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Potluck to Start New Year.

The first meeting of the year will be held at the Homestead Acre on Sunday, September 17 at 4 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or a casserole dish and the rest of the meal, including dessert, coffee & lemonade will be provided by the board of directors.

During the summer months the Acre has been well cared for and we urge you to attend this family event and enjoy a relaxing couple of hours sharing your vacation news with members and friends. PLEASE call 341-4489 if you are planning to attend so we can provide plenty of dessert.

THANK YOU TO MANY HELPERS!
from the President

First to Virginia Watson who has visited the Acre on a daily basis for over a year, overseeing the grounds, checking for phone messages, watering the entire area, and in general maintaining the "look" that it needs to ensure continued use as a wedding site.

To Donna Afflerbach who so generously paid for a booth at the Chamber of Commerce Trade Day at Mason Park - and then staffed the booth for the entire day. The booth featured photographs and literature telling the of the Society's past triumphs with a lot of local history highlighted. The newcomers to Chatsworth really seemed to enjoy the booth and Donna's generosity gave us great P.R.

To Lila & Bill Schepler who donated \$100 to be used to provide one issue of the Smoke Signal when it appeared that finances were a problem. This issue is a tribute to them.

Thanks also to Marshall & Bea Berman who also donated \$100 - to help defray the expenses of new, much needed signs. One of the new signs is to hang at the entry to the park along with the official park sign whenever The Homestead Acre is open to the public. The other signs spell out parking areas for Society functions.

Ramon Avila gets special thanks for overseeing the Acre's gardening needs which seem to grow and grow! We do have a part time gardener but without the help of Ramon (and others) we wouldn't be able to maintain it.

So more special thanks to Betty Summers who has donated a lot of time this year taking care of a certain plot of ground. She adopted a section of the Acre and

and has worked on it all summer.

Jane Matthews has been helpful in many ways as immediate past president and also helps keep an eye on the Acre.

Grateful thanks to the enire board of directors for all their efforts.

Last but not least to Kyle Thomson, a member of Boy Scout Troop 226 who selected the Acre as the site of his Eagle Scout project. He inspired his fellow Scouts to refinish the bridge over the ravine, refinish the two picnic tables and benches, plant ground cover around the flag pole and provide decking at a rock area behind the house. More later on the Eagle project.

The S.F.U. Historical Society is planning a train trip to San Juan Capistrano on Sat. Oct. 21. The round trip costs \$26 for adults and \$14 for children. The train will leave Chatsworth at 9:20 am and return at 9 p.m. Call Sheila at 341-4489 if you would like to attend.

The Conference of California Historical Societies will hold its Northern Symposium October 6, 7 & 8. A very informative pamphlet about the symposium will be available at the Potluck Dinner on Sunday for members to share.

WATTS' WHAT.....from the good news, bad news department, neighbors Jim & Betty Summers & Everett Cleveland were involved in separate auto problems while driving this summer. Everett & Gene Cleveland were travelling back from Nebraska when Everett was startled by a strange plane coming out of the mountains and went into a slide driving his new truck. The truck rolled over but both Gene & Everett were in seat belts that held them helplessly in place until help came. There were no injuries except to the side of the new truck. Jim & Betty were helping Janie, John, Jessica & Daniel move to Roseville when their truck broke down near Buttonwillow and they were helped by a young couple who literally turned out to be Good Samaritans..... congratulations to Virginia Watson who is now Community News Editor for the monthly publication, "Valley Outlook." Marian & Ralph Hyland have just returned from two months visiting relatives & friends in Canada.....and the writer has retired - Nature's Flower Garden has been sold to a very nice young couple. Angela & Ashwin are experienced florists. See you Sunday!

Ask about the 21st.