



Chatsworth Historical Society

P.O. Box 3102 Chatsworth, California 91313

Smoke Signal

June 1986



Family of "Freedom Products"

A VERY SPECIAL PROGRAM IS BEING PLANNED FOR
 OUR NEXT MEETING
 TUESDAY - JUNE 16th @ regular place Glendal Federal
 7:30 P.M.
 SLIDES AND PICTURES on "THE STATUE OF LIBERTY"
 by Lillian Schepler

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP FEES!

No! our fees are not being raised because if you all continue to pay up we will not find it to hard continue at our present rates which are as follows:
 SINGLE MEMBERSHIP.....\$10.00 per year
 DUAL MEMBERSHIP.....\$15.00 per year
 STUDENT MEMBERSHIP.....\$ 1.00 per year
 LIFE MEMBERSHIP.....\$100.00 per year
 Yearly fees are due June 1st. and are delinquent October 1st.
 However, if you joined the Historical Society in the last three Months your dues are paid-up until June 1st. 1987.
 I shall be home until about one week after the big Yard Sale. After that I shall be away most of the time until after Labor Day.
 You may send Dues direct to me, Marian Hyland
 10343 Jordan Ave. Chatsworth
 CA 91311
 Or THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY at P.O. Box 3102
 Chatsworth, CA. 91313
 If I do not receive your dues by the 1st week of Oct. you will receive a reminder instead of a Smoke Signal. The cost of printing and mailing are quite high, so we must have the financial support that your dues provide in order to continue our mailing. Have a wonderful summer. Marian

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

OPEN HOUSE

DOCENTS for next Open House (July 6) Lila Schepler, Lillian Schepler, Marlys Stuckenbruck, Sheelagh Watts (Aug) Milli Goff, Helen Thomas, Dawn Budd.

WORK DAY IS: Thursday - June 26th 9 to 12 noon. We need many volunteer helpers to have the house and gardens ready for Open House on July 6th (there will be no more Smoke Signal to remind you until September) and many of us will be on vacation so for

the ones that are here on that date please come to help, put it on your calendar NOW! We urgently need you (and even friends that are not members) to Dead Head roses 7/5, 8/2, 9/6.

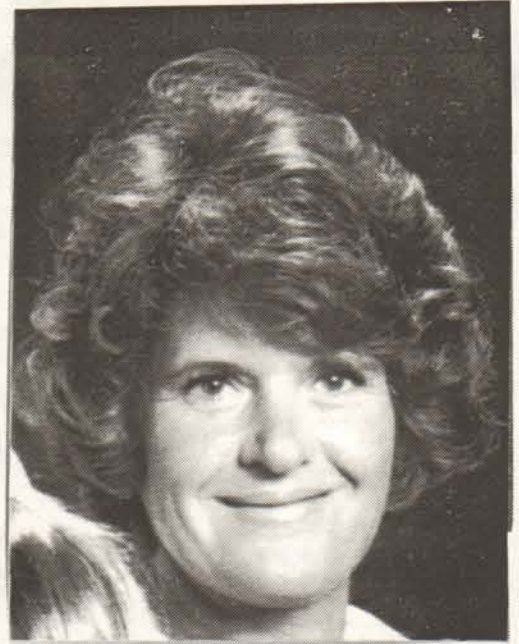
OPEN HOUSE is also held on the first Sunday of the month (1 to 4pm) at THE PIONEER CHURCH, located in Oakwood Memorial Park - 22601 Lassen, Chatsworth. St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church holds services each Sunday morning - Morning Prayer - 9:30 am - Holy Communion, 10:00am. Visitors are welcomed at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

LILA SCHEPLER



Lila Schepler has just been installed as PRESIDENT OF CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY. She was the second Pres. of CHS, was chosen Women of the Year by the Chamber of Comm. & Coor. Council. She is currently Chairman of Centennial.

ZENA THORPE



Zena Thorpe is the new President of the Chatsworth Comm. Coordinating Council. For the past 20 years she has been the Vice Pres. in charge of programs for the CHS and is one of the regular Docents, especially active in Gardens.

CHARLES JANESS



Chuck Janess with Virginia Watson and Katharine Johnson were the Founding Members of the CHS and he served as its first PRESIDENT, 1963. He was also the Pres. of the Chamber of Commerce 1956, 1968 & 1969. He is Honorary Life Member of Chats. Historical Soc. & Chamber of Comm.

DOUG WOBSE



Doug Wobser is the newly elected Pres. of Santa Susana Mt. Park Assoc. He joined the CHS the very next evening (their meetings are on 3rd Mond. and our meetings are on the 3rd Tue

GINNY DILL



Ginny Dill is a long-time Life member of CHS and is currently Senior Pres. of Northridge Cultural Arts/Historical Soc. They also have a Jr. Pres., Maria Avila. Ginny is the Founder of this organization Dec. 1962. Tel. (818) 343-7579

RICH MILLER



Rich Miller is the newly elected Pres. of Chats. Chamber of Comm. He is the owner-Broker of Chats. Century 21. Other members from our CHS from there are Tricia Plucknett, Janet Miller and Greg Marks.



GENEVA COULTER

To the left: Geneva Coulter is the PRES. of the Chatsworth Women's Club. The Women's Club was our first Life ORGANIZATION Member and continues to be an active supporter in many ways, often donating money to help with financial support.

To the right: Donna Smith is not only the beautiful, effective, efficient Principal of Chatsworth High School, but is loved by students, faculty and all personnel. In addition, she and her husband make their home in Chatsworth...



DONNA SMITH

LILLIANDOIN' WHAT COMES NATURALLY

Folks aren't dumb where Lillian's from,
 They've had a lot of learnin',
 And they're happy as can be, Doin' what comes naturally,
 " " " "
 Folks like us would never fuss with book sales on the Mall,
 She's making money for us all - Doin' what comes naturally,
 " " " "

She knows how to plan as no one else can--
 When it comes to a sale she'll travel hill and dale,
 She takes photographs for scrapbooks by the score
 And she vacuums the carpet on the Museum floor.
 That comes naturally,
 " " " "

She sells hats, aprons, cookies and post cards with L.A. Views,
 And cookbooks, pens, notepaper
 Anything that you can use.
 She speaks at clubs, and know antiques,
 And scrubs the cases till they squeak.
 Welcome, Lillian, our V.P.
 Doin' what comes naturally!

CELIA DAISY, DAISY

Celia, Celia, send us our news, please do,
 W're half crazy waiting to hear from you.
 To hear about those birthdays,
 To read those programs grand --
 O, we can't wait to see the slate
 of our officers, as it's planned!

VIRGINIA MEMORY LANE

We are with you, wandering through Memory Lane,
 Living the years, laughter and tears, over again.
 Virginia's history of the Chatsworth scene
 Makes research librarians mighty keen.

She writes P.R. news for us to peruse -from day to day.
 Oral history tapes, books on shelves -- all these will stay
 Oh, her dreams weren't in vain,
 Her history will remain,
 Strolling again, Memory Lane with you.

IOLINEIT'S A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING

It's a grand time for programs,
 Ioline is planning this year,
 And somewhere a speaker who want to be heard
 Is preparing his text for your ear.

It's a grand time for members, who want to learn a lot.
 There are nine months ahead to book joy, and supply
 That knowledge for which we have sought.
 Ioline - It's time to get on with the show!

BILL HE'S JUST MY BILL

He's just our Bill,
 An extraordinary man,
 He's making slides and doing shows all over town.
 He pours concrete, his carpentry's supreme,
 And in between, he's found at the Museum.

Oh, he moved the church, way up to the top of the hill --
 He's just too much.
 We love him, because he's, I don't know,
 Because he's just our Bill.

LILAHELLO, DOLLY!

Hello, Lila, oh hello Lila -
 Oh, you're right back here where you belong!
 You love old landmarks, history, and city parks.
 You're our sixth term leader as we go along.

Hello, Lila, o hello Lila -
 Please present your Board, Because our history waits.
 Oh - Take a bow, Lila,
 Come on and show us how, Lila.
 We're off and running, we're on our way,
 Year of '88 is the town's birthday,
 And together we can celebrate that year.

DEAN AND CANDY ROSES ARE SHINING IN PICARDY

Roses are blooming in Chatsworth Town,
 All because of a charming pair.
 The grounds are superb at the Acre,
 'Cause they give them a lot of care.
 Dean and Candy work hard all the year around,
 In the spring, summer, winter and fall.
 But the roses that bloom at the Acre,
 They're the biggest and best of them all.

CHUCKI FOUND A MILLION DOLLAR BABY

It was a lucky April shower
 That led Chuck J. to our door,
 We found a Million Dollar Treasurer, who could add up all the score
 There must be a dozen columns, Well - at least three or four --
 That our Million Dollar Treasurer
 Adds up to make the total more.

BETTY IF YOU KNEW SUSIE

If you knew Betty like we know Betty -
 Oh, oh, oh what a gal!
 She mounts exhibits at Glendale Fed,
 Oh, oh, what a great job she has done!

She keeps house records
 They're just what we need.
 She gives good advice, oh, yes, indeed.
 If you knew Betty like we know Betty.
 Oh, Oh what a gal!

sps saving money, just like it was his own,
 's so good with money, that interest's really grown!

Incident'ly

should want to see our balance,
 ep inside the Acre door,
 t our Million Dollar Treasurer,
 ld ask for anything more!

TEA FOR TWORAMON I'M JUST WILD ABOUT HARRY

Oh, we're just wild about Ramon.
 We're happy as we can be
 He is so handy, his work so dandy
 He's helpful as he can be!

He comes whenever we call him,
 To help with whatever it may be.
 Oh, we're just wild about Ramon,
 O we're just wild about, cannot do without
 Ramon's just what we need.

two, or tea for more,
 lie has her plans galore
 pitality and making friends.
 ts are the best, and she'll make sure we know them,
 met at the door, with their name tags in view,
 : or coffee, some punch or some toffee, for sure. Oh -

two and tea for four,
 he way we like to score
 our friends who come to share our fun.
 break, and she'll awake
 t to bake a sugar cake,
 you see how happy we will be?

TRICIA I'LL SIT ME DOWN AND WRITE MYSELF A LETTER

Oh, she'll sit right down and write someone a letter
 'Cause that's the job she's 'sposed to do.
 She'll write all those words so sweet
 That they'll knock you off your feet,
 And you'll be glad you got them,
 There's no doubt about it.

She also phones each one to come to a Board meeting
 Which she hosts as only she can do,
 And then she'll sit right down and write another letter,
 'Cause that's the job she's 'sposed to do.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

ckin' the stamps and mailin' today,
 mbership cards go on their way.
 settled down and never will roam,
 s the San Fernando Valley her home.

ership is in good hands,
 row and grow, everything is grand - -
 e settled down and never will roam,
 the town of Chatsworth, CA. our home.

ZENA CLEMENTINE

Oh our darling, oh our darling, oh our darling Zena Thorpe -
 Keeps our minutes and our records, and she reads them to the Board.
 At the Church, at the Acre, 'mid the roses pink and red,
 Oh, our Zena keeps quite busy, till it's time to go to bed.

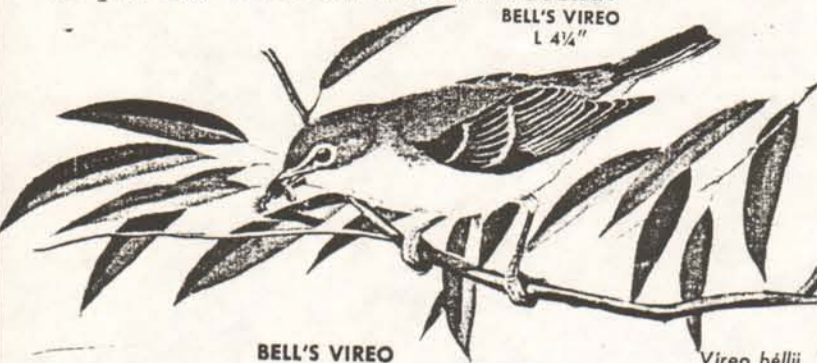
She has a family of four children who wait for dinner every night,
 While our Zena writes her minutes,
 And her John says, "Oh, good night!"



From Nancy Razanski:

Nancy belongs to the Chatsworth Historical Society and the Santa Susana Mt/Park Assoc. She is always concerned about the natural habitat. She spoke about an endangered species at our last meeting. I asked her to submit the following article for those of you who were not able to attend:

BELL'S VIREO
L 4 1/4"



BELL'S VIREO

Vireo bellii

Common in moist thickets, wood margins, and mesquite. Western counterpart of White-eyed, but eye is always black. Note wingbars and light eye ring. Sexes are alike. Also similar to Gray Vireo (which has longer tail and obscure wingbar) and Hutton's (which has broad wingbars and dull gray throat and breast). Easily told from both by its rapid warbling song, which ends alternately with rising and falling inflection, 10-15/min.



THE LEAST BELL'S VIREO: ENDANGERED SPECIE
The least Bell's vireo has recently been placed on the federal endangered specie list. This songbird, once common in California, dwindled in numbers to 300 breeding pairs. One nearby location where the bird still breeds is the Santa Clara River area on the northern border of our Santa Susana Mountain Range.

This insect eater is important to our natural ecology, and part of its demise has come about because of its custom of building its nest by suspending it from branches only 40 inches above the ground. This makes the nest an easy target for domesticated cats and its usual natural predators. In addition, the male Bell's vireo often sings while sitting on the nest. In 1978 this bird was identified by Ornitologist Lloyd Kiff from the Western Foundation of Vertebrae Zoology. He spotted this bird just north of our Old Santa Susana Pass Road.

Letters of support for the bird's breeding areas to be designated as "critical habitat" may be addressed to: Regional Director, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 500 North East Multomah St. Suite 1692, Portland Oregon 97232.

P. S., please vote for Proposition # 43 which is the New Parkland Bond Issue on the June Ballot.

ANTIQUE CORNER



Remember When?
Some of can.
Many of our Chatsworth Pioneers rode in this type of horse and buggy - Keep remembering!
HAVE A HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Mary Kitchens -- 9925 Hanna Chatsworth 91311 Tel. 998-0289 Mary has lived in Chatsworth since 1973. She is a widow with one son and a daughter-in-law and 3 grandchildren.

She was a teacher with LACity Bd. of Edu. for 30 years, but couldn't give up. She is now teaching Science at St. Mels' in Woodland Hills The last school that she taught in our City Schools was Lorne St. Elem. She is a Docent at the Natural History Museum at U.S.C.

Her hobbies are: Tennis, Reading, Music and Plays and she is a special friend of our Ruby Swan. Watch this lady! She will probably become one of our active members with Ruby.

Rich and Janet Miller -- 22212 Marilla, Chats. Home Tel. 882-3178 Office 882-2821

Rich is the Owner-Broker of Century 21 Chats. 21049 Devonshire. He is the new President of the Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce, Past Pres. of Canoga Park Lions Club, Past Pres. of S. F. Brokers Council and the ex-chairman of the Board of Realtors for three different boards for professional standards. (I promised him that he would not have to do anything in the Historical Society if he would join and just pay the dues that helps us to keep the Smoke Signal going - other fund-raising projects pay for insurance and upkeep of the Acre), but now I'm wondering?

In addition to that busy schedule, he finds time to enjoy Square Dancing, Camping and Boating and golfing.

His beautiful wife, Janet is also a salesperson at Century 21 and also loves Square Dancing, camping and boating and sewing.

Their lovely daughter, Megan is a student at Lawrence Junior High.

Chris Boswell-- 10345 Independence, Chatsworth Tel. 882-1929. Chris joined for her mother, Irene Martin and herself on the day of the Rose Festival, but I couldn't get any information from her mother, Irene Martin until this month. Chris is single at this time. Her Fiance is Steve Foss. Chris has two grown girls and Steve has a son and two daughters. She has many hobbies. Her best love is horse-back riding and western dancing, but she also likes to crochet, knit and garden.

Irene Martin -- 21722 San Jose, Chatsworth Tel. 341-1532 She and her husband, Albert came here from Philadelphia in 1960. She is Sec. and Treas. of the Ladies Aux. of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She like to knit and crochet and she makes beautiful Christmas Decor from pine cones. She has been a long-time friend of Helen Fladwed's and they belong to the same Luthern Church

Their son, Joseph and daughter, Christine, gave them a lovely surprise dinner for 56 friends and loved ones to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 4th, at the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #2805 - 8107 Canoga Ave. C.P. Her daughter had arranged her wedding dress on a model and even had her corsage of pearls and satin flowers. Two special guest had arrived from Philadelphia, Penn. to surprise her. Marguerite Longheim and Laura Williams. They had been best friends and sang together in the Senior Choir at the Grace Luthern Church. HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS" Chris Boswell, Chuck Janess, Kelley Watson Daily, Gertrude Cook, Joe Iverson, Dean Craig, Tricia Plucknett, Fauness Day, Nancy Oliva, Georgia Cooper, Carmelita Johnson and Clark Davis.

FROM YOUR EDITOR"

I have appreciated all your nice comments about the Smoke Signal. My only complaint is that I need the news earlier. We will not have another Smoke Signal until September.

At this time I would like to make a special request:

We have 8 or 10 members with some of Ioline and Everett's friends who do most of the work for the Book Sale and the GREAT YARD SALE that we have held in the yard of Ioline & Everett Cleveland. Especially the two of them work for days and even weeks before to prepare until they almost fall from exhaustion. WE HAVE TO HAVE THESE FUND RAISING EVENTS TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE EXPENSES OF OUR MUSEUM, MINNIE PALMER HOUSE AND ROSE GARDENS. Please each of us give more time to this project. If you can't actually work 2 or 3 days, could you pay a strong boy or unemployed man to haul articles from the storage unit to their home? Call Ioline 341-1529 There are many other things to do besides hauling, also--label & tag...

Yard Sale

Sat. - Sun. June

14th - 15th

10347 Jordan Ave.
Chatsworth

Thousands of Items
Bicycles, Clothing
Dishes, Books, Furniture
Appliances, Bedding

From Ioline Cleveland:

Over the past 10 years the Chatsworth Historical Society has sponsored many fine programs. We have had our local members give slides and talks on travel, hobbies and local history. We have had professors from local colleges, high school teachers, writers and others come to enlighten us.

As your program chairman next year, I would like your input in what would make a good year's program. Please be prepared at the June meeting to present your ideas on this tear-off:

.....
Subject:

Your name"

Your tel. no:

Do you have a hobby you can share with our hobby corner?

Any other suggestion?