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President's Message

Elaine Brack

On the morning of "Heritage Day" I found that was raining . . . Darn! I thought. But as the day progressed the sun came out just in time for the Society's big day. Hurray for that!

Standing on the front porch was our favorite cow with the milk maid greeting everyone before they entered the Little Church. Then they were greeted at the front door by Edna Kouns, Cathy Hansen and Chris Herzog.

The decor was many pictures and books about Lakeside in the past. There were pictures of Maine Avenue, Social Clubs of the past, and then a special introduction of those present and the dates of their arrival in Lakeside by Edna Kouns.

After lunch Chris Herzog, Chairman talked about all the Social Clubs and their different and funny names plus their activities.

The Committee had a great day for all who attended. Who knows what next year's Heritage Day will bring.

December will be the Historical Society's Installation of Officers for 2011. The meeting will be short which will allow everyone to enjoy Christmas desserts and a time to visit and enjoy one-another's company. Mark your calendar today.

In November, we will be having a great meeting with Billy Ortez as our speaker. He has his own website and have recently been on TV when he spotted the Eagles nesting. Come and see some great pictures that he has taken around Lakeside and surrounding areas.

Have A Great Thanksgiving!

Veteran's Day in Lakeside

Betty McMillen

A Lakeside hiking group celebrated Veterans Day in an unusual way recently. Dennis Richardson led his hiking group over rocks, through brush, over boulders and up, up a mountain to an old airplane crash site.

Pat Macha, an airplane crash site archeologist from Orange County, same to town to do a survey and document the wreckage. His friend, retired Park Ranger, Tom Maloney, came along for the adventure as well. Lakesiders who were along for the fun of it in 95 degree weather were Billy Ortiz, a video photographer who documents Lakeside history, Pam Wilmers, a medical assistant. Chuck Palmore, a Lakeside Fire Captain and me a Lakeside historian and reporter.

Macha has researched over 800 crash sites in the USA and written three books on his observations. On this hike he set up two flags by the wreckage and led the hiking group in a brief memorial to honor the pilot who died in this crash back in 1961. According to the research the plane was a Navy F3H-2 Demon jet fighter. Lieutenant J.G. Thomas A. Ryan, the pilot, was only 23 years old.

He was on his way back to Miramar Naval Air Station with his squadron, a group of four in the formation. The others were able to stay with their flight leader and landed safely. For unknown reasons Thomas crashed into the side of the mountain, darkness, clouds and poor weather conditions played a role in the accident. After careful observations Macha and Maloney came to the conclusion that the plane impacted lower down the side of the mountain. To their surprise the airplane engine was blown up toward the top of the mountain sitting precariously and plainly in sight, debris covered a 1/2 mile area. The crash site had been hidden by thick brush for many years until the Cedar Fire in 2003; then, the wreckage was finally visible. Macha stated that most folks don't realize how many airplane crash sites there are in the USA that happened during routine training exercises, especially with the older planes of the 40s and 50s. Now with the newer technology the planes are much safer to fly.

Ortiz, who was photographing the hikers expressions while viewing the crash site said it was different for him because he was looking at everything through a 3" viewfinder. When he got home and started editing his video his emotions started to flow and he was touched by the care Macha had put into the memorial for a pilot who had lost his life protecting us. This was Ortiz' first time at filming an airplane crash site and he found it to be "absolutely exciting."



The Lakeside Historical Society Presents



The 22nd Annual
Holiday Home Tour

December 4, 2010
Saturday

10:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

\$15.00/person donation
Children under 12 \$7.50 with adult

Enjoy a self-guided tour of 5 unique
Homes in the Lakeside area:

- * 1935 Whitaker Rock, Hilltop Home
- * 2005 Rebuilt Contemp., post Cedar Fire
- * 1970 View Home, Holiday Decorations
- * Unique Home, Holiday Decorations
- * The Local Mercantile, Historic Building

2:30pm Reception
for Ticket Holders Only
At the Olde Community Church
9906 Maine Ave. Lakeside
Refreshments & Entertainment
Featuring
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Historical Society Store
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Tuesday—Saturday, 10 - 2:00 pm
Or, at the homes on tour day

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and our Lakeside Museum

2010 Holiday Home Tour

December 4th

The Local Mercantile: The mercantile has 'booth spaces' for 40 different vendors who sell antiques, collectibles and hand crafted items. The building, or part of it, was built in 1865 and was the First Mercantile in the area. Los Coches area was a big pig farm and this building was the local trading post with a barter system. "At the Beehive Gift Shoppe" has relocated in its entirety from the center of Lakeside to the center of The Local Mercantile offering honey, homemade jams, crafts, collectables & a variety of unique gifts.

The Cozza Home: Recently, this 1970's ordinary tract home was converted by Frank Charles Cozza Architect into a luxury resort style living experience. New exterior stucco, stone columns made in Mexico, custom wood doors, wood trellis, and a resort style swimming pool are the major elements that created this beautiful Tuscan style Santee hillside home.

The Allen Home: The original home was destroyed by the Cedar Fire in 2003. It has been rebuilt in contemporary style with an easy flowing floor plan. It's magnificent river rock exterior is only the first feeling of grandeur when you visit this home. The interior outshines the exterior ~ especially with the holiday decorations.

The Denure Home: This beautiful home sits high on a hilltop with spectacular views of Moreno Valley. One would never know the valley was devastated by the Cedar Fire a short 7 years ago. The home has a warm, friendly feel and is enhanced with holiday decorations.

Both the Allen & Denure homes will have van transportation. Parking is available on Highway 67 across from Bob's Crane. Chairs will be available, in case we have to wait for the vans.

The Whitaker House: (by Cathy Hansen) Have you seen the Whitaker House and gasp at the views of Lakeside, Lindo Lake and the surrounding mountains from the hilltop site? Hale and Mildred Whitaker purchased a wild, beautiful, and scenic piece of property for the purpose of building a home and living their future years together in this serene setting. The 7.15 acres was purchased from W. E. Oaks in 1935.

The site on the top of the hill looks easterly to El Cajon Mountain and further east to the Cuyamaca and Laguna Mountains; to the north at a distance, Mt. Woodson and Iron Mountain may be seen, and immediately to the north is a beautiful view of Lindo Lake County Park and the whole Lakeside area; to the west the property overlooks the Los Coches Creek, the Winter Gardens area, and the low hills to spectacular sunsets; finally the view to the south includes the area to Interstate 8.

The Whitakers built a 1,500 square foot house from native moss-faced stones from the property. These rocks were broken into building blocks by Hale Whitaker, by sledge hammer, to show the results of millions of years of crystallization and petrified moss faces. The stones were placed in the walls in such a way to show their natural formation. The stone house affords protection against the chill winds of winter and a barrier against the heat of summer.

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The Bostonia Ballroom

Regis Rosner

I would like to dedicate this story to all the local Pickers and singers, male and female, especially to the late Tommy Turman who has recently passed on to his eternal rest with the Lord. To all those of you in our local area who played and sang their Country Western Music, that has become so popular throughout the world, especially in places such as Japan and Germany.

My friends and I were blessed with being around at a time to be involved with the best classical Country Western Music that has ever come into our lives. There is not enough room in our journal to name you all. But many of us certainly remember many of you from the past years. "R.G."

The folks were standing in line waiting to get into the Ballroom when all of a sudden they were bombarded with a small balloon filled with water. They looked up to see two kids duck behind the parapet on the roof. "What was that all about they wondered?" Just about then, Mrs. Sutton opened the ticket window and they began filling in for the big show. Mr. Sutton was the bouncer at the time and said he would look into the water balloons falling from the roof.

In the old days of this area there were a number of places to take your date for an evening of dancing to some of the finest classical country music that you could find in the county of San Diego. The Bostonia Ballroom was one of the best. When you walked or drove through Bostonia on any night of a performance the cars would file into town and pack both sides of Broadway in Bostonia with their automobiles for two country blocks on both sides of the street.

The night air was always full of electricity and excitement, especially if there was a well-known performer that came to this small town of Bostonia. The folks came from all over the county to arrive early and get the booths next to the dance floor. Otherwise, you could sit at the long bar at the front of the building or simply crowd in with the rest of the folks at the foot of the stage to watch the entertainer in town for the Friday or Saturday night show.

You could have listened and danced with delight to Marty Robbins. There could have been the legendary Lefty Frizzell, with his "Always Late." Or, Johnny Cash and his "Folsom Prison Blues," or maybe Hank Snow, Hank Williams was center stage at one time. Meryl Haggard, known as the Hag, Jerry Lee Louis (the killer). The Killer was upset one evening because the sound went out for a moment and messed up his performance. He recovered with that great flare of his and the show went on.

There was the old master Ray Price, (Crazy Arms). When Ray sang nobody danced they simply gathered at the foot of the stage and listened. The room would be full of excitement and at times our eyes would get red and watery from all the smoke, including Ray's eyes. But his performance was more than stellar. He still sounds great in his latest CD (Prisoner of Love).

During those days the folks that were in control of the Ballroom were Jackie and Fred Reed. They lived in the apartment above the Ballroom that had three bedrooms and a bath. There were their three kids Val Jean, Ginger, Dixie and a live-in by the name of Ellen Galway. On occasion Val and Ellen would sneak out on the roof and would be daring enough to bomb the folks below waiting in line for the show to start with water filled balloons. They really got in trouble one night when they threw a pail of water on them. The folks thought it was beginning to rain.

In the morning that followed the kids were required to clean up the ballroom to get ready for the Saturday night show. On some occasions they were allowed to roller skate on the dance floor; that made up for all the hard work they had to do. On a few occasions the Shore Patrol was asked to help clean up after the mess the sailors made with their brawling the night before.

The girls Ellen and her sister Helen (the twins) now reside in Las Vegas and have fond memories of their life above the Ballroom and the local area.

Some names that are synonymous with the Bostonia Ballroom and Channel 8 TV were Smokey Rogers and Don and Roy Hogshead and friends. During the week they would have jam sessions along with many others that would drop by for practicing their routines or styles. The well-known Tommy Turman with his red Gretsch Guitar had a great sound. Tommy was so easy to work with.

Tommy was with the original group that started the El Cajon Valley Musicians Club. Sponsored by Smokey Rogers and friends. Some of you may remember the late Paul Murillo. Paul started out at the old Wagon Wheel as a fill-in. Later he could be heard with his mellow Don Ho Style voice at the Ox Bow Inn in Casa De Oro near Spring Valley. You could hear Howard Kay across the street at the Shay When Club. Or Howard and I at Sharlot's; or, the Lakeside Hotel on occasion.

Smokey was a very professional entertainer who was part of Spade Cooly's band at one time. Later Smokey became famous working for Channel 8 and had the program called "Country Kitchen." He then wrote his famous song "Since you've Gone" made famous by the late Terry Preston, "stage name of Furlin Huskey." Some of the others that could be heard there with their great accompaniment could have been Paul Pinkham of Boulevard, Pedro with his accordion or Dean with his base fiddle (known as a doghouse in the music world). I don't want to forget the late Curly Lyons who had a great country sound. And especially the most popular Tommy Turman.

I remember when the top names came to town many of them stayed at the popular St. Francis Motel on East Main St. El Cajon. The owners at the time were Mr. and Mrs. Dobbs, Hank Sr. and "Anner" of Lakeside. When the top names such as Hank Williams came into town it generated a lot of excitement. Sometimes they would

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Things from the Past

Elaine Brack

Question: Have you ever made soap?

Soap was usually made several times a year, preferably during cool weather. The recipe was very simple: water, lard and lye. Lard was saved in a crock in the kitchen and when the lard crock was full, we knew that time for making soap had arrived. The kettle would get scrubbed again and kindling would be gathered. The kettle would be filled about halfway with water, which was then brought to boil over the wood fire. The lard was added to the boiling water; the lye would be added later. Foam was skimmed off occasionally and the contents were stirred with a long wood paddle, preferably by a lithe.

As the mixture boiled, the water gradually evaporated and the ingredients emulsified. Make sure the mixture had boiled enough. Then extinguish the fire and let it cool and solidify. When it cooled enough in the kettle cut the soap into blocks. Then cut soap in chunks and place on board to dry and then cut into smaller pieces. Remember this soap is only for doing the wash and other chores . . . NOT FOR BATHING.

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follow their bus over to the Bostonia Ballroom just to watch them enter into the back door of the ballroom to begin the show. Or (Maybe to dodge the water balloons out front).

Those were the days my P Picking friends. We had more fun than a barrel of monkeys and in many cases it was for a good cause of humanity. Remembering the times we put on our local shows for the benefit of those who could not afford operations for better health, or playing at the rest homes, Mobile parks and or shut-ins at the Santee Geriatrics Home for the aged. Or, wherever we had the chance to do some good to help our community of Lakeside.

We thank Smokey and the Bostonia Ballroom for placing our area on the map of the United States and for a place to express ourselves and share our talents to anyone that loved Country Western Music. Keep on picking and singing my friends, we're only sorry that we're limited for space to add all your names into this song, perhaps another time.

Blessings!

PS I want to thank Tommy's brother, Buddy Turman, Kenny Lane and Howard K. for their input to this story.



Reminder

LHS Membership dues are due before December 31, 2010. If you have't paid your 2011 dues, please do so now. Thank you!

Nugget News

Lakeside Historical Society's Archives Committee

Recently, we received pictures and some very interesting stories about Lakeside in years past.

Time was spent with three fellas who shared their pranks on each other when they were young men. How much fun is that everyone around enjoyed their many different stories about Lakeside and their childhood.

We are looking for more stories and/or pictures of your families. The Archives is growing a lot over the past year with real good stories and pictures of many families. Please share with us for the future generations.

Thanks to the Kuhner, Hurt, Brack and McDougal families for their gifts to the Archives.

The missing books mentioned in the last issue of the newsletter are still missing. Please return them as soon as possible.

JOSEPH LOUIS MANISCALCO, 82

Joseph was born in Lakeside, CA, on September 15, 1928. He was the youngest of seven children born to Bernardo and Maria Maniscalco.

He was raised on a 40-acre prickly pear ranch, the fruit of which was grown, harvested, and sold. As a young, newly-married man, he migrated to the wholesale produce industry. After proving himself as a hard-working, conscientious employee, he was afforded an opportunity to become a partner in Sleeper/Snyder Produce Company. He worked there for over 25 years until, in 1988, he joined his two sons, Michael and Jon, in their business, San Diego Produce. There, he was responsible for customer relations, as well as maintaining all the equipment necessary to keep things running smoothly.

After retirement, he dedicated himself to his grandchildren, hobbies, gardening, and supporting his sons in any way he could. He was the ultimate handyman, having expertise in woodworking, metal craftsmanship, including welding, plumbing, electrical, etc. He enjoyed fishing, having owned three boats, and outings with his cousins, Joe Maniscalco, and Dominic Ancona. He passed away peacefully on September 22, 2010 at his home in Mission Hills.

Joseph is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lucille, his sons, Michael (Heidi) and Jon (Marlene), who loved him tremendously, his three grandchildren, Tina, Joey, and Dominic, his sisters Mary Piscopo and Josephine Danna, and numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends as he left a positive and lasting impression on everyone who knew him with his friendliness, caring, compassion, and good nature.

Visitation was held at Merkley Mitchell Mortuary on, September 27th. Services took place at Holy Cross Cemetery on September 28th. The family requests donations to the American Liver Foundation.

Thank You!

Nita Padilla

This article in no way is meant to diminish the many contributions made by every one of our volunteers. Attending the board meeting yesterday were many of the committee chairpersons. You could point to each of them and recognize the time, talent and treasure they have given to our wonderful Historical Society. This article is meant to give special recognition and a big Thank You to the following volunteers:

Cathy Hansen - Many of you know of her writing and research talent but she has been doing something unusual for the Society for over a year. She has a neighbor who has a thrift shop in San Diego and every week he brings her two or three boxes of household items that they are willing to get rid of. She in turn brings them to us. Many of the items are nice enough to sell in our on-going "indoor yard sale", but most are packed away for our August yard sale. Most importantly, the yard sale made over \$2500 and clearly, Cathy and Dr. Bill's donations were responsible for at least 70% of the revenue generated. Also, thank you to Edna Kouns for letting us use her garage for storage.

John and Donna Swink - John sweeps the patio and sidewalks every week. What a difference this has made to our beautiful property. He and Donna removed the kitchen curtains and put them back up all pressed and laundered. They look so fresh and pretty! Thank you!

Mike Kaszuba - Willing and able to help us girls with the heavy stuff. This week, he and John Swink moved two heavy cabinets out of our way - a big help to us.

Chris Herzog, Janis Shackelford and Dixie Lansdowne - Thank you for a successful and fun Heritage Day. Great food and a great program! As with all our events, there is much work done behind the scenes. These girls took care of all the details from setting up the tables to the coffee and punch tables. They are the first to arrive and the last to leave. Dixie worked in her kitchen preparing wonderful cake for all of us to enjoy. Last out the door was Coleen Owens with her arms full of soiled tablecloths. Our volunteers - we are successful because of you!

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Mary Jane Coulter (1869-1958) was a nationally known master architect who designed and constructed buildings for the Harvey House and the Grand Canyon National Park. Many of her structures were unreinforced masonry structures located on hilltops or at the edge of a canyon to take in the view. The Hale and Mildred Whitaker house was built with the inspiration and in the spirit of Mary Jan Coulter.

The owner of the home is the Department of Parks and Recreation of the County of San Diego.

The County of San Diego parks and Recreation will have van transportation to the home. No private vehicles are allowed to the site. We will meet in Lindo Park on the west side of the VFW building. For added enjoyment, the VFW building will have a craft show. Chairs will be available, in case we have to wait for the vans.



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Hike guide Richardson said: "It is fun to go on a hiking adventure with a bunch of people and everyone got back safely." He also mentioned that there are many other crash sites in East County, especially under the Miramar flight path. He reminded hikers that it is important that when folks find crash sites to not disturb them or take souvenirs away. He asked that if you know of other crash sites to please e-mail him with any details you have so he can do further research. His e-mail address is jarden88@cox.net.

DECEMBER 2010

Birthdays

01 Tom Prendergast
02 Billie G. Sangster
02 Irene Morales
04 Carolyn Sandoval
07 Cecil Carender
07 Buffy Daignault
07 Michael Lansdowne
08 John Miller
08 Midge Pratt
08 Virginia Adams
08 Terry Burke-Eiserling
10 Charles Cook
10 Virginia Embry
10 Barbara DeYoung
10 Patrick M. Stewart
11 Marvin Buckel
14 David Angus
14 Marie Miller
15 Daniel C. Chelius
15 Jean MacKinnon
16 Tom Scanlan
16 Josiah R. Gibson, Jr.
19 Miriam Keating
19 Cecile J. Walters
19 Donna Kouns
20 Rhonda Mitchell
20 Harvey Huffman
21 Dennis L. Canfield
22 Bob Helt
23 Mildred Whaley
23 Kimberly Sather
25 John Swink
25 Emad Bakeer
25 Steve Dunkel
29 Melinda Setterman
29 Dale Smith
30 Gerald Hamann
30 Donald J. Schock
30 Mary Allison
30 Mark Anderson
31 Tom Trussell
31 Carmella Hopper
31 Nita Padilla
31 Dale E. Kephart

Anniversaries

01 Margie & Fred Reeves
29 years
05 Lela & Andrew Board
46 years
06 Claire & Robert Westrick-Price
7 years
12 Dale E. & Walter Kephart
30 years
13 Mary B. & Gale Ruffin
58 years
14 Linda & Tom Claycomb
? years
19 Lotie & Charles Cook
57 years
19 Julianna & Gerald Hamann
57 years
22 Debbie & Ed Galusha
26 years
23 Gay & Steve Reed
44 years
27 Kathy & Jim Cooper
35 years
28 Verma & Barney Smiley
63 years
28 Jan & David R. Angus
39 years
29 Dianne & Paul Jacob
49 years
30 Martha & Gail Hess
54 years
31 Geraldine & Rudolph Morrin
28 years





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