



Chatsworth Historical Society

Box 302, Chatsworth, California 91313

MARCH 1986
Smoke Signal

ROAD TO YESTERDAY

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tuesday, March 18, 7:30 p.m.

A program by Candy Craig of the life of

THEODOSIA BURR SHEPHERD
Ventura, Calif.
1845-1906
California Pioneer

The woman responsible for the California seed and bulb industry. A quirky, self centered, haphazard lady whose driving energy conquered ill health, poverty and prejudice against women in business. Slides of Mrs. Shepherd, her nursery and early Ventura.



WE WILL BE CELEBRATING CHATSWORTH'S 98th BIRTHDAY AT THIS MEETING with a Birthday Cake and Chatsworth's "Special People" cutting and serving the cake and punch. The Program Chairman will always have a nostalgic Entertainment for this occasion. COME TO ENJOY!

OFFICERS FOR 1984-85	
1st VP Zena Thorpe (program)	882-3572
2nd VP Lillian Schepler (Ways/Mea)	341-2010
3rd VP Marian Hyland (Membership)	882-1852
4th VP Mildred Goff (Hospitality)	882-0381
Louise Roberts (Recording Sec.)	341-3796
Charles Janess (Treasurer and Honorary Board Member)	341-2828
Lila Schepler (Director of Docents and Permanent Board Member)	341-3447
Virginia Watson (Permanent Bd. Mem)	341-3053
Tricia Plucknett (Corres. Sec. and Asst. Dir. of Docents)	341-2008
William Schepler (Director of Photographic Materials)	341-3447
Betty Summers (Assist. Curator & Member at Large)	341-2714
Candy Craig (Co-Chairman-Grounds)	341-4461
Eileen Janess (Auditor)	341-2828
Ramon Avila (Member at Large)	341-2346
Dean Craig (Member at Large)	341-4461

CALENDAR of coming events.....

- March 15th...Annual Docents Council (9 to 12)
- March 18th . Chats. Hist. Soc. meeting & Birthday Celebration.....
- March 27th. Work Day at the Acre 9:30 a.m.
- April 15th . Election of New Officers
- May 4th 1 to 4pm (Sunday) ROSE FESTIVAL
- May 16th Abner's Yellow Barn extends a Special invitation to the Chatsworth Historical Soc. for an exciting Pioneer Day!
- May 11th ..Special Mother's Day Services at all our churches.....

OPEN HOUSE

At the Homestead Acre - Museum, Minnie Palmer House & Gardens.
FIRST SUNDAY of every month from 1 to 4 pm.
Location: 10385 Shadow Oak Drive - Chatsworth Park South

DOCENTS for next Open House Marian Hyland, Helen Thomas and Millie Goff

WORK DAY IS: Thursday - March 27th - getting museum ready for Open House, cleaning, painting rocks or using your talents in any way to enhance displays. ALSO come to Glendale Federal, any week day to see the beautiful, nostalgic display of old valentine cards that Betty Summers has arranged.

ATTENTION DOCENTS: Lila Schepler has planned for March 15th for the Annual Docent Council Meeting

OPEN HOUSE is also held on the first Sunday of the month (1 to 4pm) at THE PIONEER CHURCH, located in Oakwood Memorial Park - 22601 Lassen, Chatsworth. St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church holds services each Sunday morning - Morning Prayer - 9:30 am - Holy Communion, 10:00am
Visitors are welcomed at the services.

Do you always put our date upon your calendar?

Have you brought a friend or neighbor to our meetings?

Have you brought an out-of-town relative or friend to

Our Open House?

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Meetings: 3rd Tuesday—7:30 P.M.
Glendale Federal Savings & Loan
21821 Devonshire St.
Chatsworth, Calif. (Corner Vassar)

Annual Dues:

Single \$ 10.00
Couple 15.00
Life Membership (each) 100.00

Print Please:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Bring with you or mail to—

Chatsworth Historical Society
P.O. Box 3102
Chatsworth, California 91313

Tricia Plucknett, Chairman of Nominating Committee has submitted the following names to be published in the March Smoke Signal before the Election of Officers the April meeting:

President.....Lila Schepler
1st Vice President (program Chairman)
.....Ioline Cleveland
2nd Vice President (Ways and Means)
.....Lillian Schepler
3rd Vice President (Membership Chairman
& Director of Docents) Marian Hyland
4th Vice President (Hospitality)
.....Mildred Goff
Recording Secretary-Zena Thorpe
Treasurer & Honorary Board Member
.....Charles Janess
Curator.....Virginia Watson
Corresponding Sec...Tricia Plucknett
Director of Photographic Materials
.....William Schepler
Member at Large.....Betty Summers
Member at Large.....Ramon Avila
Director of Gardens.Candy Craig
Auditor.....Eileen Janess
Member at LargeDean Craig
Editor of Smoke Signal
.....Celia Woodman

Others may be nominated from the floor that evening, but that person must have been contacted and given consent prior to the nomination.

GET WELL GREETINGS.....

Everett Cleveland had successful surgery on that "bad" knee that has kept him from "hopping" about. He is not yet ready to kick a football, but it won't be long now. We certainly hope he will be ready to carry in those tons of books for our next year's book sale.

Millie Goff will still have to use her walker for another week following her left hip surgery (that I had misquoted to you as her feet in last Smoke Signal) Well. I am sorry, but even Editors can make a few mistakes!!

Bill Lanzendorf is recovering from Oral Surgery (all our dental members, please don't read this article as I probably have fantasied part of the story from my interview).. "skin around the lower gums was incised, floating bones were removed, then all sewed up again as good as new, except for pain and healing now in progress.

A SURPRISE LETTER was received by our Membership Chairman after our Open House on January. Someone was so enthusiastic about receiving the Smoke Signal that Marian told them they would always receive on if they would become a member. She gave them they literature and shereceived a letter back with \$105.00, dual membership for 7 months. We hope next month we can let them know that this can be a Life Member.

REMEMBER OUR MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN THE MUSEUM:

I wrote a short bereavement note in the last Smoke Signal about our Margaret Ruffalo. I had just learned of her death on the morning that I was finishing it. A few of our members were able to attend her funeral mass on Feb.12 Several members of the Chats. Hist. Soc. and the Esther Fellowship have given toward the Memorial Plaque. Donation to this Memorial can be sent to your Editor, Celia Woodman, 8867 Farralone Av., Canoga Park 91304 or to Charles Janess, Box 3102 Chatsworth, CA,91313. When we have received at least \$100 we will have her name engraved upon the plaque.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

June Wangsgard came to our last meeting after she had attended a Luncheon honoring the Past Presidents of the Chatsworth Park Elementary School. We were delighted to see her and to have her attend the wonderful program on the program that Jane Matthews gave on African Sculpture. She was so impressed with what we were doing that she gave us a dual membership without even being asked. We are so happy to have these former Chatsworth residents, now living in Bishop, as our members. Val's mother, Lillian, lives with them part of the year. Son, Chris married, Kathy. They have one son, Jonathon Their other son, Neil, is living in Reno, Nevada They are both retired. Val plays tennis and rides horses, June rides and drives horses. In case you are in Bishop and want to call, the tel. is 619-387-2712. Address: 631 Houston Dr. Bishop, CA 93514 .

Another new member is Frances Rogers. I am sorry I did not get any information about her, but her address is: 3255 Villa Lane #133, Napa Calif. 94558. Tel. ...-252-7565 .

Many wonderful letters were received from the guests at the Johnson & Gray Reception and

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A \$50 donation was received from Wm. & Jean Rogers 26912 Aldeano - Mission Viejo, CA 92691

Mrs. Ruth Gray Edwards, whose mother is 96 years old and still alert, sent a beautiful jet beaded jacket and four pictures of early Chatsworth residents (you will just HAVE to come to the museum to see them!!)

Mr. & Mrs. Warren Graves sent \$105. Warren is Emma Graves son and Queenie Billings is her daughter.

We all owe a big debt of gratitude to Lila Schepler and her committee for all they did to have made this Reception such a great success. It brought many new friends and new members as well as gifts for the museum & historical data

Candy Craig has over 100 roses started that will be ready for the Rose Festival. She still needs more gallon containers, but even more she could use many 5-gallon containers. Please bring to the Acre and set just inside of chain link fence.

CONGRATULATIONS to our March Birthdays:

CHATSWORTH March 10, 1988

Henry Watson, Virginia Watson, Wanda Daugherty Mardi Clark, Diana Bartlett Mary Guilmette, Jane Matthews, Henry Berkemeyer, Hazel Wittenberg, Dora Golden, Eleanor Schepler, Marlys Stuckenbruck, Marshall Berman, Bob Dager, Arnold Hanson, Jan Hinkston, Chuck Johnson, Donna Smith and Mary Schultz.

If I have missed your birthday, please call me - Celia Woodman 347-8569.....

If you have ideas or suggestions that can help our program chairman, please call her.

Do you have a hobby or memorabilia that we could show at our Hobby Table?

Have you written a book? We keep a copy of all member authors in the Frank Schepler Jr. Library - books can be read there, but can not be taken away.

Do you know of an old timer that we could get an ORAL History from? ATTENTION to Junior High and High School Students - you may be a JR. MEMBER FOR ONLY ONE DOLLAR. Join and learn.

From the editor's

Scrapbook

He that gives all, though but little, gives much; because God looks not to the quantity of the gift, but to the quality of the givers.

Quarles

The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service.

Longfellow

Joy is a flame which association alone can keep alive, and which goes out unless communicated.

Lamartine

The greatest grace of a gift, perhaps, is that it anticipates and admits of no return.

Longfellow

Seek your joy in what you give, and not in what you get.

Evan Roberts

OUR TRICIA PLUCKNETT from Century 21 has a delightful paper that she gives out every month or so. it contains:

TRIVIA from TRICIA

A short history of Chatsworth,

Bits of Wisdom

OLD SAYINGS

IMPORTANT DATES IN CHATSWORTH HISTORY.....

1769 Spanish Explorers arrive
1797...1822...1842...1848...1850...1861...
1869...1880 Chatsworth Park School founded,
1888...1890...1893...1914 First Chatsworth C
Chamber of Commerce formed, 1915, 1954, 1975
If you don't know all those historical dates to fill in, come to the next meeting, Tricia will give you one of these papers (Another hint) "HOUSE HOLD HINTS

We have been given some 1986 calendars by Jan Bierley from Fred Sands Realtors (whom we hope will become a member soon). These are free, but she would like to have some early pioneers identify some of the exact locations of these historical buildings & sites.