

Chatsworth Historical Society

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Smoke Signal

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HAPPENINGS OF THE MONTH

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| 1 - April Fools Day | 14 - Pan American Day |
| Cancer Control Month | 15-21 Bike Safety Week |
| National Home Improvement Month | 17 - CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY ** MEETING |
| 1-8 National Library Week | 19 - Rockpointe 10th Anniversary |
| 7 - 9 AM "Pin a Yellow Ribbon on our Old Oak Tree"..... | 22-28 Secretaries Week |
| 8 - Palm Sunday | 24 - 7-9 PM Chatsworth Park Elementary School-Open House |
| 12 - Passover | Our Mini-museum - Room 19 |
| 13 - Good Friday | |
| 15 - Easter | |
| April 29 - Daylight savings time begins..... | |

April Meeting: Glendale Federal Savings and Loan -- Tuesday April 17 -- Social Hour 7:30 PM -- meeting starts at 8:00 PM. Election of new officers, and a Surprise program -- Jane Matthews always has something special for us.

Our Installation of new officers will be held at the Chapel of the Canyon; 9012 Topanga Canyon Blvd. at our May meeting (Tues. May 15). This will be a dinner meeting - cost \$5.00 - Jane asks that you call her by MAY 8 for reservations. That will be before the next Smoke Signal, so DON'T FORGET!!! Call: Jane Matthews -- 881-7523. Don't miss hearing Reverend Father Vaughn at the Grand Piano. He has many recordings - R.C.A. for Capitol Records.... Friendship Hour will be 6:30 -- Roast Beef Dinner will be served at 7:30....

Also..... Save this date: (because it will be too late when you receive the next Smoke Signal) Saturday - May 12th - a field trip to Mentryville. We will leave Hughes Parking lot at 9:00 AM; bring friends; tell your neighbors; bring your own picnic lunch. (Robert W. Morgan for vacationing Dick Whittenghill).

Saturday, April 7th was a GRAND day for Chatsworth ----- Robert W. Morgan from K.M.P.C. had been talking every morning about saving the Oak Trees - it was getting more exciting and more exciting - more people were becoming interested - enthusiasm was being accelerated to the point of a Grand Finale: At 9:00 AM Mr. Morgan and his staff, the news media from Valley News, L. A. Times, Citizen News and SMOKE SIGNAL and most of the members of the Historical Society in Pioneers costume were there. Dennis Moran, President of Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce and more of their members, as well as representatives from the Woman's Club, Chatsworth Park Elementary School, Helen Treend from Friends of Heritage and Native Trees, members of Santa Susana Mountain Park Assoc., Girl Scouts of Chatsworth and the Los Angeles Unified Schools' Award Winning Marching Band and Drill Team from El Camino High School were there. A unique "foursome" were all set up for KMPC First Aid - splints, crutches, bandages, syringes (giant size), stretcher and intravenous set-up - all in nurses' uniforms. It looked as good as Emergency One on TV. I don't know if they would have been as efficient, as we had no accidents. This team, Joanne Dowling, Linda Dempster, Bob and Mary Wahl came from Westminster and Glendale for the Blessed Event! At 9:05 we were LIVE on the air. Mr. Morgan was there to present to Chats. Hist. Soc. a beautiful plaque of this Historic Occasion, it had been donated to KMPC by Galaxie Awards, Tom Mew from El Monte, AND to tie a "Yellow Ribbon on the Old Oak Tree". The beautiful yellow bow and ribbon were given by "The Flowerbox" of Santa Monica. The ribbon was cut with Giant Scissors by Dennis Morgan. Many pictures were taken, but we have been unable to find out who took some of them. If you have any of this information, please contact us.



Picture: Virginia Watson with the plaque standing by the picture of the Old Oak Tree in Pioneer Days and the bow that was tied around the same tree today.

YOU CAN HELP SAVE OUR OAK TREES by signing a petition, writing to the Board of Supervisors and attending the meetings - there will be 3 more meetings -- For further information call Helen Treehd 883-9701, 360-6587, 349-3526.

Native Oak Trees that inhabit many of our hillsides and valleys in the County and the City and the State are in grave danger. Some of these trees are over 700 years old and are an integral part of the history of California. They speak of serenity and of a time remembered as an antidote to the rush and pressure of everyday life. The Oak Trees are now at the mercy of whoever buys and develops the land. DON'T LET THE OAKS BE INDISCRIMINATELY DESTROYED, UNTIL ONLY A FEW ARE LEFT. You are urged to write and call the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles City Council urging support of the Oak Tree Ordinances.

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COUNTY ORDINANCE N. 137. Passed by the County Board of Supervisors on 2/6/79. It is an urgency ordinance for a period of 4 months. At the end of that time another hearing will be scheduled in front of the County Board of Supervisors for a continuation of time. It protects all but 5 oak trees on each parcel of land until a permanent permit procedure for all oaks can be prepared and passed. We urge rapid acceleration of this ordinance.

CALL AND WRITE TO: COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 500 W. Temple, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Area Code 213-

Kenneth Hahn, Chairman 974-1111
Pete Schabarum, 974-2222
Edmund Edelman, 974-3333

James Hayes, 974-4444
Baxter Ward, 974-5555

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FRIENDS OF HERITAGE AND NATIVE TREES
BOX 1383, C.P., California 91304

The community of Rockpointe will be celebrating its 10th anniversary with a celebration May 19. There will be a parade, art show and crafts, bake-off, softball game, barbeque (reasonably priced) music festival and dance. It will be an all day affair starting at 1:00 P.M. The Historical Society has been asked to participate in the parade and activities.

Currently WE are working on the restoration of the Minnie Palmer House on our Homestead Acre - we still need old artifacts, pictures, tools, utensils, -- Most of the things that we already have can be seen in our Mini-museum at Chatsworth Park Elem. school at any time now Especially, you are invited to view the museum in room 19 Tues. April 24th from 7-9 PM during Open House. You will be thrilled to know that you and all of us have been able to gather together and to display such a complete unit in Our Town! A big "Thank You" to Ioline Cleve land and her committee.....

Rockpointe is surrounded by Chatsworth South and North park and is one of the largest condominium developments in the valley. By the end of the year when construction is completed there will be 750 homes. To date there are 650. It has its own Homeowners Association and is governed by a Board of Directors.....

Do you know anyone who is a Pioneer, either living here, or near enough that we could contact them for an Oral interview for Chatsworth and this area? If so, please call Lila Schepler 341-3447 or anyone in the Historical Soc.....

Keith and Sheila Watts will tie a yellow ribbon around their oak tree on Easter Sunday. When you see a ribbon around their oak tree, you will know their is some special event in their family -- At 8 PM on Channel 28 we can see their daughter, Heather, as she danced for President Carter at the White House. Keith and Sheila attended the performance and the reception that followed and report that it's very exciting to attend a White House function.....

Santa Susana Mountain Park Assoc., friends and interested citizens are working hard to maintain and sustain the land they are attempting to save for future posterity - the McDonald-Nichols property, Stage Coach Trail, hopefully Brandeis (former movie ranch) and other important parts of Santa Susana Pass. Call Jan Hingston 998-7231 or 998-7231 or 345-1102 for more inform (1) Old Time Movie Night & Variety Show with Buffet & Door Prizes-April 28-7PM at the Schlitz Brown Jug, 7521 Woodman (2) Jan Hingston will be interviewed by Dennis Tibbetts on Channel 4 NBC @ 3:30 April 21, 1979 (Saturday). She will show slides and talk about our beautiful Santa Susana Mts. and Simi Hills. (3) Assemblyman Robert Cline has just completed Bill AB 949 recently filed in Sacramento as a stand-by measure regarding the McDonald-Nichols property

Heather Watts, a soloist with the New York City Ballet and a former valley resident will perform at the White House in Washington, D.C., as guest of President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter on Saturday, Feb. 24.

corps de ballet. During the last three years she has danced principal roles in most of the ballets in the company's repertory.

She will be partnered by Mikhail Baryshnikov and the two will dance the pas de deux from George Balanchine's ballet, "Rubies," to music by Igor Stravinsky. The performance will be televised nationally on Easter Sunday, April 15.

In 1977, Danish dancer and choreographer Peter Martins created his first ballet on Miss Watts and Daniel Duell titled "Calcium Light Night," to the music of Charles Ives. The ballet received wide critical acclaim for the dancers and the choreographer and is now in the company's repertory. This season Miss Watts was cast by Jerome Robbins as the soloist in the "Winter" sequence of his new ballet, "The Four Seasons," and it too was greeted well by the critics.

Miss Watts grew up in Chatsworth and attended Columbus Junior High and Chatsworth High School before accepting a Ford Foundation Scholarship at age 15 to attend the official school of the New York City Ballet, the School of American Ballet and continuing high school at New York's Professional Children's School.

Miss Watts trained locally with Sheila Rozann of Chatsworth and Natalia Clare of North Hollywood. She is the daughter of Chatsworth residents Keith Watts, an engineer with Rocketdyne, and Sheila Watts, a Chronicle staff reporter.

The diligent farmer plants trees of which he himself will never see the fruit.
Cicero

Rain that falls in springtime is like the handclasp of a friend.
Author Unknown



A little bird told me
(but I already knew)...

It's Springtime and Easter and Passover, too..

As God's promise is made known
In the loveliness of spring,
May you know all the happiness
That Easter time can bring...

And may the beauties of His world
Hold many joys for you
Throughout this holy season

And in days that follow, too.

Mindy Berman, daughter of Bea
and Marshall Berman, will be
celebrating her Bat Mitzvah, Fri.
May 11 - Congregational Beth
Kodesh in Canoga Park.*****
Peace be within thy walls...
Peace be within thee.

PSALM 122:7-8

Happy Passover

As you gather for the Seder

At this happy time of year,

With members of your family

And others you hold dear,

May the blessings of the Lord

Be with each one of you,

Through the eight glad days of Pesach

And throughout the whole year, too.

Remember, we reported the arrival of twin boys to Gary and Christie Johnson on Valentines? The following is a copy of the darling poem written by the maternal grandmother.....

Double blessing	This is somewhat
Double joys	In reverse
Gary and Christie	Joseph Lynn
Have two boys	Arrived here first
Really should say	Checking in
They have three	At six-fourteen
Since Jerry's	Six-twenty, Jason
In the family	Joined the scene

What I started	All goes well
Out to say	Maternal and paternal
February fourteenth	As for the twins
Was the day	They are fraternal
The Johnson family	When stork and cupid
Added twins	Talents combine
Jason Maynard	We really love
and Joseph Lynn	Our Valentines

Dianna Jeanne

Special Easter Services will be held at the following Chatsworth Churches:

Chatsworth United Methodist - "Sunrise" Service in the orange grove - 7 AM - pancake breakfast 7:30 AM - Divine Services - 9 and 10:30 AM

Holy Shepherd Luthern: Sunrise Services on the patio - 6 AM followed by Easter Breakfast.... Divine Service at 10:15 AM.....

Congregational Church of Chatsworth: Sunrise Service 5:30 AM - Outside church.....

St John Eudes Catholic Church: Easter Masses 7 -- 8 -- 9:30 AM.....

West Valley Christian Church (Assembly of God) Easter Cantata -- 6 PM. "The Last Week".....

Chatsworth Foursquare Church: The young people 5 are sponsoring a Sunrise Service - Reseda Park AM.

Unable to contact the other churches for inform-- *****

Welcome to new members: Marlyn Luckey - 10938 Belmar, Northridge - 91326

Bill Wilkinson - 17323 Rinaldi, Granada Hills Mike Lauritzen (Pres. of Chats. Park Adv. Coun.)

Happy Birthday to: Ioline Cleveland, Bob Swartz, Larry McCoy, Tom Woodard, Iva Basil, Marion

Hyland, and Jeffrey Mitchell and belated March birthdays omitted Brian Mitchell & Jan Hingston.

FLASH!!!

Catherine Mulholland granddaughter of Wm. Mulholland, who was the engineer responsible for bring the water to the Valley, will be our speaker at our meeting Tuesday She is the author of "Calabaras Girls" and working on methods of Historical Research. Her topic will be: "Social Research



Sources". The Paschal Candle... symbol of the light of faith in our lives and the flame of love in our hearts for the Risen Christ.