



President's Message

by BETTY McMILLEN

Howdy! Spring is finally here and the world seems to be bustin' at the seams with bright colors and fresh new ideas.

We, here at the History Center are rarin' to go... looking forward to Lakeside's Western Days, the Rodeos, Parade and our Country Breakfast and Craft Show.

Come on down and join us on April 18th for a friendly old time breakfast. We'd love to see ya again.

TREASURERS REPORT

by Elaine Brack

Happy Easter to all of you.....and here it is again the time when the newspaper will be going out to all of you. The more important news from me is the progress of the mortgage. When you receive this paper, Ill have made another payment and the balance will be \$17,102.73. Everyone is trying very hard to get the morgage paid off as soon as possible... So remember the Society when ever you can, to help to finish up the paying of this mortgage, and then maybe we all can relax a little.... Watch for more news next month.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 18th Western Days Breakfast
See Article
- 24th Board Meeting - 9:30am
Members Welcome
- 27th General Meeting - 7:00pm
Program



MAY

- 2nd Business Tour - RSVP
See Article
- 5th Newsletter Deadline
See Article
- 10th Happy Mother's Day
- 17th LHS Picnic
See Article



JUNE

- 9th Newsletter Deadline
- 19th Board Meeting
- 21st Happy Father's Day
- 22nd General Meeting
- 27th Olympic Training Center &
Chula Vista Historical Museum
See Article



JULY

- 25th 6th Annual Golf Tournament
Carlton Oaks CC

LAKESIDE WESTERN DAYS

APRIL 18th

COUNTRY BREAKFAST at the Olde Church

7 am till? Donation \$3.50

Get your ticket at the History Center,
from a LHS Member or at the Door.
Also... CRAFT SHOW on the grounds



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- RUTH SCOTT - Lakeside
- BEVERLY NORRIS - Lakeside
- LILLIAN GUFFEY - Lakeside
- ANNE SALDANO - San Diego
- JEANETTE KOPPEL - El Cajon
- GERALD ROETHLER - Lakeside
- ED LOCKHART - Lakeside
- L.M. 321 BARNEY SMILEY - Lakeside
- L.M. 322 VERNA SMILEY - Lakeside

MAY 1998

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 ROSE EMBERLY SMITH
LINDA McCue
- 2 FARRIE ANN NICHOLS
- 3 PENELOPE ANDERSON
45th BETTY ♥ FRITZ HARTUNG
COMFORT OLSEN
- 4 55th ROSEMARY ♥ CLYDE STRICKLER
- 6 ED GROBAREK
MERLIN WHARTON
- 7 LELA MUSE BOARD
- 9 ROSE COLLINS
- 10 PRUELLA HOLDEN
MARGUERTIE SHERMAN
- 11 ESTELLA BROWN SOMMERVILLE
ADA ANN STEWART
- 12 PHYLLIS MILLER ISOM
31st CAMILLE ♥ RON NIELSEN
46th EDIE ♥ ED SLUNKA
- 13 9th JOY ♥ ROBERT WRAY
REV. JACK NICHOLS
- 15 31st JINX ♥ RICK VESCO
- 16 PATRICIA ELLWOOD
GENE WHITLOW
KENNETH MERRILL
- 18 DON HICKLE
JOE PIGNATELLI
FRED WALKER
- 19 19th RUTH ♥ LEROY FOSTER
- 20 27th LA DONNA ♥ GERALD ROETHLER
ROBERT HEGER
20th JEAN ♥ MITCHELL
- 21 VERNA SMILEY
- 22 50th SHIRLEY ANN ♥ BILL CILESKI
16th DEBBIE ♥ JOHN SWAIN
- 23 RAYMOND MENARD
- 24 55th ROSE ♥ MAXWELL COLLINS
57th MARJORIE ♥ EVERETT LINDEM
MARY WOLIN
JANETH EICKHOFF
- 25 JOAN KOUNS
DANIEL EVANS
- 26 42nd JO ♥ LEX BOSWELL
- 27 CHRISTINE SHERMAN HERZOG
7th McDONALD'S-OF-LAKESIDE
CHARLES McGUINNESS
ELIZABETH WHITE
- 28 MARTHA HESS
MARJOERIE SMITH
- 29 JOSPEHINE SAVAGE
- 30 2nd COLLEEN ♥ STAN ANDERSON
LUCY HAINLINE
IRENE HUDMAN
JANET OWNES
- 31 REX ANDERSON JR.
B.C. McELREE
JIM SCHILLER



“Did You Know?” by Marguerite Sherman

San Diego County, California's oldest County (1850), offers history buffs, scholars, students and the casual observer an abundant treasury of anthologies, collections and volumes in which to explore the sites of historic significance and interest amidst the nearly 4,300 square miles which comprise the region.

Lakeside Area - La Canada Del Los Coches Rancho - Glenview, a monument to the smallest rancho grant in California. Rancho La Canada de Los Coches was granted in 1843 to Apalinaría Lorenyana by Yovenar Manuel Michelarena. It is the site of an old grist mill.

Info. taken from County of San Diego Landmarks, First Lakeside Landmark, Lakeside has many more to be documented.

HISTORIC BUSINESS TOUR

Saturday, May 2

You're Invited!!!

The Lakeside Historical Society is sponsoring guided tours of three OLD FAMILY BUSINESSES, reservations necessary

VAN OMMERING DAIRY

El Monte Valley - This is the last operating dairy in Lakeside, one of only twenty left in San Diego county. This family run business has been in existence since 1959. Meet the family and see how cows live and work.

Tours begin: 10:30am, 11:30am & 12:30pm.

HILLIKERS EGG RANCH

El Nopal - Tour the last working egg ranch in Lakeside (chickens on duty!). This family run business is being threatened by residential development. It may be your last chance to see this ranch in operation. It was established in 1942 by Frank Hilliker Sr.

Tours begin: 9:00am, 10:00am & 11:00am.

ANDERSON DRILLING

Channel Road - Ralph Anderson started this family run business with a pick and shovel digging water wells by hand in 1945. Now this multimillion dollar operation has many trucks, drilling rigs, augers and cranes for you to see up close and personal.

Tours begin: 10:00am, 11:00am & 12:00pm

Donation \$5.00 for Adults - \$3.00 for Children under 12.

Get your tickets at The History Center,
or call 561-1886 for reservations.

Drive yourself or Car Pool - Be certain to schedule your time - you will only be shown thru businesses at scheduled times, as shown above.

“The way I see it, if you want the rainbow,
you gotta put up with the rain.” - Dolly Parton



LAKESIDE HOTEL

FROM

NOTORIOUS TO VICTORIOUS

I've been remodeled and changed many times since I was originally built by Mrs. Martha Swycaffer way back in 1887. That makes me 111 years old this year. If walls could only talk. Well, mine can, let me tell you a little about myself.

I started off being called the *Lindo Hotel*. I was built to board construction workers for the Cuyamaca & Eastern Railroad. Sometime around 1893, I got moved to my present position. In 1898 Mrs. Swycaffer leased me to a guy named Martin and I became a grocery store and post office until 1903. Then this guy named Charles Greenleaf made me a stagecoach stop for the line that ran to Alpine, Descanso and Cuyamaca for a few years.

Then the same lady who built me made me her home, (Mrs. Swycaffer's daughter) took charge of me. She built a two story addition on me and I was a Hotel & Dining facility until Beatrice passed away in 1934. Then another daughter inherited me. Mrs. Frances Carona ran me for 3 years. Next I was sold another 3 times before being bought by Mr. H.C. Shaff in 1944 (not a bad memory for someone 111 years old huh?). That's when my name became "The Lakeside Hotel".

This guy really changed me around - he turned me into a restaurant, hotel and you guessed it - a Bar. Some say I was even used as a Bordello, you know - "Red Light District". It was a pretty rowdy place. There were more fights here than Madison Square Gardens ever dreamed of!

Then some guy, P.J. York, bought me and kept me until 1968. During those years I got pretty torn up. My reputation and my appearance went down the tubes. Some idiot smoking in bed almost burnt me down in 1966. But I survived. I'm a pretty bad dude - my name is know as being the badest, rowdiest, drinking hole in the west. They even had to hire security guards to try to keep me in line. That didn't work either. Do you know that my patrons used to stand at the door and bet each other who could knock out some poor unsuspecting fool who came walking through the door. With One Punch! My neighbors didn't like me at all.

Anyway, back to my story - in 1968 this guy named bill Appelhans bought me. He and his wife Sherry tried to change me but to no avail. You know what they say - old habits (addictions) die hard. During the 60's, 70's and early 80's, if you weren't a local or part of the

crowd, chances are you didn't belong here. Unless of course you enjoyed a good old fashioned barroom brawl. Every night I would have visits from the police and ambulances carrying someone out.

In 1984, I was sold to Isaac Iskander who thought he could make a difference - he spent some \$60,000.00 remodeling me once more trying to "change me, but I knew different. Sheriffs still wouldn't come here alone. I still hung onto my hard-core patrons. Then in 1991 Isaac Iskander put me up for sale once more. I sat for a while - there were no takers for the \$500,000.00 asking price. Eventually, I was leased to an absentee landlord who was never around. He turned me into a so called Thrift Store, - which was a front for a drug infested hangout. People I didn't know started moving in and out all the time. My sleeping quarters upstairs were turned into dens of inequities. My walls were painted black. The devil himself was swelling here. I was on my way out - I just knew it! What a way to go! Everything was out of control.

I stayed like this until 1995. That's when this new owner bought me. This guy - JERRY MAY. When I heard what he was going to do I didn't know whether to laugh or cry! He was going to turn me into "Get This, a Halfway House for Recovering Alcoholics and Recovering Addicts!". What a concept, imagine me - the infamous Lakeside Hotel a Recovery House! Well, that's what he did. This guy tore my walls out and started remodeling once again. I've had more face lift's than Reagan! He made my bar into a Coffee Bar - no booze. He made my dance hall into a meeting room for clean & sober people. My name was beginning to be restored, community leaders were in awe at what happened to me. What once was a haven for drug dealers and alcoholics was now a haven for recovering clean and sober people and you know what - I began to like it! The change was remarkable, and guess what? - I've been clean and sober ever since.

This past April I picked up my 2 year token. Today, I help people get their life back together, instead of tearing their life apart.

Today, I hold my head up high! I made a difference!! I changed! Let me tell you if I can change, I know you can.

I changed from Notorious to Victorious. I got my dignity back and so can you!!

NEWS...

ABOUT OUR TOWN & PEOPLE

Saturday, JUNE 27th is a day OUT!

The morning we will visit the spectacular

Olympic Training Center.

The afternoon we will visit the Chula Vista Historical Museum.

Reservations necessary.

Call the History Center **561-1886**

More information in May & June newsletters.

Memorial Gifts

William Koppel Sr.

Charles Kouns

Edna Donahoo Kouns

Thomas Donahoo

Alice Donahoo

William C. Koppel

Look for their names on our Memorial Boards.

Get Well

Liz Washburn has been spending time at her home away from home (hospital). And we hope she can spend more time at her Lakeside home.

Museum Volunteers Needed

There are special occasions we open the Museum in Lindo Lake Park. Two volunteers are necessary at the same time. You can choose your shift - morning, afternoon or perhaps all day.

Leave you name and telephone number with

OLGA PUHN 561-3663

or the History Store **561-1886**

NEWS...ABOUT OUR TOWN & PEOPLE

YARD SALE...

We need your STUFF!

We are still waiting for you to donate more goodies. We'll set a date when we have more collected. Bring your good junk to the History Center Tuesday thru Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm or we will pick it up.

Call 561-1886

ATTENTION CONTRIBUTORS TO THE NEWSLETTER

Please meet newsletter "due" date!! May & June will be typed by much appreciated volunteers filling in for Virginia. Help the new volunteers by being on time!
THANK YOU

- A REMINDER - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 17th

**12 NOON IS THE
DEDICATION
AND THEN WE PICNIC!**

With the **Fletcher** family, other dignitaries, lots of our members and guests, we will have the dedication ceremony of the duplicate monument for El Capitan Dam at **12 Noon.**

San Diego County Parks Department has given us permission to place the monument within the "gated" park where it will be protected from vandals.

Picnics are fun!
This one is **SPECIAL!**

**The Lakeside
Historical Society
has been
nominated for the
prestigious 1998
Governor's Historic
Preservation
Award. We are
anxiously waiting
to hear the results.**

6th Annual Golf Tournament July 25

Carlton Oaks Country Club
Details and application
will be in May, June & July
newsletters.

AND JUST ONE MORE - - Doubtless you are tired unto death by "Titanic" this and "Titanic" that, but we did like the *San Francisco Chronicle's* vision that cities everywhere are adapting the movie to their own tastes. In London, it's "Teatonic"; Berlin, "Teutonic"; Rome, "Titunic"; Bangkok, "Thaitanic"; Paris, "Trestanic"; Edinburgh, "Tartanic"; New Delhi, "Titantric"; Johannesburg, "Tutunic"; Kansas City, "Totonic"; and Minneapolis/St. Paul, "Twotownic."



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