



*Lakeside Historical Society*

## ANNUAL BOARD

## ELECTIONS

*Monday, November 25, 2024 6:00 P.M.*

*Olde Community Church*

*9906 Maine Avenue - Lakeside*

## General Meeting & Elections

*A brief meeting to elect our 2025 Board*

*Coffee & Desserts will be served*

*For questions or information, please call (619)561-1886*

## LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### BITS & PIECES

Thanks to all who came to our Chicken Pot-Pie General Meeting on September 23. It was a well-attended, very successful event – and the pot-pie was great. Our Miss Lakeside Royalty ladies were there to not only serve and otherwise help out, but to give us a historical presentation as well. Thanks so much ladies – you are all awesome!

Co-Prez Coleen Owens, Pennie McMahon, and Kate Lauren represented LHS at the “Quarter Auction” event held on October 5 at the VFW (see photo on page 3). This event benefits Wreaths Across America and we were glad to be part of it.

Yes, we are already talking about “that time of year.” The Mrs. Claus Christmas Resale Shoppe is opening up on Friday, December 6. Setup begins on Saturday, November 30 at 9:00 a.m. We could always use volunteers, so please **contact Pennie McMahon if you’re free to help.** The Spirit of Christmas on Maine Avenue will be held on Saturday, December 7, with the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 5:00 p.m. in the courtyard of our Olde Community Church. Of course, the Christmas Shoppe will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on that day.

A dedicated work party of Pennie McMahon, Coleen Owens, Joan Tilley, and Gary Mitrovich accomplished some major cleaning around the storage sheds and memorial bricks on September 20. Though much of this area is not visible to the public, it needed some work. On the same subject, we wanted to thank Honorio Sanchez for his work cleaning up the courtyard area and making it look nice for the annual 9/11 Memorial Walk on September 11.

Finally, we are holding our annual elections at the General Meeting on Monday, November 25, at 6:00 p.m. The ballot looks pretty much the same as it does now, but we do need to honor our bylaws (so we can stay in business) and have this election. The meeting is usually pretty short and sweet—the “sweet” part being the desserts we offer (with coffee, of course). So have an early dinner, come out and **vote (it’s painless), and enjoy some good company**—and get home with plenty of time to catch your favorite TV show.

We hope you all have a good November and a Happy Thanksgiving!

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LHS EVENTS

BOARD MEETING: Thu, Nov 14 @ 10 am

GENERAL MEETING: Mon, Nov 25 @ 6 pm

*ELECTIONS & DESSERT!*

CHRISTMAS SHOPPE SETUP: Sat, Nov 30 @ 9 am

COMING IN DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS SHOPPE OPENS: Fri, Dec 6 @ 10 am

Spirit of Christmas: Sat, Dec 7, 3:30—8:30 pm

BOARD MEETING: Thu, Dec 12 @ 10 am

CHRISTMAS SHOPPE CLOSES: Sat, Dec 21

*NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER*

*GIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN DURING*

*CHRISTMAS SHOPPE HOURS*

*ARCHIVES WILL BE CLOSED DURING DECEMBER*

*(Call us if you need a special appointment)*

*Meetings & events are held at LHS History Center unless noted*

REMINDER:

**\*\* MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE JANUARY 1, 2025 \*\***



## ARCHITECT GILL LAID TO REST 88 YEARS AFTER DEATH

On October 7, 2024 – 88 years to the day that he had died – noted local architect Irving J. Gill was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Why did this take so long? And what does Gill have to do with Lakeside?

Let's answer the second question first. "Jack" Gill was an innovative architect whose designs laid the foundation for modern architecture in Southern California. He lived and worked in San Diego, creating many now-historic homes and businesses throughout the region. We have two Gill houses still standing in Lakeside: the Kleine ranch house atop Topa Hill Circle and built in 1897-98, and the little 1905 Kleine house now at Julian Avenue and Channel Road. He also designed and built

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Original label on the recently discovered box containing Jack Gill's ashes.

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### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2024

Co-Presidents:  
Stacy Hensle & Coleen Owens  
Vice President: Rob Harding  
Secretary: Cathy Wolpers  
Treasurer: Gordon Shackelford  
Parliamentarian: Janis Shackelford  
General Manager: Pennie McMahon

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Archives:  
Janice McMillan & Grace Parrott  
Christmas Shoppe: Pennie McMahon  
Design Review Board: Paul Johnson  
Facility/Grounds: John Swink  
Gift Shop: Pennie McMahon  
Greeter/Hospitality: Lee Bost  
Honor Bricks: Karen Stephens  
Kitchen: Janis Shackelford  
Living History Days: Stacy Hensle  
Members-at-Large:  
Paula Armstrong & Joan Tilley  
Membership:  
Pennie McMahon & Richard Hensle  
Memorials: Barbara Hogue  
Museum: Yrene Woods  
Newsletter Distribution: Pennie McMahon  
Newsletter Editor: Gary Mitrovich  
Publicity: Billy Ortiz  
Sunshine: Donna Swink  
Volunteer Lunch:  
Pennie McMahon & Coleen Owens  
Webmaster: Katharina Notarianni

### **HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS**

*The official newsletter of the Lakeside Historical Society since 1980*

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## PSA FLIGHT #182 MEMORIAL ERECTED

On September 25, 1978, 144 souls lost their lives in the crash of PSA Flight #182 in the North Park community of San Diego. It was a clear Monday morning when the passenger jet from Sacramento collided with a smaller private plane in the air. All 135 passengers perished, along with the two people in the smaller plane and seven folks on the ground. It was the worst air disaster in the United States at that time.

For many years, the PSA Flight #182 Memorial group has been working to have a plaque placed at the site of the crash. They have held annual services at the crash site for the families and friends of those lost, marking the tragedy and lobbying for a permanent memorial. The neighborhood has been repaired and there was nothing to indicate that such a tragedy had ever occurred – until now.

On the morning of September 25, 2024, memorial planners and attendees arrived to find their goal had come to fruition. The City of San Diego had quietly placed a bronze marker at the intersection of Nile and Dwight streets, in North Park. It was a marvelous surprise and a long time coming.

There were two Lakeside residents aboard Flight #182: Lisa Denise Davis and William White. The LHS Archives does not have any information on them. If you knew these two people, please consider giving us a call at (619) 561-1886 or emailing us at [garyemit@gmail.com](mailto:garyemit@gmail.com) with information so that we may honor them in our LHS History Center.



# NOVEMBER MILESTONES

## NEW LIFETIME MEMBER!

Cindy Atkinson Pearson

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ida Cook
- 2 Melinda Lou Bowman Brown
- 3 Gary Beals
- 4 Allan Niebrugge
- 4 Laurel Robbins Nielsen
- 4 Daniel Seybert
- 4 Jeanne Taylor
- 7 Michele Ditomaso Silva
- 8 Barbara Watkins Moyer
- 8 Caprice Hubbard Sander
- 10 Dorothy Combs
- 10 Winnie Wilkinson
- 11 Grace Parrott
- 13 John Linden
- 14 Melinda Becker
- 14 Normand Croteau
- 14 Rick Markle
- 14 Alex Mitrovich
- 16 Cathy Patino
- 16 C. Dex Dexheimer
- 16 D.W. Mitchell
- 17 Bob Clark
- 17 Jo Ann Halleib Dutton
- 20 Christopher Jean Whitmore
- 22 John Joseph Digenan
- 23 Nancy Bradbury
- 24 Stacy Cate Hensle
- 24 Donna Swennes
- 25 Joan Tilley
- 26 Keith Becker
- 27 Paula Armstrong
- 28 Walter Kephart

## ANNIVERSARIES

- Thomas & Mary Klippel - 61
- Lynette & Michael Doherty - 55
- Christopher & Jean Whitmore - 44
- Jay & Les Quarles - 39
- Anna & George Robeson - 36
- Sherry Golden Reece & Don Reece - 29
- Araceli & Vince Orona - 22
- Ashley & Daniel Seybert - 8

(At right) Pennie McMahon and Kate Lauren represented LHS at the Quarter Auction Fundraiser, held at the Lakeside VFW, to benefit Wreaths Across America.

National Wreaths Across America Day will be on Saturday, December 14, 2024. More than two million volunteers and supporters will gather to remember and honor at more than 4,600 locations in all 50 states, at sea, and abroad. Contact the Lakeside VFW for more information. *(Photo courtesy of Coleen Owens)*



(From page 2) the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church at Barona in 1932, and 12 cottages on the reservation in 1933—a few of which are still in use.

Gill passed away on October 7, 1936, following a heart attack at his Carlsbad ranch, at age 66. For decades, it was believed that his wife had scattered his ashes shortly after his death, until a group of volunteers rediscovered a cardboard box holding Gill's cremated remains 86 years after his passing. Gill now has a proper resting place—and there is more of the story to come (in a future issue).

## CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER SPONSORS 2024

In the September LHS newsletter, we asked members to help support the fund-raising efforts of our volunteers by sponsoring the cost of food for the Annual Chicken Pot Pie Dinner. The response was beyond generous. We send our heartfelt thanks to the following members:

### Sponsorship Item

- Chicken Pot-Pies
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- Mixed Vegetables & Rolls
- Gravy & Mashed Potatoes
- Gravy
- Salad
- Desserts

### Sponsor

- Rod McMillen
- Mary and Bernie Tewalt
- Donna Swennes
- Linda Hughes
- Richard and Stacy Hensle
- Beverly Pendarvis
- Vivian & William Nelson
- Jack Miller
- Pennie McMahon
- Anonymous

### Event Sponsors

- Angelica Sprecco
- In Memory of Harry Buckel
- Anonymous



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*FROM THE LHS ARCHIVES*

A rare view of the south side of the Olde Community Church, on Parkside Street. The year is unknown, but well before 1947, as the northeastern corner of Maine and Parkside (beyond) is vacant. The Lakeside Feed Store was built at there by Harold Bacon in 1947, after his feed store down the street was destroyed in 1938 by fire. Today, the old feed store is the location of A Garage Door and Gate Store.

Across from the church is a drug store once operated by John A. Rocchio, who later moved into the corner building at Maine Avenue and Lakeshore Drive (still standing).



**HERITAGE DAY—OCTOBER 19, 2024**



*Mrs. Claus'*  
**CHRISTMAS RESALE SHOPPE**

Lakeside Historical Society  
9906 Maine Avenue in Downtown Lakeside



**OPENING DECEMBER 6, 2024**

**(619) 561-1886**

**Saturday, December 7, 2024**  
**OPEN ALL DAY—10:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m.**  
*In conjunction with the Spirit of Christmas on Maine Avenue!*