



Smoke Signal



CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
10385 Shadow Oak Drive, Chatsworth CA 91311
(818)-882-5614

President: Virginia Watson

Editor: Sheila Watts

OCTOBER, 1996

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Wow! Wasn't our 6th annual Pioneer Day a big success? I thought it was great! After expenses we made about \$1300. At the same time we received two donations of the FEMA loan repayment. A list of donors will appear in the November Smoke Signal.

We have been very busy and more events are in store. After Pioneer Day we hosted a tour of Valley Recreation leaders set up by Paul Meyer, director of Chatsworth Park South. It too was successful; Donna, Candy, Dean and I gave the tour which seemed very well received.

We're happy to welcome back Candy and Dean who spent their summer as usual in Colorado.

On Saturday, October 26, we are renting the Acre for photographs of a girl's 15th birthday. We charge \$50/hr for photo sessions.

Last Monday I spoke to the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association meeting on the history of the Santa Susana Pass. The group donated a copy of a Valley Map for our collection.

The Chatsworth Historical Society wrote a letter of support to the State history

commission telling of the Society's interest in the acquisition of additional land to the Santa Susana Mountain Park.

We are negotiating with a film company to allow them to make a commercial at the Acre. Dean Craig has agreed to be in charge of the project for the executive board. On Friday, November 1st we'll hold a yard sale from 8 a.m., to 4 p.m. Details elsewhere in the newsletter. We'll report more next month.

Virginia

DOCENT NEWS:

Sunday, November 3rd, team two will conduct the tours of the Acre: Lillian Schepler, Sheila Watts, Bea Berman and Sylvia Oates.

Thanks to Kevin Haas for allowing use of his collection of early glass bottles to be on display during August and September. Any other Society members who have collections that can be displayed in the Museum cases, please contact me at 882-0485. Visitors enjoy the Acre so much because our docents do a wonderful job of promoting conversation and questions. Wasn't Pioneer Day a perfect example of how a stimulating environment can promote conversations and learning! Your display



can act as a new stimulus for everyone in the months to come.

WATTS' WHAT....welcome back to Lillian Schepler who spent five weeks visiting England and Wales and had a great time - now she's busier than ever as president of the Chatsworth Women's Club. Also congratulations on attaining her 80th birthday complete with a family surprise party. We welcome home Zena Thorpe who spent ten weeks recently touring England, teaching and presenting seminars on quilting in major cities. Husband John accompanied her for three weeks and both enjoyed returning to their native land. Keith and Sheila spent a very happy first birthday celebration with granddaughter Savannah in New York. Our wishes for a speedy recovery to Ruth Grant who has a serious back problem. Congratulations to Sandy Robinson on the superb job she is doing traveling across country and abroad coaching people in the D.A.R.E. program for a drug-free America.

PROGRAM MEETING

Don't forget! Coming November 19, 7:30 pm in the Museum - a great program and refreshments. See you there!

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:

Again, a reminder to general members that Society membership dues for 1996-97 are now payable. And regrettably, this will be the last Smoke Signal that will be mailed to you, unless your dues are current. If you have questions regarding your dues status, call Keith Watts, 341-4489.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!! Best wishes to all and be sure to look out for the spooks.....

