

CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SMOKE SIGNAL

Lila Schepler, President

Virginia Watson, editor

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INSTALLATION

SUNDAY, June 13 at 1pm.

PIONEER CHURCH

BRING:

A card table (if you have one).
Table Service for you & your guests
Serving Spoons, knives etc. for your
contribution.
Paper plates & cups will be provided.

FOOD

People whose names begin with the letter
A-L bring salads. Enough for you and your
family & guests plus 2.
Those whose names begin with M-Z bring
casseroles. (We have no provision for
keeping things warm or cold so bring
food ready to eat. We will eat first.

CAKE & PUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

INSTALLING OFFICER will be Sheelagh Watts, member of our society
and recently named Citizen of the Year. (Along with our new
President, Lillian Schepler. Seems fitting that both women
should be involved in our year beginning (and ending.)

ENTERTAINMENT will be a "Sing-a-long With Jane" led by our own
Jane Matthews.

PROGRAM will be "Remember A-long With Lila" as she takes a trip down
Memory Lane and sums up our achievements. And a lot she will
have to remember too, for we have had the most eventful year.
We reached our goal of finishing the church, had our Bicentennial
Rededication, had marvelous attendance at all our programs,
"Who could ask for anything more?"

ATTEND COLISEUM BICENTENNIAL- Marlys Stuckenbruck and Iolene Cleveland took a bus-load of students & a few parents to the big LA City School's Bicentennial Program at the Coliseum recently and they reported that the program was excellent. It will be aired on July 4th and if we aren't all too busy working on the fair or the parade it sounds like it would be well worth watching.

VACATIONING- Milton & Colette Parsons are in New York City at this deadline date visiting with their daughter Sally Ann and staying in her apartment. They went first to Florida for a visit and then on the Boston so that Colette could attend the 50th reunion of her class at Boston University. They hope to visit for a while with Sheelagh & Keith Watt's daughter Heather, and perhaps take in a performance. Heather is with the New York City Ballet as a professional dancer.

NEW PREXY STILL TRAVELING. Lillian Schepler (our president-elect for '76-'77) is still in Europe with her husband Frank. They've been gone since June 15th and went first to Spain. They expect to be gone 5 weeks. Lillian won't be here to be installed (we'll have a stand-in) and also she missed out on the ceremony where she was named Co-Citizen of the Year by the Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council. She shared honors with another member of our society, Sheelagh Watts.

Both Sheelagh and Lillian have given untold hours of service to our community in a variety of ways (too numerous to mention here) and richly deserve the honor bestowed upon them. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH.

NEIL JACK was graduated with honors from the Art Center in Pasadena recently having completed the 4 year course in 2 years. He received his BA with honors at CSUN before working at Hughes. He worked 5 years at Hughes so he could go back to the Art Center and get a degree in commercial art & photography. Neil is the son of Fern & Gerald Jack of our society and he is the one who took the fine photograph of the church that we have in our collection.

MEMBERSHIP- Bill Schepler reports that we now have 139 members, the largest number of members we have ever had in our society. CONGRATULATIONS, BILL for a job well done!

YARD SALE FIGURES ARE still coming in but we made over \$1000 at this two-day event plus what Iolene collected from the merchants and her friends and the amount the teachers gave at a fund-raising party. THREE CHEERS FOR OUR VP IN CHARGE OF FUND RAISING! And three cheers for all those who gave!

Dear Friends:

This is our final Smoke Signal before the "Summer of '76" is upon us. We owe Virginia Watson, Editor, and her committee a rousing vote of Thanks for a fine publication-so lets hear it, folks!

It has been for me and, I hope, for you a really great, satisfying and enjoyable year. I feel priveleged to have had the opportunity to work so hard for all of you- and to have enjoyed it so much.

Our Society is really indebted to an outstanding Board of talented folk who have been willing to give so much time and leadership to our Society. My gratitude is overflowing, and I speak for all our people when I extend our Thank You's to every Board Member.

1st Vice P. Jane Matthews
3rd Vice P. Ioline Cleveland
Red. Secretary Fern Jack
Treasurer Eileen Janess
Bd. Members at Large- -
Parlimentarian Frank Schepler
Librarian Betty Selvedge

2nd Vice P. William Schepler
4th Vice P. Lillian Schepler
Corr. Sec. Tricia Plucknett
Honorary Bd. Member Chuck Janess
- - Frank Daugherty, Dr. Joe Pampalone
Historiographer & Editor-Virginia
Watson

We achieved a long standing ambition this year. Historiographer Virginia Watson, Bill Schepler, Dr. Linn Stuckenbruk have developed a slide library- over 300 now- of old Chatsworth photos, plus adding 90 photographs to our collection. 29 presentations have been made to community groups, largely involving the use of these slides, by President Lila, Bill Schepler and Virginia Watson.

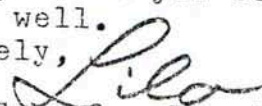
Our Programs have been richly rewarding, enriching the meaning of this Bicentennial year for all of us. Please see the report elsewhere. Congratulations to Jane Matthews.

And to Ioline Cleveland, Fund Raiser par excellance. At our annual Yard Sale- so large as to not be believed- \$1029.00 was raised. And to Eileen Janess, who manages our money so well. We spent over \$7000 on the Pioneer Church Refurbishment. And Congratulations to the entire Committee who finally brought off the completion of the project we have all worked on so long. THAT was a very beautiful event with Dale Evans and Dr. Carl Dentzel speaking and our Councilman Bob Wilkinson supporting us as always.

And Congratulations to Membership V.P. Bill Schepler- an all time high of 139 members registered this year. And to Betty Selvidge, who has had exhibits of our books, brochures and notepaper and other items of interest at every meeting and event we have had. Has raised many hundreds of dollars in selling these items.

One hundred and one things go thro my mind like a kaleidoscope- Our Booth at the San Fernando Valley Fair; our booth at the Topanga Plaza Book Sale; Minnie Palmer cutting our Town's Birthday Cake- she is just one year older than this community; Our Publications- especially the Katherine Johnson Memorial Edition of "Our Pioneer Mother" made possible by Kelly Johnson and the two "Sams"- Ewalt and Fullington; the donation of the 100 year old Organ; Our Brochures with the new insert telling about all the Historical Sites in our Town; - and so very much more. I regret not being able to share it all. DO COME to our picnic/ party/installation on Sunday and say Thank you to this hard working Board- AND greet and welcome your NEW Board as well.

Affectionately,


Lila Schepler, President

