

# Smoke Signal



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## From the President:

The Historical Society is moving right along through the summer with all sorts of exciting new projects. An important one is the remodelling of the museum which you will read about elsewhere in this issue. Another new project is the formation of a Museum Supporters Club that will be announced in the next issue.

Set aside the date of September 13, at 4 p.m., for our annual membership roundup. This will be a barbecue picnic at the acre with entertainment and good old cowboy chow. A great opportunity to introduce friends and neighbors to the Chatsworth Historical Society and to the museum, cottage and gardens. (Isn't it surprising how many people you run into who have never heard of us?)

Plans are underway for Pioneer Day, Sunday, October 4 when you may see all kinds of country crafts and displays of pioneering ingenuity.

I hope you are enjoying this very humid, phew! - sticky, phew! - summer.....Zena

## Membership Roundup and Barbecue

The Date: Sunday, September 13  
The Time: 4 p.m.  
The Place: The Homestead Acre  
Chatsworth Park South

Your hosts - the board members.

We'll be serving hamburgers, punch and coffee and providing plates, utensils etc.

Those attending should bring:

Names starting from A to M, desserts for 8/10;  
Names starting N to Z, salads for 8/10.

There'll be musical entertainment including a sing-along.

A brief program will include the Society's plans for the year and a membership announcement. We plan to honor a very special member of the Society.

It is important for the hospitality chairman to have a count so please call an RSVP to Dorothy Sammartano, 349-2869.

Ya'll come.....The Board

## From Bea Berman, Ways and Means V.P.

Audiences Unlimited has offered the Society an opportunity to raise funds by attending a TV show taping. The following is the information if you are interested in helping us with this event:

Show: Empty Nest, 5 p.m.  
Date: Tuesday, September 29  
Arrival Time: 4 p.m.  
Out Time: 7 p.m.  
Studio: Ren-Mar Studios, Stg 4  
846 N. Cahuenga Blvd  
(enter on Waring Ave.)  
Hollywood, CA  
Minimum Age: 16  
Number in group: 40

We shall raise more than \$200 if we can guarantee 40 people. We MUST know by September 18.

Bea Berman is in charge and will arrange for car pooling if you are interested in supporting this event. Call Bea at 341-5449.

At the Roundup and Barbecue on September 13, Bea will have several Tupperware catalogues available for viewing. The local Tupperware representative will guarantee to the Society a 25% commission on all sales during the year. This will give us all an opportunity to upgrade our containers, serving dishes, gift items and children's toys.

We have two new and different fund raisers and now we're asking your support.

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### Museum News:

Thanks to Lila Schepler and her committee, the improvements at the Museum are almost complete. The committee designed a very nice office area at the west end of the museum and the changes include a window on the south side placed directly

above the new desk. The new room is very nicely paneled and a temporary carpet is in place. Lila also arranged for the purchase of two book shelves, a typewriter stand and secretary's chair.

It was decided to retain the existing furnace so that the only thing remaining is to activate the furnace by adding a gas meter.

When completed the office will be primarily used by Virginia Watson, curator.

The remodeling took a bite out of our funds but you've already learned of new fund raising efforts - it was time to upgrade the museum now that we have a new storage closet in the large storage bin.

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### Membership News:

We welcome the following new members:

Renee Bernal  
Charles F. Rowbotham  
Robert B. & Mary D. Totans  
Barry & Paul Wheeler

Thanks to the following general members for renewing by paying their annual dues:

Paul & Beverly Arneson  
Pauline Aue  
Ramon & Mary Avila  
Bea & Marshall Berman  
Bette Butler  
Rita Clark  
Candy & Dean Craig  
Lucille Clements  
Virginia & William Ditto  
Marge & Philip Gerlach  
Carolyn Grimm  
Dorothy & Mahlon Hammond  
Ruth Heumann  
Marian & Ralph Hyland  
Ray L. Johnson, Jr  
Arthenia Koeker  
Hazel & Cliff Miller

Member renewals continued.....

Sandy and Felicia Robinson  
Dorothy & Joe Sammartano  
Bea & Grant Samuel  
Betty Smallin  
Margaret Stitchweh  
Betty & Jim Summers  
Ruby Swan  
C.E. Swartz  
Zena & John Thorpe  
June Wangsgard



Ah say - You-all  
come down to  
Pioneer Day!!!

We also wish to express appreciation for  
the Life and Honorary Life Members.

The annual fees were due June 1st and  
will be delinquent on September 30 - a  
gentle reminder that the September issue  
of the Smoke Signal will be the final  
issue if the dues remain unpaid.

Circle the date and if you'd like to help call  
Bea Berman, 341-5449 or Sheila Watts,  
341-4489.

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Thanks to all who have renewed -

Keith Watts, Membership Chairman

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### PIONEER DAY

Sunday, October 4, 11 a.m.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Based on the success of last year's Pioneer Day, we will recreate a day in the life of a pioneer family such as the Hill-Palmer families experienced at the turn of the century. The program will include a popular domestic petting zoo under the guidance of the local FH Club; plant sale; story readings for children; hands on laundry exhibits; bread baking; bake sale. There'll be a booth staffed by rockhounds, one featuring Indian memorabilia, and a white elephant sale.

At the June Awards Banquet of the Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council the Society's nominee for Chatsworth's Citizen of the Year was indeed named to that honor. Pauline Aue was nominated for her quiet but persistent support of both the Society and the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association as well as numerous environmental causes. We are justifiably proud of Pauline for all her work.

At the same time, another member of the Society was nominated for the same honor by another community organization, the Friends of the Chatsworth branch Library. John Thorpe was nominated for Citizen of the Year. This year the Awards Committee decided to honor two people for their outstanding contributions and John was also named Citizen of the Year.

These are just a few of the exhibits. Of course there will be good food for sale and the price is right - \$1 admission.

Lots of door prizes, and exhibits offered by the Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power and Chatsworth Nursery.

Pauline's passion is the environment and her first community interest was volunteering for the Save the Oaks committee at Orcutt Ranch Horticultural Center. A member of the Theodore Payne Foundation, she works with her favorite native California plants and wildflowers,

cleaning seeds and promoting an interest in using native, drought resistant plants in gardening - and she practices what she preaches in her own garden.

Pauline is probably best known for her work with the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association having been a member since 1974 and becoming more active with the group after her retirement in 1980. She has held many different offices and been on the executive board for the past eight years. She was petition coordinator for the SSMPA when the prospective Prop 70 initiative was being prepared for the ballot and worked untold hours seeking volunteers to circulate petitions to obtain funding for more California State Paarks and to buy the rest of the land for a local state park.

Pauline has worked for the Society having served as a docent for eight years and as telephone chairman for almost that long; on the executive board for several years and has worked in the gift shop and the Frank Schepler Jr., library . She served on the Chatsworth Centennial Committee and rarely missed a meeting. Pauline is active with the women's fellowship of the Chapel in the Canyon Church, a group that raises money for abused women and children.

Last but not least, Pauline is a board member of the Coordinating Council having been active for the past eight years, serving as treasurer and hospitality chairman. A very well deserved honor indeed!

John has served as president of the Friends of Chatsworth Library on numerous occasions during the past ten years. He has worked on EVERY monthly book sale during the ten years when the Friends raised over \$50,000 for library improvements and books. He is so devoted to the library that when the Friend's storage bin was delivered to the wrong location he personally moved it to the proper site by using a fork-lift.

John is probably most well known for his work on the annual Holiday Parade that is

sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. John is owner of Yorks & Lancs, a local car repair business and each December John is in charge of providing trnsportation for the V.I.P. entrants. He brings such classics as Rolls Royces, Jaguars, London Cabs and double decker buses and usually drives one of the vehicles himself wearing his chauffeur's cap.

John was very active with the Centennial Committee and was in charge of the Time Capsule. He attended every event and served soft drinks and supervised the parking areas at most events.

For the Chatsworth Historical Society John has co-chaired many programs - just as an example he erected the fence for the petting zoo at the first annual Pioneer Day and then helped out wherever needed, selling soft drinks and erecting sun visors over the many booths. Congratulations, John. Thanks for all the help.

(See photos, over)

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**TEAR OFF FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL.**

Annual Dues:Single.....\$15  
Family.....\$20  
Life Membership.....\$125

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

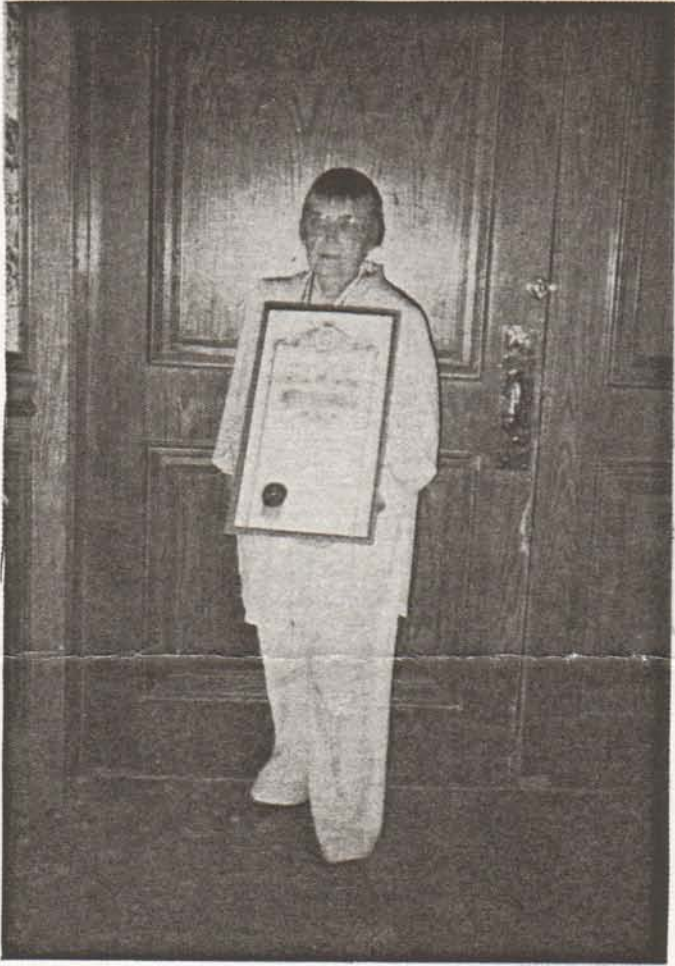
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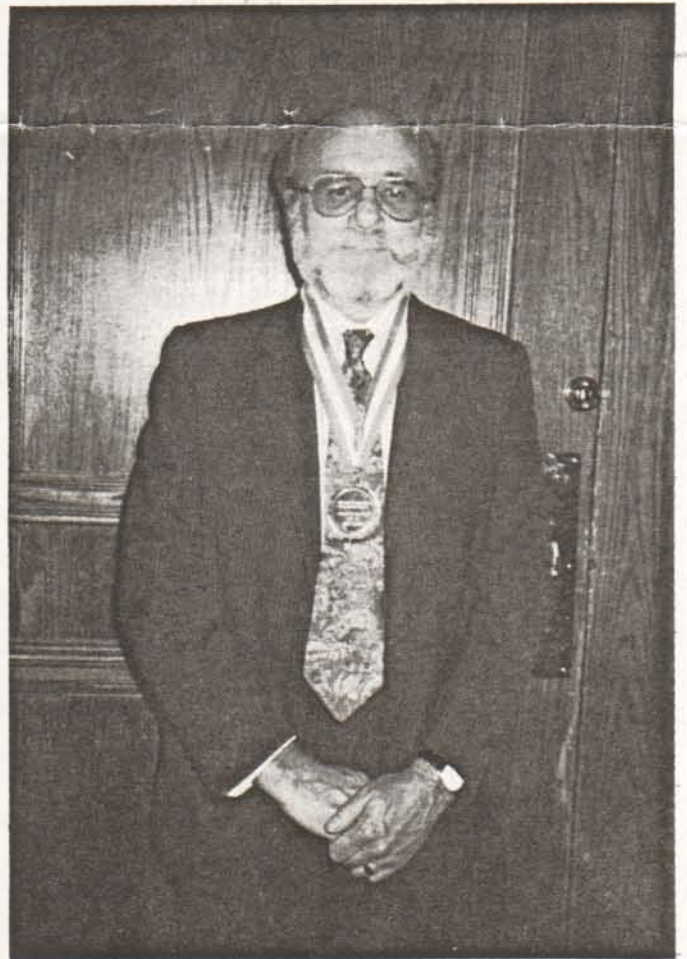
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## CHS Members Honored by Coordinating Council



Pauline Aue



John Thorpe