

CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

S M O K E S I G N A L

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Theme: "If It's to BE--It HAS to be ME!"

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MESSAGE ABOUT OUR PRESIDENT

Neither rain, nor wind, nor flood, nor mechanical gremlins have deterred those intrepid travelers, Lila and Bill, from completing -- and thoroughly enjoying -- their trip. The voyage on the paddle-wheel steamboat Delta Queen from Memphis to St. Louis was a thrilling adventure, with Ole Man Mississippi, Father of Waters, throwing a temper tantrum which raised his flood pressure to the highest level in 129 years. Less crisis-filled were excursions to Mammoth Caves, Ky., Fort Knox, John F. Kennedy Space Center, Disney World, and New Orleans. Now, homeward bound after a visit with Lila's brother in San Antonio, Texas, our explorers are assured of a hearty welcome from family and friends.

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Treasurer's Report from Eileen Janess:

General Fund	\$421.96
Monument Fund	\$882.07
Monument Trust Fund	\$743.11

MAY MEETING

May 15 is the date, at the usual time (7.30 p.m.), in the usual place (Glendale Federal Community Room, Vassar and Devonshire Sts., Chatsworth). Start the evening with a double treat: Titivate your taste buds with delicious dessert and coffee served by Hostesses Celia Woodman and Helen Fladwed while feasting your eyes on the Hobby Corner display arranged by Orville and Lorraine Mitchell.

PROGRAM: An informative talk, illustrated by slides, by Mr. Jack Klein of the Dept. of Water and Power, re-creating the history of the bringing of water to our valley. This should be a dramatic story, considering the tremendous engineering feats involved..

REGRETS

Last month's Easter vacation plans for a Walking Tour of the historical landmarks and restorations adjacent to Olvera St. and the Old Plaza were swamped by conflicting events. It was thoughtful of Iolene Cleveland, Marlys and Lynn Stuckenbruck to stand by at the Glendale Federal parking lot to accomodate any potential tourists. Another time maybe? It still sounds like a fun outing.



JUNE INSTALLATION

A gala event is being plotted by that indefatigable and inventive team: Lillian Schepler, Carol Coughlin, Eileen Janess, and Virginia Watson. Details in next month's Smoke Signal.

YOU ARE INVITED

Tom and Nanci Oliva extend a cordial invitation to members of the Chatsworth Historical Society to join them at their home on Friday, May 11, at 8.30 p.m. to meet our new Supervisor, Baxter Ward, and our new Regional Planning Commissioner, Carolyn Llewellyn. For further information, phone Lillian S. at 341-0603.

PEOPLE PATTTER

Frank Schepler, recuperating at home after surgery, is -- we are happy to report -- "every day in every way getting better and better. "

Louise Curinga will be home the 12th, after a month in Europe with daughter Ginny, a student at Heidelberg.

Chuck and Eileen Janess spent a rewarding Wednesday-off at Descanso Gardens, and report that the roses, now in full bloom, are a spectacle not to be believed.

Sundays are work days now for Virginia and Kelly Watson, and fun days are Monday and Tuesday. So they treated themselves to one day at Knotts Berry Farm.

Denny and Carol Coughlin tripped to San Jose to visit Denny's family while his sister from New York was also visiting her parents.who, of course, had eyes only for the two visiting granddaughters.

Speaking of grandchildren, Lorraine and Orville Mitchell have just welcomed their third -- a new grandson to spoil.

Bonnie Jean and Bill Lakey had a ball, fandangoing around Spain, Portugal, and Mallorca. Bill is reluctantly back at work (poor wage slave!), but B-J is staying on a while longer to further explore fascinating España.

Welcome house guest at the Parsons' is Colette's brother, Laning Humphrey, from Boston, Mass. Recently retired after 40 years as press representative for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Pops, and Esplanade Concerts, he has just completed his memoirs, covering his association with many of the greatest artists in the field of music, taking pleasure in portraying them as human beings rather than untouchable geniuses. He is also the author of "The Humor of Music." Yes, indeed, he is entranced with the beauties of the local scene -- the fantastic rock formations of the Santa Susanas, the aged live oaks, and the spectacular profusion of flowers, both wild and "tame"!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

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YARD SALE! YARD SALE! YARD SALE! YARD SALE!

FOR A CHATSWORTHY CAUSE.

PROMOTER: Iolene Cleveland. (Call 341-1529)

WHEN? June 9 and 10

WHERE? Front yard, Iolene's home, 10347 Jordan, Chatsworth

WHY? To help defray the publishing costs and to promote circulation of the long-awaited second edition (by popular demand) of Virginia Watson's charming A CHILD'S HISTORY OF CHATSWORTH. We are pleased to announce that it is now in the hands of the printers and by May 22, we are told, can be in your hands for the infinitesimal sum of \$2.50. No Chatsworthian worthy of the name can afford to be without one.



PLEASE HELP

All contributions -- cash or merchandise -- will be appreciated. Any merchandise is acceptable. Nothing will be wasted. Anything unsold will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Helpful suggestions from Iolene:

- A Antiques
- B Books, bric-a-brac, bicycles & bicycle parts
- C Clothing (Clean, Classy, Current), cosmetics (new)
- D Dishes (Cooking, Serving), dolls
- E Elephants (White)
- F Furniture
- G Glassware, Gadgets
- H Household items
- I Insulators
- J Jewelry
- K Kooky items
- L Luggage
- M Miscellaneous
- N Notions
- O Oddities
- P Paperbacks, purses, perfume, pottery
- Q Queen sized sheets
- R Roller Skates
- S Swim suits, sofas, surprises
- T Toys, tools
- U Umbrellas (Personal, Patio)
- V Vases
- W Wood (Fire, Building)
- X Xmas Presents, Tree Ornaments
- Y Yard Equipment
- Z Zillions of other things