



Chatsworth Historical Society

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends:

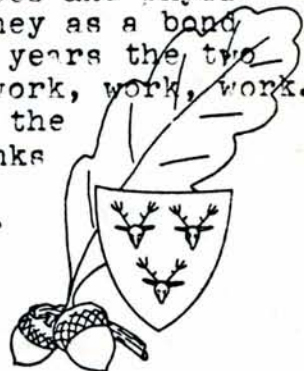
We have had such a busy month since we last communicated. We held our very successful workshop at the home of Frank and Lillian Schepler to work on our names for the "Wall of Remembrance" where we will honor everyone who has donated to our project. We have two more workshops scheduled, March 28 and April 4, which should just about wind up our lists of donors.

Our founding president Chuch Janess has been in the hospital twice and is home again. In spite of his illness Eileen came and conducted our workshop after visiting Church. Thanks Eileen, we appreciate it.

We participated in the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association's two-day celebration of our community's 84th birthday. Our entry in the parade of Minnie Palmer, Chatsworth's oldest native, was named Grand Marshal. Dyke Johnson, of the Fats Jones Stables, donated the Victoria and the horse and driver to us for the event. We can thank Celia Woodman for arranging this for us because at the last minute the horse owned by John Epper that was scheduled to drive the buggy got hurt. It was my pleasure at the last minute to ride with Minnie and I must say it was one of the fringe benefits of being president. I enjoyed it!

Celia Woodman and Lillian Schepler were in charge of our booth for the event. They worked so hard and really deserve a big vote of thanks from our group. Both Jim Woodman and Frank Schepler were assistant co-chairman and helped make the event a success as well as the people who worked in the booth. Thanks to our group effort we made over \$110.00 net profit to give to the project of saving the Stage Coach Trail.

At the ceremonies where the birthday cake was cut, two of our members were surprised. Bill and Frank Schepler, both splendidly attired in gay ninties clothing, were given awards from the city of Los Angeles. These two men have done an outstanding job of the physical work of moving the church. They took down fences and put them back up when we actually moved the church, they chopped down trees and physically helped the movers. They have put up their own money as a bond guaranteeing that we could finish the project. For nine years the two of them have been in charge of permits, contracts, and work, work, work. They have done an outstanding job and it was great that the city of Los Angeles recognised them for this work. Thanks also to Council Wilkinson they have beautiful awards as well as the lasting record of their work in our church.



A retirement dinner was held for past president Lila Schepler this last week. She is retiring from the Department of Recreation and Parks after 28 years, and was honored by just about everyone in the Valley and the city of Los Angeles for our outstanding work as a senior supervisor but most of all for the extra work and the volunteer work she has done. It was a superb affair, beautifully done with our Lila radiant and gracious. We presented her with a token of our appreciation for her years of outstanding leadership and devoted service to our society. It was a framed award made on our own stationery.

Our March meeting will be held next Tuesday, March 21, at 8 p.m. in the Glendale Federal Savings and Loan Community Room. Our vice president and program chairman, Frank Schepler, Jr. will present another of our members Mrs. Marlys Stuckenbruck and her fourth grade pupils in a program titled "Our American Heritage". They will do some square dancing and touch on some of the American traditions handed down to us from our forefathers. Refreshments will be served by Kelley and Virginia Watson.

I hope to see you all there.

*Virginia Watson
President 1970-72*

Nominations

The nominating committee of Bill Schepler, Kelly Johnson, and Louise Mitchell met. The following is the proposed slate of officers for 1972-73. Nominations may be made from the floor at the March meeting: President - Lila Schepler, Vice President - Lillian Schepler, Recording Secretary - Pauline Aue, Corresponding Secretary - Virginia Watson, Treasurer - Eileen Janess, Parliamentarian - Frank Schepler.

RETIREMENT

Another long time member also retired this month after 25 years. Bill Schepler. He was a Senior Operating Engineer at Los Angeles International Airport. He was given a reception and a gold watch by his friends and co-workers. We wish to add to the many congratulations he has received on this occasion, those of the Chatsworth Historical Society.