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From the President -

A very healthy New Year to all of you in 1995. Welcome back to Chatsworth to Bea and Marshall Berman. They've been living in an apartment in Woodland Hills for several months while the post earthquake repairs were made to their home in Rockpointe.

The recent deluges have caused our little meandering stream at the Acre to turn into a raging torrent! However, we're thankful for the needed rain to ensure lovely flowers and fruit for the coming season.

I urge all those who live nearby to attend the January quarterly meeting when a slide show of the beautifully embroidered tapestry depicting D-Day will be shown, narrated by Zena Thorpe.

Thanks to Valeta Kohler for her recent generous donation of funds to be used wherever necessary for the Society's objectives.

Sheila

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"Searching for California Gold."

will be seen at 6 pm. Sundays on Channel 28, P.B.S, followed by "Visiting With Huell Houser," making a full hour history program, Sheila Watts reports.

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Coming Events -

- Jan. 15 Rescheduled Boy Scout Family Tour. 1-4 p.m. The Acre.
- Jan. 17 PROGRAM Meeting. Zena and John Thorpe will show slides of the D-Day Tapestry made in Portsmouth, England where all the plans were made for the invasion of France for WW II. 7:30 p.m. Chatsworth Museum
- Jan. 22 The 148th Anniversary Celebration of the signing of the Treaty of Cahuenga will take place from 1:30pm to 3:00pm at Campo de Cahuenga, 3919 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood. Mexican forces represented by ANDRES PICO capitulated to American forces under JOHN C. FREMONT ending the Mexican War in California and paving the way for the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.
- Feb. 05 Open House from 1-4pm at The Acre. Team One Docents: Betty Summers, Lila Schepler Beverly Arneson, Pauline Aue
- Feb. 12 Sunday, 1-4pm Grier Musser Museum, 403 South Bonnie Brae Los Angeles. (213) 413-1814. "Be My Valentine." Antique Valentines on display. \$6 includes refreshments. RSVP Feb. 05. Susan Tejada, 219 S Irving Blvd. LA, CA 90004.
- March 11 Tentative date for trip to Roy Rogers Museum. See details elsewhere in Smoke Signal

Missing - Oct - Dec

DOCENT DOINGS

By
DONNA AFFLERBACH

Melissa Clark and I represented the Society at the Community Festival held on December 10th at Mason Park. We enjoyed the opportunity to meet new and old friends and to entertain children with the making of paper star-santa ornaments for themselves or others.

Assemblywoman Paula Boland and Councilman Hal Bernson spoke and joined in song with the circle of children, parents, and members of Chatsworth clubs and organizations. The arrival of Santa on the shiny red ladder truck from Fire Station #96, the antique steam fire truck, and the fire department personnel who accompanied the equipment display added to the merriment of the afternoon.

Although there were few visitors at the January 1st Open House, Virginia Watson, Evelyn Kanouse and Paula Delzer made good use of their volunteer time. In between tours Paula Delzer cleaned up the kitchen and washed all the new dishes again following a massive attack of ants. Thank you!

Cub Scout Pack 36 from Northridge had to cancel their scheduled trip due to the wet weather. They are touring historic places in the Valley. They have rescheduled for Sunday, Jan. 15 and have their fingers crossed hoping for good weather. About 30 people are expected.

Our docents will have the opportunity to improve their skill and technique of speaking with tour groups by attending a program sponsored by the Docent League of Southern California in February. A tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House will be part of the day's program. See me at the program meeting for details.



SPECIAL EVENT PLANNED FOR BIRTHDAY

A bus trip to the **ROY ROGERS-DALE EVANS MUSEUM IN VICTORVILLE** is being planned for Saturday, March 11, 1995. (Editorial note: Our birthday is March 10 and the town will be 107 years old.) We will (in a sense) be visiting with Roy and Dale as well as revisiting the past as we see mementos of their lives here in Chatsworth and the Valley.

This special trip will celebrate the March founding of Chatsworth as well as the April 17 founding of our Society (Editorial note again: 1963-we will be 32 years old. Roy and Dale were our patrons and wrote a letter urging people to help us.)

The \$10 ticket for the trip includes bus fare and admission to the Museum. Lunch will be each person's responsibility. A stop for a buffet lunch at a nearby restaurant is planned as there are no eating facilities at the Museum.

Tentative departure time is 9:30 am from The Acre with a return time of about 4:30 pm.

More details and reservations will be available **AT THE JANUARY 17th PROGRAM MEETING. AFTER THAT DATE CALL 882-048 or 882-5614** and leave a message.

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CHATSWORTH CHATTER

Last December Virginia Watson and her sister made a trip to Florida to visit a relative and went to Epcot Center at Disney World. They had just arrived and were examining merchandise in a gift shop when Virginia noticed that the lady standing next to her was not her sister as she had assumed. Not expecting to see another familiar face Virginia was amazed to recognize Nanci Oliva-Bond, Hal Bernson's former aide and a long-time member of CHS who had recently moved to Raleigh, North Carolina. Nanci and her husband, Bob, had driven to Disney World for a brief vacation.

Nanci said to say "Hello" to everyone and "Merry Christmas." She also mentioned again how much she enjoyed the "Going Away Party" we had for her at The Acre.

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