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"DISCOVERING THE MUSIC OF LATIN AMERICA"

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TUESDAY, FEB. 15, 7:30

Studio of the Americas

18904 Nordhoff St., Northridge
(Corner of Wilbur & Nordhoff)

"THE THREE MARYS"

Three of our historical society members are again involved in the Sixth Annual Lenten Chancel Drama--a presentation to be given at both the 9:15 and the 11am services on Feb. 27th at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church, Sherman Way & Winnetka, Canoga Park. (Everyone is invited--you don't have to be a member to attend.)

Milton arranged and is directing the play "The Three Marys" adapted from three Mediaval Miracle Plays. Jane Matthews has the role of Mary Cleophas and Colette is "holding the book" and acting as stage manager. The play is one of the earliest liturgical dramas--the fore-runner of our modern day theatre.

A colorful prologue of mediaval villagers in festive dress and holiday mood will precede the play. The players will be colorfully dressed and here is an interesting sidelight for our society members. SALLY ANN PARSONS is coming home for a visit, she is a costume designer and she is bringing home some of the costumes to be used by the villagers. For those of you who are new to the society, Sally Ann is the only daughter of Milton and Colette and she grew up in Chatsworth attending local schools.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

TRICIA PLUCKNETT is now working with CENTURY 21. She was with Red Carpet for two years in the office at Devonshre & Jordan. Red Carpet moved out and Tricia did too. Century 21 moved in the old location and so Tricia is now back at work in the same place but for different people. She is hard at work breaking records--she recently broke a record for the selling of nearly 1 MILLION \$\$\$\$ worth of residential property!!! All this for the month of January!! Keep up the good work Tricia!

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MILTON & NATALIE ZIM were the guest of Lillian and Frank Schepler last week when they returned from a trip to Australia.

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FRANK DAUGHERTY'S Airstreamers are having a Rally at Salton Sea and he will be going. He recently had company, his sister and brother-in-law were here from Ft. Meyer, Florida. They are Ruth and Kenneth Henderson.

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BETTY SELVIDGE, her husband, son Jim & family went to LAKE CACHUMA recently and reportedly had a wonderful time.

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LILA & BILL + LILLIAN & FRANK will be attending the historical conference at Ventura. They'll have a report for us at the next meeting.

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BETTY SUMMER'S BROTHER BILL BURKEMEYER is here visiting and JIM SUMMERS sang at Reseda High in the BARBER SHOP SOCIETY show.

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PRESIDENT Lillian Schepler entertained board members at a dinner recently. Not for the last board meeting but for our January one. She asked those coming to bring a donation for FISH to help replenish the supplies for that local project. FISH provides needed services and food to people in our community.

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POST CARDS-At the executive board meeting it was decided to look into the possibility of Post Cards of Stoney Point and one of our Monument. Sounds like a great way to publicize our monument and Stoney Point. We should be making money doing this also.

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CHRISTINA MITCHELL-our only junior member at the present time recently celebrated her 4th birthday with a party etc.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our membership vice president reports the total number of paid members is 107! Not quite as many as last year but very good for a small group like ours. We have 5 Honorary Life Members; 52 Life Members; 48 General Members; 1 Junior Member; 1 Organizational Membership.

BOOK SALE

A really successful Book Sale was held as part of the World's Largest Book Sale at Topanga Shopping Center last month. We don't have a total figure yet but Iolene reports it is well over \$300. Part of our success was due to the large number of really good books donated to the society by our many friends. Mrs. Wilder's Brownie Troop--the one we recently voted to sponsor, brought us three boxes of children's books that really sold well. Another good point that helped us with the sale was the number of people who turned out to work on it and the men who helped especially Bill Schepler & Mr. Cleveland and their trucks. IOLENE HOPES THAT WE WILL ALL START SAVING BOOKS FOR NEXT YEAR'S SALE. We need variety. She says another reason we were so successful is that we didn't just bring back the ones that were left over from last year. THANKS EVERYBODY & START SAVING!

EILEEN JANESS is recovering nicely from her recent surgery.....Marian Swartz is also reportedly progressing well.....PEGGY & RALPH CHRISTIANSON had an accident and fire in their new trailer in Manhattan Beach and he was hurt. CHUCK JANESS REPORTS that they are now moving the dirt up by the church.....BETTY SELVIDGE has changed the DISPLAY CASES at GLENDALE FEDERAL & BANK OF AMERICA. She has a display of her grandfather's bakery equipment and Tricia's grandmother's cut glass.

A COMMITTEE was APPOINTED to work with Iolene Cleveland on FUND RAISING PLANS. Tricia, Bill & Lila will work with Iolene.

YARD SALE will be the first week in June so save JUNE 3,4, & 5. SAVE, SAVE, SAVE FOR OUR SOCIETY. Keep your good stuff to one side and someone will pick it up. Ask your friends for items they may no longer need.

OLIVE TREES--We voted to send a letter to city officials to see what can be done about the developers carelessness with the beautiful old olive trees that we saved.

STONEY POINT COMMITTEE--Over 70 people turned out for the Successful Meeting to report the progress of the Stoney Point Park plan. Councilman Wilkinson was encouraging and the other people there seemed to

think we have a good chance of obtaining our goal. The young people from the Sierra Club have been very active helping with this project. Many other interested people turned out including the lady with the park commission.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE is still working on the Bylaws changes. They hope to have a rough copy soon so that they can be read over by the members and discussed before approving. One major change that may come about is the moving of our installation ceremony from June to May. Our original Bylaws were set up so that we would have them in May before people started scattering for the summer. We gradually changed this and have not had as many people as we could at our installation which should be the high point of our year. We should be having reports, and awards and honoring people who have helped us during the year. In order to have a crowd we have got to do it before school is out. Let your feelings be known-how do you feel about this. Do you want a nice big installation with dinner in a restaurant or do you like our small intimate ones in the monument or in someone's home? Bylaws are only guide lines and can be changed as the desires of a group change. If we move up our installation we need to have elections earlier and LILLIAN SCHPLER has APPOINTED A NOMINATING COMMITTEE to be named at the FEBRUARY meeting at the Studio of the Americas in Northridge.

NEXT MONTH IS OUR BIRTHDAY MONTH!! Our town was officially named CHATSWORTH PARK when the first subdivision map was filed with the Los Angeles County Recorder March 10, 1888. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!!!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY EVERYONE! See you at the meeting at Elisabeth Waldo's for our musical treat.

