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CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY AFTERNOON DEC 12, 3 O'CLOCK TO 6
AT THE HOME OF THE DOCTORS PAMPALONE
10510 FULLBRIGHT (Across from Mason Park)
Chatsworth.

PROGRAM: Milton & Colette Parsons
Will entertain us again this
year with Christmas Readings.
We all look forward to this.

CAROLS: Fern Jack will play
the antique organ at the
Pampalone's and we will
all sing Christmas carols.

GIFT EXCHANGE

Please bring a gift (about \$2) and mark on the outside whether it is suitable for a male, female, child or for anyone. Men please bring for a man or anybody; women please bring for a woman or anybody & children please bring gifts suitable for children. That way our gift exchange will work & there will be a suitable gift for everyone.

REFRESHMENTS

Bring sandwiches and cookies for dessert. The society will provide tea, coffee & punch etc. Those whose LAST NAME BEGINS with A to L BRING LITTLE TINY TEA SANDWICHES. Those whose LAST NAME BEGINS WITH M to Z please bring CHRISTMAS COOKIES (homemade, please)

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We are invited to participate in the annual traditional Mexican Christmas celebration at the Andres Pico Adobe. Las Posadas will be celebrated on Sat. night, Dec. 18th at 7 pm at the Adobe sponsored as usual by the San Fernando Historical Society.

Lillian Schepler will have details at our Christmas Party.

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Our society participated in the Christmas tree decoration contest held at the Woodland Hills Promenade. 28 to 30 Christmas trees were decorated by as many organizations. Lillian Schepler and a committee decorated our tree. Signs were made by Ioline Cleveland. Our tree has an old-fashioned theme with real Schepler-made gingerbread cookies on the tree.

Wed., Dec. 15 a silent auction will be held and the person who bids the highest can claim the tree. Please get over and see our tree before the 15th--and maybe you will get to keep it if your bid wins. Money contributed goes to a charity.

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NEWS OF OUR GROUP--Bill & Lila Schpler have returned for a trip to San Francisco. Bonnie Jean Lakey is home for the holidays--she lives most of the year in Spain but comes back to the USA part of the time. Frank Schepler has been kept busy in the area repairing signals etc. that the wind has been damaging. Ruth Dieckman is visiting her sister in Florida. Trisha Plucknet and the rest of the Red Carpet people have moved their office over near the Kentucky Colonel Fried Chicken place. Eileen Janess is back at work 3 days a week now. Dr. Ruth Boak is back from a trip to Russia to study their methods of medicine. There was a very nice article about her in Sunday's Green Sheet. The Watsons have a new little Basset Hound puppy at their house.

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BILL & LILA & FRANK & LILLIAN attended the Christmas celebration Sunday at Heritage Square where they met Carl Dentzel, president of the Cultural Heritage Board. They reported that the Hale House is almost completed--5 rooms are restored now and the house is decorated for Christmas. The old Palm Station is the newest addition to the group of houses.

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Have you enjoyed the articles Bill Schepler has been writing under his title "Window Into the Past?" It has been suggested that he write more of them--one for every time of the year & maybe for each holiday and that we publish them as a booklet. Our publications committee could look into the project if everyone agrees.

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Many thanks are due to Tricia Plucknet for the work she does getting our Smoke Signal duplicated, & ready for mailing. This month Lillian Schpler also helped--the Smoke Signal had to go out early.

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HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON. THIS IS OUR BICENTENNIAL CHRISTMAS and the last of our bicentennial year. It has been a good year for our society and one we will long remember.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

See you at the party!