

# Chatsworth Historical Society

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Jerri Spoehel, Community Relations Director of KCSM Radio Station at Cal State Northridge will be our March Speaker. Her topic will be: RADIO, PAST AND PRESENT.

Those of you who receive this paper will know that we have most of our meetings at at Glendale Federal Savings and Loan Assoc. - 21821 Devonshire in Chatsworth 7:30 PM Please share this paper with friends or neighbors - we wish for all of them to learn more about our city and our valley. If you miss even one issue of this paper you may miss something of great value. We urge you to send all news concerning important events to us as soon as possible. Historical events of Chatsworth will be printed in this paper; other news will be given to Sheelagh Watts - the Chronicle and to Virginia Watson, 341-3053, Valley News.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sheelagh Watts,  
President

Happy birthday, Chatsworth. Our March meeting will celebrate the filing of the deed in 1888 when the second part of the town's history started. The first part covered two millenium and the second part has covered only 92 years.

Lillian Schepler,  
1st Vice President

At the same meeting, the nominating committee will report. If you're interested in serving as an officer next year, give your name at the meeting. The election will be held in April.

Iolene Cleveland,  
2nd Vice President

The keepsake Chatsworth Historical Society calendar is selling very well -at \$3 it's a great buy. Several people have bought them to frame the individual pages - what a way to decorate the walls. Get your copy soon. Call 341-4489 if you're interested.

Marion Hyland,  
3rd Vice President

Eileen Janess,  
4th Vice President

We're planning an open house at the church in the near future, to introduce the church as a wedding and funeral chapel. We'll need help and if you can spare a few hours, please call Lila Schepler at 341-3447.

Betty Selvidge,  
Recording Secretary

Keith Watts,  
Treasurer

See you at the meeting

Sheelagh

Tricia Plucknett  
Corr. Secretary

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Virginia Watson,  
Curator

More about our Birthday Meeting on March 16th: This is the celebration of our 94th Birthday! Youth groups have been invited to participate and a birthday cake will be served. Hostesses for the event are Lila Schepler and Candy Craig, under the leadership of Eileen Janess, hospitality chairman. Cub Scout Troop 226, Chatsworth, will lead the Flag Salute.

Pioneer residents will be honored by Sheelagh Watts.

Charles Janess,  
Honorary Board Member

Betty Summers,  
Assistant Curator

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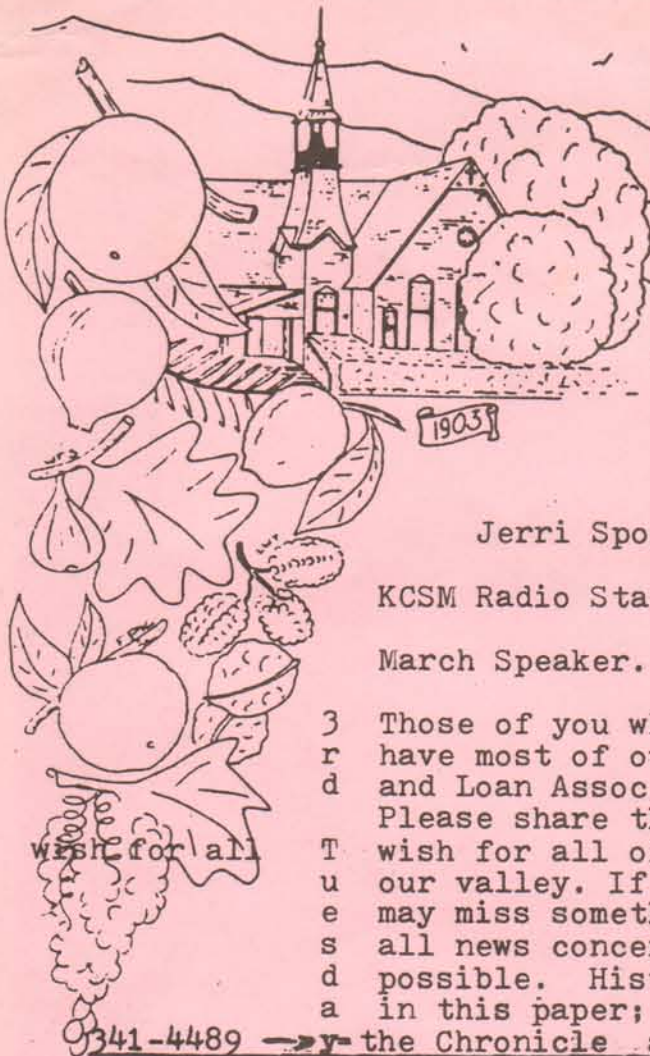
William Schepler,  
Member at Large

THE SECOND CELEBRATION OF CHATSWORTH'S BIRTHDAY will be an Open House from 2-4 p.m. Sunday March 28, at the PIONEER CHURCH in Oakwood Memorial Park.

Lila Schepler will be chairman of the event. Volunteers are needed to help with the event which will include a musical program, tours of the building, and an exhibit of photos, and snapshots of the moving of the church.

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TUESDAY - MARCH 30th at 7:30 p.m. in the Museum -- West Valley Oral History group will have their monthly meeting. You are welcome!



341-4489



NEWS:

A nostalgic reunion was held on Feb. 23rd by eight past presidents of the Chatsworth Women's Club, other members and a contingent of Sierra-Cahuenga District officers. This meeting also marked the club's traditional day of reciprocity and federation. Myrtle Bradley\* is the oldest living past president - she is proud to be active and 90 years old. She served (1937-39). Eleanor Schepler\* (1944-45), Kate Sheridan\* (1955-57), Grace Beyer (1958-59 and 1960-61), Lillian Baker\* (1968-70), Diane Vogelsang (1972-74), Lillian Schepler\* (1974-76) and Irene Nalbandian\* (1976-1978). Irene is also the current president

The Chatsworth Historical Society wish to congratulate this organization for all the fine work they do. The organization and all the starred names are current members of the Chatsworth Historical Society.

The Chatsworth Women's Club is the oldest Civic organization in Chatsworth. Its first president was Grace Hagerman, whom many of us knew. The Club had its first meeting in 1921.

We are grateful to them for the many gifts and other assistance that they have given. They furnished the Bridal Room in the Pioneer Church, and were very active in giving assistance in funds and service when the church was moved. They gave our lovely dining room furniture and many money gifts to our Minnie Palmer House and Museum and are now busy helping to sell our beautiful Historical Calendars. LONG LIVE THE CHATSWORTH WOMENS CLUB! (I stand corrected - the Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce was first--1915)

We had no new members this past month, but are looking forward to many new members for next year with YOUR help. It is the responsibility of each one of us. The slate of new officers to be elected for 1982-83 will be presented by the nominating committee at our next meeting.

This will be the last issue of the Smoke Signal to those who have not paid their dues, unless you would like to send \$5.00 to cover the cost of printing and first class mail. We will miss you - we need each one to make a successful THE GREATEST Chatsworth Historical Society!

As your editor I need to receive all new by the first Monday at the Board meeting or call me 347-8569. Celia Woodman

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For those who blew in in March -- a Happy Birthday! Wanda Daugherty, Henry Watson, Virginia Watson, Mardi Clark, Jane Matthews, Henry Berkemeyer Eleanor Schepler, Marlys Stuckenbruck, Bob Dager, Arnold Hanson, Jan Hingston and HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHATSWORTH 1888!!!!

Visit the Egg Collection that will be shown during the month of April at Glendale Federal by our Display Chairman, Betty Summers. Do you have an interesting collection that could be enjoyed by those visiting Glendale Federal? If so, please contact Betty Summers - 341-2714.....

Are you saving your antiques, collectibles and junk for our big event in June (probably June 5th & 6th) according to our fund-raiser, Ioline Cleveland? Someone will pick up anything you have for our annual Yard-Sale - our largest money-making event!

We have learned that the beautiful antique Willow-ware dishes, gracing the dining table in the Minnie Palmer House, were donated by Life Member, Leonard Chenard. Thank you, and all others who continue to give!

Many new scraps of material have been donated to make the pot-holder sunbonnets that we will have for the gift shop in the museum, however, we NEED someone to help make them, could you donate a little time? call 882-1852

Peggy Stichweh, daughter of Bill and Corinne Henry presented the book, BEHIND THE HEADLINES WITH BILL HENRY, by Patricia Henry Yeomans, to our Frank Schepler Memorial Library. It was given to Chuck Janess after he attended the funeral services for her mother, Corinne Henry, who had passed away on Feb. 26th. She was laid to rest beside her beloved, Bill, in beautiful Oakwood Memorial Park. We remember Corinne, as we do Bill, with fond memories - they were long time residents of Chatsworth. We send our condolences to the family.....

Chatsworth Beautiful, an organization that worked hard for many years to keep our town beautiful and to save important things for the future has disbanded as an organization. They had \$99.00 left in the treasury, which they have given \$49.50 to our Historical Society and the other half to the Spastic Children's Center. Thank you!

THERE S SOMETHING FOR ALL OF US HERE

If you can't be our President, Then offer yourself an office to take one that is lesser, but has its place. How about phone calls to make? Remember..... We can t all be the captains, Some must be the crew.

There's something for all of us here, There's much, much work to do..... The garden, the House, museum, too.

If you can't be a highway Then just be the trail, If you can't be the sun be a star; If you can't give your time, We'll take your money, even a dime; But give us yourself whoever you are!

Celia