

Chatsworth Historical Society

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 1979

HAPPENINGS OF THE MONTH

International Year of the Child begins	Jan. 15--Martin Luther King Birthday
Jan. 1 - New Year's Day	JAN. 16--National Nothing Day
Jan. 1--7--Save the Pun Week	(but not for us)
Jan. 6 - Epiphany	This is the first meeting of 1979 for
Jan. 14--20 - Jaycee Week	Chatsworth Historical Society @ Glendale
Jan. 18 - 8 PM @ Glendale--	Federal.....7:30 P.M.

Federal - Planning Committee for Chatsworth's First Community Variety Show "The Vibes of March".

COME WALKING!! Sat. Jan. 2:30 to 4:30 -- We are going to distribute the new brochures and a letter about the history and preservation of the olive trees on Lassen, to the new Brookfield residents and others on Lassen. Join us -- We will meet on the corner of Lassen and Farralone at 2:30 to start. If any question call Lila Schepler 341-3447.

SAVE! ** SAVE! ** SAVE! ** SAVE! ** SAVE! **

Save these dates ** January 26 -- 27 -- 28, for our annual Book Sale at Topanga Plaza. Ioline Cleveland in charge!!!!
SAVE a time to help her! - All or any of those days. Tel. 341-1075 (call eve.) or call any of us on the board and we will make arrangements when you can help..
SAVE your money to buy books for yourself or for gifts or to donate to a hospital or service group (call me and I will give you a group. 347--8569)
SAVE ALL KINDS OF BOOKS AND MAGAZINES, especially cook books, historical novels, Technical Magazines, Motor Cycle Magazines, Sat. Evening Post, etc.....

****NEXT MEETING NIGHT: Jan. 16 - Hear Richard Quist, Valley News Night Wire Editor, author and historian. He will speak on the History of Chumash Indians. Bring a friend and get a new brochure to give a potential interested member.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Glendale Federal Savings and Loan Association, 21821 Devonshire St., Chatsworth.

DUES

\$5.00 Per Person Per Year
\$7.00 Dual Membership
\$1.00 Students
\$5.00 Organizational
\$50.00 Life Membership

Welcome to new members, Nancy Razanski and Arnold Spotts.....

Happy Birthday to: Lila Schepler, Esther Dietrich and Helen Fladwed.....

Announcing a Symposium on

THE FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES AND RESOURCES
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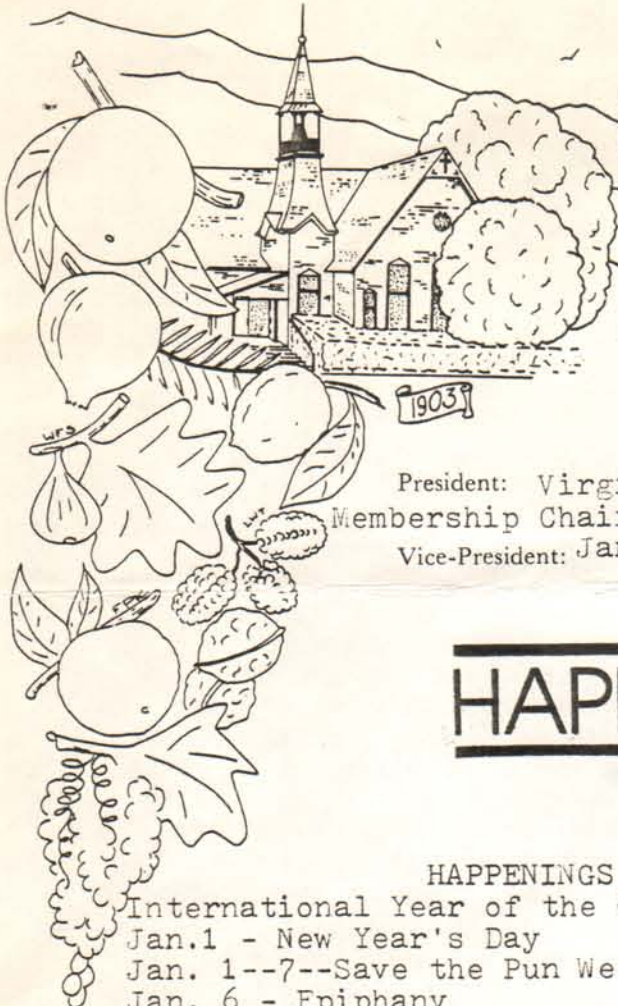
Special Guest Speaker

Friday, January 26, and Saturday, January 27, 1979

at

The University of California, Santa Barbara
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News Items

Jim and Celia Woodman traveled to Phoenix, Ariz. on Dec. 31st and Jan.1st to attend the Silver Wedding Anniversary of cousins, Vern and Fran Pinkerton.. We knew only a few days ahead of time so with all the rumors of delayed plane travel because of storms, we had no idea that we could get reservations, but that very efficient Bill Schepler was able to get us night reservations, which was fine - no trouble in going early Sunday morning, but after 2 wonderful days of dining and partying, we had them take us to the airport at 10 PM, even though we knew our plane wouldn't leave until 12"05 AM. When we looked at the board for departure, it read "plane delayed until 2 AM", then 3AM, then 4AM and we finally left at 5AM. It's really uncomfortable to either sit or try to sleep on those hard benches--and did you ever get so hungry that you would eat a hot dog with mustard at 4Am? But I guess we were lucky, many other people had to wait more than the 7 hours that we waited, because of the storms in the east.

Milton Parsons, Chatsworth Historical Society nominee, was awarded the 1978 "Man of the Year" award of the Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce in ceremonies at the Woodland Hills Country Club, Sat., Jan. 6, 1979.

Our president, Virginia Watson, presented the award to Milton listing the numerous cultural accomplishments he has had from the Cookie Jar Theatre to helping found the congregation of St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church and its Drama Guild. Other activities included training children for the theatre, organizing the "Chatsworth Summer Theatre"; researching, writing, producing and directing "Arts in the Bible" plus being master of ceremonies. Assisting the Chatsworth Methodist Church in its Diamond Jubilee; writing, producing and directing "A Cavalcade of History" on the 100th anniversary of the statehood of California; and for many, many hours of benefit performances at local events.

In his gracious acceptance speech Mr. Parsons thanked the group saying, "I never won an Oscar--but this is better." Beside him for the whole evening, smiling and sharing as always in his accomplishments was his wife Colette.

Representing the historical society at the event were Virginia; Jane Matthews; Lila & Bill Schepler; Mrs. Eleanor Schepler; Frank & Lillian Schelper; Eileen and Chuck Janess.

Madge Hutchinson was in charge of the event and Leonard Chenard was chairman of the awards committee. Also at the event were Adrienne & Donald Gudin; Marshall & Bea Berman; Sheelagh & Keith Watts.

Sheelagh presented the "Woman of the Year Award" to Roberta Weinstein, who has been an active community worker for 20 years. Roberta founded and has continued to work for the Youth Employment Agency; been an active Coordinating Council worker; parade committee worker; and has continued the local "Talk-In" for 10 years.

Retired Chief Davis was again installed as honorary mayor and the new officers for the year were installed.

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"HOW THE WEST VALLEY WAS WON" is the title of our newest display in the Great Western Bank in the Northridge Plaza, placed there at the request of the bank president Sandy Dorr. It shows pictures and artifacts of how this end of the Valley developed and we have a model dressed in a sun bonnet & calico dress hoeing a garden as Minnie Hill Palmer used to do.

It was put in by a committee of Jane Matthews, Bill, Lila, Frank, Lillian & Virginia. It took two days of work to do it plus many hours of planning, but it was worth it. Do stop by and see the display.

Reported by - Virginia Watson

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A BIG WELCOME to Marian Hyland who was appointed to the post of treasurer by the executive board to fill the vacancy of the departing Esther Dietrich. Thanks Marian for accepting we know you'll do a fine job.

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We will truly miss Esther--at our last Board meeting, she is so efficient that she had the check written for "The Old House Journal" before we had voted for it. The Historical Soc. of the Centinela Valley (Inglewood) asked us to make these announcements: 1/14/79 - 7PM-4th Slide Show - Waddingham Home - "Life of Women in Frontier Army Posts" - \$1 donation. 1/20/79 - 9:30 AM Mini-Conf. of Assoc. Historical Societies of L.A. County, in El Monte. See the brochure - meeting on Tues. night. Also, remember when I told you if you missed the Barbershop Harmony of the San Fernando Valley, that you should not miss it this year. Call Jim Summers 341-2724, for reservations or you will be too late.

Friday, February 2, 1979 - 7:59 P.M.
Saturday, February 3, 1979 - 7:59 P.M. John Burroughs High School, 1920 Clark Ave. Burbank