

Pasadena is a diverse, vibrant city, with a population of 125,000. As the city has grown the Citizen has grown along with it. Through it all—the boom times and the busts—the Pasadena Citizen has served as the newspaper of record for the city's triumph and setbacks.

Over the past 50 years, the Pasadena Citizen has faced all of the challenges confronting the newspapers of today—changing ownership and readership, the challenge of television, and new technologies—yet it has flourished because of its continued commitment to covering the local stories. The Citizen has become a model for other community papers to follow and, as it has for half a century, will continue to evolve to meet the economic and journalistic challenges of the 1990's and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Pasadena Citizen for 50 years of achievement in our community. The people who have made the Citizen what it is deserve our praise and our thanks.

SMYTHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITY

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 22, 1997

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 25th anniversary of Smythe Elementary School. For 25 years, Smythe Elementary School has been a vibrant center for the San Ysidro community. The faculty and staff at Smythe Elementary have made a commitment that encompasses far more than the school day, and the school provides programs that address a multitude of needs of the students, parents, and the larger community.

After-school programs sponsored by the U.S. Border Patrol and the YMCA provide children with a safe and healthy atmosphere in which they can do homework, improve their reading skills, and engage in fun activities. Now that more and more homes are headed by a single parent, or by two working parents, activities that keep our children safe and active after school are absolutely essential.

During school hours, education is supplemented with programs like Read Aloud, which focuses on developing reading skills and a love for books; Drop Out Prevention, which starts early to keep kids from ending their education early; and Gifted and Talented Education [GATE], which harnesses the energy and dedication of young scholars.

Health and safety programs like D.A.R.E. teach kids important lessons about staying away from drugs and crime. The teachers at Smythe understand the dangers that our children are exposed to, and they are working to prevent our kids from trouble before trouble starts.

Smythe Elementary is located in an ethnically and socially diverse community, and the school strives to answer to the complex needs of this area by providing citizenship classes, English classes, parenting classes, and a whole host of programs aimed at increasing community awareness.

Many of the programs I have mentioned today are possible because of funding provided by the Federal Government and, unfortunately, many of these programs are con-

stantly threatened with extinction. I urge my fellow members to revisit the schools in their home districts and reacquaint yourselves with the programs they provide. Like Smythe Elementary, many of our schools have become very important community centers, and our continued support is not only necessary for the safety and quality education of our children. It is necessary for the maintenance of our communities and our way of life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating and honoring Smythe Elementary for its continued contributions to the community of San Ysidro.

CELEBRATION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPRINGFIELD BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 22, 1997

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute today to the Springfield Business and Professional Women's Club as it celebrates its 80th anniversary and rich history of promoting the economic, intellectual, and social welfare of working women. I would like to take this opportunity both to congratulate the members of the club whose hard work and commitment has allowed this group to flourish, and to share some of the history of this club for others to enjoy.

In 1917, 16 women from Springfield gathered at the local YWCA to organize and establish the club. As the original objective they created stated, "the club would blend together women in the professions and businesswomen so that the standard of working women could be raised."

Only 2 years later, delegates from Springfield traveled to St. Louis to join several hundred other women in the founding of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. Several Springfield women were officers in this first decade. Women from Springfield also traveled to Europe, this time to help establish the International Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs in 1930. The first treasurer of the international federation was Henrietta Harris of Springfield.

Back in Springfield, the organization supplied several of the presidents of the New England Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and later the Massachusetts Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs including Barbara Brown in the 1960's and Carolaine O'Hare in the 1990's. But the club did so very much more than provide leadership at the district, State, national, and international levels.

In 1936, Amelia Earhardt came to speak to the club about her life as an aviator. Also, the club sponsored the Springfield Forums, bringing speakers on current topics to the public. In the seventies, they marched and rallied for the equal rights amendment on Beacon Hill just as earlier members marched and rallied to earn the right of women to vote. In the 1980's and early 1990's, the club, as part of the Massachusetts Federation, supported on Beacon Hill the Family and Medical Leave Act as well as bills to prevent and address domestic violence.

On the local front, the club has been involved through their Harris-Bullman Fund, partly named for Henrietta Harris, first treasurer of the International Federation, with local charities and organizations. In the several past years, they gave to the Open Pantry, Camp Star-Camp Angelina, Grey House, and the Forest Park Zoological Society. Other past recipients have included the Children's Study Home and Rachel's Table. Also through their Jessie M. Bourne-Winifred Daly Scholarship Fund, the club gives scholarships to the non-traditional women student. These recipients are over the age of 21 and have either returned to college or are beginning college as a need to further their career or begin a new one.

But not all of the activities have involved funds. For the past several years, the club has gathered good used working clothing and donated these clothes to the Corporation for Public Management which helps women on welfare or who were in prison get their first employment. The club helps by supplying the clothing and accessories. The club has also been part of the Women's Vote Project providing both funds and volunteer hours. They have helped with Channel 57 and Brightside Angels as well as other organizations.

Not all of the clubs' efforts are serious. They also believe there should be fun and laughter. They have sponsored a Women's Night of Comedy for the last 4 years which has provided area women with a wonderful night. A fashion show helps to provide funds for the national federation's foundation and the local scholarship fund. This year, the club has donated \$1,000 to the Hope Diamond Project and has sponsored a challenge which has led the club to contribute another \$1,000.

For several years, the club has had a candidate's night which has won them State recognition. Each year as the State federation gathers, one can expect that Springfield will receive several awards. The members are proud of their efforts in many areas. They look forward to each new club year as a challenge for the future and a chance to reflect on the past. They have resolved not to live on past triumphs but to keep achieving far into the next century. While they are proud that their predecessors help to establish both the national federation and international federation, the current members are looking forward to the day when equality for women will not be a dream but a reality and women will be paid the same as men. But they know that even then, they or their successors will continue to strive for the betterment of all working women.

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HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate both Stella Gabuzda and Robert Roche on their receipt of the Founders' Bank 1997 Quality of Life Award. These two distinguished honorees will receive their award on Thursday, October 23 at a special ceremony held on their behalf.

The Founders' Bank Quality of Life Award recipient is chosen by a council of former recipients and is presented by Founders' Bank