

# Smoke Signal

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## MEMBERSHIP: HAVE VAN, WILL TRAVEL.....

One of my goals this year as membership chairman is to utilize the talents of our members to help us to revitalize the Society. We want to hold more programs, visit interesting places and hold public events such as the High Tea planned for Spring '91. It is difficult for the board members to solely handle the financial and operational management of the Acre as well as provide these social and educational enriching activities. I shall be pointing out in each issue of the Smoke Signal some way that you can contribute to the life of the Society.

In January we shall launch a new activity - Wednesday afternoons at the Acre - a work party-coffee klatch event and I would enjoy driving anyone who would like to come and enjoy the companionship. I am also available to pick up any donations from you or your friends for the October 26/27 yard sale (882-0485). The yard sale remains our largest source of income; the more items we have to sell means more money for us. Remember, Lillian will need helping hands for setting up the sale so save some time for this.

We are looking for someone to organize a trip in November or January for those of us who are just waiting to be told where and when we are going. Call Sheila (341-4489) or me (882-0485) if you are that someone.

Donna Afflerbach

## ~~~~~ Watts' What from the President.....

First and foremost - the YARD SALE - details elsewhere.

The November meeting should be interesting as Zena Thorpe, program chairman, is arranging for a speaker who is knowledgeable in collectibles and antiques who will conclude the meeting with estimates of the value of some items brought by members.

We are still working toward more day trips and with all the wonderful sites in and around Southern California, we should be on the road quite a bit.

We shall hold Open House at the Acre in December - watch for the date - with holiday decor and refreshments and Zena's wonderful quilt on display. In January we shall launch our new Wednesdays at the Acre (all details in next month's issue) and at the same time start a new program for children. A High Tea will be held in the

spring as a fund raiser and we'll be serving typical English tea fare including watercross sandwiches and scones. Please call me if you've any interest in helping with any of the above.

Keith and I spent a week down in Orange County enjoying Heather and the New York City Ballet appearing at the Performing Arts Center in Costa Mesa. They had opened the Center four years ago and were invited back for the anniversary celebration. Last week the two of us saw the Fauve Exhibition at the L.A. County Art Museum and recommend it to any art lover. It's a very important exhibit with 170 paintings from all the major museums in the world including The Hermitage, the Hague, The Royal Academy and more and when it leaves Los Angeles it will open at the Metropolitan in New York.

We were guests at a party honoring Laurie and Dr. Robert Dager on their 25th wedding anniversary. Talented daughter Melody arranged a skit that the grandchildren starred in that was based on the TV family, The Brady Bunch.....Laurie had two children and Bob had three when they married in 1965. It was a great party.

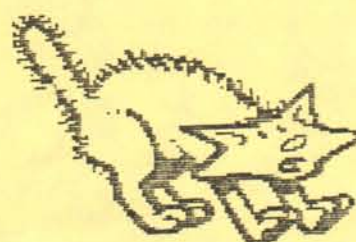
Then we were fortunate enough to be invited by Lila and Bill Schepler to help celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary that was held in the San Fernando Patio of Lawry's California Gardens in Los Angeles. It was truly a walk down memory lane - so many former and present Chatsworth residents were on hand to help with the celebration which was co-hosted by Lila and Bill's daughter Louise, son in law Eddie and grandchildren Christina and Matthew. Thanks so much, Lila and Bill, for including us in a memorable event.



WANTED.....a folding wooden clothes dryer from yesteryear. It would be most helpful for use in the cottage to help display small items of clothes including children's clothing. Call 341-4489 if you have one that you would care to donate.

Speaking of donations, Corky Stuckenbruck very kindly donated a lovely set of cupboards and drawers for use in the kitchen of the cottage for storage of our many possessions. They had been used by Linn Stuckenbruck for storage of many hobby items.

We also have purchased a very good used refrigerator to replace the leaky old one that we've had for over a decade.



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SALE

Chatsworth Historical Society

# FALL YARD SALE

## FRIDAY & SATURDAY OCTOBER 26 & 27

8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

The Homestead Acre, Chatsworth Park South,  
10385 Shadow Oak Drive, Chatsworth

For this semi-annual fund raiser, we need your help. If you have items to donate please call one of the three phone numbers listed below to arrange for pick-up or bring to the Acre the day before the sale. We also need help moving the merchandise from the storage shed to the museum and parking lot on the Saturday or Sunday, October 20 or 21 in the afternoons. We plan to price the merchandise on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings prior to the sale and can use help then. The two days of the sale we need help on the cash drawer and in stacking the merchandise. All funds raised help to continue the upkeep of the Cottage, Museum and Gardens. Sheila Watts, 341-4489; Lillian Schepler, 341-2697 and Donna Afflerbach, 882-0485.



SALE

### NEWS ITEMS:

We welcome back Dean and Candy Craig who spent the summer at their cottage in Colorado and had a great time and they appear to be planning to continue assisting with the gardens at the Acre. Congratulations to Marshall and Bea Berman. Their son, Dr. Jeffrey Berman and daughter in law, Nancy, became parents for the second time with the birth of a daughter Kellie. Big sister Samantha is feeling the strain as the baby keeps her awake nights! Jeffrey is an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports injuries.

Virginia Watson is busy bringing her history of Chatsworth up to date and when she has finished it will be sent for its third printing. Louise Roberts and Lila and Bill Schepler are the "angels" who will help defray the cost.

The Acre is open for public tours the first Sunday of each month and private tours can be arranged. If you belong to any group that would enjoy taking a private tour, just call and make an appointment. In November a chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution will be touring - congratulations to the DAR - the group celebrated its centennial this month making it one of the older patriotic organizations in the U.S.

Membership Dues reminders are included in this issue for those who have not yet renewed.....we'd hate to lose you!