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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last week proved to be exciting for the Society as Channel 7's Fred Anderson visited The Acre and interviewed Virginia Watson, curator, about the history of the property and the Hill-Palmer families. The interview appeared on Wednesday evening and Pioneer Day was held on Sunday, October 2nd. We had arranged for a great deal of other publicity so that this year's Pioneer reenactment was the most successful such event we've ever held. Well over 400 adults and what seemed like hundreds of children enjoyed a full day of activities.

On behalf of the executive board I want to thank the many volunteers who came and helped us this year. We received support from our members as well as high school students and from several members of the Chatsworth Women's Club. In addition there were many vendors and craftspeople who shared their talents. In saying the event was a huge success, I don't mean only in a financial sense - we received numerous compliments on the wide range of activities.

A major goal of the Society is to educate people about history and we certainly attained that goal last Sunday.

Hope to see many of you at our next quarterly meeting on Tuesday, November 15, at 7:30 pm.

Sincerely,

Sheila

COMING EVENTS

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- OCT. 15-16 HISTORY FAIR EXHIBIT
HERITAGE SQUARE
Donna & Virginia
- OCT. 17 SSMPA SLIDE LECTURE
8pm Glendale Federal
Virginia
- Oct. 18 St. John Eudes Slide Lect
7:30 pm Church Dome
Bill/Lila
- NOV. 1 Board Meeting
7:00 pm Chatsworth Museum
- Nov. 6 OPEN HOUSE 1-4 pm
Team #2 - Schepler (Lillian)
Berman, Oates, Clements &
Watts.
- Nov. 15 PROGRAM MEETING 7:30 p.m.
Chatsworth Museum
"Depression glass" with
Bonita Campbell and
William Freedman
- Dec. 4 OPEN HOUSE 1-4 p.m.
TEAM #3 - Afflerbach,
Wyant, Reynolds, Clark &
Barbara Roth.
- Dec. 6 BOARD MEETING 7 p.m.
Chatsworth Museum
- Dec. 7 HOLIDAY FETE 6:30 pm.
MEET AT MUSEUM - Carpool to
Pierce Concert - after
refreshments.

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PIONEER DAY REPORT

WOW! Is the only way to react to the tremendous support shown by members and friends of our Society as well as the community, businesses, organizations and youth who volunteered to help make PIONEER DAY 1994 our most successful ever! An estimated crowd of 500 people turned out to visit The Acre, many for the first time, to learn what we have to offer in preserving the story of Chatsworth and the Northwest San Fernando Valley's past. My heartfelt thanks to all those who assisted us with this effort of informing and entertaining as well as in raising over \$1,300.00 for the conservation of The Homestead Acre.

Sincerely,
Donna Afflerbach

BUSINESS DONATIONS:

BARCLAY'S COFFEE, FANTASY LANE CRAFTS, GLENDALE FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOWN, HUGHES MARKET, LOS TOROS RESTAURANT, PRINTING SAFARI, RALPHS' MARKET AND STAMP HUT.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIETY CONTRIBUTORS, VOLUNTEERS, EXHIBITORS:

Donna Afflerbach	Barbara Pampalone
Pauline Aue	Hope Parshall
Ramon Avila	Margaret Perkins
Lillian Baker	Bill & Nancy Razanski
John Basille	Kathy Reynolds
Bea Berman	Felicia Robinson
Danny Bobluck	Bill & Lila Schepler
Melissa Clark	Lillian Schepler
Paula & Brenden Delzer	Jim & Betty Summers
Ruth Grant	Jackie Sylvestre
Jan Hinkston	John & Zena Thorpe
Evelyn Kanouse	Keith & Sheila Watts
Jack Kruschen	Roberta Weinstein
Orville Mitchell	Vicki Wyant
Irene Nalbandian	Young Adults from Chatsworth
Bruce & Jackie O'Reilly	High School and Chaminade

OTHER EXHIBITORS:

Bonita Campbell & William Freeman, California Woodcarvers Guild, Helen Schram, Jolene's Horse Rescue, Sarah Lucas, and the Southwest Museum Docents.

RECOGNITION

Councilman Hal Bernson sent a special hand-lettered Resolution commending the Chatsworth Historical Society for the presentation of the Fourth Annual Pioneer Day. Sandy Clydesdale, delivered the document to the Society that day.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD NEWS * *

We have a new 4th vice president and hospitality chairman:

Paula Delzer
8760 De Soto Avenue, #208
Canoga Park, CA 91304
(818) 341-1904

Paula is also a very active docent and we are happy to welcome her to the executive board.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS * *

Pauline Aue and Ramon Avila have recently become Life Members of the Society and they will receive their Life Member cards at the November program meeting. This is much appreciated.

Members who pay annually are reminded that this will be their last Smoke Signal if their dues are unpaid.

Keith Watts,
Membership Chairman

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WHAT'S NEW WITH OUR MEMBERS

Long-time member Dr. Robert Dager was recently nominated by Governor Pete Wilson to the Optometry Commission for the State of California.

Dr. Bob Kinsman and his wife, Audrey, were guests at our Fourth Annual Pioneer Day. The Kinsmans were among the early supporters of the Chatsworth Historical Society and formerly lived in this community where Dr. Bob practised dentistry.

MORE NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Joe and Dottie Sammartano are back from a trip to the Minneapolis-St. Paul area where they visited with their daughter and her family.

Leslye, a native of the San Fernando Valley, and her husband, Alan Erzberger, recently moved to the Middle West. Alan is employed by Deluxe Check and worked in the Chatsworth area until he received a job advancement and was transferred. Dottie says her two grandsons, ages 5 and 7, are happily adjusting and enjoying fishing, biking and roller blading in their new location on the outskirts of town.

Also while they were there Dottie and Joe experienced a tornado warning. Nothing came of it and they were happy that nothing did!

LIFE MEMBER DOROTHY POGUE visited The Homestead Acre for our Fourth Annual Pioneer Day! She was accompanied by her son Bill and his wife.

Dorothy is the granddaughter of Ann and Niels Johnson and is a sister to founding Historical Society member Kelly Johnson. She has allowed us to copy many of her photographs and assisted us in doing research about the Johnsons. She came all the way from Palmdale for the occasion.

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