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For reservations, telephone Mrs. Alberta Schott.

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### WESTLAKE WOMEN'S CLUB

Westlake Women's Club welcomed three new members at their February meeting: Mrs. Larry Horner, Mrs. W. Frank Denson, and Mrs. Joseph J. Stein. Membership Chairman, Mrs. Albert Simon, announced that this meets the club's quota of ninety-nine members; explaining that the membership voted last fall to limit membership to this number in order to remain in the "intermediate club size" category of California Federated Women's Clubs. Membership will be re-opened as present members resign or move from the area.

The club's March meeting will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 32111 Watergate Road in Westlake on the morning of March 9th at 10:00 a.m. Following the business meeting, conducted by President Mrs. Kenneth Rufener, the program will feature Mrs. Paul Mackie, a member of the Southern California Graphoanalysis Society. Mrs. Mackie will analyze the handwriting of members and their guests.

Plans are being completed for "Fashion Spirit of '76" presented by the Red Door of Westlake Village and Thousand Oaks. The seventh annual spring fashion show and luncheon will be held Wednesday, March 17th at the Los Robles Inn in Thousand Oaks at 11:00 a.m. Proceeds will go to the California Institute for Cancer Research. Donation is \$8.00. For ticket information, please call Mrs. Ira Thorley, 889-0313.

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Westlake Women's Club:

## Philanthropy Tea To Honor Prominent Fashion Editor

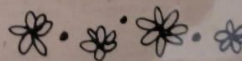
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## Westlake Women's Club reaps awards at district convention

Westlake Women's Club projects were honored at the convention of Sierra Cahuenga District #15, California Federation of Women's Clubs.

The district encompasses 33 clubs from the San Fernando Valley to Bishop.

The Westlake Village group captured the sole award in five categories — international policy, California history, landmarks and museum, publicity, legislation, and health services.

A second place was gleaned for the 24 per cent membership increase. The California history, international policy and publicity categories were judged worthy of forwarding for state competition.

The international policy honor was received for the clubs efforts in co-sponsoring the Hoang Kieu family from Vietnam. Activities with the Conejo Valley Historical Society and other groups, earned the club the California history award.

Club mental health services were recognized for its continuing support of a boys' ward at Camarillo State hospital. There, members plan monthly picnics and holiday parties for the boys, aged 10 to 14, and have helped refurbish their living quarters at the hospital.

Mrs. Dean Thompson heads the legislation committee, which entails writing to public officials and bureaus to comment on pending legislation.

Mrs. Harry D. Schad, in charge of publicity, delivers club news to four local newspapers, television and radio stations in addition to writing two newsletters.

Mrs. Larry Paulson's historical landmarks paintings won first place at the conference and will be forwarded to the state level for further competition. Mrs. B.J. Parker's floral painting won a second place and was named "critic's choice" by those attending the convention.

Second place awards went to Mrs. Albert Simon for a beaded flower display, Mrs. Donald Dove for a still life and Mrs. Gorman McDonald for a quilt entry.

Third place honors were presented to Mrs. Bill Musick for a pair of crewel embroidery pictures, Thompson for a crocheted shawl and Mrs. Hans Thormann for an oil portrait.

Representatives from Westlake Women's Club at the convention included Mrs. Kenneth Rufener, president; Mrs. Walter Clifford, third vice president; Musick, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Karl Wert, treasurer. Others attending were Mrs. Thompson Black, Mrs. John Chislett, Mrs. Michael Bavaro, Thompson, Mrs. Ted Stewart and Mrs. Robert Budell.

Rufener was installed as corresponding secretary for the district and Thompson was voted to continue as district beautification chairman.



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Mrs. Thompson's committee has written letters to the presidents of 732 Federated Women's Clubs in California. We have asked the presidents of their respective clubs to urge all of their members to write to Representative Robert Leggett,

Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment, asking that the committee take appropriate action for passage of this bill. HR66 has been in committee since January, 1975.

If you are interested in having this inhumane trap outlawed, please join members of Westlake Women's Club in its "Assault by Mail." Write Chairman Robert Leggett, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., 20515, during the week of October 24 to October 30. Ask that Representative Leggett and his committee take quick action to insure passage of Bill HR66.

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1975-76



President.....Doris Rufener  
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2nd V.P.....Pat Wallen  
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# ENTERPRISE

November 27, 1975

## Local Philanthropies Join Forces To Assist Vietnamese Family

It's a joint venture taken on by the Westlake Women's Club and the National Charity League. They're spreading around a little of the love and happiness which we like to think of as our heritage of living in Las Virgenes.

A Vietnamese family—parents and six children—have been sponsored by the local Westlake Women's Club ladies, and are living in the Westlake-Thousand Oaks area.

The Senior Ticktockers of the local chapter of the National Charity League will be tutoring the children of the transplanted family—all six of them. Teaching the language is only part of the tutorial chores to which the Ticktockers teen-agers have committed.

Helping the newcomers to adjust to our culture, lifestyle, and American ways is just as important as their ABC's, according to the co-sponsoring group spokesmen. The Women's Club is sponsoring the family in cooperation with the Methodist Church of Westlake.

### Spreading A Little Love - - -

The refuge family—Kiew and Loan Hoang are originally from Saigon—have been in the United States for just four months. With them are their five children, aged 16 months to 11 years, and Mrs. Hoang's brother, age 14. Three of the youngsters are attending local schools, and their father is employed at Abbott Laboratories in Newbury Park.

Stephanie McDonough, Lisa Bennett, Janet Pierce and

Lexanne Fish, all of Westlake Village, have been tutoring the Hoang youngsters for the entire month of November, on a three-times-weekly basis. Julie Croner, Karen Kraft, Nancy Cloud, and Linda Kerby, also of Westlake Village, will take over as tutors for the month of December.

Colonel and Mrs. Michael (Janet) Bavaro have invited the entire family to share Thanksgiving Day dinner with them at their Westlake home.

Junior and Senior Ticktockers of the Charity League are also busy planning for the annual tea which is scheduled for December 6 at the Mary Health of the Sick in Newbury Park. They are each designing a quilt square which will be assembled into a quilt to be awarded to one of the patients at the convalescent home.



## Letters

### A Vietnamese family says 'thank you'

Editor, News-Chronicle:

I would like to take this opportunity to release this grateful letter to thank and to show the Kieu, Hoang family's gratitude to many people who have given material as well as spiritual help for my family to resettle in this community.

This is probably the longest letter that I have ever written in my life because it took me nearly a month to finish it because I wrote it and rewrote it several times, but I still do not know whether it can express completely my feeling and what is inside my heart for the spiritual and material help which have been given to my family by the local people of this community.

I would like to express my grateful and special thanks first to Mrs. Judy and Reed Harrison, with whom I had an opportunity to work together for several years in South Vietnam. It is a great surprise and pleasure for me to see him and his wife again, eight years after they left South Vietnam. Both are so kind to give my family tremendous help and have treated me and my family as one of their relatives. This made my family feel happy and feel "a home away from home." Thanks to their efforts and hard callings, I now have the opportunity to live in this community.

My family is very grateful to many, many people who have contributed a lot of help by donating food, clothing, furnitures, toys, transportation, their precious time and their morale support for my family to make a new life in the community.

My family's special thanks to Mrs. Janet Bavaro, the Westlake Women's Club, Mr. and Mrs. John Day, Rev. Lee Truman of the Westlake United Methodist Church, the ex-president and the current president and all members of Westlake Rotary Club for their material helps as well as spiritual care.

My family is very grateful to the following public spirited organizations and individuals who had given me an opportunity to make my own life so that I may be able to self-support in looking forward to a bright future here in the United States: The Westlake Village Women's Club, the Westlake United Methodist Church, the Westlake Rotary Club, Abbott Reference Laboratories, Dr. Charles Burke, Martin Yabrough who are so kind to help me get a job. Al Davis, Mrs. Alfred Cook, the Mad Attic.

In the education field, my family is so grateful to the Youngset Club of Mrs. Judy and Mr. Schmidt. Thanks to it, my children had a chance to play and learn English during summer. Due to their devotion and well method of teaching, my children are able to speak some English. I know for sure that I and my children will never forget their first teachers in United States.

I wish I had enough time and transportation to visit each one of you to personally express my thanks and gratitude to all, but I am sorry I am unable to do it now. On some occasions, I had met several people in the United Methodist Church, and many members of the Rotary Club in a weekly meeting to thank them, then asked them to pass my thanks on to the others whom I do

not have a chance to meet yet. I did not know the people whom I met had a chance to do so or not, therefore I would like to take this great opportunity by utilizing a larger means of communication through News-Chronicle newspaper to thank all whom I do not know yet. If I missed anyone, now please forgive me and accept my thanks.

Thanks to tremendous help from several people, my family is now able to survive and can adopt the new life here easily.

After I was forced to leave my country because of Communist aggression, I came here with a lot of worry for my future. Now, thanks to the help, the care, the charity, the mercy, the hospitality, and the generosity of all people in this community, all of my worries disappeared. I begin to feel that I am now back in a normal life after a great shock and panic that very few of you could communicate fully with such ones.

I feel this community, particularly speaking, is a wonderful community in which my family is living, and generally speaking, the United States is the greatest country which gives all of us more freedom than any other country I know of so far in the world. I am no longer nervous and no longer have a very tense mind here, for what I am afraid of, not appear in this country. I feel free and happy to take my wife out to show her the wonderful farming lands and told her that "here I have no enemy, no shellings, no killings, no kidnappings, no sniping and we are completely free."

I feel much happier because I knew and witnessed the equality and the kindnesses that all my friends gave me when I am working in the office. Moreover, the people of this community have given more material and spiritual helps than my family expect. It is honorable and pleasant for my family to live in this community. I can say that wherever I go in the future, I will never forget the people and the first community in which we live.

In brief, I do not know any other words which are more meaningful than two words "thank you" and "gratitude" to all the people of the community. I promise to be a honest and good "parolee" and is looking forward to become a permanent resident, then the citizen of this great country, the United States, so that, in the future, I may contribute my smallest part in making this country free and great at all times.

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# *In The True Spirit*

Sharing and caring" are indeed in the true spirit of the Christmas season. In any community there is a needy family or group, whose holiday could be brightened if those more fortunate among us would show a little love--a little "caring and sharing."

Each year in our Las Virgenes community, in a quiet, unpublicized manner, the Westlake Women's Club shoulders a goodly amount of this responsibility. The members, all local Westlake ladies, distribute food and funds,

toys and trees in a variety of directions throughout the local area.

## Refugee Family

A Vietnamese family recently relocated in our community, and co-sponsored by the Westlake Women's Club had a happy holiday through the efforts of the club members. The refugee family, comprised of five children and a 14 year old uncle, received gifts and a sewing machine was purchased for the younster's mother.

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# Conejo Courier

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Following business, members will meet the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hoang Kieu from South Vietnam, who will be luncheon guests that day.

Kieu expressed a desire to personally thank club members for co-sponsoring his family.

During the summer a special committee has been working on the

Westlake Master Calendar. Any church, club or organization wishing to have an event or activity listed should telephone Mrs. John W. Wallen, (1-213) 889-3712.

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## *A dressy affair*

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Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show:

# 'Dream of a Day' Is Westlake Women's Club's 'Fashion Spirit '76'

Shure 'n Begorrah. It was on St. Patrick's Day, and the "wearing of the green" was in evidence at every flower-bedecked table, as more than 300 members and guests of the Westlake Women's Club gathered for the seventh annual "Fashion Spirit of '76" luncheon.

A kaleidoscope of American song by member Catherine Smith, who is prexy of the Southern California Federation of Music, musically set the state for the luncheon-fashion show event.

Fashion-wise a bit of nostalgia preceded the spring spectacular. Selected designs from the memorable collection of honored guest Mrs. John Quincy Adams, IV (Paggy Hamilton) were shown. Mrs. Adams (once known as the most photographed girl in the world) flew with Lindberg, danced with Valentino, attended parties at Lady Astor's, and was presented to the King of England in the garden of Buckingham Palace. The lovely first lady of fashion was presented with a lovely bouquet by the appreciative Westlake ladies, as she showed the gowns she wore on those auspicious occasions.

The time capsule then moved to the "Spirit of '76" and fashions were presented by Roxie's Red Door, and moderated by Roxie Herman, owner of the local par excellence shops located both in Westlake Village and Thousand Oaks.

Superb fashions whose in the spirited runway show were greeted with oh's and ah's from the audience, as they focused upon springtime in the life of the active, involved Las Virgenes lady at work, play and leisure. Chiffon dinner and ball gowns and that all-important wedding day highlighted the event.



WEDDING BELLS CHIMED the dramatic climax to the beautiful Westlake Women's Club's 7th Annual Fashion Show and luncheon. Shown as they approach the runway at the Los Robles Inn are (left to right) Norvell Sullivan, portraying father of the bride, Lisa Wallen, as the lovely bride and Mrs. John (Pat) Wallen, coordinator of the fashion show.

The look is feminine, the fabrics silky, the colors colorful, and the theme—simple elegance. Hats complemented most daytime ensembles, and the jumpsuit is springtime's total glamour look. Scarves are the most important fashion accessory—and yours truly was privileged to be called to the runway to model Roxie's many clever innovations for "scarf-appeal."

Approximately \$2500 proceeds of the event will benefit the California Institute for Cancer Research and local charities supported by the club. Superb coordination and long weeks of preparation put it all together for the Westlake Women's Club event, and it was indeed one of the season's social achievements. For this occasion annually, the tickets literally sell themselves, and even

the usually blazé paparizzi seemed to be enjoying every moment.

Oh yes, there were door prizes and opportunity chances galore. The merchants of Westlake and surrounding communities are always very generous in support of the local ladies and their philanthropies.

Accolades to Mmes. Kenneth Rufener, prexy, John Wallen, benefit chairman, her co-chairman Paul Logan, Harry Schad, put on the show, and dozens of talented gals. Can't leave out the to Mmes. Albert Simon, Rev. J. J. Ruyn, Graham Harris, Ira Morley, Larry Paulson, Victor Lloyd, Timothy Holland, Roba Scott, Frank Cottam, John E. Wach, Gorman McDonald, Karl Smith, and Leigh Smith. And, there are so many more....

Though his buddies may rib him about his participation in the wedding scene of the fashion show, Norvell Sullivan who portrayed the father of the bride and is the husband of one of the club members, was a winning attraction, and lent his presence to prove the day was "no women only."

Special guests were Paul Scharf, president of the Sierra Cahuenga District 15; Mr. Albert Anderson, first vice-president, Sierra Cahuenga District 15, Ms. Florence French, executive director of C.I.C.R., Mrs. Kenneth Albert, president of the Westlake Junior Women's Club, Mrs. John Herron, president of the Westlake Newcomer's Club, Mrs. Harold E. Hamilton, president of the Westlake Hospital Auxiliary, Mrs. B. J. Parker, president of the Westlake Art Guild, and Mrs. Robert Worth, president of the Westlake Garden Club.