



CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Stacy Hensle

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Lakeside Historical Society held its November General Meeting on November 25th and we elected our officers for the year 2025. We will have the same officers for the coming year. I am happy to Co-President along with Coleen Owens again. This will be my 4th term as your Co-President, and my last year. But I will still be involved - I'm not going anywhere. I will still be the Chair for Living History Days.

The Christmas Shoppe has been thriving again this year. The elves (volunteers) have been busy working away, by setting up, organizing, displaying, pricing and even repairing items for sale. It has been a pleasure working with all the great volunteers this year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the January General Meeting for our annual soup and salad supper. We will be having our white elephant gift exchange again.

Look for information in the bulletin regarding our January meeting and upcoming future events.



LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING

Monday, January 27

6:00 PM

Olde Community Church

9906 Maine Avenue

Downtown Lakeside

Annual Soup & Salad Potluck Dinner



Soup & Salad Dinner - \$5 Donation per person
General Meeting
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*

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LHS EVENTS

BOARD MEETING: Thu, Jan 9 @ 10 am

GENERAL MEETING: Mon, Jan 27 @ 6 pm

Soup & Salad Dinner & Gift Exchange

Coming in February:

BOARD MEETING: Thu, Feb 13 @ 10 am

GENERAL MEETING: Mon, Feb 24 @ 6 pm

Meetings & events are held at LHS History Center unless noted

GIFT SHOP / MUSEUM HOURS:

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

CLOSED: Sunday, Monday & Friday

ARCHIVES OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY

**** REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE ****

LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Established in 1972
9906 Maine Avenue
Lakeside, CA 92040
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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2025

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
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Volunteer Lunch:
Pennie McMahon & Coleen Owens
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HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

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Santa and Mrs. Claus pose with the Miss Lakeside ladies in front of the Spirit of Christmas Tree, moments before local fire fighters flipped the switch to light it up and open the holiday season in our town. The event took place in the courtyard of our Olde Community Church on Saturday, December 7, 2024. As you can see in the photograph (above), it was very well attended. Kudos and thanks to the Lakeside Chamber of Commerce for organizing this now-seminal event in Lakeside. LHS is proud and honored to serve as the official “town center” for this celebration.



(Above) Day One of the 2024 Mrs. Claus' Christmas Resale Shoppe, just moments after unlocking our doors. Quite a crowd! We opened at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, December 6 and the line for entry had stretched all the way to Parkside Avenue! Some folks showed up 45 minutes early. At the time of this article, we were well on our way to another record-breaking year. We'll give you an update next month. Thanks to all our shoppers and supporters – and to our incredible volunteers – we truly appreciate you all!

ELECTION RESULTS

At the General Meeting on November 25, 2024, we re-elected our Executive Board to another term in 2025. Congratulations and many thanks to the dedicated and helpful folks who step up and make this organization a great and successful one!

In case you don't know them already, our officers and chairpersons are listed in the column at left.

JANUARY MILESTONES

NEW MEMBERS!

Karyl Garbutt
Sandra MacPherson

BIRTHDAYS

1 Kolleen Paredes
2 Barbara Windress Hartup
2 Brenda Wood
3 Candy Cowell
4 Amy Kephart
5 Jean Cabanilla
11 Victoria Smith
12 Angelica Sprecco
13 Richard Hensle
14 Karen Cray Bratley
14 Charles Watkins
19 Coleen Conley Owens
19 Catherine Savage Wolpers
20 Elaine Swearengin Draper
22 Richard "Dick" Besancon
22 Donna Claycomb Catterick
23 Russell Clemens
23 Joe Naiman
24 Lisa Wood
25 Gerrie Stoll
26 Brian Bowman
27 Laurie Connolly
29 Pat Donovan
29 Jean Whitmore
30 Patty Armstrong
30 Robin Anderson Laier

ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara & Ray Whitlock - 65
Lakeside Fire Protection District - 62
Farley Dental Arts - 60
Carter's Hay & Grain - 55
Jack & Debbie Miller - 48
Jean MacKinnon & Howard Rigler - 42
Terry Burke-Eiserling & Jon Eiserling - 37
Robin Anderson Laier & Russell Laier - 33
Lakeside's River Park Conservancy - 24

2025 LHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monthly Board Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month
Museum Committee Meetings: 1st Thursday of each month
Archives Open Every Wednesday

JANUARY

27 General Meeting + Gift Exchange (No presentation)

FEBRUARY

24 General Meeting + History Presentation

MARCH

15 Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

24 General Meeting + History Presentation

APRIL

26 Western Days Breakfast & Parade

MAY

17 General Meeting/Picnic Lunch + History Presentation

JUNE

3-5 Living History Days (Setup 6/2)

JULY / AUGUST

No events

SEPTEMBER

22 General Meeting + History Presentation

OCTOBER

18 Heritage Day + History Presentation

NOVEMBER

25 General Meeting + Elections

DECEMBER

TBA **Mrs. Claus' Christmas Resale Shoppe 2025 (Setup & Operation)**

6 **Lakeside's Spirit of Christmas**

Archives closed for December

Field Trips (Dates to be announced)

- Pacific Southwest Railway Museum—Campo, CA
- Miniature Engineering Craftsman Museum—Carlsbad, CA
- Other ideas?

All dates are subject to change. Keep an eye on your LHS Historical Happenings newsletter for related announcements.

Lakeside Historical Society

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MEMORIALS

By Barbara Hogue

Donations have been made in the loving memory of *Josephine Savage*.

By making a monetary donation to our Memorial Fund for your friend or loved one, a brass plaque will be made with their name, birth and death date, and placed on the Memorial Wall within the Olde Community Church.

The memorial fund is used for special durable projects for Lakeside Historical Society. The family also receives a written notification of your donation and a written "thank you," which can be used for tax purposes, for the donor.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

We have so much history stored in our Archives that sometimes we “rediscover” items that we haven’t seen in a while (or ever!).

At left, we have a “Certificate of Membership” for the Lakeside Hall Association, dated June 1, 1911, which certifies that John H. Gay was elected as a member of that organization. Gay, of course, was the most famous owner/operator of the Lakeside Inn. Contrary to popular belief (and some old legends), Gay was very supportive of the town during the time he owned the Inn. In this instance, he donated \$200 to the town hall fund (that would be over \$6,600 today). His nephew and sometimes Inn manager, W.A. Crow, also donated to the cause. The **Woman’s Club of Lakeside** turned the first dirt in October 1911 and the Town Hall was built soon

thereafter. It still stands today (better known as the Lakeside Theatre property). The certificate is signed by Lakeside pioneers William McClain (local rancher) and J.T. Ireys (town doctor). It is in near-perfect condition.

**BIGFOOT SIGHTING
AT LHS?**

Somewhere in this tangled mess of artificial Christmas Trees (*at right*) is our stalwart LHS Treasurer, Gordon Shackelford.

Thanks to Gordon’s wife, Janis, a little faux forest pops up in our courtyard every year for our Mrs. Claus Christmas Resale Shoppe. This year, when the Shackelfords were setting up our Hot Chocolate/Coffee booth for the Spirit of Christmas, Gordon selflessly plunged into the greenery to repair a leaning tree, virtually disappearing amongst the fake fir. His call for assistance, while calm, was



meet with some raised eyebrows as no one could see the source of the voice. Fortunately for LHS, Gordon was successfully rescued so that he could continue his work. (Photo by Coleen Owens)



LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP FORM
(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthdate: _____

Spouse's Name & Birthday: _____

Wedding Date: _____

NEW MEMBER(S) _____ RENEWAL _____

_____ \$20 (INDIVIDUAL per year)

_____ \$35 (FAMILY per year)

_____ \$50 (BUSINESS/ORG per year)

_____ \$200 (INDIVIDUAL FOR LIFE)

_____ \$500 (BUSINESS FOR LIFE)

Mail to or Drop at:
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9906 MAINE AVENUE
LAKESIDE CA 92040
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Another great photo from Billy Ortiz. Our beautiful historic church all dressed up for Christmas!



Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the 2024 Miss Lakeside ladies posing for the Christmas Tree lighting event at the Spirit of Christmas on Saturday, December 7, 2024 (Photo by Billy Ortiz).



Shortly before our annual Christmas Resale Shoppe opened. By the way, we set another sales record this year!!

LHS MEMBERSHIP FEES REMINDER

It's time for your 2025 dues. We always appreciate your support! Call us at (619)561-1886 if you have any questions.