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CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

With the summer in full swing and vacation time here, it is difficult to organize future events. However, we are planning for Pioneer Day on Sunday, the 5th of October. Fortunately we have some very dedicated members who put in extra time prior to their vacations so that their absences do not slow the progress down. Pioneer Day as usual will be a fun-filled day for people of all ages and we look forward to a good attendance. This event is an important fund raiser for the society so please mark your calendar to attend and support the Chatsworth Historical Society.

John Thorpe

**OPEN HOUSE AT THE ACRE,
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1 to 4 p.m.**

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING.

The program and membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16 at the Museum at 7 p.m.* Please note new time.* The speakers for this opening event are Beverly Folkes and her nephew, Alan Salazar, two native Americans who can trace their family back to the San Fernando Mission.

Beverly grew up in San Fernando and recently found in her deceased mother's Bible documentation that proves her lineage. The subject of the talk will be the Chumash Indians. Meanwhile plans are being unveiled for a joyous celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Mission in September.

Refreshments will be served and all are invited to attend.

SOME HISTORIC MOMENTS:

Birthdays:

Francis Scott Key composer of the 'Star Spangled Banner', August 1, 1779;

August 1815, Lawyer & writer Henry Dana Jr., author of 'Two Years Before the Mast.'

August 1819 ,Author Herman Melville

Events:

1907; An Aeronautical Division was added to the Army Signal Corps, and this forerunner of the U.S. Air Force bought its first airplane. The aircraft was made by the Wright brothers.

August 24, 1947, Keith & Sheila Watts married in Long Beach, California.

1977, Francis Gary Powers, pilot of a U-2 spy plane shot down over the Soviet Union in 1960 was killed when his weather helicopter crashed in Los Angeles.

September 3, 1939. Hitler's army invaded Poland. Britain and France declared war on Germany, onset of World War II. On September 27, 1939, Poland surrendered to Germany.

September 1954, the 'Tonight Show' made its debut with host Steve Allen.

September 14, 1914, Clayton Moore was born, aka The Lone Ranger.

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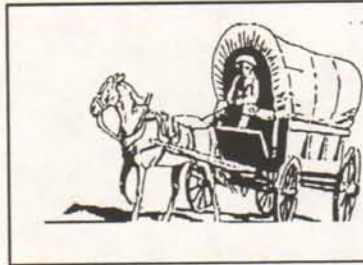
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OBITUARY.

Dr. Ruth Boak, a past president of the Society died this month and services were held in Camarillo. Ruth was president in 1974-75 and was the first woman president of the Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce. Ruth was also active with the Community Coordinating Council as well as the Business and Professional Women's Club. She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Ferris Boak and is survived by two sons, Beau and Donny. We extend our deep sympathy to her family.

CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
7th Annual Pioneer Day

"Relive the good old days"



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1997 - 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Homestead Acre within CHATSWORTH PARK SOUTH
At the west end of Devonshire Street

EXHIBITS

HANDS-ON CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

SPECIAL EVENTS

••• CHILI COOK-OFF CONTEST •••
(AMATEUR CHEFS COMPETING FOR PRIZES)

OLD TIMERS REUNION

MUSIC

REFRESHMENTS AND "WHITE ELEPHANTS" FOR SALE

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