

baking cupcakes or helping at the party: Jane Mathews, Celia Woodman, Raylene Rubin, Betty Summers, Marian Hyland, Fern Jack, Lillian Schepler, Virginia Watson, Virginia's charming mother, Violet Wilson. A highlight of the event was the reading a letter signed by President Jimmy and Mrs. Rosalynn Carter. Beaming relatives included Minnie's son, LeRoy, daughter Edith Butler, Grandaughter Val and Great Grandaughter, Dawn Jenkins.

The next event is our annual Christmas potluck - this year a tea on Sunday, December 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. Y'all come - and bring finger sandwiches, cookies or some delicious offering.

In the meantime I want to wish all of you a happy holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year. Sheelagh

Hannukkah, December 3 St. Nicholas Day, December 6 Remember Pearl Harbor 1941 Human Rights Day, December 10 **CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S

**CHRISTMAS TEA - Sunday, Dec. 14th 2-4PM at
Homestead Acre Museum - Chatsworth Park So.* Christmas, Dec. 25 - New Years Eve, Dec. 31

Other events: Watch papers for Los Angeles Bicentennial Events -- Elva Meline is Chairman of History Committee for the Bicentennial. There will be a series of tours. She wants someone from each Historical Society to work on the committee. Are you interested? Madge Feinberg is the Valley Bicentennial Chairman. We missed the 10th Annual Christmas Faire at Heritage Square. We hope there will be others. If you learn about one, please let us know in time for Smoke Signal. Call Editor 347-8569.

Visit Glendale Federal to see Betty Summer's display of Antique and Collectible Toys. Do you have other "Display Ideas?" Call Betty 341-2714.

Are you saving your books and magazines (especially cookbooks and Science magazines) for the Big January book sale? Call Ioline Cleveland - 341-1529 Book Sale Jan. Jan. 23-24-25 - Bring your books and magazines to Dec. or Jan. meeting or call Cleveland 341-2714, Woodman 347-8569 or Schepler 341-3447 for pick-up, or take to Sheelagh's florist shop (Nature's Flower Garden - 21000 Devonshire). Please help - this is our second largest fund-raiser......



SOCIETY WELL REPRESENTED AT PARK ASSN.

10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

When the Santa Susana Mountain Park Assn. (SSMPA) was organized, no one quite realized how difficult and challenging it would be for the group to accomplish its rather ambitious goal: to create a recreational and historical park in 80 square miles of the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains. Now, ten years and many disappointments later, the Assn. is acutely aware of the enormity of the task it has undertaken, according to Founder and current President Janice Hinkston.

But at the SSMPA 10th anniversary celebration held in Chatsworth a few weeks ago, it was evident that despite the setbacks, much progress has been made. The standing room only crowd heard Jan, SSMPA Vice-President Glenn Bailey, Foundation President Cynthia Fichtner review the history of the group to date. Positive accomplishments are the designation of the Stagecoach Trail and surrounding property on the National Register of Historic

Glenn Bailey & Jan Hingston @ 10 Ann. Places and the acquisition of approximately 300 acres by the State of California for a State Historical Park. SSMPA reaffirmed that preservation of the Stagecoach Trail and adjacent historical sites is top priority for the next year, a goal enthusiastically supported by all.

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Society members present to enjoy the presentation, entertainment and anniversary cake were: Lillian Shepler, Celia Woodman, Doris Dosser, Winifred Widney,
Nancy Razanski and Jan Hinkston. Your Society donated a lovely flower arrangement
to mark the occasion.

by Glenn Bailey

We urgently need letters to be written to Supervisor Mike Antonovich and the other Supervisors and to Councilman Hal Bernson asking that they support and approve the funds from the Dept. of Parks and Recreation in Sacramento for purchase of the Webster Property, which contains more of the Stage Coach Trail and other important scenic and historical points. Call Jan Hingston - 998-7231 or Nancy Razanski 341-3512 for more information if you can help. CW

Message from SAVE ORCUTT COMMINITY:

Los Angeles' 200th. Birthday will be celebrated by thousands of Angelinos in 1980-81. S.O.C. will be celebrating history by restoring and dedicating a museum at Crcutt Ranch Horticulture Center.

Save Orcutt Community, Inc. would like to restore the many historic photographs and other articles, and display them in the Orcutt house.. In order

to do this S.O.C. is announcing a fund-raising drive to cover the cost of this historical museum project. Please support our effort by sending a check today to the S.O.C. Museum Fund, Box 1383 Canoga Park, Calif. 91304.

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