

# Smoke Signal

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## 90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of the PIONEER CHURCH

Sunday, October 24, 1993

The Pioneer Church, Los Angeles Cultural Historic Monument No. 13, was built in 1903 and was originally located at 10051 Topanga Canyon Blvd. It is now located in Oakwood Memorial Park, 22601 Lassen Street, Chatsworth.

1 to 4 p.m., open house and guided tours; movie titled, "Odyssey," included in the tours.

4 p.m., the formal program will be held. This will include the invocation by Dr. Marvin Kennon, pastor of the Chatsworth United Methodist Church and a welcome message by Fr. Anthony Rasch, rector, St. Mary the Virgin CC. Lila Schepler will recount the history of the church. Bea Berman, Society president, will make a presentation.

A musical interlude will be offered by EN/ C.O.R.E. Ensemble of Valleyaires -S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. led by Bob Platzer.

The program will continue with an award to Roy Rogers and Dale Evans by Keith Watts, a founder of the Chatsworth Historical Society. There will be remarks by elected officials as well as by Norman Ruppert of Oakwood Memorial Park.

A second musical interlude will feature Jane Matthews, a former president of the Society and the program will conclude with the benediction by Fr. Rasch.

## QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING Tuesday, November 16, 7:30 p.m. Chatsworth Museum

Adell Woodworth will present an exhibit and history of dolls representing King Henry VIII's Court. Woodworth has won numerous blue ribbons at the Los Angeles County Fair for her work on the dolls. In addition to seeing that each character is dressed in an historically accurate costume, Woodworth makes the dolls come alive with the anecdotes she herself has researched.

Refreshments will be served. A donation of \$2 is suggested for non-members.

# A Holiday Event!

The Society has purchased a block of 25 tickets for the "Festival of the Carols," featuring the California Brass Ensemble and the Los Angeles Pierce College Choir. This is an old-fashioned Christmas concert featuring traditional holiday music and songs to brighten your spirit! Won't you join us on Wednesday, December 15 at the Homestead Cottage for a social hour from

6 to 7 p.m., after which we shall carpool to Pierce College for the 8 p.m. performance.

The ticket price of \$4 includes the concert and holiday cheer. To R.S.V.P., for tickets call 882-0485. All tickets must be pre-paid.

Donna Afflerbach Program Chairman

## From the president:

We had a great time on Pioneer Day and I want to personally thank Zena Thorpe, chairman, and the entire board for all their assistance. It was another successful event and we also thank the docents, the vendors the book readers and the petting zoo participants for contributing so much to the day's success.

Hope to see you at the Pioneer Church on Sunday.

Bea

# From Ken Levy, life member and Museum Council member:

Upon retirement five years ago, my wife, Lois, and I opted for the open road. To accomplish this we purchased a beautiful 40 ft.trailer to travel in which has served us well in the intervening years. Each year we travel for 8 months and return to Chatsworth from November 1 to March 1. We are fortunate that our children and grandchildren live in Chatsworth and we are able to enjoy visiting with them during our winter stay here. Over the past five years we have visited 125 cities in the U.S. and Canada. It will cheer you to know that most every city we visit, large, small or the same size as Chatsworth, has an Historical Society. This suggests there are literally thousands of historical societies out there. We'll make up a detailed itinerary for the next 8 months trip and historical significance is the primary criteria for selecting places to visit. UNFORTUNATELY, the place we used to park

our trailer is no longer available. We make this plea to our fellow historical society members: we are looking for a piece of property on which we could pay to park the trailer from November 1 to March 1. We do not live in the trailer when in Chatsworth; we are looking for a space to park it. Please let us know if you can help. Please call my daughter, Cynthia Loyd, after 3 p.m. at 993-6610.

Thank you, Ken Levy.