

Highland Park has four fine service clubs. Here is a brief report on their activities.

Lions sponsor popular band

Chartered in Highland Park in March, 1946, the local Lions club has become one of the outstanding service organizations in Northeast Los Angeles.

Thirty members elected Jack Peterson president of the club, and he has been succeeded by George Piercy and present President William Peery.

CUB BAND

One of the biggest jobs that keeps the local Lions busy is the outfitting and sustaining of the Highland Park Lions Cub band, a 50-piece organization that has carried the name of the local club to all parts of Southern California.

The Cub band, under the baton of Max Vaughn, has won five cups already, and its trophies are growing so rapidly that the club is considering furnishing a trophy case in which to keep the mementoes of the Cub band appearances.

AID BLIND

The Highland Park Lions also take an active part in the program of Lions International to aid the visually handicapped and blind. Each week members of the local organization furnish transportation for visually handicapped people of this area to take them to various social functions for the blind.

In addition, the club, as a member of the Foothill Council for the Blind, is aiding in plans to erect a building for the visually handicapped in the near future.

Highland Park Lions have purchased two hospital beds which they have placed at the disposal of physicians, and the beds have seen much use in a number of homes where patients could not afford to purchase or rent the beds necessary to their recovery.

In addition to President Peery,



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other club officers include Fred Ivett, first vice-president; Larry Taplin, second vice-president; Bill Grau, secretary; Glen Coy, treasurer; Herb Harris, lion tamer; and Vaughn, tail twister.

Kiwanis oldest club here

Now in its twenty-third year of service to Highland Park is the Kiwanis club, which meets Wednesday noons in the Ebell clubhouse.

This club, of which Warren Palmer is president, has over 70 members and conducts many varied and beneficial services for its community.

One of its outstanding activities is the sponsorship of the Li'l' Civic dance, held every Friday evening at the playground clubhouse for local junior and senior high school students. So successful is this dance—now in its fourth year—that it has been copied in many California communities. Over 400 students attend every week, and dance to the tunes of a well-known band.

Other youth activities are supported, including sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 70, the furnishing of finances and membership



E. J. GRAU

to the board of directors of Hathaway Home for Children.

In Kiwanis affairs, the local club has played a leading role during its two decades and more. It has furnished one governor of the California-Nevada district, William Schaper, who served in the year 1941. Glen C. Crandall served as lieutenant governor in 1942 of Division Three. Other members of the club have held district and division offices.

Present officers, other than Palmer, are L. L. Mitchell, first vice president; and Everett Eddy, secretary and treasurer.

Optimist club over year old

Since its founding in Highland Park a little over a year ago—September 18, 1946, to be exact, the Highland Park Optimist club has taken an active role in fulfilling the paramount Optimist objective, which is, "a friend to the boy."

Among other activities designed to promote youth welfare which the local club takes part in is the co-sponsorship of the Optimist Home for Boys on North Figueroa street, which now houses 60 boys; the promotion of the Junior Optimist club with



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membership of 36 youths between the ages of 12 and 18, and a Youth Council which is devoted to the rehabilitation of potential juvenile delinquents.

Community activities which the Optimists have backed include the weekly community sing, the Highland Park symphony orchestra, the Community Chest drive, and a club of boys who make and fly midget airplanes.

Present president of the club, which now has some 75 members, is E. J. Grau. Other officers are Murray K. Ross, first vice-president; Van Sternberger, second vice-president; Charles Cook, secretary; and Wyle Agler, sergeant at arms.

Rotary club formed in 1945

Both Highland Park and Eagle Rock business and professional men are represented in the Northeast Rotary club, which draws one representative from each classification of business, profession or industry in this section of Los Angeles.

Chartered in February, 1945, with 20 charter members under the presidency of O. K. Cole, the Northeast Rotary club meets each Thursday evening at the El



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Pueblo Motel in Eagle Rock.

Showing an active interest in youth welfare, the local Rotarians now are sponsoring two Woodcraft Ranger Tribes, each with a paid director.

PRINCIPLES

Outstanding speakers are secured to address nearly every meeting of this community's Rotary club, and the members devote themselves to carrying out the four basic principles of Rotary International—acquaintance and fellowship; the improvement of professional and vocational standards, improvement of and participation in community activities, and the promotion of international goodwill and peace.

One of the outstanding projects of Rotary International, in which the local service club is taking an active part, is the Rotary Foundation for Educational Fellowships for students throughout the world.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Last week the Northeast Rotary club gave a check representing a contribution from each member to District Governor L. Thurston Harshman.

Earl E. Rosenberry, principal of Luther Burbank junior high school, is present president of the club. Leland P. Smoot is vice-president; O. K. Cole, secretary; Joseph Lazzaroni, treasurer; and Milton Nigg and Owen Bartlett, directors.