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CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MARCH 17TH MEETING

Take Note of New Meeting Place!

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17 at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 20121 Devonshire Street, Chatsworth.

The program is "An Evening With Will Rogers," as portrayed by impressario Chuck Kovacic. The wit and wisdom of Will Rogers will be part of Kovacic's depiction of one of America's best loved comedians.

The Society is meeting at the new location for the March meeting as a crowd is expected and the museum has room for a limited number of people.

Refreshments will be served including birthday cake in celebration of Chatsworth's 104th birthday of March 10, 1888, when the first land use map for Chatsworth was filed with the Los Angeles County Recorder. As mentioned in a previous issue, the Society will celebrate the 29th anniversary of its founding, April, 1963.

A brief business meeting will include election of officers for the 1992-1993 year. The report of the nominating committee will be found elsewhere in this issue. The election will include requests for nominations from the floor. Please remember to obtain permission of the person you wish to nominate before doing so.

Please attend this very interesting program and bring a friend

MARK THE DATE, MARCH 17th!

DOCENT COMMITTEE NEWS.

The number of requests for special tours of the Homestead Acre is increasing the demand for trained docents and Lila Schepler and her committee have been making plans for expansion.

Soon invitations will be in the mail to attend a tea to women and men who may be considering joining the tour committee. At that time they will learn about the training and the responsibilities of docents.

The more docents we have the less often each individual will need to serve with a touring group. On the positive side, being a docent is a pleasure that I personally enjoy.

If you would appreciate attending the tea in March please call Lila, 341-3447 or Sheila, 341-4489. An invitation will be in the mail right away.

The torrential rains of February did some damage to Chatsworth Park South and to the Acre. Due to the foresight of Dean Craig who tied the bridge that spans the stream to a tree, the culvert remained clear and damage was minimized. The biggest problem is the loss of granite over the parking area; also the dirt subsided where trenches were dug last year when the new electrical panels and wiring were installed. 3 tons of dirt are being spread over the parking area and will be followed by a covering of decomposed granite. The dirt is being provided and spread by the Dept., of Recreation & Parks. The granite will cost the Society \$165.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following nominees are submitted:

President	Zena Thorpe
Program U.P.	Donna Afflerbach
Ways & Means UP	Bea Berman
Membership UP	Keith Watts
Hospitality UP	Dorothy Sammartano
Secretary	Ruth Grant
Treasurer	Lillian Schepler
Editor and Parliamentarian	Sheila Watts
Director, Photographic Materials	William Schepler
Directors at Large:	
Director, Telephone	Pauline Aue
Director, Maintenance	Ramon Avila
Assistant Curator	Betty Summers

Non-elective Offices:

Honorary Board Members:

	Charles & Eileen Janess
Director of Docents	Lila Schepler
Curator	Virginia Watson

Submitted by Virginia Watson.

Chairman
1992 Nominating Committee

Addendum to November Meeting:

Ramon Avila, long time supporter of the Chatsworth Historical Society and a recent recipient of the Man of the Year Award from the Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council, also shared his wartime experiences at the Society's 50th anniversary meeting.

Ramon served with the 2nd Armored Division under General George Patton training first at Fort Benning, Ga., prior to being shipped overseas. He subsequently served in several campaigns including those of North Africa and Europe. He returned to the United States after being wounded in action. A number of photographs were on display highlighting the various areas of combat where he served.

The men and women who shared their personal experiences with the audience provided chilling glimpses of a world at war.

Chatsworth Walkabout

Saturday, February 29, 1992

Starting at the Acre in Chatsworth Park South from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Walkabout will be a family oriented introduction to Chatsworth for new and long time residents.

The event is sponsored by the Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council and its member organizations and its objectives are:

A scavenger hunt for information about the community of Chatsworth including the town history, recreational facilities, public buildings, and future improvements will be part of the Walkabout. Participants are invited to set their own pace.

Awards: All participants will receive a memento and prizes will be awarded in various categories.

Procedures: Each participant must register at the start and finish at the Homestead Acre in Chatsworth Park South. Water & restroom will be available near the registration desk. Registration will begin at 10 am and all walks must be completed by 2 p.m. Awards will be made at that time. Fees are \$2 per adult; \$1 per student; \$4 per family.

For further information or rainy day date call (818) 998-4903.

Donna Afflerbach,
Chairman, Chatsworth Walkabout



Chuck Kovacic
as
Will Rogers
See him on March 17!