

CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

S M O K E S I G N A L

January 1973

Theme: "If it's to BE, it HAS to be ME."

Message from the President

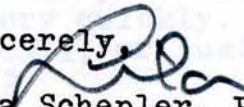
Dear Members and Friends:

I hope your holidays were lovely in every way, adding enrichment and happy memories to your lives. And now as we turn the calendar page to a brand new year...so much to do, so many plans for 1973... watch your SMOKE SIGNAL and plan to share in the unveiling of the future with us.

Start the new year right by attending our next regular meeting on January 16 when we will present a very interesting program on the Mother Lode Country.

I look forward to beginning this year with all of you.

Sincerely,


Lila Schepler, President
341-3447



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee-- Bill Schepler's very successful special membership drive has been concluded and we are enormously pleased with the results. An up-to-date membership list (with the names of our new members) will be made available to you at the January 16 meeting. But don't give up the good work-- continue to encourage your friends and neighbors to join in the work of the Society and to enjoy the experience of learning about the history of the area in which we live.

Treasurer's Report--

Balances in--

General Fund	\$ 347.65
Monument Fund	961.71
Monument Trust Fund	724.75

COMMITTEE REPORTS cont'd

Monument Committee-- Another work party was held to do further work on the Wall of Remembrance. Those who have donated \$100 will have their names engraved on a plaque on the wall. Others who have given lesser amounts will have their names inscribed on a parchment wall hanging. Many of the contributors have memorialized their loved ones in this way, and we like to suggest this unique project to our membership from time to time.

... A VERY SPECIAL APPEAL ...

for "angels"

There is a real need to re-publish Virginia Watson's "A Child's History of Chatsworth." Copies of this book are needed by the school system and valley branches of the library system. It's a wonderful book to read and an invaluable reference work on the history of the area. Re-publishing this book will cost \$750., and we have figured out a way to do it. If we can get thirty "angels" to loan us \$25.00 each, we can get the job done and make the books available for sale at \$2.50 per copy. As the books are sold, the loans will be repaid-- with the interest on your investment (roughly \$1.00 per copy) going to the Society. The first edition of Virginia's book is a collector's item by now so we have no doubt that the second edition will sell out very quickly. If you can participate in this project, give ~~Virginia~~ a call, or just bring your check to our January 16 meeting.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...

We hear tell that winning Mary Hanson's beautiful oil painting at our October meeting actually cost the Dick Millers a bundle. It led to a major redecorating project at their house with which they are very pleased. Also heard that Milton and Collette Parsons are busily engaged in producing a play at their church in March...that Sam and Betty Downing hosted a party at their Newport Beach home for some of our members to view the Parade of Lighted Boats...that Chuck and Eileen Janess are expecting another grandchild in March...and that Frank Daugherty is the first one to sign up for the trip to the Tropico Gold Mine on January 28 (see the "Calendar of Upcoming Events" for details).

WE ALL SEND GET WELL WISHES TO-- Millie Starkey who is recovering from a fall suffered the day after Christmas, and to Sheelagh Watts who had surgery just before Christmas.



Yes-s-s YOU...We need two hostesses for the dessert period before the February 20 meeting. Call Lila Schepler 341-3447 if you can help us that evening. All the other meetings during the year are taken care of.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 16
7:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING-- Mr. Ken Kearby, Field Representative for the Southern California Automobile Association, will present a lecture and show slides on the Mother Lode Country. A question and answer period will follow. You will also be able to view the beautiful commemorative plaque designed by Mary Hanson which will be presented to Glendale Federal Savings & Loan Association as an expression of our gratitude for the use of their community room over a period of many years. During the dessert and coffee period-- from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.-- you will be able to enjoy our hobby table which will be co-hosted for this meeting by Chuck and Eileen Janess and Virginia Watson. A very interesting and informative meeting. Don't miss it!

Sunday, January 28
11:00 a.m.

A Society field trip to the Tropico Gold Mine in the Antelope Valley. The mine was active until the early 60's and the tour includes visiting the stamping mill with an explanation of how it was operated, a tour of the Gold Camp Village, the school house, and other historic buildings which have been moved onto the site to provide visitors with an excellent idea of what life was like in the early days in the west. Admission fee for the tour is \$2.25 for adults and \$1.50 for children (aged 5 to 11). Eat lunch before the trip and dress warmly. It can be chilly in Rosemond. Car pools will begin forming in the Glendale Federal parking lot around 10:45 Sunday morning.

Friday and Saturday
February 16 and 17

The Conference of California Historical Societies will be holding their Southern California Symposium at the Huntington Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena. This convention is being hosted by the Associated Historical Societies of Los Angeles County. The Chatsworth Historical Society is a member of both of these groups and we should be represented. Theme of the symposium will be SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR HEALTH, PLEASURE & RESIDENCE. Further information on this will appear in the February SMOKE SIGNAL.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS cont'd

March 1973

-- OPEN HOUSE AT THE MONUMENT --

We are hopeful that the necessary work will be completed in time for us to celebrate Chatsworth's Birthday Party-- which takes place in March-- at the monument. The program will include a tour of the old church and a review of our plans for its future.

ADDENDUM

The many members of our Society-- and the community at large-- who have served so unselfishly in the work of the Santa Susanna Mountain Park Association will be gratified to learn that they have accumulated \$12,000. to date for this project. They are awaiting a feasibility study report from the state which they expect to receive shortly from which they can establish guidelines for beginning to purchase land for the park. A steering committee of Simi and San Fernando Valley concerned citizens have been named to further implement the work of this group-- to establish a park in the beautiful mountain area surrounding our community.

