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Mr. George Koltanowski
3049 Laguna Street
San Francisco 23, California.

Dear Mr. Koltanowski:

Regarding my nomination of Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky as the most deserving choice for the Paul Masson award this year, I would like to augment my previous account with additional facts.

Chess activity in Los Angeles is at a new height, qualitatively and quantitatively. A large part of this is due to Mrs. Piatigorsky's promotion of many important tournaments on both a local and national level. Namely:

The Calif. State Junior Championship
The Herman Steiner Junior Championship
The Herman Steiner Memorial Open
The Herman Steiner Club Championship
The First Southern Calif. Open
The U.S. Chess Championship
The U.S. Women's Chess Championship
and on an international level, planned for July 1963, the Piatigorsky Cup.

Exhibitions, lectures and other stimulating chess events, are sponsored by Mrs. Piatigorsky, and made available to club members and non-members.

Also - a fact of which the majority of chess players are ignorant - Mrs. Piatigorsky has established a chess program at the Veterans Hospital here, and is

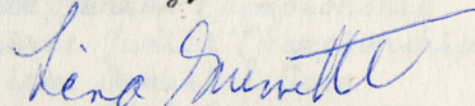
now in the process of arranging classes in chess at several institutions for the deaf, in schools for underprivileged children and delinquents.

In private life, Mrs. Piatigorsky's hours are spent in varied and intriguing pursuits. She paints, plays the piano and bassoon, and writes; she is also adept at numerous sports - tennis, swimming, golf, skiing, mountain-climbing.

An unusually devoted wife and mother, most of her outside activities were suspended during the formative years of her two fine children, Jephtha and Joram, except where her interests coincided with theirs. Otherwise, her energies were directed wholly toward the welfare of the children, abnegating her own talents and interests.

It is my opinion that there is no one on the chess scene who is as remarkable a personality, or who has done as much to raise the standards of chess, culturally and ethically, as Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky.

Sincerely,



Lina Grumette