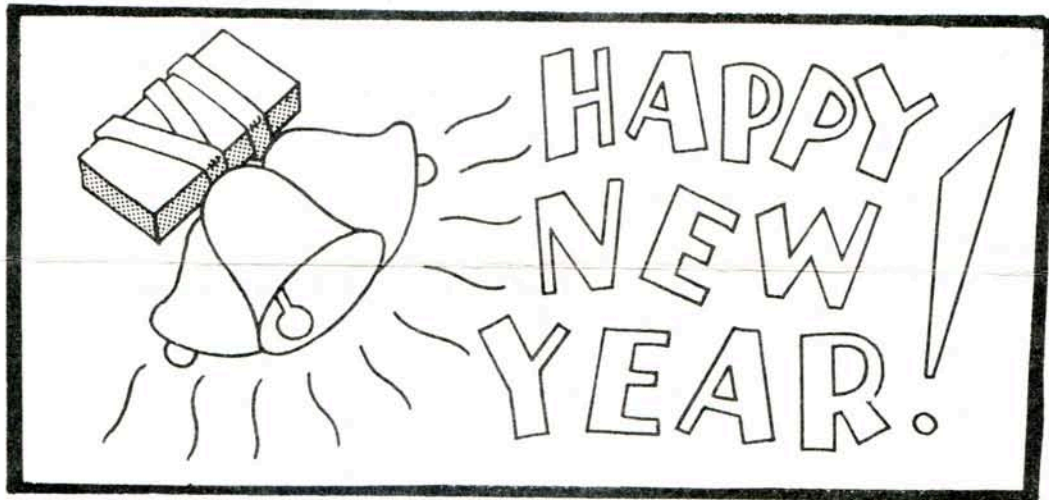


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"TO MT. LOWE WITH LOVE"

FILM

Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Glendale Federal Savings & Loan Association
21821 Devonshire St.

Doris Dawser will show the film
Jane Matthews will introduce narrator
Book Sale Books are to be brought to
this meeting.

Celia Woodman has asked us all
to bring an item from the
Bicentennial to display & discuss
Hospitality Hour before meeting

PUBLICATION NEWS

At a recent board meeting we voted to publish the collection of Bill's column, "Window Into The Past", his reminiscences of early Valley days. We want to have an even dozen of the copies & we are missing two issues--the "Dirt Cheap In Chatsworth" and the one on the hotels. If you have a copy of either of these two columns please bring it to the January meeting so we can keep it with the other columns.

BOOK SALE

A fund raising book sale will be held again this year at Topanga Plaza. Jan. 18, 29 & 30. Please bring your used books to this meeting so that we can turn them into cash! Paperbacks are good sellers.

IN MEMORIAM

Members of the society were saddened this past holiday season by the news of the death of long-time Chatsworth resident, Fay Barton.

IOLENE CLEVELAND HONORED

our own vice president, Iolene Cleveland was honored last Saturday night by the Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce as "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" at their annual Installation banquet held at Westlake Inn.

All of us who know Iolene know how many volunteer hours she gives to the community of Chatsworth and especially to our own society through her job as fund-raising chairman. And remember the Bicentennial Rededication she & Fern Jack chaired? CONGRATULATIONS IOLENE, a well-deserved accolade!

Daughter Cathe has been home from college for the holidays and she and her father Everett were able to attend the dinner.

KEN DESPOTIKAS

"Man of the Year" award went to Ken Despotikas, local playgr und director for his community service and especially for his work on the Bicentennial Parade and Heritage Fair.

EILEEN JANESS HONORED

A plaque marking 56 years of Girl Scouting was presented to Mrs. Eileen Janess by the Vikings, her Mariner Troop. It has been 31 years since she organized and founded Troop 81 the first Girl Scout Troop in Chatsworth and 21 years since the Mariner Ship was founded. She also founded the first alumni group of the ship 19 years ago when the first of the girls graduated at 18.

She has remained active in the scouting program since she was a Girl Scout herself as a young woman.

No need to tell her many friends in our historical society how much she has given her church, her community and the youth of the area. CONGRATULATIONS!!

A bit of bad news along with the good--it seems that Eileen will be entering the hospital soon for an operation. We'll all be thinking about you Eileen and wishing you well.

SACRAMENTO TRIP

Bob & Marian Swartz motored to Sacramento to have Thanksgiving dinner with their daughter, son-in-law & their son Bobby.

KELLY JOHNSON JUDGE

Kelly Johnson & his wife flew down to the Los Angeles area recently so that Kelly could judge a pigeon show in Pomona.

CHRISTENSON CHRISTENING

Peggy & Ralph Christenson with Judy, their daughter, their son-in-law and new grandson flew to Pennsylvania for the christening of their grandson. Judy's husband's family lives in Pennsylvania and they arranged to have the christening there. HISTORICAL NOTE: The baby wore his great-grandfather;s christening dress!

SICK LIST

MARY AVILA has recovered from surgery performed before the holidays-she was home then, but will have to return to the hospital for another surgery. We wish her good health.

According to Lillian Schepler lots of members are on the flu list, including Bill Schepler.

MORE NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

BETTY & JIM SUMMERS welcomed son Geoff & his wife for the holidays. TRICIA'S DAUGHTER PEGGY was home for Christmas. Eileen & Chuck's GRANDSON, PAT JANESS, is home from Germany. SAM & BETTY DOWNING are moving into a new home which they will enlarge & redecorate.

COLETTE & MILTON PARSONS are going to SEATTLE for the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration of Milton's cousin.

EVERETT CLEVELAND'S MOTHER has been here visiting from Nebraska.

MINNIE'S ADDRESS

Those of you who would like to send Minnie Hill Palmer a card may write to her (or visit her) at the Astoria Terrace Retirement Center, 14060 Astoria, Sylmar, CA 91342.

She has a lovely room and a nice roommate. She enjoyed the bright poinsettia plant we took her for the holidays. She was happy for they had something going on every night of the week during the holidays at the center.

OUR ANNIVERSARY!

This month marks the 12th anniversary of the moving of our Pioneer Church! In January, 1965 we held our farewell ceremony out in front of the building that was already up on those big logs ready for moving. It was cold and very windy but many people turned out remember? And remember Art Honey's poem?

Can you remember the thrill of the next day watching Frank standing in the street stopping traffic, his face glowing as the old structure creaked out over its old foundation and turned toward the hills and its new destination?

Can you remember the Watts children--kept out of school for the momentous occasion and the wonder in their eyes as the church started to move? The applause and the tears as we reached that first milestone of actually watching the church move?

Remember the television cameras grinding away? The newspaper photographers and the amateur photographers? Councilman Cassidy, Lila & our friend Dr. Carl Dentzel all happy and watching the proceedings?

Remember Bill hurrying around helping everywhere at once? Remember the telephone lineman cutting the wires? And remember the exciting feeling of having done what we had planned to accomplish. And don't forget we were the first group in Los Angeles (and who knows where else) to move an historical monument. It was fun wasn't it?

And remember our last April Bicentennial Rededication? The crowds, the costumes, the flowers, Dale Evans & Dr. Dentzel again? Another milestone in our 14 year history--for we were a society for 2 years before we moved the church.

This year we have our first big wedding to look forward to--or our first big celebration in the completed church. Perhaps our community's 89th birthday celebration can be held in our monument.

Happy New Year Everyone! Happy times ahead!

BYLAWS MEETING

A meeting of the By-laws committee will be held on Jan. 24th (Mon.) at 7:30 at the home of Lila & Bill Schepler.

STONEY POINT COMMITTEE

The Stoney Point Park Committee will meet on Jan. 31 at 7:30 pm at the Glendale Federal Savings & Loan Association's Hospitality Room. Councilman Wilkinson will be there. You are invited too. See Chuck Janess, chairman, for details.

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