

Smoke Signal



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FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS:

We are all recuperating from a very, very successful Pioneer Day. We are estimating that over twelve hundred people came to Pioneer Day and that we made about \$6,000 (which will help with our many expenses at the Homestead Acre, especially a much-needed water sprinkler system).

We want to thank Bea Berman for all of her hard work as Chairperson of Pioneer Day. And I would like to ask that we support our merchants that helped us out with their generous donations: Andy Gump, Chatsworth Florist, Donut King, Kahoots, Magic World, Munch Box, Printing Safari, Ralphs' Market and Shell Food Mart (Tarzana).

Hope to see everyone at the general meeting.
Linda and Andre

OCTOBER PROGRAM MEETING

John Thorpe has arranged for a very interesting program for the general meeting on Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 pm.

Tammy Ennis, from the Leonis Adobe in Calabasas, will give a presentation on the background and history of the Adobe. In addition to this informative talk, Ennis will introduce the newly-published book on the Leonis Adobe

So invite your friends and neighbors for this program. Refreshments will be served.

PIONEER DAY RECAP...Bea Berman

I'm still on cloud nine and my head is spinning because of the wonderful turnout on Pioneer Day. Of course, we have to thank Huell Howser for the added publicity.

It was the best Pioneer Day that we ever had and I know I did a lot of preliminary work, but couldn't have done it without the help from everyone. I sincerely want to thank you all. I don't want to mention names for fear I would leave someone out. If we continue to grow like this, we will need a lot more help.
Again, thank you all.

The Chili Cook-off was really great. We had some new entries and guess what! They won. In fact everyone ran out of chili. We also had a Peoples Choice trophy this year which was won by Linda Ross. The first place trophy went to Greg Davies (new), 2nd place went to Narobi Kenya (new) and 3rd place went to Bob Lowe.

I want to thank our wonderful judges: Buck

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(Munch Box), Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Marino (Ralph's Grocery)
and Al Goldstein.

Again, thank you all.
Bea Berman

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS AT THE MEMBERSHIP ROUNDUP

Members of CHS, prospective members, and guests enjoyed their attendance at the annual Membership Roundup and Barbeque on Sunday, September, 14. The potluck dishes, provided by the participants, complemented the barbecued beef for a delicious meal enjoyed by all. Country western music and songs completed the entertainment.

In addition, the roundup was a success and we sincerely welcome the following new and renewed members:

Life Members:

Jon Lauritzen
Jim/Mary Melichar
Daniel Munoz

New Members:

Ed & Carol Burke
Dan Huffman Family(2)
Hunter Petretti
Bryce & Charlie van der Valk
Teena Taketa

Renewed Members:

Randi & Gary Bercow
Henriette Cavallier
Ruth Grant
Beverly King
Manuel Montoya
Suzanne Nalbandian
John & Zena Thorpe
Rick & Jerry
(Chatsworth Florist)

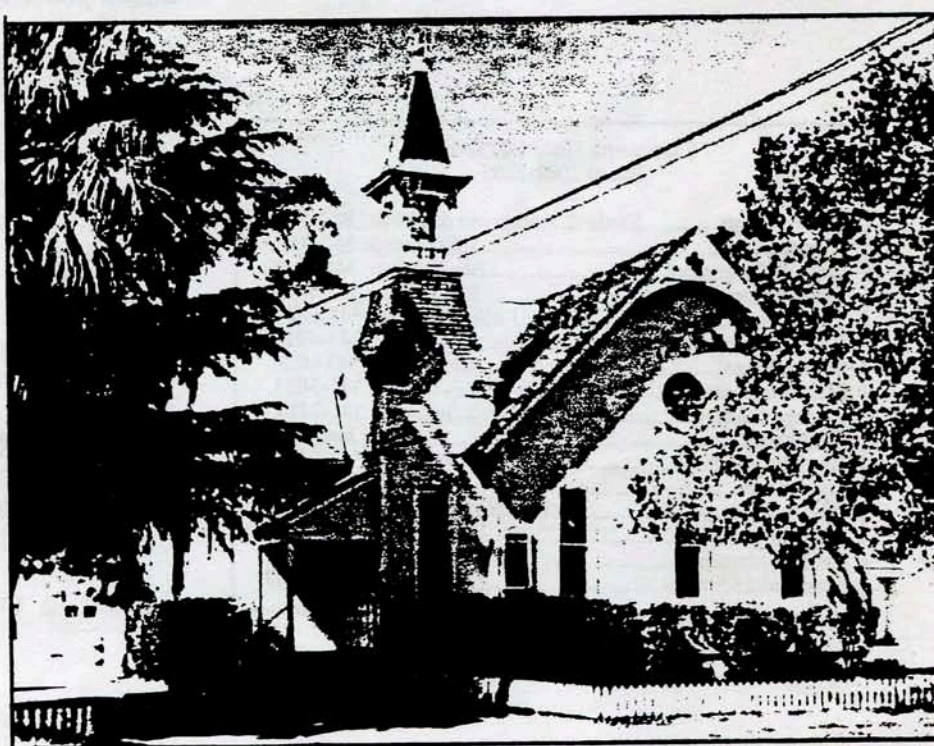
Chatsworth Community Church,
now Pioneer Church, in its
original site on Topanga Cyn. Blvd.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PIONEER CHURCH

The centennial anniversary of the Pioneer Church will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2003. The celebration will start with a procession forming in the parking lot of Oakwood Memorial Park at 2 p.m., led by Equestrian Trails, Corral 54 with a mounted color guard. The procession will then proceed to the church where the program will start at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. Anthony Rasch will be the master of ceremonies.

There will be music with a combined choral group of singers from the Chatsworth United Methodist Church and the choir from St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church with organ accompaniment by Steve Bosworth. Jim Summers and the barbershop quartet "Sixty Something" will entertain.

Lila Schepler, who was president of CHS when the church was moved, will be the main speaker. Virginia Watson will also speak. Ed Ahlstrom, whose ancestor Ann Johnson founded the church congregation, will be present if his illness improves. Lori Mitchell, who restored one of the original stained glass windows, will also talk. State and local recognition will be given; and refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall with CHS docents serving.



COME
CELEBRATE!
The Pioneer
Church is
100 YEARS OLD!
Built 1903

Procession forms at 2 p.m. in the cemetery
parking lot

Program begins at
2:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 19, 2003
Oakwood Memorial Park, 22601 Lassen

Refreshment Free!

Sponsors: The Congregation of St. Mary The Virgin Anglican Rite Catholic
Church, Chatsworth United Methodist Church, The Chatsworth Historical
Society, Oakwood Memorial Park Association. For info 818-341-3883.