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CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Coleen Owens

This is my first message as the new Co-President of the Lakeside Historical Society. I was born and raised in Lakeside (as were my mother and maternal grandmother). I belong to many service organizations, but this one is my heartthrob. Thank you LHS board members for voting me in. I will try to perform my duties (after I figure out what they are).



Our first General Meeting of 2024 was Monday, January 22. It was delightful! Besides being some of the hardest workers, our members are terrific cooks. They made several different types of soups and salads for our annual soup and salad dinner. We also had lots of yummy desserts, muffins, and bread. And, we are the cheapest food in Lakeside, as it was only a \$5 donation

for as much as you could eat. (I went back for thirds!)

Our volunteers show up the day before an event to set up the tables and chairs. They arrive early before each event to put on the final touches before "company" arrives. They stay after every event to put tables and chairs away, do dishes, vacuum, dump the trash and put our lovely building "back to normal." Thank you Janis (our kitchen queen) and the dozen other people working behind the scenes to make every event successful.

A special "Thank You" to Gordon Shackelford for keeping us financially perfect! Your hard work of checks and balances with our budget is appreciated. And you are always the last one to eat, because you are busy with the cash box.

Besides having a visitor all the way from New York, we had a special guest. Kyle Hermann from Senator Brian Jones' office. He presented Outstanding Community Service certificates to all of our officers ~ including outgoing Co-President Gary Mitrovich. Thank You, Gary, for your many years of service to LHS. Your shoes are going to be difficult to fill.

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Lakeside Historical Society

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

It's time for our annual luncheon to honor and thank all our hardworking volunteers who do so much for us throughout the year!

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Olde Community Church * 9906 Maine Avenue

CATERED LUNCH

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED, PLEASE!

Call (619)561-1886 For Info & Reservations

Please R.S.V.P. By March 9th

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LHS EVENTS

MUSEUM MEETING: Thu, Mar 7 @ 10 am

BOARD MEETING: Thu, Mar 14 @ 10 am

VOLUNTEER LUNCH: Sat, Mar 16 @ 11 am

** Catered Lunch—RSVP by March 9 **

GENERAL MEETING: Mon, Mar 25 @ 6 pm

"Campo Gravesites" by Cherry Diefenbach

LHS FIELD TRIP: Sat, Mar 30 @ 10 am

San Diego Police Museum @4710 College Av—SD

(Lunch following visit TBA)

Coming in April

MUSEUM MEETING: Thu, Apr 4 @ 10 am

BOARD MEETING: Thu, Apr 11 @ 10 am

Lakeside Rodeo: Apr 25-28

Rodeo Stadium & Grounds

WESTERN DAYS BREAKFAST: Apr 27, 7—9:30 am

Western Days Parade: Apr 27, 9:35 am—Noon

Woodside & Maine Avenues

**** NO GENERAL MEETING ****

Meetings & events held at LHS History Center unless noted

GIFT SHOP HOURS:

OPEN: Tuesday - Thursday & Saturday: 10 am - 1 pm

CLOSED: Sunday, Monday & Friday

ARCHIVES OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY



From the LHS Archives: MYSTERY PHOTO COLLAGE IDENTIFIED

Last year, the Archives crew found this collage (*above*) on top of a stack of photos in our storage room. As you can see, it was somewhat beat-up by the ages. There was no information on the back, but the images gave us a clue. The photos were taken in and around Riverview High School, Lakeside's first high school, and what a story they tell! We have identified some of the students and school personnel here, one of whom is the principal. We don't know if these photos were taken for some special event or just "a day in the life," but what a treasure to see these images of Lakeside's past.

Take a look at the photo on the upper right (*enlarged below*). An unknown group, some of whom appear to be in uniform, are walking northerly across the valley. Yes—**that's El Captain (El Cajon Mountain) looming in the background, so we know this is Lakeside.** To the right, in a gap between marchers, you can see the Lakeside Inn! That pretty much confirmed our suspicions, which would put these photographs sometime before February 1920, when the Inn was dismantled.

We took these photos to Giant Photo Service at 7200 El Cajon Boulevard and they did a high resolution scan of every print on this board. We now have both the originals and an electronic copy of each safely in our archives.

A few months later, LHS Vice President Rob Harding was combing the old school annuals we have in our collection and, low and behold, he came across this very collage printed in the first Grossmont High School Yearbook—from 1921! There were actually numerous similar collages made and printed, but this is the only original we have currently. You never know, though—we may find another one as well!



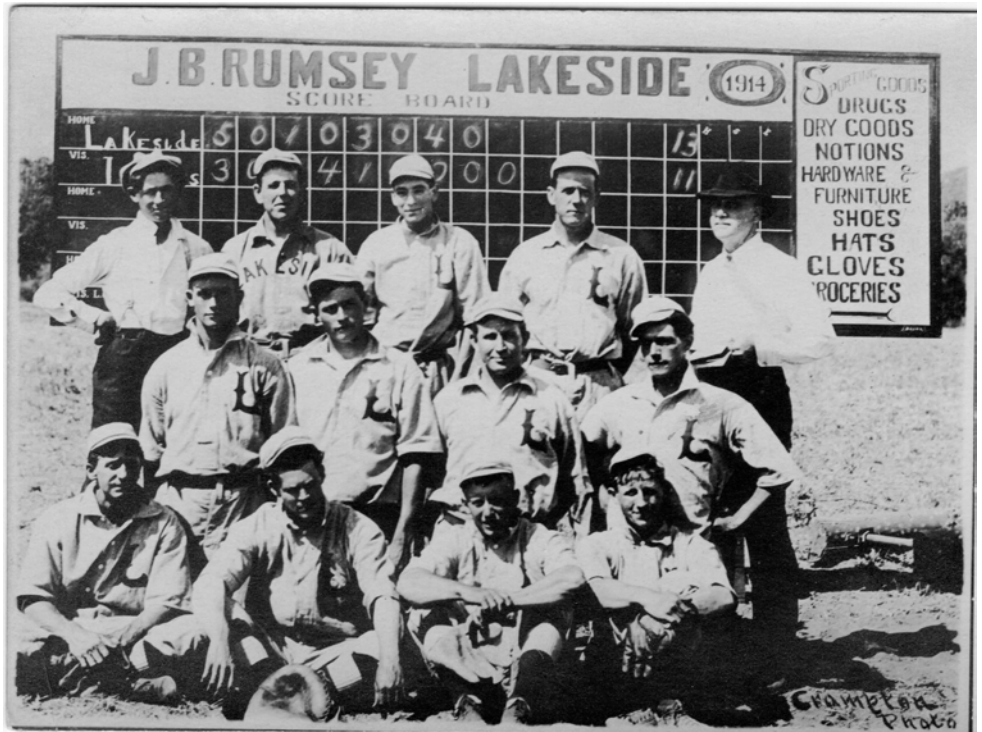
MARCH MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 John Diehl
- 1 Danny Feures
- 1 Danell Melville Marks
- 1 Geraldine A. Morrin
- 3 Patricia Heger
- 4 Donna Fae Kephart Brunot
- 4 Paul Grisafi
- 5 Jacqueline Grobarek
- 5 Penelope Rose Parks
- 7 Richard Canfield
- 8 Jeff Jones
- 8 April Langill
- 8 Kathy Mourning
- 9 Michael Atkinson
- 9 Cathie Doran Ditomaso
- 10 Velmalyn Kanady Magill
- 10 Billy Ortiz
- 11 Karen Kuhn Stephens
- 12 Tom Claycomb
- 12 Laura Giyer
- 12 Barbara Meyer
- 13 Leslie Ann Reeder
- 14 Patsy Ford
- 14 Gary Mitrovich
- 15 Margaret Tuitel
- 16 Tracie Kern
- 21 Gloria Clemons Partington
- 22 Emery Elles
- 22 George Savage
- 23 Louise Savage Seiber
- 24 Joseph Horger
- 27 Joan Buckel
- 27 Gregory Cranham
- 27 Maryanne Vancio
- 28 Robbie Harding, III
- 30 Dale Melville
- 31 Donna Kuhner Martens
- 31 Gay Reed

ANNIVERSARIES

- Lakeside Water District - 102
- Bob & Susan Robeson - 59
- Steve & Gloria Dunkel - 50
- Western Foundation & Shoring - 46
- Lisa Anderson & Greg Smith - 42
- Danny & Coleen Fures - 38
- Mary Beth & Bill Hayes - 38
- Carolyn & John Sandoval - 36
- Barbara Donahoo & Jim McCauley - 29
- Rick & De Anne Markle - 27
- Danell Melville & Jack Marks - 26
- Edward & Shirley Wilson



1914—Lakeside once had its own baseball team. This one was sponsored by local businessman J.B. Rumsey. East county towns formed the six-team Valley Baseball League to promote America's Pastime, as did many other communities throughout the region. Lakeside shared the adult league with clubs from El Cajon, North Park, Ramona, Lemon Grove, and "Acme." The teams were comprised of local talent. Looks like Lakeside won this one, 13-11. The name of the opposing team is obscured. We're not sure where this field was located. (LHS Archives)

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Gary was presented with a mantel clock as a small token of our appreciation for all he has done and will **continue to do for LHS. We're hoping his small gift will** make him continue to work as hard as he has!

After our short business meeting, we had a fun gift exchange. Ex-Co-President, Gary Mitrovich, customized the left-right game to include our town and even had Mr. & Mrs. Santa visiting Eastbound Bar & Grill. We were sad when the story ended, as it was fun passing those gifts left and right every couple of seconds. I am already looking forward to it again next January.

Hope you can join us for our next General Meeting on Monday, February 26, 6:00 p.m., for more delicious food – **Janis Shackelford's famous spaghetti.** Please RSVP!



(Photo by Denise Meile)

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

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MARCH 2024 EMAIL EDITION



GENERAL MEETING

**Monday, March 25, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

**Olde Community Church
9906 Maine Avenue**

"May They Rest In Peace"

**By Cherry Diefenbach
Mountain Empire Historical Society**

Local historian and author, Cherry Diefenbach, has researched and written about many of these historic cemeteries in a book titled: "May They Rest in Peace...Stories of the Milquatay Pioneer Cemetery and Other Cemeteries in the Mountain Empire Area." She will provide a cemetery "who's who?" presentation that includes cemetery facts and some fascinating stories about the events that brought many cemetery occupants to their final resting places in that area.

Coffee & Desserts

ALL FREE!

Call us @ (619)561-1886 for more info



**LAKESIDE
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**



FIELD TRIP

We're going to the

SAN DIEGO POLICE MUSEUM

Saturday, March 30, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Meet at the Olde Community Church @ 9:30 a.m.

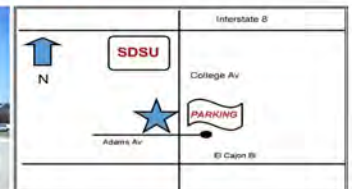
To caravan or carpool OR meet us at the museum

4710 College Av—San Diego

One block north of El Cajon Bl at Adams Av

Please RSVP at (619) 561-1886

IT'S FREE!



Sunrise services, Lakeside Frontier Riders, circa 1950's. (LHS Archives)