

Gardena-Wilmington Council PTA
By Mrs. Richard Crowell

"Begin Today to Share Our Christmas Joy" is the theme of Gardena-Wilmington PTA's December meeting. It will be held at 135th Street school at 10 a.m., with Mrs. C. N. Peterson presiding.

Under the direction of Mrs. Schear, 135th Street school music teacher, the school chorus will sing Christmas carols, also featured on the program are the Mothersingers.

Luncheon will follow with hostesses being 135th Street School PTA and 232nd Street PTA.

Three important workshops have been held by Gardena-Wilmington Council PTA chairmen recently. First of these was a magazine workshop at Gardena Community center under direction of Mrs. Don Armstrong. Mrs. Armstrong gave ideas on how to encourage parents to subscribe to the magazine.

The council is working for a happier Christmas for all. This was brought out more at a workshop held recently by Mrs. Glenn Myers, child welfare chairman, at Carson Street school. Schools in the council have contributed to a Christmas fund for the children in special education classes in the harbor district. Many schools are having canned food and rain wear drives for needy families.

Also discussed by the chairman attending, was in making the best use of the Tenth district feeding program, eligibility of school children to use Tenth district parent-teacher health facilities and emergency family relief problems.

Mrs. W. A. Blacker, parliamentarian, conducted her workshop on parliamentary procedure at Carson Street school. She

259th Place PTA
By Mrs. W. S. Dillon

Mrs. R. A. Stalmack and Mrs. R. E. Dunn, ways and means chairmen of the 259th Place School PTA, were pleased at the response to the "come and go salad buffet" held at the home of Mrs. Dan Bowling recently.

Salads, hot buttered rolls, gingerbread with whipped cream and coffee were served.

The 259th Place School PTA board held a dinner meeting recently, followed by an exchange of white elephant gifts.

Mrs. J. W. Creager, president, advised the board members that the Christmas gift to the school bought material for 40 choir gowns, and that the school student body would take care of the sewing.

Board members voted to give two Christmas baskets to needy families and members were asked to donate canned goods for the Christmas Cheer baskets.

It was announced that the 259th Place school would host the Lomita-San Pedro Council on January 7. Mrs. J. F. Carroll and Mrs. T. D. Trajillo were appointed chairmen for this luncheon. All board members are invited.

went through the entire meeting as to procedure and policy. Voting, motion and recommendations were also covered.

PTA's attending these workshops were: Amestoy, Carson Street, Catskill Avenue, Chapman Avenue, Del Amo, Denker Avenue, Dolores, Dominguez, Fries Avenue, Gardena Elementary, Gulf Avenue, 186th Street, Hawaiian Avenue, 156th Street, 135th Street, Towne Avenue, 232nd Place, Wilmington Park.

Howard Wood PTA
By Mrs. Mabel C. Crossman

The Christmas program of the Howard Wood PTA, was held on Thursday, December 12 at 2 p.m., at the school cafeteria. An inspirational song was by the Mothersingers under the direction of Mrs. Jack Hoy, accompanied by Mrs. Richard Clutter.

Mrs. Edwin Smith, program chairman, introduced the Drama Club advisor, James Armstrong. The group presented the "Christmas Carol." The production was narrated by Charlene Alacon and Loretta Kennedy. Scrooge was portrayed by Carol Porterfield while Dick Browne was Bob Cratchit. Others in the cast were Donna Meredith, Joy Drakowski, Donna Tidmarsh, Joan Smith, Laurel St. Onge, Andrea Crow, and Virginia Hubbard.

The school orchestra under Mrs. Merilyn Wilde, played "Angels Heard on High," and "White Christmas." "Jingle Bells" was given by the Rhythm Band of the first grade with their teacher Mrs. Mary Speer. The chorus also sang "Jingle Bells," "Away in a Manger," "Frosty the Snow Man," and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."

Parents were enjoying festive cookies and open faced sandwiches by the kindergarten and first grade parents. Patty Peterson played a solo on the Christmas flute solo, and Randy Hester a saxophone solo.

The next association meeting will be held on January 9 at 7:30 p.m., at the cafeteria.

Scouting Around

Troop 2022 Graduates to Girl Scouts

Brownies of Troop No. 2022 who have worked and played together for nearly three years climbed the step from Brownie to Girl Scout on the intermediate level. The girls: Ellen Cobb, Dorinda Morgan, Sandra Bramlett, Sandra Soth, Karen Peterson, Marilyn Schneider, Ginger Thurman, Sandra Cayton, Suzanne Hammons, and Emily Mendoza along with their leader Mrs. Sara Bramlett "flew-up" in an impressive candlelight ceremony. They wore Girl Scout pins, another year pin, "fly-up wings" and World Friendship pin, earned as a result of the girls efforts in making up a layette for Hungarian War Relief.

In recent months the older girls of Troop No. 2048 along with Leader Mrs. Florian Reutz joined with Troop 2022 in learning tenderfoot requirements which would enable them to advance to the intermediate stage of scouting. These girls are Nickie Potts, Kathleen Ex, Cynthia Lessel, Sinda Hall.

New girls who recently joined troop and earned Girl Scout pins are Laura Martinez, Billie Marie Rathbun, Barbara Brigham, Vickie Van Etta, Gale Tripp, Susan Strommen, Donna and Diane Stephenson.

Mrs. Reutz received her leaders pin and Mrs. Dorothy Soth now a leader with Troop 540 received a year pin. The girls invited parents and friends to investiture ceremony and served homemade refreshments afterwards.

The troop is now broken down to three patrols: the Blue Jay group headed by Karen Peterson, the Sioux headed by Ellen Cobb and the Rose patrol headed by Sandra Soth. Each group works on individual projects decided by themselves and supervised by their patrol leaders. At the moment they are engaged in making Christmas gifts. For the rest of the month of December they will have a Christmas party and sing carols at Harbor General hospital.

Girl Scout Troop 164
By Mrs. Mary Lou Moore

A candle light ceremony was the high light of the Brownie Fly-up and Girl Scout Investiture of Troop 164 at the November meeting. Girls receiving their wings were Dolores Dame, Bonita Bushby, Carol Campbell, Judy Tutor and Judy Williams.

Others were Judy Henson, Kathy McKenny, Barbara Mahley, Edith Moore, Betty Myers, Virginia Patterson and Christy Smith.

The girls sang songs and refreshments were served after the ceremony.

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Harbor City
By Mrs. Robert E. Teague

The Harbor City PTA opened its Christmas meeting December 10, with the pledge of allegiance led by the Girl Scouts of Troop 643 under the direction of Mrs. Dudley.

Mrs. Dallas Wallick, the program chairman, introduced Miss Judy Spensley, B10 student from Narbonne High school, who spoke on the topic 'The Bill of Rights, and What It Means to Me'.

The Rev. Walter Graham, of the Western ave. Baptist Church, gave an inspirational message entitled, 'Putting Christ Back into Christmas.' Mrs. Avis Creech, principal, then presented a Christmas film.

Mrs. Vera Newman's second grade students sang four Christmas songs, after which the fifth and sixth grade chorus sang a medley of six Christmas songs under the direction of Miss Manuela Matute and Mrs. Gertrude Crum. The chorus wore new robes made by the room mothers under the supervision of Mrs. Dee Dudley.

Mrs. James Alexander, president, introduced Mrs. Billie Fulford, president-elect, of the Park Western Place PTA. For the most parents present, Mrs. Vera Newman's room won the prize for the lower grades; Mr. John McClintock's and Mr. Francis Rush's tied for the upper grades.

Hostesses for the pre-meeting refreshments were the Kindergarten room mothers.

Fern Greenwood PTA
By Mrs. R. L. Bundy

A capacity crowd attended the Christmas program of the Fern Greenwood PTA last week at the Fern Ave. cafeteria. Children read letters from supposed relatives in different countries telling of the Christmas customs in each country.

A children's chorus from the second, third, and fourth grades sang several Christmas songs, and then introduced the Mothersingers. Mrs. C. C. Starks sang the solo "O Holy Night," and Mr. E. R. Brown, vice principal, narrated the story of the writing of "Silent Night" to the background music of the Mothersingers.

The business portion of the meeting conducted by Mrs. Art Campbell, president, Mrs. Geo. Ackerman was elected Fern Greenwood representative for the PTA Council nominating committee, with Mrs. Bert Lynn as alternate. It was decided a portion of the profits from the marionette show would be given to the Torrance Dental Health Association.

Girl Scout Troop 610
By Mrs. Shirley Knaesges

Girl Scout Troop 610 will hold its annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 22, at the Catholic church annex.

The girls will make a one-hour tour through Torrance singing the traditional Christmas carols. They will return to the church for games and an exchange of gifts. At the close of festivities sandwiches, hot chocolate, cookies and ice cream will be served by the mothers of the troop.

Chairmen for the event are Mrs. Kay Cason, refreshments, and Mrs. Lilly White, decorations.

UNITARIAN CHURCH

Dr. Harry Schuder, minister of the Pacific Unitarian church Society, 1610 Acacia ave., will speak on "The Royal Purple Shows Itself" on Sunday, December 22 at 11 a.m.

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