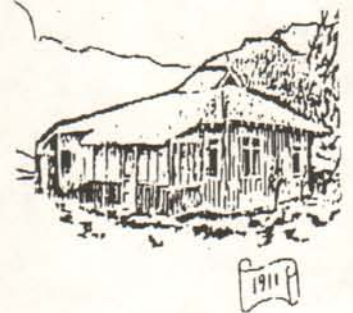


# Smoke Signal



CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** from Virginia Watson:

The Chatsworth Historical Society year starts in June and the new officers take over right after the installation, so this is my first message to you. It is a message of hope, I hope that we can continue to have as successful a year as the last two have been under Sheila Watts's leadership. Thanks, Sheila, for all your past achievements and thank you to the executive board members as well.

We have a fine board this year with many of the same members returning although wearing different hats and some, like Lillian Schepler, treasurer, continuing. We have one new board member, Linda van der Valk, who has never been on the board before, and Lila Schepler, who has undergone several recent surgeries, is back in a slightly different capacity.

At our first board meeting we discussed plans for the fall. You will be reading about them elsewhere in the Smoke Signal.

I hope we can continue to plan interesting events that emphasize the history of the area and that the community will continue to support us as it has in the past.

I am looking forward to a successful, productive year filled with lots of fun.

## **SCHEDULED EVENTS**

Tuesday, July 2nd, 7 p.m. Executive Board meeting at the Museum

Thursday, July 4, Happy Birthday USA and Keith Watts!

Sunday, July 7, open house at the acre from 1 to 4 p.m.

(Docent Team 2; Lillian Schepler, Sheila Watts, Bea Berman, Sylvia Oates.)

Saturday, July 20 Johnson Family Reunion

Sunday Aug. 4, Open House at the Acre

Tuesday, Aug 6, Executive Board Meeting

The events planning committee met in June and agreed to hold the annual Pioneer Day on Sunday, October 1. Complete plans will be unveiled in the summer newsletter. Circle the date and volunteer to help!

## **METROLINK STATION PAVER PROGRAM REPORT.**

While the paver program continues, it was recently reported to have been a great success. Many stones are in place and more are scheduled.

The stones sell for \$100, and \$20 of each purchase may be designated to any charitable cause. The Society has received a

check for \$200 from the Paver Foundation and at this time we will list the names of the donors up to this date. Many, many thanks.

They are:

The Aaron Group  
Chatsworth, CA

Peggy Iverson Beltramo  
Camarillo, CA.

Bea & Marshall Berman  
Chatsworth, CA

Chatsworth Historical Society  
Chatsworth, CA

Mrs. Charles J. Grill  
Chatsworth, CA

Bunny Levine  
Chatsworth, CA

Cindy Morris  
Chatsworth, CA

Lillian Schepler  
Chatsworth, CA

Keith & Sheila Watts  
Chatsworth, CA

Anyone interested in purchasing an inscribed paving stone may contact Sheila Watts at (818) 341-4489.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD, 1996-1997**

Virginia Watson, president	341-3053
Bea Berman, 1st V.P., programs	341-5449
2nd V.P. Ways & Means	vacant.
3rd V.P., membership,	Keith Watts 341-4489
4th V.P., hospitality,	John Thorpe 882-

3572	Secretary, Zena Thorpe	882-3572
341-2697	Treasurer, Lillian Schepler	
	Curator, vacant.	
341-4489	Editor, Smoke Signal, Sheila Watts	
882-6485	Dir. of Docents, Donna Afflerbach	
341-3447	Dir. Photographic Material, Bill Schepler	
341-2714	Dir.at Large, Cottage Curator, Betty Summers	
882-3661	Dir.at Large, Linda van der Valk	
341-3447	Dir. Museum Council, Lila Schepler	
341-4461	Dir's of the Garden, Dean & Candy Craig	
341-2828	Permanent Hon. Board member, Eileen Janess	

NEWS ABOUT TOWN....John & Zena Thorpe will enjoy a visit to the British Isles this summer, Zena to present seminars in many cities on the subject of quilting, and the two will also enjoy touring and visiting relatives.....there's a new shop in town located next to Hughes Market; Reclaimed Treasures is a thrift shop, retail store selling recycled merchandise to benefit the Childhelp USA organization. Established 32 years ago to help prevent child abuse and neglect, the group is asking for donations of good merchandise. This may be taken to the store or arrangements for pick-up can be made by calling 709-1209.

CONGRATULATIONS to Vicky and Vic Wyant whose son Ray was valedictorian at the Chatsworth High School graduation ceremonies on June 12; he will attend Duke University as an electrical engineering major.

The Wyant family moved to Chatsworth in

1988 from Long Beach. Ray attended Chatsworth Park Elementary School, Lawrence Middle School and he has often done volunteer work at the Acre, among his many credits. Vicky is an active member of the Society's Docent Committee. We wish him well in the year's ahead.

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Keith Watts was nominated by the Society, the Friends of the Library and by Dr. Barbara Pampalone for the annual Citizen of the Year Award. At the Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council banquet in May he received the award.

The award cited his preservationist activities and volunteer on behalf of the history and community of Chatsworth since 1960--from helping found the Society to save and relocate the original Chatsworth Methodist Church to Oakwood Memorial Park; to chairing the grand opening of Chatsworth Park North, the community's first city park. Keith has co-chaired the Friends of the Chatsworth Library for three years and publishes the Friends newsletter. He also volunteers many hours per week as a community trainer for the library's Internet system.

An indispensable member of the Society, Keith has held many board positions; served as membership chairman for three years; assists at all Society events; publishes all

related flyers, brochures, and newsletters; and handles a myriad of tasks to maintain the Homestead Acre house and site.

"Involved at every support level for both the Library and Historical Society, Keith Watts is a truly selfless, "Man for all Seasons"--a gift to the community".

Keith's sons, Mark and Kevin, daughter Jennifer and granddaughter Savannah were on hand for the event.

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### **MEMBERSHIP REMINDER**

Annual fees for the General membership are due and payable June 30.

General Membership

Individual \$15.00 per year  
Family \$25.00 per year

Life Membership

(One Time) \$125.00

Please send your checks to the Chatsworth Historical Society at 10385 Shadow Oak Drive, Chatsworth, CA 91311. Your support is very much appreciated.

Keith Watts, Membership Chairman

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