

Installation Of Walteria Women Held

Walteria Business Women's Club held its annual installation dinner last week at the Polynesian in Walteria. Following dinner, served in exotic surroundings, the 26 members adjourned to the home of Mrs. Robert Sleeth Jr., 24251 Los Codona, for installation proceedings.

Outgoing President Louise Bigelow held a short meeting with annual reports from the secretary, Ruth Sorenson; treasurer, Thelma Wood and sunshine chairman, Gladys Hancock.

The history of the club was reviewed from the time of its inception in 1954. Among the highlights were the continued sponsorship of Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls in the community; assisting the Walteria Business Men's Club in the construction of their Scout Hall and assisting in the financing of their annual Christmas parties for the children of Walteria; donations of new books to the Walteria Library have been made on two occasions.

Assistance was given to a local Boy Scout to enable him to attend the National Jamboree and a contribution was made to the Torrance Area Youth Band to assist them in their trip to Chicago.

An impressive candlelight installation service was conducted by Louise Bigelow with each outgoing officer passing her "light of service" to the new incumbent. Installed as president was Mrs. Wilmet Labit; Mrs. Joe Stimson as vice president; Mrs. Maze Moton, recording secretary; Mrs. Duane Nansel, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Don Whann, treasurer.

The club members presented their outgoing president a personalized leather scrap book and inscribed with individual messages of appreciation.

Plans for the coming year were outlined and new chairmen were appointed. Among those to serve are: Mrs. Mollie Dowd, historian; Mrs. Loring Bigelow, publicity; Mrs. B. P. Pendleton, sunshine; Mrs.

Helen Wood, hospitality; Mrs. Joe Stimson, program; Mrs. C. D. Wood, T.E.A.C. representative, and Dr. Eleanor Thill. Mrs. Don Mathews and Mrs. B. P. Pendleton, board members.

HONOR COUPLE

Celebrating their wedding anniversary at the Plush Horse restaurant recently were Dr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Eastham of Torrance. An informal cocktail and dinner party in their honor was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moon of Palos Verdes, who invited seven guests to the social event.

TROPICAL SETTING

To celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Halleck of Hollywood Riviera, recently chose the Polynesian in Torrance as the tropical setting for an exotic dinner party. Their guests were Mrs. Rhoda Lesch of Torrance and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kohlar of Redondo.

Homemakers' Forum Slated Here Jan. 30

"Homemakers Forum" is the title of a full afternoon of ideas for the housewives of Torrance, to be held on Jan. 30 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium, 1349 El Prado.

The program, co-sponsored by the Torrance recreation department and the Southern California Gas Co., will cover many interesting and time-saving tips for the busy homemakers.

The following activities are planned by the business establishments of Torrance: Spring fashion show sponsored by Moore's Dress Shop; color schemes in the home by Mary's Color Bar; and a special food program by Home Economist Margo McClosky of the Southern California Gas Co.

Tickets are available at the Torrance recreation department, 3031 Torrance Blvd. Reservations must be made in advance.

LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

El Nido

Lucienne Eishout from Belgium now attending North High and Nadia Basmadjian of Greece, attending Torrance High School and Marjorie Towle, of North High, who spent two months in Sweden provided El Nido PTA members with a memorable program at the Wednesday, Jan. 9 meeting.

Nadia's foster mother, Mrs. M. Henshaw and Mrs. John Melville, American Field Service chairman, accompanied the students to the El Nido School.

The short simple duties of a library chairman and her assistants were explained in a skit by Frances Hon and Grace Parenteau, 8th grade students, also Kathryn Hempel and Linda Daugherty, 2nd grade students participating.

Mrs. Elmer Ecker was elected delegate for the Torrance Council nominating committee with Mrs. M. A. Wright elected as alternate delegate.

The 1958 nominating committee was elected with Mrs. W. A. Wright named chairman along with Mmes Elmer Ecker, Harley Smith, E. Underwood and Sarah R. Hooker.

The welfare committee reported that eight Christmas baskets were distributed in the El Nido School district.

Mrs. Harley Smith reported that every grade held a Christmas party and a candy cane was given to all students by Santa Claus.

Refreshments provided by the parents of the 6th grade students were served by Mrs. William Newton, Mrs. Harley Smith and Mrs. C. H. Brackett.

Halldale

The new year finds Halldale Ave. PTA board members busily making plans for the forthcoming months.

Recently the nominating committee for life memberships met with Amanda Wilhelm, principal, Mrs. Dallas Rasmussen, chairman was in

Edison

"Fathers Night" was observed at the Jan. 8 meeting of the Edison School PTA. Under the direction of Be Richardson, the father furnished the entertainment and refreshments presenting several surprise skits during the meeting.

The formal part of the program had to do with "Space" with Joe Reinhardt, chemistry teacher as the space tour director.

Participating in the comic space tour with Captain Bert Richardson, were Robert Prio, Herb Fisher, Robert Shimmim, Mario Gamm.

During the business meeting the treasurer's report was given by Mrs. William Styles. Mrs. Dean White discussed the parent education series program held at Mc Masters Park, Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Mrs. William Cassida, president, announced that baby sitting would be available at the school for association meetings.

The association passed a motion for a letter to be sent to the city manager asking for a sidewalk leading to the school across the Edison Co. right-of-way.

Another letter to the traffic commission asking for a signal at the crosswalk in front of the school was also authorized.

HOWARD WOOD

"Strength Through Cooperation," was the theme of the Jan. 9 meeting of the Howard Wood PTA.

The special services available to the area were discussed by Mrs. Jane Robinson, a psychologist of the Southwest School District Cooperation Special Education Program; and Mrs. Marjibell Brown, psychologist of the Torrance Unified School District; and Thomas Lasecki, a speech therapist assigned to the Howard Wood School.

Mrs. Robinson showed slides on the various programs. Though no provision is made in the educational program for a handicapped child, the southwest school districts, which include Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Lennox, and Torrance, attempt to include all children who need the services.

The state and school district residence share the expenses. Mrs. Brown defined Point 1 and Point 2 program as children who are educatable and trainable.

Mr. Lasecki expressed the need for teachers in special services and told of the funds available through PTA. This is made possible by the Honorary Life Memberships purchased in a recipient's name by local units.

The nominating committee was elected by the group and includes Mmes. Dana Houston, Ivan Eckersley, H. D. Walsh, Robert O' Cain, R. D. Evans, principal.

Also to give a report at the Feb. 6 meeting will be the Honorary Life Committee of Mmes. Helen Weis, Hiro Murakami, R. D. Hines, P. M. Crossman, and Walter Buetgenback, vice principal.

Mrs. Howard Fuhs and Harry Nishimoto were elected to serve on the 10th District credential committee.

Mrs. Jean Crews was elected to serve on the 10th District election committee.

Upon acceptance of resignation of Mrs. George Valbuena, a new historian, Mrs. Dallas Wick, was elected.

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DINING OUT

Enjoying the exotic cuisine and the island music at The Polynesian Restaurant in Torrance recently were Mr. and Mrs. Levi Jenkins of Redondo Beach, Dr. and Mrs. William H. Rambo of Rolling Hills, Dr. and Mrs. William K. Riddell of Rolling Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gauzer of Hollywood Riviera.

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FERN-GREENWOOD

Future ways and means projects were discussed at the Executive board meeting of the Fern-Greenwood PTA held last week at the home of Mrs. E. E. Conry, 2530 Lesserman. Mrs. Bert Lynn, ways and means chairman, named a committee, Mmes. P. Shinoda, J. E. Gist, and W. D. Marleau, to assist in evaluating various plans.

Mrs. J. L. Adams, welfare chairman, reported the gifts of canned goods brought to school by the children at Christmas, were used to fill baskets for the needy in this area.

Mrs. Art Campbell, president, announced the district mid-winter conference to be held Jan. 30, in Montebello. She urged all to attend that can.

The next association meeting will be held Jan. 16, at 7:30 in the Fern cafeteria. The topic is "Far Away Places," and will feature talks by Miss Nadia Basmadjian, an American Field Service Exchange student from Greece, and Miss Mary Sippel, Torrance High student who studied last year in Finland.

L-S.P Council

January meeting of the Lomita-San Pedro PTA Council was held at 259th Place School with Mrs. Walter Talley, president, in charge.

Mrs. Jack Creager, 259th Place President, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mrs. William Kepley gave the inspirational message. Miss Frances Dastarac, principal, welcomed those present.

Guests in attendance were Mrs. Bully Fulford, new PTA president of Park Western Pl., and Mrs. A. C. Akerson, Gateway Council president.

Mrs. A. C. Akerson, council citizenship chairman, reported on the Christmas Cheer program.

Mrs. Palmer Orseth, membership chairman, reported on the membership drive and awards were given.

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Parkway

"Treasure Island," full color feature film by Walt Disney will be shown Saturday at Parkway School cafeteria under sponsorship of Parkway School PTA. Mrs. Sid Rosenberg, activities chairman, has announced.

To accommodate the anticipated attendance showings have been arranged for 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

Refreshments will be available.

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