, returning on Sunday evening.

HOLIDAY TRIP

Rev. and Mrs. John Taylor and children will leave Monday afternoon for San Jacinto to spend the Lincoln holiday with Mrs. Taylor's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Philip Norvell.

LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

Hillside

A school traffic safety poster contest, to be held at Hillside School, was announced recently by the school's safety chairman, Peter Barkerand, his committee, Mrs. W. E. Inman and Mrs. Fields, a teacher at the school.

The contest entered into by students of schools all over the country is held on a national level. Hillside will also hold a contest for their students on the school's level.

Individual ribbons will be presented to the students of the school on all grade levels. The school winner, in addition to receiving a plaque with his or her name, will have their poster entered in the national contest. In addition a plaque with his or her name will hang in the school office; if in the future the school holds any more safety poster contests on the school's level the winners' names will also be added to the school plaque.

There will be four themes that may be used for the titles of the posters submitted. They are "Help Your Safety Patrol," "Be Alert in Bad Weather," "School's Open—Drive Carefully" and "School Bus Safety." The last two themes will be the only ones that can be used in making a poster to be submitted to the national contest.

Judging will be held at the school between the hours of 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., Feb. 15. Judges will be teachers of other schools of the Torrance School District. On Feb. 20, a special assembly will be held for the presentation of the awards. The winner's poster will then be submitted to the national contest.

This is the first year for Hillside's participation in the contest.

Riviera

"Spelling and How It Is Taught Today in Our Schools" will be the subject of the second Parent Education course, hosted by the Riviera PTA. Several teachers from the Riviera School will be on hand Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria to present the various methods used to teach spelling at the different grade levels. Spelling books used and some of the basic word lists will be available for inspection. Any parent interested is invited to attend and question the teachers and discuss this subject so dear to the hearts of all parents with children in school.

The Riviera PTA board will meet on Thursday evening, Feb. 14, at the home of Mrs. George T. Savage, 102 Calle de Arboles, to discuss the plans for the next Riviera association meeting on Feb. 20 and to hear reports from the various committees who are working to make the PTA a success.

186th Street

Proving that PTA work can be fun, too, Mrs. Herman Eisenbeiss, president of the 186th Street School PTA, was hostess to her executive board at a party held recently at her home. It was an evening of fun and relaxation for the board who have worked tirelessly on the many school and ways and means projects in the past months.

Members could only address their fellow members by their middle names and Miss Ruth Engdahl, school principal, proved she was a whiz at names by winning all the forfeits for the evening. As a prize she was allowed to keep the forfeits. Mrs. Jack Ackerman made a clean sweep of the other games played and went home loaded with prizes. A delicious buffet supper was served with Mrs. Frank Nelson and Mrs. W. S. Stewart assisting Mrs. Eisenbeiss.

Present at the party were Mmes. W. S. Stewart, Frank Nelson, J. T. Evans, Jr., F. C. Beech, Floyd Phillips, Philippe Major, James Ellis, Frank Daddi, Guy Cels, R. Dean Bryan, Jack Ackerman, Phillip Gueches, Hugh Allen, Billie Lewis, Edward Patton, Don Dittman, and Misses Ruth Engdahl and Evelyn Buckley.

Miss Evelyn Buckley, faculty representative of the 186th Street School PTA, was the honored guest at a shower given by the executive board on Thursday, Jan. 19. Miss Ruth Engdahl, school principal, kept Miss Buckley occupied with non-essential reports while the board members decorated the teachers' room with pink net hearts and a centerpiece, a bridal couple. White camellias completed the arrangement, with a wristlet of camellias for the guest of honor.

A delicious luncheon was served by the board members, and games were played under the direction of Mrs. W. S. Stewart. After Miss Buckley opened the many beautiful gifts, the executive board made her a scrapbook to commemorate the occasion.

Attending the shower were Mmes. Herman Eisenbeiss, president; F. C. Beech, Guy Cels, Billie Lewis, Hugh Allen, J. T. Evans, Jr., W. S. Stewart, Frank Daddi, James Ellis, Philippe Major, Sam Tanbara, Tom Nakaki, Floyd Phillips, Edward Stivason, James McMillen, Jay Takahashi, Phillip Gueches, Edward Patton, and Misses Ruth Engdahl and Evelyn Buckley; also Robert Lyon, vice principal, and Richard Evans, auditor.

ENTERTAINING HOUSEGUEST

Mrs. Theresa Finlayson, 1311 Crenshaw Blvd., is entertaining an old friend, Mrs. Rose Connolly, of LaCross, Wis. Mrs. Connolly spent three weeks with friends in San Jose and will spend several weeks here. Mrs. Finlayson's sister, Mrs. E. B. Rademaker of Inglewood, spent several days here and last Monday Mrs. Finlayson entertained at a bridge luncheon for her two guests. On Tuesday, the trio were luncheon guests of Mrs. Cecelia Young at the Plush Horse and on Wednesday they were guests at the benefit bridge party at the O'Hora home.

DECORATES TABLES

Five members of the California Iris Society under the supervision of Mrs. Elsa Stone decorated three tables at the All-America banquet held recently.

The red, white and blue colors were carried out in white stock, red carnations and blue Dutch Iris.

Members who assisted Mrs. Stone were Mrs. Vera Kleimhagen and Mrs. Elizabeth Bouman of Inglewood, Mrs. Marie Lambert of Gardena, Mrs. Susan Boettcher of Lawndale and Mrs. Oliver Stone of Torrance.

SHELLY ALLISON

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lee Allison, 16834 Prairie are announcing the addition of a new member to their family, a daughter born Feb. 1. The seven pound, three ounce young lady has been named Shelly Kay. She has a 15 month old sister, Bevi Ilene. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Allison and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hansen of Inglewood.



OVERRIDING THE OLD ADAGE . . . "all work and no play," the youngsters from 9 to 12 at the Waleria School thoroughly enjoy their extra curricular activity, a weekly square dance session held each Tuesday afternoon at the school. Frank Taylor is the instructor and caller. Once a year, parents are invited to join the fun. Pictured is a scene on the annual parents' night held last week. These dances are sponsored by the Waleria PTA and the school.

FERN-GREENWOOD

A delegation headed by Mrs. D. D. Tuggle, president of the Fern-Greenwood PTA, attended the mid-winter conference of the 33rd District California Congress of Parents and Teachers last week in Compton.

The first of a series of discussions was held Monday under the auspices of the Fern-Greenwood PTA.

Mrs. Carolyn Ditton, school nurse, discussed the polio shots that are to be given this week to specified grades.

Mrs. Francis Stoeckle, president of the Torrance PTA Council, greeted the group. She offered a helping hand in the formation of a discussion group to increase cooperation between the parents and the school.

Mrs. Kenneth McVey, chairman of parent education of the Torrance PTA Council, told of the various sources of material for parent education. She told of some of the discussion groups that are sponsored by other PTA units.

Mrs. W. D. Marleau, pre-school chairman, spoke on the education's aids available for pre-school children, and Mrs. J. S. Gable spoke on the duties and problems of the room representatives.

Joe Brandon, principal of the Fern-Greenwood school, then led the open discussion. Questions were raised on the reporting system in the relationship to the transfer of students from elementary school to high school.

The next meeting will be held in about six weeks, the date to be announced later. Topics to be discussed at future meetings include the method of teaching reading, arithmetic, and preparing the pre-school child for kindergarten.

The executive board met Thursday at the home of Mrs. L. H. Voine, 1924 Hickory Ave.

Evelyn Carr 232nd Place

Elvis, the singing robot, gave out with "Hound Dog" as part of the program at the Evelyn Carr Elementary PTA for Jan. 22. President Mrs. Roland Stamm called the meeting to order. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Boy Scout Troop 761 under the leadership of William Sinclair. Inspiration was given by Mrs. Reese Holbrook, music chairman. Guest for the evening was Mrs. Powers, manager of the new cafeteria, F. Forve, auditor, presented his December audit report which was adopted by the association. The board recommended to the association that sums be provided to be used for the American Field Service, scholarship fund, Council milk fund, and Dental Health Assn. Five members were elected for the nominating committee: Mrs. P. Baker, Mrs. F. Maxwell, Mrs. J. Jensen, Mr. R. Welte and Mr. F. Forve.

Mrs. E. Morgan, parliamentarian, will call the first meeting of this committee. Mrs. R. Jones, magazine chairman, read a thoughtful poem, "I Want to Speak for Myself." The attendance prize was won by Mrs. Nesselson, fifth and sixth grades. Meeting was then turned over to Mrs. C. R. Ross, program chairman, who introduced Principal Richard Welte. He gave a brief report of all the different club programs, then presented to the association the upper grade choir under the direction of Mrs. Steele with Mrs. F. Asper at the piano. Mr. Jackman, who is in charge of the Science Club, presented Elvis, who was constructed by members of the club. Dr. Warren Hamilton talked on "Child Psychology." Refreshments were served. Hostesses for the evening were fourth grade room mothers.

232nd Place School PTA will meet Thursday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1. First grade mothers will be hostesses. Refreshments will be served in the teachers' room following the meeting.

Mrs. Rolland Latta has announced that the Redondo Beach Playhouse members will present a skit with Ronald Marriott as narrator.

Past presidents will be recognized as part of the Founders' Day program.

The Honorary Life Membership will also be presented. Mrs. George Kohr will be Brownie leader for Troop 884 as Mrs. E. Moller has resigned. Mrs. Christenson will continue as co-leader.

Robert Crow was appointed as institutional representative for Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troops 269 and 269-C.

Mrs. William Andreas, chairman of the Mothers' March, reports that results were above expectations.

Mrs. Ken Madison, president, served coffee at her home following the march.

Mothers and helpers were Mrs. E. Muir and daughter, Mrs. Jim Beckstrom, Mrs. John Beckstrom and Darlene, Mrs. Fred Bassett and Freddie, Mrs. Ken Fortney and Kenny, Mrs. George McClasky, Mrs. E. W. McFadden, Mrs. Robert Crow, Mrs. R. Seal, Mrs. Louis Erspamer, Mrs. Russell Boss, Karen and Kathy, Mrs. A. Bodin, Mrs. M. Ruby, Mrs. Herman Stanert, Mrs. R. Rubio, Mrs. William Hodges, Mrs. William Sharp, Mrs. A. Jakens, Mrs. Jack Mallory, and Mrs. W. Huston.

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GUILD TO HEAR MISSIONARIES

Women's Guild of the Seaside Community Church will meet Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. at the church. A program will be presented by the missionary education department under the direction of Mrs. David Tepas. Mrs. Tepas will present Dr. Mrs. Carl Kriete who have served as missionaries to Japan for the past 40 years. Co-hostesses for the meeting are Mrs. Clyde Martin and Mrs. Willard Tocky.

TO ATTEND MEET

Rev. John Taylor of the First Methodist Church will leave by plane Feb. 22 for Chicago to conduct a meeting of the board of hospitals and homes for the Methodist Church. Rev. Taylor, who will be gone about a week, is chairman of the hospital and homes board for the Arizona-Southern California conference.

Perry

Perry PTA will hold its monthly PTA "Family Night" program on Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the school. Mrs. Eugene Phillips, parent-education chairman, and her co-chairman, Mrs. R. W. Baillie, have many unusual and interesting events planned. There will be a demonstration of copper enameling from 7 to 7:15 p.m., followed by a workshop in this medium. William Forrest, vice-principal of Evelyn Carr School, will give instructions in ceramics and there will be a workshop for those who wish to learn to make attractive valentines and plaques. The Family Night motto is "No Parents Without Children and No Children Without Parents."

CARL STEELE PTA, RUMMAGE SALE

Their last money-making project of the year, a rummage sale will be staged by the Carl Steele PTA on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the old city hall building from 9 until 5 p.m. For rummage pickup call Mrs. Donald Coleman, 20010 Burin St. The public is invited to attend the sale.

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HOWARD-WOOD

January board meeting of the Howard Wood PTA was held at Mrs. Hal La Mour's home, 2066 236 St.

An evaluation of the groups' accomplishments was discussed and reports were given by Mmes. M. D. Scoles, Lee Polick, Gordon Jones, Lo Mour, Kuri Muranaka, Keith Johnson, E. E. Bluestein and Custer Hawley.

The recent card party for the Dental Health Assn. was reported by Mrs. Scoles.

The Founder's Day Tea is planned for Thursday, Feb. 14, at the school, from 2 until 4 p.m.

The group was reminded of the Founder's Day Tea for the Torrance Council to be held on Feb. 13, at 9 a.m., at the Women's Club.

The Carnival to be held on Saturday, April 6, is still in the formative stage and anyone wishing to help may do so by contacting Mr. Paul Crossman.

The Feb. 7 association meeting was pot luck dinner at 6 p.m. in the new cafeteria. A Valentine program was scheduled by Mrs. Marilyn Wilde, music instructor.

Past presidents were honored by the PTA unit.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28 at the home of R. D. Evans, 1212 Felbar.

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