

VENTURA COUNTY MEDICAL
AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 1975

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UPCOMING HIGHLIGHT

Come, hear and talk with Dr. Miller about new trends in education. What is in sight for our school age youngsters? Where do our tax dollars go? Take this opportunity to listen to this dynamic speaker as well as to make your views known.

DATE: January 14, 1975
SPEAKER: Richard Miller Ed. D.
Director of Elementary Education
Ventura Unified School District
PLACE: Pierpont Inn, Ventura
Combining Anacapa and
Marine Rooms
TIME: 11:00 a.m. - Speaker
12:00 Noon - Luncheon
Boneless breast of chicken
Cost - \$4.00
CHAIRMAN: Vyda Burger
RESERVATION
DEADLINE: January 10th is the deadline, so
call your telephone chairman.
(If you can't get her, any other
chairman will be happy to take
the message.)



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

A Happy New Year to all. I hope the coming year will bring Health, Peace, Prosperity and Happiness to you all and to our troubled world.

Now that the Holidays are behind us - we have work to do. Auxiliary is at a crossroad. We can maintain the status quo - selling cookbooks for our scholarship fund or we can become more active in community projects in the name of Auxiliary. I realize Doctors Wives are very busy and involved in many facets of our community life. However, if we participate as an auxiliary we are helping medicines image to the general public.

Project Re-Entry graduated 20 outstanding women in November - about half from Auxiliary - the rest from the community and their enthusiasm was contagious. Several are already working with patients.

There is a new pilot program being tested by Auxiliary in San Francisco - helping with testing for LEARNING disabilities in the school system. This should be ready to be tried elsewhere in the fall. Several other requests have been received for aid with special children.

Members are you interested?? Your Board is here to listen and expedite the desires of the general membership. The Program Development Committee will be meeting in January sooo... lets hear from you. Call me - write me - or talk to any Board member but lets have some feedback!

We have been asked by the Medical Society office to please notify the Secretary if any husband or friend is ill or in need of help of any sort. They are the last to know and would like to be more responsive to their members needs.

Conejo Valley District 2 has temporarily become inactive so your Board created a Board position at our November meeting. It will be called Conejo Valley Liaison so they will have local representation. Mary Baker and Hazel Baskett are Co-Chairmen.

Ada and I hope you enjoyed the profiles in the last newsletter.

We hope to profile the past Presidents and other members of long standing, plus an occasional newcomer. You newcomers go up and say hello at the next meeting.

Correct Connie Tushla's phone number to 525-5178. Any other corrections?

Think Cookbooks.....Sell Cookbooks. If each member would be responsible for selling 5 cookbooks we would rid ourselves of all the books and enrich our Health Career Scholarship Fund by several thousand dollars.

Board Meeting January 7th, Jessica Harris, 293 N. Brookshire, Ventura at 10:00 a.m.

Fondly, Wanda

PROJECT RE-ENTRY

The first Project Re-Entry training class was completed November 15th by twenty bright, curious, sensitive women. Sue Johnston hostessed a graduating luncheon at her home. Ruth Carr, Carole Martin, Madge Robbins, Midge Stork, Barbara Stephens, Doris Van Vleck and Allison Wewerka are graduates from the non-medical community. Terry Pugno and Karen Coombs, residents wives, and the following auxiliary members completed the training: Amorteguy, Armstrong, Busch, Calvin, Evans, Everett, Haggard, Lipman, Nickel, Segar, Shilton.

Four stroke victims are visited at home (Santa Paula, Oxnard, and two in Ventura) by volunteers, and as soon as referrals are received, the other graduates will be able to help stroke victims and their families. If you know physicians whose practices include caring for stroke patients, we feel a reminder about Project Re-Entry would help.

Another Project Re-Entry training class will be scheduled when the current class is fully assigned, hopefully by February or March.

Rosanne M. Sprague

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH NEWS

Our local warehouse is receiving surplus and obsolete (?) supplies constantly. Thank you for encouraging your husband to save useful items - outlines in a recent letter mailed by the I. H. Committee to all physicians in the area.

Much medicine and equipment went along with a Ventura group on a Thanksgiving Week project in the Puebla-Vera Cruz area of Mexico. Wendell P. Searer, M. D. and daughter Su, his nurse Moreta Billings, R. N. and husband Don, David Perlmutter, M. D. and daughters Kim and Wendy, and William T. Klope, D. D. S., wife Roseanne and son Bob were a part of the professional team who saw hundreds of Totonac Indian patients, extracted over 100 abcessed teeth, and generally shared concern and love with needy persons.

Recent visitors to the medical warehouse, obtaining information and supplies, were an Indonesian missionary who excitedly loaded a borrowed car with medical textbooks to take back to Indonesian medical students and a liaison representative for Wycliffe Translators who obtained supplies for workers in Mexico.

BOARD MEMBERS.....Begin the February meeting at the Medical Warehouse, 1800 E. Thompson Blvd. Be there (in your old clothes) at 9:30 a.m., and you'll be introduced to the crowded, dusty, incredibly useful work going on at the Warehouse. We will proceed to Dorothy Welcher's home for the "formal" board meeting... Tuesday, February 4.

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY asks that you telephone or write in any address and/or phone changes for you or your friends. Also, if you have any bits of "newsy" news, I'd like to include these bits of information whenever space is available.

JOB WELL DONE - Carol Friedman did a fantastic job in designing and drawing the scene for our Christmas cards. Thank you again, Carol.

WHO'S WHO IN AUXILIARY

Elsie Clark is who's who in Auxiliary. Born in Reinbeck, Iowa, Elsie moved to Los Angeles at an early age and attended schools there. Following graduation from Cottage Hospital (Knapp College of Nursing), Santa Barbara, she was Night Supervisor for one year and then was in charge of the obstetrical floor at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles.

Elsie married Grant Clark following his internship at Cottage Hospital. They lived in Santa Barbara for a year and a half while he was specializing in X-ray Diagnosis and Therapy.

Since moving to Santa Paula in 1957 she has been active in community activities. After the St. Frances Dam disaster in 1928, she served at the Red Cross emergency center. Elsie has also served as den mother for Boy Scouts, Job's Daughter Council and active in PTA and on the Board of the Ebell Club. She was President of Assistance Association, Charter Member of UCMA and was President in 1956-1957. In 1961 she was asked to assist in organizing the auxiliary to Santa Paula Memorial Hospital and was president in 1964 and an active member for ten years.

Elsie's son, Richard, practices medicine in Napa and daughter, Nancy, now lives in Hillsborough. She has eight grandchildren. Since her husband's retirement in 1972, Elsie now has time for reading and needle work which she enjoys.

Thank you, sweet Elsie!

WHO ELSE BUT JANE TOLMACH

To write a profile on Jane Tolmach, I feel I should warn my readers. Jane has held and holds more positions than I'm sure I can print....but first, some personal notes.

Jane was born in Havre, Montana, raised in Ventura and married in Ventura after her husband served his tour in the Navy in the South Pacific. Jane has five children. She has lived in Oxnard with husband, Daniel, a pediatrician since 1948.

Jane's education included Smith College, Northampton, Mass. Master of Social Science, 1945 and U. C. L. A., Bachelor of Arts in 1943.

Present positions include member of Oxnard City Council, Mayor of Oxnard from April 1973 until March 1974, Chairman of the Ventura County Association of Governments Transportation Policy Planning Committee, member and vice-chairman since October 1972, Member of SCAG Comprehensive Transportation Planning Committee CTPC Steering Committee, Member of Board of Directors of South Coast Area Transit.

Former activities include Member Board of Trustees of Oxnard Union High School District, 1965-72, Camarillo State Hospital Board of Trustees, 1957-68, Chairman 1966-68. Member Oxnard City Planning Commission 1957-62, Vice-Chairman 1959-62. Member of Ventura County Grand Jury 1958, Chairman Tax Committee. Delegate Democratic National Convention 1960 and 1968. Alternate delegate Democratic National Convention 1956 and 1964. Women's Chairman South of California Democratic State Central Committee 1966-70. Member of Democratic State Central Committee 1958-74. Chairman of Ventura County Democratic Central Committee 1959-62. Member of Ventura County Democratic Central Committee 1953-70. Psychiatric Social Worker with American Red Cross Field Service at Corona Naval Hospital 1945-46.

Thank you, Jane.