

Chatsworth Historical Society

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Smoke Signal

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HAPPENINGS OF THE MONTH

Mental Health Month

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| 1 - May Day | 12 - Tour of Mentryville |
| 5 - Cinco de Mayo | 15 - CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND INSTALLATION of OFFICERS and Dinner at Chapel in the Canyon..... |
| 6--12 - National Be Kind to Animals Week | 19 --Armed Forces Day |
| 6--12 - National Family Week | 19 - Rockpointe 10th Anniversary |
| 6--12 - National Music Week | 28 - Memorial Day..... |
| 13 - Mother's Day | |
| 17--26 - International Pickle Week (How about that?) | |
| 22--National Maritime Day..... | |

CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL INSTALLATION MEETING -- May 15 -- Friendship Hour 6:30 -- Roast Beef Dinner served at 7:30 -- Location: Chapel in the Canyon-9012 Topanga Canyon, Canoga Park. Musical Program by Jane Matthews ++ Hear Reverend Father Vaughn at the Grand Piano. He is a recording artist with R.C.A. for Capitol Rec.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Members & Friends:

This is the last president's message I will be sending you as our next meeting is the installation dinner meeting and our new president Jane Matthews will be taking over immediately afterward.

Last installation our theme was "Lights, Camera, Action" and I pledged a year of action. I must say we saw a lot of action, but we also did a lot of planning, a lot of setting the stage, getting the lights and camera ready first.

My first taste of action came when straightening out the tangle we had become involved in with the Franchise Tax Board over the forms and our incorporation papers. Lucky we have been a meticulous group and have saved all our records to show what we have done. We now don't have to fill out those long "Charitable Trust" forms and 199-B or what ever from the state for 5 years (or unless we have over \$5000 income).

It has been a busy year. We accomplished our goal of becoming the conservators for the "Homestead Acre" and got recognition for the new name we gave Minnie Hill Palmer's house and garden.

Another early action on my part was the time I spent filling out forms and gathering information to send to Sara Wright of the mayor's office petitioning to get the Homestead Acre named to the National Register of Historic Places. So far we haven't received any notice and are still awaiting news of whether we will be accepted, but we have done all we can.

We finally got our "How The West Valley Was Won" exhibit on display in the Great Western Federal Savings and worked very closely with the Boy Scouts of Troop 226. Just last month they had their Eagle Court and 3 members received their Eagle Award--2 of the boy's having helped us as part of their projects. Two more boys are presently helping us to get our monuments in order. We also worked closely with the CETA program and with the Dept. of Recreation and Parks. Last October we dedicated the sign that Brian Hayes made for the Pioneer Church as part of his project.

Our Oral history committee got several good tapes this year and both CSUN and UCLA copied our tape of Kelly Johnson made by Lila & Bill Schepler. WE also worked closely with both universities on the program and the taping of Queenie Billingsly.

And what a night we had when our own Milton Parsons was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce for his volunteer work in our community!

Our meetings have been well-attended and our board meetings have been genuine work sessions with everyone working hard, making reports, making decisions and cooperating with one another to accomplish our goals.

I have to say that I think we have had the "World's Best Executive Board" this year and I would like to say thank you to all of them and all of you for the opportunity to participate in such a wonderful year.

We had to say "goodbye" to two of our members the last week in April--Ed & Esther Dietrich (two of the "World's Best Executive Board Members) moved to Washington. But they will get our "Smoke Signal" and they were part of our wonderful group for almost all of the year.

We have heard the assistant director call "Lights, Camera, Action" and the familiar "Roll 'em" has rung out as we got our year's film under way. Now the film is almost over--after our Mentryville Trip and our installation it will be "in the can" (a way of saying finished in the film industry) ready to be shown to the public. We can sit back and enjoy the fruits of our labors.

Now it is time to turn our attention to something else. Come to the installation to see what Jane has chosen for her theme and find out what she plans for the year.

Thanks again to everyone in the society and especially thanks to "The World's Best Executive Board".

See you at the installation!

Virginia Watson

If you receive this paper in time to join us in the tour to Mentryville - please meet at Hughes Market Parking Lot - 9:00 A.M. Saturday May 12th--- We will car-pool (if we can get gas!) and each family to bring sack lunch.

If you are planning to see our Mini-Museum in Room 19 at Chatsworth Park Elementary School -- you should hurry! You only have to May 31st. We have received so many good comments and have had some very important visitors. We believe that most of the 500 parents coming to Open House were there. Members of the Chatsworth Historical Society were there in costumes of the period. The antique tub and wringer stand was the "main" event. It was brought from Colorado by the Woodmans (Colo. was their childhood home - both Celia and Jim spent many a day washing by hand and wringing the clothes from tub to tub and back again. Most every child that attended the museum that night had an opportunity to wring a "rag".

The Assistant Superintendent of the Area Office was one of the visitors. He was very impressed as were teachers and pupils from other schools.....

THE "BIG 10" ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE of ROCKPOINTE sends a special invitation to everyone to join in their celebration -- SATURDAY, MAY 19th-----
A parade kicks off the Big Day at 1:00 P.M. - marchers, floats, antique cars starting at Chatsworth North. A varied amount of talent of the Rockpointers will be seen at the exhibits of arts and crafts and culinary gifts - 2-4 PM in Club House Area. Homeowners vs. Gardeners -- Softball in the park. EVENING ACTIVITIES: Barbeque, Music Festival and Dance until 11 PM. Join the crowd, you may brush elbows with Chatsworth's Mayor, Ed Davis or Congressman Barry Goldwater. Sooooo bring your autograph book!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PRESERVING
SOME OF THE HISTORY OF CHATSWORTH?

- ||| Save your white elephants, clothes and other discards.
- ||| Donate them to the Chatsworth Historical Society for
- ||| their annual yard sale the second week end in June.
- ||| Proceeds are used for various projects of historical
- ||| significance. Some recent projects include:

For further information or pickup call:

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Marion Hyland	882-1852

1. Pioneer Church at Oakwood.
2. Oral history tapes.
3. History of Chatsworth in slides.
4. Mini-Museum at Chatsworth Park School.
5. Minnie-Hill Palmer Homestead acre (to be developed).

Or you may deliver to the Clevelands at 10347 Jordan Avenue, Chatsworth, at any time.

News:

Gerald and Fern Jack just returned from a wonderful month in Hawaii. A delightful evening was spent with Ted and Judy Tenbrook. Judy is the daughter of Ralph and Peggy Christianson. Dinner was delicious and Judy is a gracious hostess.....

..... Eleanor Schepler returned by plane from New Orleans where she was visiting her grandson, Eddie Schepler....

..... Jim and Betty Summers finally got to enjoy the Ramona Pageant at Hemet...

..... Bill and Lila Schepler went fishing and camping -- Bill caught 6 fish!!!!

..... Jeffrey Berman will receive his M.D. from U.S.C. School of Medicine-June 2

..... Cathe Cleveland was graduated May 6th with a Teacher's Credential and already has an offer of a school.....

..... Virginia Watson, Linn and Marlys Stuckenbruck went on a cruise to Santa Cruz with the California Historical Society April 28th.....

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A Going-Away Party was held at the home of Jim and Celia Woodman for Ed and Esther Dietrich by the Board members of the Chatsworth Historical Society. It was a delightful evening and we were especially honored by having Esther's brother Bob Liddel and his lovely wife, Fran.....

..... All members of the Chatsworth Historical Society are expected to work on the Yard Sale at Ioline and Everett Cleveland's Home - 10347 Jordan Ave., Chatsworth. Save and bring paper bags.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
Betty Grill

Doris Van Aken
Renate Mitchell

Frankie Spangler
Derek Woodman

Mona Woodman

And whoever hasn't told me May Birthday

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Santa Susana Mt. Park Assoc. wants to thank Chatsworth Historical Society and all the friends who wrote letters and sent telegrams to help save the land they are trying to preserve. The bill AB 949 has been approved by every committee except the one May 21st. If you could please send correspondence or telegram to Terry Goggins, Public works Board Representative - Assembly at Sacramento before May 21st - then it will be put on the desk of the Governor

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Memories are forget-me-nots gathered along life's way pressed close to the human heart into a perennial bouquet.

Clara Smith Reber

May Baskets

Milly Walton

Do you remember back in childhood
How we loved the first of May,
When we left our flower-filled baskets
On doorsteps, then ran away?

Do you remember how the gayest basket
Was for the one we loved the best,
And in it went the blossoms
That were fairer than the rest?

Such a beautiful and gracious custom,
Somehow lost along the way . . .
But its memories come surging
As I welcome in the May.

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MEMORIAL DAY

With true patriotic fervor Americans have thrown themselves into the celebration of this glorious event, and wherever they may be, few of them forget to hold festival in honor of the birthday of the nation.

The four years of the Civil War, from 1861 to 1865, cost the lives of many thousands of brave men. The custom grew up in the South of strewing flowers on the graves of Confederate soldiers who had been lost in that sorrowful conflict, and in different parts of the South different days were chosen to observe this beautiful custom. Presently, in the North, General John A. Logan, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, set aside May 30 as Decoration Day for the graves of Union soldiers who had died in the Civil War. Later, the name was changed to Memorial Day, the better to voice the feelings of those who observed it. Each year the governor of each of the northern and western states proclaims May 30 as a legal holiday. Most of the southern states call the day of observance Confederate Memorial Day and prefer to keep the various dates which they had originally chosen.

HONOR THY MOTHER



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Primary Song.

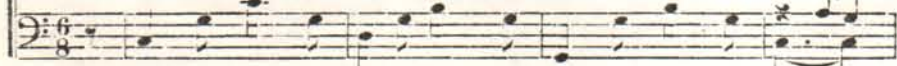
LIZZIE DEARMOND.

A LITTLE SONG FOR MOTHERS.

IRA B. WILSON.



1. A lit - tle song for moth - er, Our friend so good and true;
2. Our thanks to her we'll ren - der, On each and ev - 'ry day,
3. Her prais - es we are sing - ing, God sent her from a - bove.



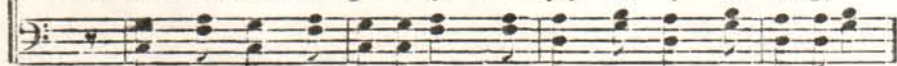
We'll nev - er find an - oth - er, Such kind - ly things to do,
For thoughtful care and ten - der, That brightens all³ our way,
From heaven's por - tals bring - ing A moth - er's end - less love.



CHORUS.



We'll wave our blos - soms gai - ly, While joy - ful - ly we sing,



"Our true heart's love, dear mother, To you we glad - ly bring."²



GESTURES.—1. Wave flowers while singing first three lines of chorus. 2. Hold flowers out.
3. Describe a semi-circle outwards with flowers. 4. Hold flowers up high.

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Recitation.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHER.

God bless all mothers on this day,
God bless them every one,
And make the path they walk to-day
Bright as a ray of sun.
God help us all to do our part,
Each day to start anew,
To lend a helping hand and heart,
And make our prayers come true.
God help each one of us to see
Just what our mothers need,
For if we know then we can make
Them very glad indeed.
Make each of us a ray of light,
A sunbeam on their way,
Help us to make the days all bright,
And each a mother's day.

—May Justus.

Exercise for Four Little Girls.

"MY MOTHER."

(Each speaker breaks quickly in on the preceding one.)

No. 1.

Of all the mothers in the world,
I have the very best,
The dearest one, the sweetest one,
Apart from all the rest,
She has the very gayest smile,
Her eyes just seem to shine,
My mother is thy finest one
Of all—

No. 2.

(Interrupting.) Why, so is mine!
She knows just all and everything,
She's wise as wise can be,
And anything that I don't know
She can explain to me.
There's nothing that she doesn't know,
And nothing she can't do,
My mother is the very best
Of all—

No. 3.

And mine is, too!
She sings as well as opera folks
The songs I like to hear,
And she can make a pretty dress
For me or dolly dear,
She reads me stories every night,
Plays any kind of game,
My mother is the best of all—

No. 4.

And mine is just the same!
It's plain, we never can agree,
And so we'll let it rest,
And say that all our mothers are
The sweetest and the best.

—E. S. Tillotson.

Recitation for a Boy.

MOTHER'S SOCIETIES.

My mother's a "joiner," daddy says,
Some of them I forget,
But the names of all her societies,
Take most of the alphabet.

There's the Y. W. C. A., and the D. of R.,
And the W. C. T. U.
And then there's the W. F. M. S.,
And the W. H. M. S. too.

And I got her to join another one,
Just the other day,
It's where they talk about my school,
And they call it the P. T. A.

And of course of all these clubs and things,
There are meetings quite a few,
And so she has to go a lot,
And they give her a lot to do.

But mother says there's another one,
She likes more than the rest,
And though they all are well and good,
To this she gives her best.

This club she calls the "D. and J."
That means Daddy and Jim;
Now I am Jim, and I tell you,
She stands by me and him.

Without her, I s'pose, those societies,
Would get along some way or other;
But I want to say, the "D. and J."
Can't get along without mother.

—May M. Brewster.

Dialog.

HOW TO HELP MOTHER.

(Dialog for three small children, and older girl.)

First Child.

How can I help mother dear?
I'm so very small,
I can't cook, or sweep, or dust,
Or do those things at all.

Older Girl.

Why not just be kind and true,
And do what mother wants you to?
That's the very nicest way
That you can help her every day.

Second Child.

How can I help mother dear,
I should like to know?
How can I help to cheer her path
Wherever she may go?

Older Girl.

Just be her little sunbeam bright,
Shine and shine with all your might,
Twill make her cheery all the while,
If you will wear a sunny smile.

Third Child.

How can I help mother dear?
She's so good to me,
I should like something to do
To pay her back, you see.

Older Girl.

That is very easy quite,
Mother loves you day and night,
Love her, my child, with all your heart;
That is the way to do your part.

Older Girl.

On this you can all depend,
Mother is your truest friend;
Best of happiness and cheer
Is none too good for mother dear.
Will you live for her each day,
Love and help her on the way,
And her life with gladness fill?

Children together.

Yes, indeed, of course, we will!

—Carolyn R. Freeman.