



# Smoke Signal

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## FUND RAISING YARD SALE SET FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 27; SATURDAY, APRIL 28.

A full page ad for the sale is enclosed with this newsletter. Perhaps you can pin it on the bulletin board if you live in a mobile home park, apartment building or a condominium. Be sure and tell your neighbors so they can either donate merchandise or they can stop by and visit the sale. Hours for Friday are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 to 3.

We are asking for books, household bric-a-brac, lamps, small appliances that work, tools, vases, artificial flowers, linens, art work and toys along with any other re-usable items not listed above!

To arrange for pick-up please call Donna Afflerbach at 882-0485 or Lillian Schepler, chairman, at 341-2697. It is time that we all did a spring-cleaning around our homes and donate the left overs to the yard sale!  
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From the president's desk.....

The hard working board of directors deserve a big hand. The jobs that need doing during any one month in order to keep the Homestead Acre in good shape are numerous.

Two people who keep things moving right along but seldom are heard about are Betty Summers and Ramon Avila. For this reason the board of directors selected the two of them for nomination for Citizens of the Year, the annual awards presented by the Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council in June. Both Betty and Ramon have devoted hundreds of hours to the Society in the past decade.

The Society also nominated Ioline Cleveland for a posthumous individual award for outstanding contributions to the preservation of California history. We

know that Ioline's contributions were outstanding as she served an unprecedented four terms as president of the Society, she helped raise over \$50,000.00 with her leadership of the yard sales and then she spent years in researching the history of Chatsworth Park Elementary School prior to writing her published book on the school's first one hundred years. Our nomination was sent to the California Conference of Historical Societies that honors individuals and organizations each year for contributing to the preservation of California history. We shall keep you informed on all three of these nominations.

Each individual board member makes a special contribution to the ongoing success of the Society's objectives and this is very much appreciated.

There are two members of our Society who are not currently serving on the board who contribute mightily to the care of the gardens at the Homestead Acre. Candy and Dean Craig continue to give professional care and I wish to take this opportunity to thank Candy for single-handedly pruning every rose in the numerous rose gardens, in addition to many other contributions for the garden upkeep. This includes the rose garden brick work and the feeding and care of many other plants.

Dean has overhauled and repaired the tractor-mower and also replaced the torn halyard on the flag pole, the latter with help from Jim Summers and Ralph Hyland. During the past month, Dean also mowed the Acre because our regular gardener, Albert, was recuperating from surgery. The many contributions Candy and Dean make are invaluable.

Sincerely,  
Sheila.

## TIME CAPSULE CEREMONY SET FOR MAY 6TH.

Please circle the date on the calendar and plan to attend the dedication of the completed Time Capsule. The ceremony will be conducted by Bea Berman, Chatsworth Centennial Chairman, and it will start promptly at 1:30 p.m. at the Homestead Acre.

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DOWN MEMORY LANE is the title of the 27th annual installation banquet.

Tuesday, May 15th is the date.

As previously announced the social hour will start at 6:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:15. The event is being held at the Taste of Scandinavia Restaurant, 21629 Devonshire Street.

The installation committee is headed by Bea Berman and details of the program are not available. HOWEVER, we are promised an evening full of fun and reminisces as we go back to the past - rediscovering the nine decades until today.

The buffet dinner costs \$8 including tax and tip. For reservations call Bea Berman at her home number, 341-5449.

Do come and bring a friend and let's greet the new decade with enthusiasm. If you'd like to wear an outfit from yesteryear, please do so. On the other hand, wear something that's strictly today. I urge all our local members to join us.

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### AN APPEAL FROM THE PRESIDENT.

We are experiencing an acute lack of volunteers this month. Your president and editor will undergo hip surgery this week and will be unable to assist with the yard sale. Other members of the docent committee will be absent on vacation trips.

If you have an hour or two to spare to help with the sale, we shall be most appreciative. Please call Lillian at 341-2697 if you can help on Thursday with the set-up or on Friday and Saturday, sale days.

Sandwiches, cookies, coffee and punch will be provided for the volunteers on Friday and Saturday. Call Lillian right now and volunteer! Thanks.

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WATTS' WHAT.....I'm sorry to report that several of our friends and members are ill. Dr. Linn Stuckenbruck suffered a severe heart attack recently and underwent bypass surgery. He is still in intensive care. As you are all probably aware, Marlys has been unwell for some time. Their daughter, Corky, is here from Texas. We wish Linn a complete recovery. Neal Grant has been having chemo treatment for a malignant tumour but the news is good; he is responding very well to the treatment.

Betty Grill is still recuperating from the stroke she suffered several months ago and she is improving all the time. She is at Beverly Manor Convalescent Hospital on Topanga Canyon in Canoga Park.

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### REMINDER.

With the May issue of the Smoke Signal, general members and student members will receive Dues Statements. The annual dues should be paid by June 15 to keep membership current and to ensure receipt of the Smoke Signal.

Life Membership is \$100 for one person  
General membership is \$10 for one person  
or \$15 per couple  
Student membership is \$2.

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The members of the Chatsworth Historical Society give sympathy and condolences to Carol Hiestad, a life member of the Society. Carol's husband, John, died recently after a long illness. In addition to Carol he is survived by his three adult children, Allison, David and Susan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

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Boy Scout Larry Domka, a candidate for Eagle rank, spent a recent Saturday supervising members of his Scout troop as they performed volunteer tasks at the Homestead Acre. Some of their accomplishments include cleaning the brush from the west fence; the donation and planting of bouganvilleas on the east fence; they supplied and planted sod after removing stepping stones from the main rose area and also planted some herbs in our rather empty herb garden. The boys also removed two bushes and did a general clean up several areas. We are very grateful.

Thanks also to Robert Howell working on a project for Chaminade who repaired & painted the barbecue tables & benches.