

LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

Edison

The February meeting of the Edison PTA was highlighted by the presentation of its first honorary life membership. Mr. Albert La Motte, head custodian at Edison, was the recipient of this award at a beautiful candlelight ceremony. The presentation of the emblem and card was made by Mrs. William Cassida, president. The outstanding service to the youth of this area by Mr. La Motte received high praise from Mrs. Dwight Preston, HLM chairman.

"Monty" is known for his sincere love of children. During the depression, he was a barber for the school children who could not afford hair cuts. A one-time lightweight boxing champion, "Monty" organized boxing in his own neighborhood. He also organized football teams and other sports. "Monty" is the father of four boys but has provided a home for many children who would otherwise have been neglected. At the present time, he and Mrs. LaMotte have a niece living with them. He has done valuable work in the aircraft industry but due to the tedious work involved in the intricate designs, he found it necessary to seek other employment. As head custodian, the children respect and love him and appreciate his sense of humor, Mrs. Preston stated.

Other business at the meeting included the nomination of the following to serve as members of the nominating committee: Mmes. Curtis Pearsey, Herb Fisher, Carl Miller, Robert Kandler, and Robert Shimm.

Another February activity was the Mothersingers Valentine luncheon. Twenty members of the group met to exchange Valentines and become better acquainted.

Harbor City

Mrs. James Triffon and Mrs. Albert Dudley were presented Life Memberships in the PTA by Mrs. Dean McIntire, at the Feb. 11 meeting of the Harbor City PTA.

Mrs. Carl Gregory narrated the many activities of both women during the presentation of the pins. Both ladies have been prominent in the local and Council PTA, as well as various youth group organizations.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. James Alexander, president, with the pledge of allegiance being led by Mrs. Norman Bailey's Brownie Troop, 1356.

A medley of songs by the Children's Chorus of Room 19, under the direction of Mrs. Matute, teacher, provided the inspirational.

Original words to the song,

BIG BEAR TRIP

Torrance and Redondo Beach members of Fond-Rey Council 14, Pythian Sunshine Girls, spent the week-end at Big Bear Valley, according to Mrs. Margaret E. Graham, royal advisor.

PARENTS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Young of Pleasantville, Iowa, are here visiting with their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young, 5406 Sharynne Lane.

"Sweet and Lovely" were sung by Mrs. J. L. McMinn, accompanied by Mrs. Triffon, as the Founders' Day observance portion of the program. Another song, "My Best to You," was dedicated to those former presidents for their long hours of time and devotion toward offering today's child a better home, school, and healthful atmosphere during his childhood.

During the tea hours, island entertainment was provided by Dorothy Woodbury, Lei Oloha; Rosie Hanneman, Ote; Miana, Fai Fai; and Judy Savage, Mu Kuana.

NORWALK FRIENDS

Showing off their new car, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wright of Torrance drove to Norwalk Sunday for dinner with friends, Mr. and Mrs. John F. White.

ISLAND TEA GIVEN BY SO. HIGH PTA

South High School PTA entertained at a tea last Wednesday afternoon at the Polynesian restaurant with 200 guests attending.

During the tea hours, island entertainment was provided by Dorothy Woodbury, Lei Oloha; Rosie Hanneman, Ote; Miana, Fai Fai; and Judy Savage, Mu Kuana.

Mrs. Paul Roettger was tea chairman. She was assisted by Mrs. David Sokoloff, president, and Mrs. Robert Schrauben, hospitality chairman.

FLOWER ARRANGING GLASS TO BEGIN

A demonstration of flower arranging was given by Mrs. Victor Benstead at the Torrance Branch YWCA on Thursday, Feb. 27. Using carnations, heather and Australian tea plant, Mrs. Benstead developed a crescent design. A class in flower arranging by Mrs. Benstead will begin on Thursday, March 6, at 1:30 p.m. Membership in the YWCA is a prerequisite. Those interested in learning the basics of design, form, and the use of common garden foliage to make unusual and beautiful arrangements are requested to register immediately by calling the YWCA.



OLD FASHIONED STYLES . . . Founders' Day celebrated by the Flavian PTA was highlighted with an old fashioned style show. At the right, Mrs. Fred Anderson wears a "lampshade" dress of 1870, while at the left Mrs. Abbott Hatch sports a 1902 bathing suit.

Flavian

Recent Founders' Day ceremonies of the Flavian PTA included a humorous skit under the direction of Mrs. Charles R. Petersen, chairman. The theme, "Parade of Memories," described the history of the PTA since its founding as a mothers' club in 1890, with a style show set to music. Songs reminiscent of the era were sung by the Mothersingers under the direction of Mrs. Z. W. Giza.

Those participating were Mmes. Abbott C. Hatch, Ernest D'Angelo, Fred S. Anderson, Robert J. Rushing, Burt Riri, Bert Ferris, Tommie Myers, Dale McConnell, John Shriner, Richard G. Spechtenhauser, T. J. Wheeler, James Kocis, William Deuel, Melvin Berhou, Davis Barry, Charles Fuller, Fred Hoebel, James Cathran, Loren Fernald and Ethel LaHeist.

During the business meeting preceding the program Mrs. J. K. Edwins introduced several honored guests: Mrs. Edward Kemp, director of education, 33rd district, and from Torrance council; Mmes. V. B. Terry, financial secretary; C. F. Malone, corresponding secretary; James Oswald, music chairman; Francis Stoeckle, Jr., past president. Mrs. Edwins then asked for nominations from the floor for a group to serve as nominating committee. Those elected were Mmes. Charles R. Petersen, Hugh Chadwick, Z. W. Giza, William Deuel and Chester Black.

Brownie Troops 2127 and 1572 and Intermediate Troops 164 and 1654 conducted the flag ceremony for the evening. A coffee hour was held in the home economics room following the meeting. Hostesses were fourth grade mothers, Mrs. Fred Carroll, chairman.

North High

North High School PTA met Feb. 18 in the cafeteria. Mrs. J. R. Sanders, president, was in charge.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the inspirational message were given by a student, Roberta Terheggen.

Guests present were: Mrs. C. F. Malone from Torrance Council and Mrs. Earl Welliver, who received the Honorary Life Membership last year.

Mrs. Kenneth McVey, chairman of the nominating committee reported the following were nominated: president, Mrs. Joe Begando; first vice president, Mrs. W. Bayliff; second vice president, Mr. L. Dalton; third vice president, Mrs. R. Turner; recording secretary, Mrs. W. Wells; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. Robison; treasurer, Mrs. R. Donner; historian, Mrs. B. Richardson; auditor, Mrs. H. Herrea.

Mrs. Francis Stoeckle, Honorary Life Membership chairman, presented a membership to Mrs. Joe Begando. Mrs. Begando has two sons, one in grade school and one in High School. She has been active in Boy Scout work and many charity drives. She has worked in PTA for five years.

Drama students presented the skit, "Anastasia."



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Halldale

Founders' Day, the 61st birthday of PTA, was celebrated on Feb. 11 in the Halldale School auditorium by the presentation of two honorary life memberships.

Mrs. Robert Wonders, chairman, gave a brief resume on the progress on Halldale Ave. PTA since the beginning in 1947. A children's day in song was performed by the first grade students supervised by Ruth Adams, music director.

The past presidents of Halldale were introduced and presented corsages and gifts by Mrs. Robert Wonders. Amanda Wilhelm, principal, gave a brief talk on the accomplishments of each.

The history and meaning of an honorary life membership was discussed by Mrs. H. C. Clark. Mrs. Dallas Rasmussen introduced the honorary members of Halldale.

Mrs. Fred Schimmel, who for over 10 years has faithfully served Halldale School and the community, was presented an honorary life membership pin by Mrs. H. C. Clark.

Mrs. F. E. Dye, ways and means chairman and one who works for the local PTA and school, was presented an honorary life membership pin by Mrs. Ed Holloway, also an honorary life member.

Honored guests were Past Presidents Mmes. E. N. Bernardin, C. C. DeVore, David Goolsby, E. N. Reese and H. T. Seeman. Past presidents unable to attend were Mmes. John Blackmon and Connie Salcido. Mrs. Walter Tally, Lomita-San Pedro Council president, was also present.

Honorary life members present were Amanda Wilhelm, Lillian Morris, Ruth Adams, Mr. Comstock, Ruth Moeller, David Goolsby, H. T. Seeman, Evelyn Coigdarpe, E. M. Bernardin, E. H. Martin, C. C. DeVore, W. H. Harvey and A. E. Schilling.

223rd Street

The program chairman for 223rd Street School PTA, Mrs. Edward Kohlmeier, presented an interesting program commemorating Founders' Day at the February meeting held in the school auditorium. Representatives from the Campfire Girls, the Brownies and the Cub Scouts, which are sponsored by the PTA, began the meeting with the flag salute.

A tribute was given to past president, Mrs. David Goolsby, and the school chorus led by Miss Doris Bardon sang a Founders' Day number. The highlight of the program was the presentation of the Honorary Life Membership to Mrs. Willetta Washington, the head custodian of the school, by Mrs. Elizabeth Danky, the past principal.

After the program, a nominating committee consisting of Mmes. David Goolsby, James Gonderman, H. Carroll, Donald Guild, Willis Albaugh, and Carl Epperheimer, was chosen to nominate new officers for the coming year.

Narbonne

Founders' Day was celebrated at the meeting of the Narbonne High School PTA held on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 1:30 in the multi-purpose room of the high school.

Rev. James Burnett, associate pastor of Western Avenue Baptist Church was the guest speaker.

Mrs. O. C. Grubbs, Founders Day chairman, said that approximately 15 past presidents of Narbonne PTA attended as honored guests.

An Honorary PTA Life Membership was presented by Mrs. Don Wolf.

Musical selections by the Girls Ensemble, under the direction of Miss Alice Sturdy, concluded the meeting.

Mrs. Rollin Northern and her hospitality committee served refreshments during the social hour following the meeting.

PTA members were honored guests at the board of education's annual PTA Day.

The occasion gave parents an opportunity to observe the various committee meetings of the board as well as a chance to ask questions on the board's functions.

After a luncheon, the PTA spectators attended the board's purchasing committee meeting, the budget and finance committee meeting and the regular board meeting in the auditorium.

Representing Narbonne High School PTA were Mmes. Ed Holloway, Minot Rugg, D. O. Jones, Leslie Steigh, Al Boderman and Bruce Schweitzer.

Casimir

January meeting of Casimir Elementary PTA was held recently with Mrs. Barton Peters, president, conducting.

Cub Scout Pack 730, Den 13, under the direction of Mrs. Walter Keberlien, Den mother, led the audience in the pledge of allegiance and the inspirational was given by Mrs. D. L. Omeron.

Mrs. Jack Prince, president of Arlington PTA and Walter Buettgenbach, former vice-principal at Casimir were welcomed as guests. The new treasurer, Mrs. Wayne Kimble was introduced by Mrs. Peters who also thanked everyone for the help given at Christmas for the many baskets that were filled.

The new business consisted of the forming of two important committees. The Honorary Life Membership committee was formed and explained with Mrs. B. J. Binyon, chairman. The other committee members are Mrs. Wright, 7th grade teacher; Mrs. Thomas Knighten, auditor; Mrs. Larry Graham, third vice president, and Mrs. Bert Cook, recording secretary. Members of the nominating committee were elected as follows: Mmes. Bernard Levin, Larry Graham, Norman Boy, Tom Knighten and Patrick Narey.

The program featured W. D. Dunlap, professor of family living at El Camino College, and the El Camino choir. The membership attendance was won by Mrs. Oliver, first grade, and Mrs. Bourne, fourth grade. Refreshments were served.

Anza

At the February meeting of the Anza PTA, Mrs. Ralph Johnston reported that the following movies will be shown: March 1, "Dumbo," and on April 5, "So Dear to My Heart."

A new group was appointed to serve on the nominating committee for next year. Mrs. W. B. Salby presented the Founders Day program "This Is Your Life," at which time the honorary life membership was awarded to Mrs. Gordon Stephens.

223rd Street

The 223rd Street School PTA was hostess to two teas given for the mothers of the kindergarten children in the school auditorium—one in the morning for mothers of the morning pupils, and one in the afternoon for the mothers of the afternoon pupils.

Mrs. Eleanor Kennedy, the principal, first introduced Mrs. Francis Anania, the PTA president, and then Mrs. Hilda Seykota, the school nurse, and Mrs. Goldie Brooks, the posture teacher. Mrs. Seykota briefly explained the fundamental principles of good physical and mental health practices in the home as well as the services provided by the school in protecting the students' health. Mrs. Brooks explained the posture program that is provided for the child when he enters the first grade.

Mrs. Carl Epperheimer, hospitality chairman; Mrs. J. C. Kellar, Mrs. Jack Cameron, Mrs. Willis Albaugh, room representative chairman, and Mrs. George LaMontagne, Mrs. H. Carroll, refreshment chairmen, assisted in greeting and registering the mothers and serving refreshments.

South High

South High PTA will meet Tuesday, March 4, at 8 p.m., in Newton Elementary School's cafeteria. It will feature an introduction of the teachers of South High School by Dr. W. B. Magner.

Mrs. Rex Hayes has programmed a student panel discussion, "Outside the Text Book Cover," with the participation of two parents and four students.

Parents invited to be on the panel are Mrs. Bradford Davis, mother of a sophomore girl, and Phillip Shaw, father of a freshman boy. The students will be a boy and a girl from both the freshman and sophomore classes. Robert Ellsworth, student activities advisor, will be the moderator for the discussion.

The nominating committee will present their nominations for approval by the association of next year's officers.

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