



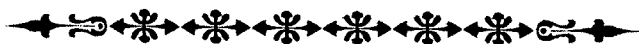
## President's Message

by Betty McMillen

Our ongoing preservation effort is to place bronze historic wall plaques on our most important or unique old buildings in Lakeside. We hope to educate the public and thereby save the building for the future generations to admire and enjoy.

On June 13th, a plaque dedication ceremony was held at Marcella William's home on Channel Road at corner of Julian Ave. Music, refreshments and a house tour were included. Her house was designed by famous architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill. It was built in 1905. Marcella moved into the house in 1929, grew up and raised her children there. In 1987 the property was sold. The developer gave her the house and she spent \$8,000.00 to have it moved to its present location. It cost her more to restore it than if she would've bought a new house, but doesn't regret it at all.

If you know of a building that you feel deserves a historic marker please let us know. Chairman - Pat Ellwood is working on this project.



### "FREE" EXERCISE CLASS

especially geared for Seniors. The new session begins June 21st at 2 p.m. The classes last one hour and are held at the Community Center on Mondays & Wednesdays. Any questions call 443-0931

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JUNE

- 19 **I LOVE A CLEAN LAKESIDE  
FREE DUMP-EI Cap High School**  
Sponsored by: Chamber of Commerce
- 20 **Fathers Day**
- 24 **1:30p.m. Historic Plaque dedication  
at Golden Goose Coffee House  
(on Maine Ave. & Lakeshore)**  
Sponsored by: Women's Club of  
Lakeside and The Historical Society
- 25 **Board Meeting 9:30a.m**  
Everyone Welcome
- 26 **Payton Hardware - GRAND OPENING**
- 28 **Regular Historical Society Meeting**  
7 p.m. - Guest Speaker

### JULY

- 6 & 9 **Paint our museum in Lindo Lake Park**
- 18 **Citizen of the Year Awards at Historical  
Society. Our nominee - OLGA PUHN**  
Sponsored by: Chamber of Commerce

**JULY & AUGUST - NO REGULAR MEETING**  
Store will be open

### AUGUST

- 28 **Lakeside Street Dance - Maine Ave.**

### OCT.

- 24 **Home Town Reunion**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Michael Nelson  
Betty McMillen-Life Member #338  
Barbara Whitlock-Life Member #339  
Tom Kippel-Life Member #340

# NEWS LETTER

JULY 1999

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 10th- A & J Care Center
- 1 Barbara Danills
- 1 25th- El Monte Tire
- 1 36th- The Grinder
- 2 Cynthia Cocita
- 2 16th- Patty Roberts & Alfred Hislop
- 2 Gail Shields
- 4 Gertrude Davis
- 4 15th- Billie & Robert Sangster
- 4 13th- Violet & Fred Walker
- 5 53rd- Nora & Raymond Ames
- 7 43rd- MaryJay & Bill Hockenberry
- 7 Inez Piscitelli
- 7 21st- Gail & Joe Shields
- 8 Shirley Ann Cileski
- 8 32nd- Sharon & Robert Clark
- 11 Leroy Foster
- 11 40th- Joan & Charles Kouns
- 12 10th- Karen & David Stephens
- 13 Dorothy Morton
- 13 36th- Virginia & Brian Ross
- 13 Raymond Wilson
- 14 Marjorie Herms Hatcher
- 14 42nd- Yrene & Sam Woods
- 15 Charles Brown, Sr.
- 15 10th- Bernardine & Francis Cooper
- 15 56th- Pruella & Wayne Holden
- 15 46th- Nancy & Robert Nowka
- 15 60th- Carol & Joe Pignatelli
- 16 Irene Lamadrid
- 16 Margaret Stewart
- 16 Robert Wray
- 17 James Larvs
- 17 Jack Napierski
- 17 Mary Neal
- 18 Jessie Ray Lynch
- 18 Allene Savage
- 20 Scott Evans
- 20 31st- Leanne & Bill Markle
- 20 George Shaeffer
- 21 Russell Kanady
- 22 14th- Betty & Raymond Menard
- 22 46th- Eunice & Jim Nelson
- 23 Sylvia Sturges
- 24 Lorraine Murphy
- 24 Berniece Rush
- 24 George Shackelford
- 26 Dr. Duane Palmer
- 26 Genevieve Ritchie
- 26 Christopher Tartar
- 26 Woody Underwood
- 27 Sherry Golden Reese
- 28 37th- Vernilee & Frank Bost
- 28 27th- June & Carl Cooper
- 28 Dianne Jacob
- 28 Al Meyer
- 28 Dolly Underwood
- 28 50th- Dolly & Woody Underwood
- 31 Roberta Callaway Perry
- 31 Dr. Joseph Hanson
- 31 Adrienne Kephart
- 31 Teddy Sherman
- 31 23rd- LeeAnn & Jeffry Silvas
- 31 Claudia Hall Taylor

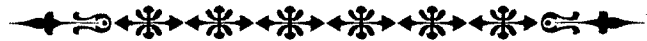


Our May field trip meeting was very interesting. Thanks to Dolores Meyer for making all the arrangements. Noel Parr from County Parks Dept. took us on a tour of a hand made stone house overlooking all of Lakeside. It had been the home of Hale & Mildred Whittaker. Afterwards, David Dildine invited our group to tour his 1914 bungalow that he is restoring. What a beautiful job he and wife Dana are doing.

We are glad to have these old homesteads preserved for future generations. We hope to have them on our Holiday Tour someday.



**The Helix Water District**  
**caretakers cottage is**  
**currently in limbo. We are still**  
**trying to find a new location**  
**and are working through the**  
**county red-tape. We have had**  
**a few offers that seem**  
**encouraging. Call us optimistic**  
**but we have a dream of**  
**creating a Heritage Park with**  
**some of our old buildings.**



### **Guardian of Waters**

Many thanks to Ray Clemens (owner of Clemens Granite Works) for the donation of a photo display about the Guardian of Waters statue. The photos show the progress of the granite stone being quarried in Lakeside, the sculpturer at work on the huge rock and final glimpses of the statue being placed in front of the S.D. County Admin. building. Rays father was seen in the photos assisting with this historic work of art.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

Because the newsletter is mailed bulk rate, undeliverable mail will not be forwarded and it costs the Society .58 cents for each returned newsletter that has to be re-mailed. To ensure prompt delivery, please send address changes to:



Shirley Anderson  
P.O. Box 1423  
Lakeside, CA 92040

THANK YOU.

## Home Town



## October 24th

### A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

This is an excerpt from an article in the Ramona Historical Society newsletter - by Alice Funk

In a letter written to Catherine Clevinger Barton from Mrs. Roy Richardson

"The seven John Clevinger children and the seven Polk Clevinger children all went to a school which was located against a hill before going down the Pamo Valley road. This school was later moved farther out in the valley as the mountain lions were so numerous. The lions would follow the children to school and if the teacher hadn't arrived, the boys would stand in front of the girls against the wall to protect them with sticks and stones from the lions."

### PRESERVATION OF LAKESIDE'S OLDEST BUILDING

The Old Ferry Ranch, located on Palm Row, was built in 1875. Recently, the 22 acre ranch was sold to Palmtag Development. They want to build 42 houses on small lots. The old house will be sandwiched between other tract homes. We feel that this old home deserves better. Since it is so important to the character of the community, it should be on at least one acre.

There doesn't seem to be any plan to preserve the palm trees for which the area was named.

A few months ago, we gathered over 300 signatures asking for the preservation of the house and that the new development have one acre or one-half acre lots so they would blend in with the surrounding horse ranches. (Unfortunately we are losing our small ranches in Lakeside).

The county archeologist, who is studying the impact of this development on our community, wants to hear from Lakeside citizens. This is our big chance to make a difference on how this development will proceed.

Please write a letter about the loss of the ranches and palm trees, preservation of the historic house, community character and anything else you consider important to the preservation of our rural heritage.

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

#### Send to:

Glen Russell  
Dept. of Planning and Land Use  
5201 Ruffin Rd. Suite B  
San Diego, CA 92123

## Display Your Hobby at The Community Center

If you have a hobby or collection that you would like to show the community...we have a place for it!

We have two locked display cabinets in the Heritage Room. We would like to see your treasures.

Call the Historical Society at 561-1886 to let us know what you have.

# **“DID YOU KNOW”... ???**

by Chris Herzog

Another Lakeside asset – **Cactus Park**. Surviving from the original plantings of Hugo Thum. Cacti still flourish on the hillside of **Cactus Park**.

Hugo Thum was one of four wealthy brothers from Grand Rapids, Michigan. The brothers, as well as their father and grandfather, were druggists and had made a fortune perfecting a formula which confined the sticky part of fly paper to the center of the sheet.

Hugo bought 125 acres in Lakeside in 1908, and stocked it with cattle, hogs and chickens. In 1910, Robert Whitaker moved to Lakeside with his wife Luna and their children Herbert, Hale and Dorothy. Robert worked as a superintendent on the Thum ranch. Following a severe drought, the alfalfa and other crops failed and Thum looked for a dry land crop which would feed his cattle. He investigated the possibility of the spinless cactus developed by Luther Burbank, but was persuaded to plant the prickly pear cactus which had been imported from Italy by a San Jose planter. In 1912, 800 leaf pads were planted on the slopes of the hills. For several years, Thum experimented with this cactus but was unsuccessful as stock feed.

Mr. Charles Kouns became foreman of the ranch in 1917, and moved his family into one of the houses. He not only cultivated the cactus, he also raised corn, watermelon, wheat and cared for a heard of cattle.

In 1921, Bernardo Maniscalco, a Sicilian, brought his family to Lakeside from Pueblo, Colorado. Maniscalco leased 40 acres of the Thum ranch to raise prickly pear cactus for the fruit. With his Italian friend Frank Lanz, they harvested 8 or 9 carloads annually for 5 years and shipped them to New York and other Eastern cities where the fruit was a delicacy for Italians and Sicilians. This first effort was not a success and the friend withdrew from the business. Later, in 1938, Maniscalco bought his own property on El Nopal and engaged in cactus ranching.

When Hugo Thum died in 1923, brother William Thum inherited  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the ranch and the other  $\frac{1}{4}$  went to the other brother Otto Thum. Hugo Thum had bequeathed his 114 acre cactus ranch to the County for a Park, stipulating that no more than half of the land be used for a school. The bequest was fulfilled through the will to his brother William, who in turn deeded the ranch to the County which accepted it on April 20, 1928.

Tom LaMadrid in 1939 then leased the land for many years. In 1959 the Lakeside Frontier Riders, Inc. contracted to operate a horse riding ring at the Park. The County constructed a restroom building in 1964 and the Pony League built 2 baseball fields. In 1967 the Girl Scouts of Lakeside adopted an annual project of plantring and watering trees in the Park. In 1983 a ranger was assigned to live permanently at **Cactus Park**.

Of the original land, 58 acres were transferred to the Grossmont High School District and today El Capitan High School which opened in 1960 in located on the property on Ashwood St.

Recently during the Board of Supervisors appropriation of Parks and Recreation Department, County Supervisor Dianne Jacob added funding for **Cactus Park**. While visiting the park she felt that something was missing. “Cactus Park has not received any attention for 15 years or longer. It’s a park that in my opinion has been severely neglected. I’d like to focus some attention on it.”

Cactus Park is currently home to the Lakeside Pony League, Lakeside Bobby Sox and Lakeside BMX bicycle racing.

Information courtesy of Legends of Lakeside, The Back Country Trader and The Lakeside Leader.

# **MORE NEWS**

**PAINTING THE MUSEUM in Lindo Park.**  
The Rec Club and Americorp youth from the Community Center have offered to paint our museum in the park on July 6th and 9th. They will furnish the labor and we will supply them with paint and feed them lunch. If you would like to help with this work party, we could certainly use your help fixin' hot dogs and serving lunch. please call 561-1886

# **ATTENTION !**

**J. Paul Getty Museum**  
bus trip on August 14th.  
The cost will be \$35.00.  
If you would like to join in the fun and educational experience, please call Teri Callen at Discovery Tours & Travel at 220-0100

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**GET WELL SOON !**

Fritz Hartung has been in the hospital. He under went Angio-Plasty surgery and is doing well.

Best wishes to you Fritz !

# **Memorials**

by Edna Kouns

Since our last Newsletter memorial gifts have been made in memory of

Frank Claycomb

Ruth McMullin

Genevieve Carender

Robert Salas

George Kalstrom.

Thank you all for your thoughtful and caring contributions.

# **PROGRAM**

by Dolores Myer

**June 28th at 7:00 p.m.**

**Margaret Leavitt**

speaking about:

**Habitat Restoration**

**Water Shed**

**Vegetation Management**

This will be the last meeting until September 27th.

Come on over and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served. **See you there !**

The Board of Directors will still meet and the "Back Door Country Store" will be open Tues - Sat.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## PROUD GRANDPARENTS

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Heather Soos of Las Vegas, New Mexico has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar.

The U.S.A.A. has established the All-American Collegiate Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in academic disciplines. The All-American Collegiate Scholars must earn 3.3 or higher grade point average. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the U.S.A.A. These are awards few students can ever hope to attain.

Heather Soos who attends New Mexico Highlands University was nominated by Diane Brimmer Vice President Dean.

Heather will appear in the All American Yearbook. Heather is the daughter of Emma & Gerald Soos of Albuquerque, New Mexico and grand-daughter of Dolores & Albert Myer of Lakeside Historical Society.

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS !

### LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP 1/1/99 - 12/31/99

\$12.00 Per Person

\$20.00 Business/Organization

\$100.00 Individual Life Membership

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