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From the President:

Many of our members chose August for their vacations and things have been rather quiet at the Acre this summer.

The Johnson reunion was a big success and a good time was had by all, plus we gained a few new members.

The Pioneer Day committee is continuing its plans and is steadily working toward a great day of looking at the past from the present and participating in bygone chores and pleasant pastimes. Lots of exciting events are planned and we need beaucoup volunteers to carry out the plans successfully. If you haven't already volunteered, please consider spending a few hours helping--I am sure that we can find a job for you that will fit you to a "T." To volunteer to assist in Pioneer Day, please call The Acre phone number, 882-5614, and leave your name and number.

Hope that you are having a cool summer and are getting rested for the busy revitalized year.

Virginia.

From the Membership Chairman:

This is a reminder that dues for General Members must be paid by September: \$15 for individuals, \$20 for a family. Many thanks to those who have already paid.

Keith

Fall Quarterly Meeting

The Fall quarterly meeting will be held Tuesday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Museum.

A special program on the history of Northridge will be presented by Paul Dentzel, an historian who has long studied that area of the San Fernando Valley. Paul is a life member of the Society and he is the son of Elisabeth Waldo Dentzel and the late Dr. Carl Dentzel, an early day supporter of the Historical Society and its objective of moving the church.

Plans for the Pioneer Day celebration will be finalized and other Fall events will be announced.

Refreshments will be served and there'll be plenty of time for socializing. Please come and bring a friend.

Come to Pioneer Day - October 6th!

PIONEER DAY ACTIVITIES, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Homestead Acre, will include the reenactment of a day in the lives of the Hill-Palmer families of the early 1900's. For the second year the event will include the popular chili cook-off with prizes of \$50 for first place; \$35 for second place and \$25, third place. An application for the cook-off with official rules will be found elsewhere in the newsletter. Entrants are limited and a fee of

\$10 is charged. Bring your home made chili and compete! It's fun.

Among the many Pioneer Day exhibits and games are the quilts in the museum and a quilt-making game for the youngsters. We'll see spinning, horseshoe toss, children's stories, chores of yore, wood carving, petting zoo, white elephants and much more. More games and entertainment than ever before. Of course there'll be refreshments including soft drinks and chili, baked goods and hot dogs.....and much more!

Rosedale Cemetery Tour:

Members are invited to join this tour to be held on Saturday, October 12th from 9 a.m. to noon, at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery, 1831 Washington Blvd., (Normandie & Washington Blvd.) There you will stroll along tree-lined paths in a beautifully land-scaped park while listening to music, being entertained by costumed actors and meeting famous characters of early Los Angeles history. Tickets are \$10, free parking, light refreshments following the tour. For additional information call Joe Ryan at (213) 734-8820.

What is the California Conference of Historical Societies?

Why is the Conference?

"The mission of the CONFERENCE is the preservation of California history by unifying and strengthening historical organizations throughout the State."

The Conference of California Historical Societies was formed in 1953 as a means to bring together the many historical societies and museums throughout the State to share their common needs and expertise, and to bind them together in the interest of history in California. Members have endeavored to

find ways of helping and informing each other of problems which often can be solved better by group efforts. We learn from each other.

In order to acquaint the historical groups throughout California who are Conference members, meetings are held in various places. The annual meeting in June alternates between northern and southern sites. The Fall symposium meets in late September or early October in the northern half of the State. The Spring Symposium meets in February in the southern part of the State. A board of Directors meeting is sometimes held at the University of the Pacific (headquarter of the Conference) in April in conjunction with the annual History Institute; all members are welcome to attend.

Each of these meetings includes some "how to" portions as well as history lectures and tours of nearby historical sites. Visits to local museums are excellent opportunities to pick up tips on innovative display techniques, attractive labeling and other good ideas to take home to your own organization. There is a concerted effort to find hosts in more remote corners of the state, out of the big metropolitan areas, to make it possible for every member of the host-area societies to attend and find out first hand just what the CONFERENCE is, as well as to become acquainted with members outside their own areas. The aim is to convince more people to attend ALL of the meetings and thereby increase the strength of history in the State.

As a member of the Chatsworth Historical Society, you are a member of the CONFERENCE, and eligible to hold office. Copies of the Conference's quarterly gazette are in the Museum Library for your perusal.