

Profile of a Candidate . . .

MRS. PAULINE WATTS

Pauline Watts, 145 Via Monte D'Oro; resident of district 15 1/2 years; housewife and mother; Woodrow Wilson High School, Long Beach, honorary life member California Scholarship Federation; Long Beach City College (2 years liberal arts-mathematics major); member honor society, Long Beach Secretarial College, one year International Language School, Washington, D. C.; Vice Chairman Torrance Citizens Committee for South Bay State College, Torrance Civic Center Committee creating master plan for Civic Center, Past Secretary - Treasurer of Hollywood Riviera Home owners, Branch, Library, Leader Girl Scouts and member South Bay Council Camp Committee, member Torrance League of Women Voters, past Treasurer Torrance Educational, Advisory Committee, Honorary Life Member Parent-Teacher Association, School representative for Riviera Homeowners past five years.

1. What would your primary objective be if elected to the school board? My primary objective in serving the school board would be to serve the children of the community, by helping to establish school policies enabling them to get the best possible education within the financial limitations of the district.

2. How do you think a school board member can promote improvements in the following areas of education? A) Curriculum. The school board is responsible to the people and the board should be responsive to the needs of the community, as well as the nation, in establishing policies for curricula over and above the minimums established by the State Code.

B) Obtaining and retaining a high caliber of teachers. A school board member has a decided influence on the policies that make teaching in the district a rewarding experience, both professionally and financially.

C) Budget allotments. The budget should be tailored to what the community can afford.

D) Summer school program. The fact that the summer school program is financed almost completely by State educational funds rather than the local tax budget has some bearing on the program offered.

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H) What means do you favor for financing new school construction? Torrance is committed to the practice of financing new construction by bond issues.

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J) To change the basis for new construction now would mean a decided increase in taxes, which I believe the community can ill afford.

K) Consequently, I favor a continuation of the bond program, and I support the bond issue to be voted on April 16.

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Elks Install Huffine as Exalted Ruler

The newly-elected officers of the Torrance Lodge No. 1948, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will be installed tonight, April 3, at 8 p.m. in the Elks Temple at 1820 Abolene Ave.

Officiating will be dignitaries of the Order from Torrance and Redondo Beach Lodges. All Elks and their ladies are invited.

Elected for the Lodge year 1963-1964 are: Patrick H. Huffine, Exalted Ruler; Herman Sneskin, Esteemed Leading Knight; Donald E. George, Esteemed Loyal Knight; Eugene D. Aranda, Esteemed Lecturing Knight; Don A. Harding, secretary; Forest W. Meyers, treasurer; Clarence Johnson, trustee (five years); Alex Thompson, trustee (three years), and Lambert W. Brownlee, Tiler.

Appointed by the Exalted Ruler-elect to serve the lodge as junior officers are: Harry O. Grimes, Esquire; Don A. Lemen, Assistant Esquire; Robert Le Blond, chaplain; Anthony Alonge, assistant chaplain; Orville Lorenz, inner guard; Fred Mishler, Jr., assistant inner guard; and Quevy Thomas organist.

Joseph E. Yates, P.E.R., vice president of the California Elks Assn., will serve as chairman.

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South High's Spartan Band Wins Honors

South High School's Spartan Concert Band, backed by a team of six solo and ensemble players, for the sixth year has won high ratings at the Southern California District Band solo and ensemble competitions.

The concert band, soloists, and ensembles, under the leadership of Glenn F. Howley, director of the music department at South High School, returned with two ratings for superior performance and four ratings of excellence.

Vance Stefan, cellist, and Rhonda Beckman, pianist, popular instrumental team from South High School, won superior honors for their performance of the "Vivaldi Concerto in E Minor," duet for cello and piano.

Dave Eden, senior trumpet soloist of the Spartan Band, also, drum major and band captain, won excellent honors for his performance of the Mendez arrangement: "La Virgen de La Macarena." Piano accompaniment was provided by Paul Matute.

The South High School clarinet trio: Douglas Vogl, Robert Simon, and Gregory Bailey, won excellent honors for their performance of the Beethoven "Minnetto, Trio, and Finale for B Clarinet."

Art Exhibition Opens April 7th

The Third Annual Juried Area Award Exhibition will be held April 7 through May 1, in the Library Gallery, 2400 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes Estates.

Artists from Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, San Pedro, Palos Verdes Peninsula and Torrance are eligible to enter two works in any painting medium, including serious collage. Approximately 35 paintings will be selected. Prizes will be awarded. Selection will be made by judges Don Braun and Paul La Port. For information call FR 5-3547.

Dr. Ivy Mooring Speaks at Scherich's April 5

Dr. Ivy Mooring will speak to parents and friends of Scherich's South Bay School, 1108 Tulita, Redondo Beach, Friday, April 5, at 8 p.m. Call FR 5-0469 for reservations. Dr. Mooring formerly was head of guidance in the Palos Verdes School District and is employed by the Los Angeles City Schools Guidance Department.

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JOSEPH PIATT

Joseph Piatt, 322 Antonio St.; resident of district 1 1/2 years; analyst, North American Aviation, Inc.; W. K. Sullivan Grammar School, Chicago, James Bowen High School, Chicago, Wilson Jr. College, Chicago, DePaul University and Northwestern University; Torrance Youth Welfare Commissioner, advisory committee member, Christmas Seal Assn., member, Press Association, American Legion, Loyal Order of Moose, Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society, and Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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G) **HEART SPEAKS** Everybody's heart is open, you know, when they have recently escaped from severe pain, or are recovering the blessing of health.

H) **DISCONTENT** All those who are contented with this life pass like a shadow and dream, or wither like the flower of the field.

I) **SECURITY** In this era of world wars, in this atomic age, values have changed. We must discover security within our selves.

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Mrs. Barth Tops '62 for Red Cross

First residential section in the current Red Cross drive to be completed in Torrance has been turned in "way over last year's production," by Mrs. Margaret Barth, 1527 El Prado.

"Most of the residents I met and talked to about raising money for Red Cross were very pleasant and cooperative," said Mrs. Barth, who worked on the campaign for the first time this year.

Eleven "doorbell ringers" worked with Mrs. Barth to cover her section of central Torrance and brought in close to \$100 more than had been received from the same area in 1962.

Although a resident of Torrance only for four years, Mrs. Barth is active in the Nativity Catholic Church, has served as a Red Cross staff aide and formerly volunteered at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

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John Schnepf Attends Little League Meet

State Director Perry Winstead and a delegation of 50 district administrators from California will attend the biennial convention of Little League Baseball at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City, April 9 through 12.

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