



Smoke Signal

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Co-Presidents' Message

By Linda & André van der Valk

Since we have not had a Smoke Signal since November I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. The holidays seem long gone and we are now getting ready for The Garden Festival.

The Acre has been busy with school tours, pruning roses and other activities that keep the Acre going. We have had plumbing problems but they now have been fixed.

The Dynamite Shed that is located near the entrance of the park is now included in The Minnie Hill Palmer Historical Landmark. Thank you to Councilman Greig Smith for seeing this project through.

The Councilman is in the process of having the city purchase the Jack Oakie home. It is located behind the Rydell Car dealership at Reseda and Devonshire. The home was given to the USC Film School by Victoria Oakie, the widow of Jack Oakie. The school sold it to a developer who had promised to sell the house and part of the acreage to the city for \$1.1 million dollars. Of course that would be too easy and it was sold to another developer who wanted more money for the house. The Councilman has negotiated with the new developers to keep the same selling price. The remaining property will be developed with approximately 29 homes. Councilman Smith has great visions for the house. He sees it as being a showcase for the film industry of the Valley. I have told the Councilman that the Chatsworth Historical Society will help in anyway we can.

We have also decided that we will be sending out the Smoke Signal every other month instead of every month. We will be sending postcards out to announce programs for our general monthly meeting.

Linda and André

SENIOR PROGRAM in CHATSWORTH

By Bea Berman

For those of you who don't know, we now have a Senior Program in Chatsworth. It is located in the Recreational Building in Chatsworth Park South. We meet on every Wednesday from 8:30 for breakfast and on throughout the day. There are different activities all day and you can purchase lunch for a nominal fee of \$1.25. We are sanctioned by the Department of Aging. In fact they are talking about adding another day which will be Mondays. Come out and meet new friends and enjoy yourself.

Up-Coming Program Review

By Bea Berman, Chairman

It seems so long since I've written an article for the Smoke Signal. The holidays kept me busy and before you know it, the new year is here and it's hard to get back to the swing of things. For those of you who missed our January meeting, I'm sorry. It was great. We enjoyed an old Roy Rogers movie and the popcorn really hit the spot. My thanks to our wonderful projectionists Ann and Ray Vincent for doing such a great job.

Mark you calendar for our next program which is February 19th. We are having Clark Branson who performs stories and songs of Early America and the West. The program sounds very enjoyable so tell your friends and lets have a nice turnout.

Also, plans are underway for our Annual GARDEN FESTIVAL which is Sunday, April 27th from 11:00 – 4:00 pm. We will have our wonderful Duchess High Tea with the Chatsworth Dance Centre performing Polynesian Dances. We will also have our Garden Clubs, Veteran Quilt Display, vendors and much more, so mark your calendar. As time grows closer, flyers will be available.

UPDATE: SANTA SUSANA STATE PARK

Friday, February 29, at 9:00 AM

Meeting of the California State Park and Recreation Commission at Rocky Peak Church.

On the agenda is the consideration and action on the Department's recommendation to approve the preliminary general plan & environmental impact for Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park.

It would be great if we could come out and show our support for the Park. There have been articles in the paper that the Governor has targeted this Park for closure in the budget cuts. There have been several organizations including ours that have sent letters out saying we do not want the park to close.

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CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM MEETING

Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

We will be entertained by Clark Branson, a folk music performer. "THE TALE IS IN THE TUNE" will be an evening of lighthearted and heartfelt story telling through songs and stories. Early American Folk music at its best!

See you there!

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