



CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Stacy Hensle

The calendar year may be winding down, but the Lakeside Historical Society has been very busy.

Our November General Meeting was on the 28th. That meeting was held for election of our officers for the upcoming year. The slate of officers for 2023 are: Gary Mitrovich/Stacy Hensle (Co-Presidents), Rob Harding (Vice President), Gordon Shackelford (Treasurer), and Cathy Wolpers (Secretary). All were re-elected and are ready again to serve you.

Opening Day for the Christmas Shoppe 2022 was on Thursday, December 1. People were lined up to come in even before we opened the doors at 10:00 a.m. We were quite busy with many eager shoppers. On Friday the 2nd, we again had a steady stream of people finding treasures. During the Spirit of Christmas event on Saturday the 3rd, we were open all day. By evening time, and especially during the lighting of the Christmas tree, we had a full house. We were very busy with many customers purchasing items and asking questions about the history of our old church and LHS. Gordon and Janice Shackelford, and Coleen Owens were busy selling hot chocolate, coffee and tea to many customers. They did so well, we ran out of chocolate!

I want to thank Pennie McMahon and all her dedicated elves for making the 2022 Christmas Shoppe another successful fundraising event for LHS. One of our members made a comment to me that, "when helping at this amazing event, it really puts you in the spirit of Christmas." Please continue to bring in your donations, as they are accepted all year long.

I hope you all had a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! Look for more events coming soon in 2023!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LHS EVENTS

CHRISTMAS SHOPPE CLEANUP: Tue, Jan 3 @ 9am

MUSEUM COMMITTEE: Thu, Jan 5 @ 10am

BOARD MEETING: Thu, Jan 12 @ 10am

GENERAL MEETING: Mon, Jan 23 @ 6pm

Soup & Salad Potluck Dinner & White Elephant Gift Exchange

\$5 Donation

GIFT SHOP, MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

OPEN: Tues-Thurs, Sat: 10am—1pm

CLOSED: Sun, Mon, Fri

Meetings & events held at LHS History Center unless noted



LAKESIDE'S SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS 2022

Photograph by Billy Ortiz

On this past December 3, the Christmas Spirit was again alive and well on Maine Avenue. The annual event, sponsored by the Lakeside Chamber of Commerce and supported by numerous local businesses, seemed more popular than ever, with our historic downtown district packed with family and friends. The highlight, of course, was the official lighting of the town Christmas tree, standing tall and proud in the courtyard of our Olde Community Church.

The "Grinch" tree (above photo), was nearly hijacked by the grumpy green Grinch himself, as it failed to light at the conclusion of the countdown. Turns out that old Grinch had unplugged the power cord. With a sinister smile, he stepped out from behind the tree to show off his naughtiness, but quickly reconnected the power, to the delight of all.



Vanishing Lakeside: 19th CENTURY HOME AT 9832 RIVER STREET DISAPPEARS

This house was built in 1895, after George Fleming bought the property in 1888 from the El Cajon Valley Company. In 1924, Stanley Wood and his wife, Eva Paloma, bought the house. Stanley was born in Witch Creek. He was a U.S. Mail Contractor who worked the areas of Mesa Grande, Ramona, Julian, and Lakeside. He also ran a service station in town and served as a water director for Lakeside. Other owners included Mary Hart, Clarke and Reba Bickel, John Moore, Nelson and Gladys Cooper, and Nora Peterson. The house was included on the County's 2002 Historic Report survey for Lakeside and LHS placed a plaque there that same year (we do not know where that plaque is now).

The house was a rental and very well maintained (photo, above left); however, the site had deteriorated in recent years. The property was eventually purchased by the EC Constructors Inc., who own the historic Bryant House next door. They had approached LHS with plans to raze the structure and add on to their current building. We declined to support that plan. The site was discovered in its current state (photo, above right) in early December 2022.

Though the County commissioned the 2002 survey to "to retain and enhance the existing buildings in the Lakeside 'Town Center' and to preserve and promote an early 1900's design theme," the district was rezoned as "light industrial." This makes it extremely difficult to save our old houses, leaving us at the mercy of business owners who care little about the community in which they are based.

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REGULAR TO LIFETIME—THANKS!

Mary Tewart
Sally Anderson
Roderick McMillen

BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Kolleen Paredes
- 02 Barbara Windress Hartup
- 02 Brenda Wood
- 03 Candy Cowell
- 04 Amy Kephart
- 08 Yessica Young
- 08 Mike Torbet
- 11 Victoria Smith
- 14 Charles Watkins
- 14 Karen Cray Bratley
- 19 Catherine Savage Wolpers
- 19 Coleen Conley Owens
- 20 Elaine Swearengin Draper
- 22 Donna Claycomb Catterick
- 22 Richard "Dick" Besancon
- 23 Joe Naiman
- 23 Russell Clemens
- 24 Lisa Wood
- 25 Liz Harris
- 25 Gerrie Stoll
- 26 Brian Bowman
- 29 Jean Whitmore
- 30 Robin Anderson Laier
- 30 Patty Armstrong

ANNIVERSARIES

- Harry & Joan Buckel – 72 yrs
- Ray & Barbara Whitlock – 63 yrs
- Leo's Lakeside Pharmacy – 63 yrs
- Farley Dental Arts – 58 yrs
- Peter & Sally Nelson – 57 yrs
- Carter's Hay & Grain – 53 yrs
- Jack & Debbie Miller – 45 yrs
- Howard Rigler & Jean MacKinnon – 40 yrs
- John & Terry Burke-Eiserling – 35 yrs
- Russell & Robin Anderson Laier – 31 yrs
- Lakeside's River Park Conservancy – 22 yrs
- Morgan & Ginger Miller – 19 yrs
- James & Debbye Mazzucca Brisbin – 10 yrs
- Danny & Liz Harris
- Lakeside Fire Protection District



LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING
Monday, January 23
6:00 PM

Olde Community Church
9906 Maine Avenue
Downtown Lakeside

Our annual Soup & Salad Potluck Dinner is back!



Soup & Salad Dinner - \$5 Donation per person
General Meeting (A very short one ...)
White Elephant Gift Exchange

**Call (619)561-1886
for more information**

*If you would like to contribute a soup or a salad,
please contact Janis Shackelford at (619)561-6323*

WE NEED YOUR HELP, PLEASE!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3—9:00 A.M.

We need volunteers to help us pack up and put away our Mrs. Claus Christmas Shoppe. The more, the merrier—and the faster we can get things back into storage.

As always, we appreciate your help and support!



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Billy Ortiz
 El Monte Valley
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Our beautiful El Monte Valley, from the lens of Billy Ortiz.



LHS MEMBERSHIP FEES REMINDER

It's time for your 2023 dues. Please help us continue to preserve and share the history of Lakeside. Call us at (619)561-1886 if you have any questions We appreciate your support!

LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

DATE _____

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