



# Chatsworth Historical Society

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THE SMOKE SIGNAL

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends:

Happy New Year! I do hope you all have a very happy and prosperous new year and that we as a group accomplish our goal--that of finishing the church this year.

We have had two very nice events recently. We helped the San Fernando Valley Historical Society with their first presentation of Las Posadas or La Posada as they called it. It was really colorful and beautifully done. Our own Lila Schepler participated in their procession and Lillian Schepler, Louise Mitchell, Iolene Cleveland and I acted as hostesses, helped serve and clean up. Everyone enjoyed the pinada and the Mexican sweet rolls were delicious. The children from a nearby school sang Christmas carols and their voices were so sweet and clear on the cold, crisp night air. It was chilly (not for me, my job was inside most of the evening) but lots of fun and I hope we can participate with them again.

Our second event was the Armenian-American Christmas Caroling held the Sunday before Christmas. Brad Goodrow was Santa Claus and went up to the houses to collect money for our society. The children along the way were so impressed with Santa coming to their homes and people singing. Brad was very patient with them and listened carefully to their Christmas lists. His cousin Theresa Asadurian assisted him in collecting. Mr. and Mrs. Don Goodrow organized the event, and Mr. and Mrs. Mannie Asadurian and Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Asadurian loaned the truck and the equipment and hosted the carolers at their home. Two highlights of that cold Sunday was our stop at Chief Davis' home where he came out personally to present us with a check and our stop at Dale Robertson's home where he was having a party and invited his guests out to hear us sing. They all gave money and the carolers were delighted to find Jimmy Durante was one of the guests. We collected \$192.48 altogether!

Iolene Cleveland had another bread baking spree and sold the bread for the benefit of our society. A delicious way to earn money for our church. We received \$35.00 from that project. Last month Celia Woodman sold cookbooks and donated the money.

When Eileen Janess totaled up the money at our January board meeting we discovered that we now have over \$500.00 in our monument fund as a result of the donations to our "Light Up The Monument" campaign. The board members felt that it is close enough to the amount needed that we can go ahead with the contract for the electricity. We are going to work with the electrician who does the work for the cemetery.





This month marks the 7th anniversary of that exciting day, Jan. 25, 1965 when we started moving the church. We were so happy that day. I do hope that getting the electricity up and into the monument will generate a little more of that old enthusiasm in our membership and also get us some new members. Eileen says we have TB--tired blood, and it does seem that we have lost some of our enthusiasm. I feel that we should work with renewed vigor now that the end is in sight. If we all keep our eye on the doughnut and let nothing deter us, we will be having our meetings in the church in the fall.

We have been asked several times to participate with other groups in projects--such as the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association in their fight to save the Old Stage Coach Trail. While we think the project is very worth-while and is also of historic interest, we have voted not to participate for we have not yet completed our first project and we owe it to the people who have contributed the over \$12,000.00 over the years to finish what we started.

We will be having a series of workshops between now and April to get our information for the Wall of Remembrance in order and to get the plaques and parchmen'ts written up. We have lots of work to do in planning our big reception to be held as soon as we complete the church. Please volunteer to help on these committees if you can. Lila Schepler has consented to be chairman of our "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" wedding fashion show to be held next September. We will be asking other groups to join us in this big project which we hope will raise enough money to pay back whatever we need to borrow to complete the church.

This month, January 18th, our program is to be Jim Gulbranson, president of the San Fernando Valley Historical Society. His program will be entitled, "The Andres Pico Adobe Story".

Hope to see you at the meeting next Tuesday.

*Virginia Watson, President 1970-72*

### 1972 PROGRAM CHANGE

*Due to a mix up our program dates have been changed for 1972. We will meet on the third Tuesday of every month.*

January meeting and program : *The date has been changed from Wednesday the 19th to Tuesday the 18th. This month it will be the "Pico Adobe Story" by Jim Gulbranson, President of the San Fernando Valley Historical Society. Program will start at 8:00 P.M. at the Glendale Federal Savings hospitality room in Chatsworth.*

February meeting : *The date will be February 15 instead of the 16th. "Historic Sites In England" will be our program with Mr. Keith Watts as speaker.*

March meeting : *Our Chatsworth Birthday Party will be held Tuesday, March 21 instead of the 16th.*

April meeting : *Our April meeting, "Wedding Bells" will be held Tuesday, April 18th as stated in our program.*

*We are very sorry for the mix up but hope you will be able to attend and we would appreciate your changing the dates on your calendar. You will be receiving a newsletter before each meeting reminding you of our program but we hope you will save the dates for us on your calendar.*

*HAPPY NEW YEAR 1972*