

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R !!



HAPPY BICENTENNIAL * * * * *

Dear Friends:

I love the beginning of a New Year. All those days, stretching out ahead with opportunities, challenges, & joys. Isn't it exciting to begin again with the "old" days behind us? Missed opportunities--we can try again. Things we wished we'd said--next time it will be better.

In the Bicentennial Year of our nation, let us together meet the challenges before us.

Aurelious has said, "It is not death man should fear but never beginning to live."

Together let us live this year to its fullest.

Lila

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Be sure to read the attached "Window Into the Past" written by our own Bill Schepler.

We all enjoyed his reflections on the earlier days in Chatsworth in our October issue.

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CHATS WORTH HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

S M O K E S I G N A L

January

1976

Lila Schepler, President
Virginia Watson, Editor
Tricia Plunknett, Mailing Editor
Bill Schepler, Window Into the Past

JANUARY MEETING

NANCY MUORE, from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art will be the speaker at our January meeting. She will show slides of the collection at the museum and explain the art. She has chosen the American Art in honor of our Bicentennial year.

JAN. 21, 1976
7:30 pm.

GLENDALE FEDERAL SAVINGS

HOSTESSES

Fern Jack
Eileen Janess

HOBBY CORNER

Antiques & Glass Fern Jack
Frank Daugherty

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Complete detailed Minutes of our meetings and the itemized Treasurer's Report are on display at our meetings for your perusal. We are only reading a summary of the minutes and the totals of our accounts at the meetings to save time.

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Your board of directors meets the first Tuesday of every month. Meetings have been held at the Glendale Federal Savings or at the President's home, but at the last board meeting it was decided to hold them at the various board members homes.

Society members are welcome, in fact invited to attend. Please check with the president before attending so that you may know for sure where the meeting is being held.

At the January meeting the following people signed up to have the meeting in their homes;

- Feb. 3....Lillian & Frank
- Mar. 2....Fern Jack
- April 6...Chuck & Eileen
- May 4....Ruth Boak
- June 1....Iolene Cleveland
- July 6....Jane Mathews
(Joint Board Meeting)
- Aug.3....Tricia Plunknett
- Sept. 7..Betty Selvedge

BICENTENNIAL PUBLICATION.

We have published our first Bicentennial publication, a re-print of "OUR PIONEER MOTHER", the story of Ann Willden Johnson.

It is a memorial edition, dedicated to Katharine Johnson who did so much to get our society started and who, thru her writings did so much to make us conscious of Ann Johnson and the history of our area.

The book will be on sale at our January meeting. Betty Selvidge will have copies at the meeting or if you would like to reserve a copy call Betty at 341-3911.

Also on sale will be our other book, "A Child's History of Chatsworth," our notepaper, our new brochures.

LOVE SONGS

BETTY SELVIDGE is changing our display in the Glendale Federal Savings and Loan Assoc. to a February motif of Love Songs. She is showing her own collection of sheet music featuring Love Songs for Valentine's Day.



FEBRUARY MEETING

Our February meeting to be held on Feb. 17 at the Glendale Federal Savings as usual will have an added treat in store for us.

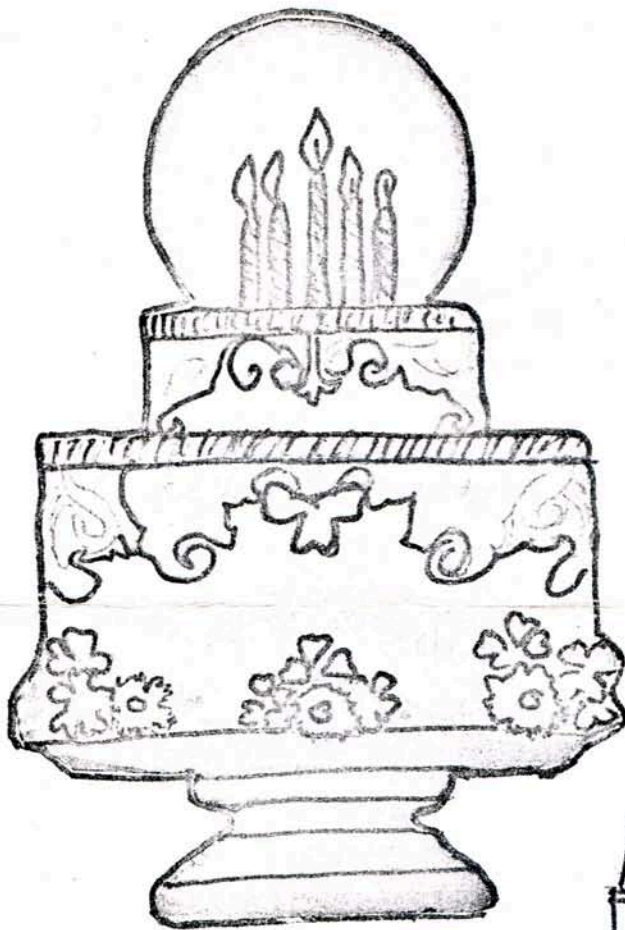
JANE MATTHEWS, who is Carl Sandberg's neice, will feature a display entitle "SANDBERG & LINCOLN" in the hobby corner.

YANKEE DOODLE NEWS

Watch for the first copy of the Yankee Doodle News published by our society in cooperation with the Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council. It will contain news of the Bicentennial Projects of our community.

CHATSWORTH'S 76 BICENTENNIAL DAYS

Jan. 21 at 7:30 at Glendale Federal Savings and Loan. A meeting to discuss our celebration.



C H A T S W O R T H
H I S T O R I C A L
S O C I E T Y

S M O K E S I G N A L

March 1976

Happy
Birthday
Chatsworth
1888 - 1976

President.....Lila Schepler
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MEETING MARCH 16, 1976
7:30 pm.
GLENDALE FEDERAL SAVINGS

SPEAKER
JEAN BRUCE POOLE

BIRTHDAY CAKE
MINNIE HILL PALMER

HOSTESSES
Lorraine Mitchell
Celia Woodman
Lillian Schepler

HOBBY CORNER
Orville Mitchell
Lorraine Mitchell

JANE MATTHEWS
Presiding

Our Community is celebrating its 88th birthday this month.

On March 10, 1888 the first subdivision map of a town called "Chatsworth Park" was filed with the Los Angeles County Recorder's office.

The map showed three main streets and was divided into 10 acre family-type farms.

We will celebrate this event at our March meeting with a birthday cake.

Minnie Hill Palmer-who was born in the area in 1886 before the community got its official name-will cut the cake.

OUR SPEAKER

Jean Bruce Poole, our speaker for the March meeting is a Scot by birth brought up in London and Scotland.

During World War II she she was a WREN with the Royal Navy.

She attended Sorbonne and lived in Paris where her husband worked for the Marshall Plan.

She came to the United States in 1952 and later organized the Docent Services at Huntington Gallery where she also served as a docent for 15 years.

She worked with the Pasadena Symphony and was president of the Board of Directors of that organization as well as working in other capacities.

Since 1970 she has worked for the California Historical Society and is currently Assistant Director in charge of the Southern California Headquarters.

She is chairman of the history team of the Los Angeles Bicentennial Committee and has worked as a book reviewer and has appeared on television on the Cavalcade of Books.

Her topic for our meeting will be "New Thoughts on an Old Mill."

VANDALS

Vandals struck our church again. The new window that had been put in was awaiting a screen so that it wouldn't get broken--but vandals got there first and broke it.

No other damage was reported.

RUMMAGE SALE

Be sure and save our items for our rummage sale in June. We have to make enough to pay back the \$3000 loan we got from Lillian and Frank.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A nominating committee will be appointed at the March meeting.

If you would like to serve in a particular job next year please let your wishes be known.

SUGGESTION

How would you like to go to a DESSERT TASTING PARTY?

People go to wine tasting parties all the time--we have so many good cooks and we are always wanting to taste their specialties.

How would it be if each person brought some of his or her favorite dessert and we could pay so much for a small taste of each? That way we could sample lots of different foods and not get too fat.

Also the recipes could be for sale.

Let us know how you feel about this idea.

PLEDGE

Please bring a can of Pledge or other spray wax to our March meeting. We will use it to wax the pews in the church.

A clean-up party will be held at the church on March 13 from 10 am. to 4pm.

RAIN DATE has been set for the following Saturday.

BRING YOUR OWN WATER & BUCKETS & RAGS OR SPONGES.

HOSPITALIZED

Minnie Hill Palmer, the first lady of Chatsworth, has been in the hospital in San Fernando.

Your editor went to visit her and she expects to be well enough to come to our birthday party.