

# Smoke Signal



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## CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

As I am preparing this message for this month's Smoke Signal, my son and daughter-in-law had a baby. We are welcoming a new grandson to our family and a new member to the Historical Society. Little Brody was born October 10<sup>th</sup> and he was welcomed by his sister Bryce and brother Charlie. He weighed in at 8lbs., 5oz. and is 19 inches long. Needless to say Grandma Linda and Papa Dre are as proud as can be.

Pioneer Day was a great day. Bea Berman again did an outstanding job. She made sure that the weather was perfect. One of the comments that had been heard was that the event was close to home, great for the kids and that the admission was reasonable. How many places can kids learn to churn butter; grind coffee; play marbles, jacks and the right way to play hopscotch? We thank Bea for her hard work in making sure that our events are a success. We netted a little over \$3,800. That covers approximately a half year of expenses to run the Acre. One nice thing about the day is to see the young children come out to help: the Huffman boys, Jessica (Bea's granddaughter), the Milkovich boys and our grand kids.

We had a dedication of a coastal oak tree for Jon

Lauritzen who passed away last year at Pioneer Day. The tree will be called the Learning Tree. Jon was an educator for over 40 years and he also was a LAUSD School Board member. Jon was a friend to the Historical Society and the community. Judith Daniel, President of the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council and Councilman Greig Smith spoke at the dedication.

Happy Halloween!

Linda and Andre

## PROGRAM REMINDER

**Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

The guest speaker will be Jimmy Weldon, who will speak about the history of our national flag and of our country.

So be sure to tell your friends and be at the museum for a good turnout!

## PIONEER DAY RECAP

....Bea Berman, Program Chairman

I can't believe we pulled off another successful Pioneer Day. Of course, the weather was in our favor and all the new people that helped us in set up and take down really made a difference. I can't thank everyone enough for making me look so good as chairman. If I forget

someone, please forgive me. I'm going to start and the list is long.

First of all, thanks to Andy Gump for donating the Porta Potties; to Pat Keene of Keene Engineering and his group for the Gold Panning; Dr. Gary Standke for the Blacksmithing; Ann & Ray Vincent, who are board members, for the Railroad Ties; Kay and Bill Elder for bringing us the Doctor's Buggy; Tim and Kathy Reynolds for handling the Chores of Yore and Harriet Van Tiger for helping with the children's games; the Woodcarvers; the Rock Chippers; and Hannah Almstead who brought the Veteran's Quilt Display; and Leon Brown and Diana Dixon Davis for showing the children how to do origami.

Naturally, our regulars always pitch in. Virginia Watson, the pro, manned the Museum tours; Lila Schepler and Beverly King handled the cottage tours; Betty and Jim Summers, who work so hard all year long manning the gardens, had help from Janine Bergez and Linda Paduano.

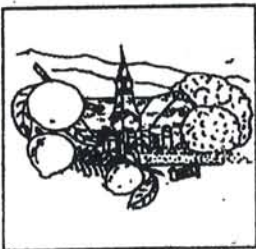
Elaine Campbell, who always does the White Elephant booth, had knee surgery and couldn't do it, so Jelena Csanyi jumped in with Evelyn Hutcheson and they did a great job. Ingrid Lindquist and Irene Nalbandian are my regulars at the front gate, and of course Loretta and Rod Sandoval who bake so much and handle the bake sale, but due to not feeling well, we had a lot of others come forward.

We want to thank Dan Huffman and his boys for all the hard work; Diana Kartiala for doing the information booth; Gretchen Martin; Vanessa Waters; Claire Wohl; Tom Harrison; and of course Linda and Andre's family and my family for doing so much. I initiated my new son-in-law Rico and really made him work. Barbara Pampalone also helped us.

A special thanks to Councilman Greig Smith for providing us with the shuttle bus and also being one of the chili judges. Also to Buck, his son and daughter from the Munch Box, for sponsoring the winning trophy and helping to pay for the prize money for our chili cook-off. We had a great day, ten entries (would have liked more, but that is the way it is). The winners were Lawrence Middle School/Nina Austin winning first place in the chili competition, the Thorpe's grandson took second and Randi & Jessica Bercow took third.

Last, but not least, I always like to thank the two people who give me guidance and moral support. None other than Linda and Andre van der Valk. They really work hard. I know our group is small, but we accomplish a lot. My hat is off to them as co-presidents; they keep me in line. Andre took care of the food booth with my son-in-law Gary and Rico and the grandkids. All in all, we had a great day and made about \$3,800!

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