

PTA The Torrance Council Way

By Mrs. Eugene Laxton

TORRANCE COUNCIL
Mrs. Robert Hagenbaugh, president, and Mmes. Eric Wescombe and William Poser were guests at Riviera PTA to hear Mrs. J. Stanley Brode, International Relations chairman for CCPT, speak on UNICEF and the need for international understanding. An estimated 57,000 foreign students attend our universities and are silent observers on the American scene. A majority enroll as teachers, doctors and municipal government undergraduates. Mrs. Brode has recently received inquiries from school personnel in Ceylon on the organization of parent-teacher groups into a whole rather than the way they now operate throughout India and Ceylon.

TOWERS
Towers PTA will meet at 7:30, Jan. 23, in the cafeteria. Featured chairman will be Mrs. Ezra D. Morgan, dental health, who will present Robert W. Barrett, DDS, of the Torrance Dental Health Assn., who will speak on fluoridation. There will also be a film, "The Truth About Fluoridation." Other business will include the election of a nominating committee. The hostesses will be the room mothers of Mrs. Claire Crain and Mrs. Martha Jensen.

ARLINGTON
Lt. Douglas C. Cook of the Torrance Police Dept. was speaker for the theme "Dead End, Narcotics" at the past unit meeting. He explained the dangers of narcotic addiction for the school child. The program included the Gray-Y Wa-Hoos, with Chief Rankin and an inspirational by the Arlington Mothersingers.

A bicycle rodeo is being planned in connection with the citywide safety program. School children will be given a written examination by teachers and then will demonstrate their riding ability at the Saturday rodeo. A certificate will be given to each child who passes both tests. A skating party will take place at the Rollerama Rink in Gardena on Jan. 22 from 7 to 10 p.m. Nearby schools are invited to join Arlington in the event.

PARKWAY
Mrs. M. W. Kostick, chairman, has announced a spaghetti dinner will be held in the cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 8. This third annual fare is moderately priced. Fred Benson, attorney, was a recent guest speaker at Parkway on the theme "We are Proud of Our Laws." Subject title "The Facts Speak for Themselves."

TORRANCE HIGH
There are no board or unit meetings for Torrance High in January. The Honorary Life committee: Mmes. James

Harbor City
Harbor City PTA meeting was opened with the flag salute by Brownie Troop 2391 under the direction of Mrs. Albert Dudley.

Councilman John Gibson presented flags to Terril Croskrey, principal, in behalf of the PTA. Outside, the flag raising ceremony was conducted by Councilman Gibson, Mr. Croskrey, Mrs. E. B. Kilstofte, Mrs. Robert Rohl and a representative from each classroom. Fourth grade students recited a patriotic poem and the Preamble to the Constitution.

A nominating committee was elected to present an honorary life membership at the next meeting. Nominees were: Mmes. Clarence Bramley, Jerry Henderson, Charles Arbuckle and James Titus.

Mrs. Clarence Bramley, program chairman, presented teachers Harold Ball, Mildred Dudley and Ruth Willson as a panel discussing school policies with the audience participating.

The A6 graduating class was honored at the association meeting and they, in turn, sang two songs. Later on they were served ice cream and doughnuts. Robert Metcalf's class won the room prize for most parents present and Mrs. Robert Davies was awarded a plant for the "parent of the month."

W. Cassidy, Robert Moffitt, O. O. Clayton, Scott Albright and Dr. Carl Ahee met to discuss plans for the Honorary Life presentation which will be held at the February meeting.

VICTOR
Victor Elementary held the January unit meeting with election of nominating committee. Members will be Mmes. William Combs, A. R. Robertson, Joseph Corsaro, Harvey Horwick, and Mr. Robert Trost. Mrs. Joseph D'Amico announced a spaghetti dinner for Feb. 7 at the school cafeteria. Recommendations were accepted for a 7 and 8 grade dance.

RIVIERA
Riviera PTA nominating committee was elected at the past unit meeting. Members are Mrs. Howard Frace, Gae Tanza, Charles Gleason, Chester Phillipson, and Mrs. Eugene Laxton.

Mrs. Leo Bereda, president, and Mr. Roy J. Adamson, principal, welcomed officer Don Hartel of the Torrance Safety Program for an assembly on bicycle safety. The Torrance Council PTA is an active sponsor with its units in this campaign.

Feb. 21 will be the night to hear the man you missed by invitation of Founders Day chairman Mrs. Allan Crosby. The man is Myron Olsen, Ph.D., with the Department of Education at USC. Dr. Olsen was a guest at a recent Parent Education meeting and by strong response has been invited to return.

The honorary life committee includes Mmes. Raymond Shore, Jack Worthen, Rod Freeman, and Mr. Merrill Peavy. Presentation will be at the Feb. 21 meeting.

HILLSIDE
The Hillside PTA Founders Day program will include youth groups in the school and the association will sponsor a "Showboat Revue" Feb. 15 and 16 as a ways and means project.

TORRANCE ELEMENTARY
"Exploring Our Way to Better Health" will be the theme for Torrance Elementary PTA meeting Jan. 24. The school nurse, Miss Robinson, will be the speaker for the afternoon. She will talk about communicable diseases and answer any questions.

Eighth grade students will have a bake sale following the meeting to raise money for their graduation party. Child care will be provided. Hostesses for the evening will be the 5th and 6th grade mothers.

Women Plan Dinner for Next Sunday

A family style, a la carte, Spoonburger Dinner, at reasonable prices, will be the attraction Sunday, Jan. 28, at the St. James parish hall, Broadway and Vincent, Redondo.

The fund-raising dinner consisting of spoonburgers, a unique form of sloppy Joes, baked beans, cole slaw, potato chips, lemon fluff dessert, milk and tea, will be prepared and served by the women of the South Redondo area of the St. James Council of Catholic Women, announced Mrs. Robert DeWitt, area director.

In addition to the hot dinner, there will be door prizes every hour. There will also be a grab bag for children and two main door prizes are a rotisserie grill and a four-slice toaster.

Coordinating the dinner, open to the public, will be Mmes. Lee Diamond, dinner chairman; L. P. Coyle, coffee; Charles Kelley, door prizes; W. J. Hoeltling, dining room; Richard Wurm, kitchen; James Larkins, dessert, and Fred Zielsdorf, publicity.

Home From Europe
A cocktail-dinner party at the Pen & Quill Restaurant in Manhattan Beach was given by Mr. and Mrs. Paul DeNunzio of Hollywood Riviera to celebrate their recent return from a trip to Europe. Fourteen guests attended their colorful home-coming party.

Ham Dinner Set Sunday

This afternoon the St. Catherine Labourer Mothers will serve the first ham dinner for the year 1962 in the parish hall at 3846 Redondo Beach Blvd. in Torrance. Dinner will be served from 3 until 7:30 p.m.

Chairmen in charge of the dinner are Mrs. Frank Risica and Mrs. John Marlowe of the second grade and Mrs. John Mulvihill and Mrs. Irvin Gleason of the seventh grades.

The family rate plan is being used again and will give quite a savings for large families.

Mrs. Peter Lavelle, home and school chairman, extends an invitation to the public to attend and enjoy a delicious dinner.

Former Residents

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kreutzer, former South Bay residents, recently dined at the Pen & Quill restaurant in Manhattan Beach before returning to their home at Corona Del Mar. They were the dinner guests of Capt. and Mrs. Edmund Scott of Hollywood Riviera.

Gamma Etas Hear Program

Gamma Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met Jan. 10 at the home of Misses Olive and Molly Marshall, 20544 Avis Ave., Torrance.

Mrs. Eloise Shields, president, conducted a short business meeting. Mrs. Terry Chism presented Miss Hanu Takuda, USC graduate student in music. Miss Takuda has made an intensive study and collected lullabies and pictures from all over the world.

She gave an interesting talk entitled "Lullabies of the World" with her singing a beautiful old Japanese lullaby which her mother had

sung to her as a child and which is still being sung in Japan.

Noble Grands Will Install

Past Noble Grand's club of Torrance Rebekah lodge 347, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will meet Monday evening, Jan. 22, at the home of Irma Powers, 2127 W. 247th St., Lomita, at 8 p.m. Anna May IsBell will be in charge.

Installation of officers will highlight the meeting and all members are asked to be present.

Gala Party Fetes Jean

Jean Klaesges celebrated her eighth birthday recently with a party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klaesges, 2713 Monterey.

A "ballerina" theme was carried out in the decorations and a "ballerina" cake centered the dining table.

Several games were played after which Mrs. Klaesges served refreshments. Helping Jean celebrate the occasion were Mary Sue Schemenauer, Theresa Level-

len, Cecile Burqu, Kathy Hanson, Toni Rios, Theresa Perkins, Julie Horn, Christine Hughes, Yolanda Perez, Peggy Spring, Mary and Patty McDonald.

Linda Lescoe, who was unable to attend, sent a birthday gift.

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