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Smoke Signal

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FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS:

October was a busy month for us. Pioneer Day was a great success. We would like to thank Bea Berman for all of her hard work as chairperson for Pioneer Day. She did a wonderful job and it truly paid off as our best fundraiser ever. Andre and I met with Parks and Rec. officials and it looks like the termite problem will be handled. Also, we have put a wish list in for an air conditioner/heater for the museum, sprinklers for the grounds and enhanced lighting around the acre. It sounds like this may be something that they will do. Let's keep our fingers crossed! Andre and I would like to invite the Chatsworth

Historical Society to our home for a Christmas Party; we will do the party instead of a general meeting in December. The date will be Tuesday, December 18th. We will follow up with more information in the next newsletter

Linda and Andre

FROM THE PIONEER DAY CHAIRMAN

To all the workers, volunteers, board members and docents - I want to thank you for a wonderful day. It was the most successful Pioneer Day we have had and I owe it to everyone who participated. It made being the chairman worthwhile. I just organized, but you did all the work. Again, thanks so much. By the way, we cleared about \$3,500 (don't have the exact figure yet.) Looking forward to next year and open for any suggestions to make Pioneer Day even bigger and better.

Bea Berman

WHAT'S NEW AT THE ACRE

by Virginia Watson

Pioneer Day was a BIG success! We had more people at our event than were present at any other time except our Sesquicentennial and 112th Birthday bash in March 2000! Over 1000 people attended and we were very pleased and excited.

Elsewhere in the Smoke Signal you will read about the details. It was a lot of work and took many, many hours of planning and adjusting.

Bea Berman did an outstanding job we owe her a BIG VOTE of THANKS. She has been chairperson for the past few years and really outdid herself this year. Also our co-presidents Linda and Andre van der Valk did a magnificent job of coordinating events and keeping our five-hour spectacular on an even keel, PLUS they donated all the hot dogs and cokes we sold! We have so many people to thank - our families and friends, other community groups, the business community, our councilman Hal Bernson and his staff. Also the Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks who loaned us all the lovely canopies and their Maintenance Crew that helped us with an unexpected flood just prior to the event, the California State Parks and that allowed us to park up behind our Minnie Palmer Homestead Acre, the staff and students at Chaminade who helped with the games and Chores of Yore and all the volunteers who helped us.

We missed our blacksmith this year-Dr. Gary Standke had a prior engagement he couldn't break and hopefully he will be here next year.

DIGITAL HISTORY LIBRARY

We have reported several times about our participation in the forming of the Digital History Library at CSUN. Along with the other historical societies in the Valley, we selected certain pictures and artifacts to be copied and displayed as part of their images of the history of the the San Fernando Valley on the internet. Tuesday, October 16th was the formal opening of the event and we were invited to participate by having a table telling about our society. There was a lovely program on the porch of the Oviatt Library with

speeches, music and dancing. In the afternoon a reception was held with Dean Susan Cruzon officiating. We celebrated the opening and received a certificate acknowledging our participation. In the evening our State Librarian Kevin Starr spoke and a benefit dinner was held.

This is an ongoing project and now individuals as well as groups can loan or give items to the university to be included in the library which can be accessed on the internet from anywhere in the world. If you have a computer and are hooked up to the internet, try typing in <http://digital-library.csun.edu/cgi> and see it for yourself. We are very proud to have been part of such a worthwhile activity.

SOUTHWEST MUSEUM TOUR

Many of our docents went on a memorable tour to the Southwest Museum in Highland Park on Wednesday, Oct. 17th. The San Fernando Valley Historical Society had planned the trip and Lillian Schepler made arrangements for a group of docents to attend. We met at The Acre and our co-president Linda van der Valk drove us over to Sepulveda to the Andres Pico Adobe where we met the big, comfortable tour bus. It was only about a half hour trip to the museum--the oldest continuing museum in Los Angeles. The museum was started by Charles Lummis and is a treasure house of information about the Native Americans.

We had a special tour, arranged by Paul Dentzel, of the research library with its

hundreds of reference volumes. We learned about the work that the docents take care of at that facility.

We were especially pleased to view a replica of our local Native American cave at the Santa Susana Testing Site with its pictographs as shown below.



(Photo courtesy of Virginia Watson, Chatsworth Historical Society)

We enjoyed a good box lunch in the patio of the museum and arrived back in Chatsworth about 5 p.m. Docents who attended are: Linda van der Valk, Betty Summers, Candy Craig, Evelyn Kanouse, Keli Jacobson, Lillian Schepler and Virginia Watson.

HOMESTEAD ACRE TOURS.

This week we had two tours of the Acre. Two different groups of students at the Work Training Program on Nordhoff Street toured the Acre on Wednesday, Oct. 24th. Evelyn Kanouse, Marilyn Frump and I worked the first tour in the morning; and Betty Summers and I worked in the afternoon. The young people really enjoyed visiting the Acre.

PROGRAM MEETING - NOVEMBER 20

The meeting will be held in the Chatsworth Museum at the Homestead Acre at 7:00 p.m. and the program portion will start at 7:30 p.m. Free refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

The featured speaker will be Mark Raab, Professor of Anthropology at California State University Northridge, who will present a talk with slides detailing the Native American Indians that inhabited the San Fernando Valley before the arrival of the Europeans. Mark has done extensive research locally and further afield over the years. He did extensive work in the Channel Islands, plus research in the Mojave Desert, and as far afield as Baja California.

You should not miss this fascinating program, especially if you have an interest in the history of local or distant cultures.

OUR ZENA DOES IT AGAIN!

Zena Thorpe, our award-winning member in the quilting world, has done it again with her magnificent quilt, KELLS-MAGNUM OPUS. This September she received the FOUNDER'S AWARD in the International Quilt Association show in Houston. That is a top award given there annually.

Congratulation, Zena, you have done **sew** good.

"NEWS FLASH"

Zena and her quilts will be featured on HG TV "Sew Much More", November 29th, 7 a.m.

THE 13 FOLDS OF OUR NATION'S FLAG

Most of us have observed our national flag folded in a ceremonial manner, ending in a triangular form with only the blue field and white stars of the union showing. But did you know that each of the 13 folds has a distinct meaning? The following is adapted from the *Screaming Eagle Newsletter* and from *Flag Rules and Regulations*, which may be found on an internet site at the following URL: www.ushistory.org/betsy/flageti.html, where an animated view of the flag folding is presented.

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is our country right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered in to the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on mother's day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

When the last fold is made and tucked in to form a triangle, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our Nation's motto, "In God we trust".

The Friends of the Chatsworth Library

• USED BOOKSALE •

**9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 17**

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