



CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *By Coleen Owens*



Christmas! My favorite time of the entire year. People are happy and joyous.

Our Mrs. Claus' Christmas Resale Shoppe was a perfect example. We had more volunteers than ever before. Everyone worked sooo hard and so well together. It seemed that most volunteers had their own niche. And they perfected it!

But, during that event, several people reached out to us, asking EXACTLY what we do with the proceeds. Our by-laws say that we are to preserve the history of Lakeside and to be involved with the community. We preserve history with archives. The Archives Committee meets every Wednesday. If you have questions, feel free to contact them. We have file cabinets full of history of Lakeside.

We also preserve our history with wonderful items in our museum. It is available for tours by a request or an appointment. The museum is next door to our lovely old church and will be open after our next General Meeting, January 27. Please stop in and see our exhibits and especially our antique Christmas ornaments, loaned by Lee Bost.

Besides preserving the history of Lakeside, we maintain our historic building. It seems that the work never ends.

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**LAKESIDE
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

GENERAL MEETING

Monday, February 24, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

**Olde Community Church
9906 Maine Avenue - Downtown Lakeside**

JANIS SHACKELFORD'S SPAGHETTI DINNER

(\$15 DONATION PER PERSON)

****PLEASE RSVP BY 2/17!****

PRESENTATION:

"LAKESIDE'S RANCHO SANTA MONICA"

BY LELAND E. BIBB

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TO R.S.V.P.
BY FEBRUARY 17**



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LHS EVENTS

BOARD MEETING: Thu, Feb 13 @ 10 am

GENERAL MEETING: Mon, Feb 24 @ 6 pm

Janis Shackelford's Spaghetti Dinner (See poster above)

Coming in March:

DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR: Sat, Mar 8 @ 10 am

Meet @ LHS—Lunch following Tour

BOARD MEETING: Thu, Mar 13 @ 10 am

VOLUNTEER LUNCH: Sat, Mar 22 @ 11 am

GENERAL MEETING: Mon, Mar 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
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Website: lakesidehistory.org

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
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Design Review Board: Paul Johnson
Facility/Grounds: John Swink
Gift Shop: Pennie McMahon
Greeter/Hospitality: Lee Bost
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A RECORD-BREAKING SALE

By Pennie McMahon

Mrs. Claus' Christmas Resale Shoppe was once again another wonderful event for us and our great community. Our community donates Christmas items all year and then they come and support our sale. Thank you Lakeside, we could not do this without all of your support.

We would like to thank Marrokal Construction for their generous contribution. We delivered gift certificates to Lemon Crest School and families were able to come and shop. Thank you Marrokal!

The amazing volunteers that made this all possible were: The Lakeside Princesses and their parents, Boy Scout Troop #346 and their **parents, Jason Earnest (Pennie's grandson)** - it is so great to have the youth of Lakeside volunteer. Our other volunteers who worked so hard throughout the sale were: Coleen Owens, Mikki Balicki, Roland Rhodes, George Krisnowich, Lee Bost, Gary Mitrovich, Stacy Hensle, Paula Armstrong, Cathy Wolpers, Gordon & Janis Shackelford, Diane Angus, Lynette Doherty, Patricia Barnes, Karen Standford, Barbara Hogue, Joan Tilley, Doris Griffith, Janice McMillan, Cathy Diamasto, Kate Lauren, John & Donna Swink, Barbara DeYoung, Judy Trussell, Cheryl Chelius, Barbara O'Neil, Jill Murphy, Melinda Becker, Dennise Kane, Jeanne McKinnon, Sandie Campbell, Araceli Orona, Karen Stephens, and Michele Silva. If I missed someone, I am sorry. Just know we appreciate you and the time you spent helping us.

It was a busy few weeks but it was fun and I think we all enjoyed working together. Thank you everyone for all the hours you volunteered and please remember because of each of you, our sale was a record-breaking success! YOU ARE ALL-STARS!

♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥

BITS & PIECES

- Our Self-Guided Walking Tour booklet will be back in print in early February. The roughly one-hour **tour will take you around Lakeside's Historic Downtown** to highlight our history—both vanished and still standing. You can pick one up at our Gift Shop. They are free. We will be offering a guided tour for members in March 2025.
- Congratulations and many thanks to Kathy Kassel! For the past 20 years, Kathy has dedicated herself to Lakeside and its Chamber of Commerce. That she had a positive impact on our town hugely understates her contributions and efforts. She will be sorely missed (but we are still in good hands). The Lakeside Historical Society is so very appreciative and thankful for her support and friendship. We wish her the very best.

A very special thanks to Lifetime Member Chris Herzog for her continued support of the Lakeside Historical Society, its mission and its members.

FEBRUARY MILESTONES

NEW MEMBERS!

SHARON OLSON
MICHELE MINDY K
LISA GLUHM

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Edwin Cate
- 1 Betty Frizzell
- 5 Curtis Clubb
- 7 Paul McMillan
- 9 Carol S. Clemens Ben-Judah
- 10 Ronald Conley
- 12 Audra Parnell
- 12 Jay Quarles
- 14 Faye McFarland Anderson
- 15 Lynette Mitrovich
- 15 Paul Sprecco
- 20 Denise Washburn Banegas
- 20 Vincent Sullivan
- 22 Dick Denure
- 24 Robert Hewitt
- 26 John Manion
- 26 Kym Tilton
- 28 Jennifer Shaffer Roczey
- 29 Patricia White

ANNIVERSARIES

- Patricia & Robert Heger 67
- Donna & John Swink 67
- Kathryn Angus & Larry Paddock 53
- Louise Savage & Charles Seiber 52
- Larry & Jeanne Taylor 47
- John & Denise Meile 43
- George & Patsy Shaeffer 43
- Pam & Mark Sandler 34
- Candy & Nick Cowell 27
- James & Connie Morgan 16
- Nancy & Teri Kulinski
- Keith & Melinda Becker
- Pam & Paul Grisafi

In Remembrance

Terry Burke-Eiserling (Lifetime Member) *1949—2025*

We are very saddened at the passing of Terry Burke-Eiserling. She was a treasure and an icon - and a LHS Lifetime Member. Her dedication to Lakeside was beyond measure. She shall truly be missed.

From Billy Ortiz: "Many knew her as 'Skateboard Mom' for being a big part in having the skate park built at Lindo Lake Park (there is a bench in her honor near there). She did many great things for the community of Lakeside. I hope others can fill in the gaps in how she served Lakeside. Prayers for her family and friends.

May she RIP. She will be greatly missed."

Brenda Van Ommering *1972—2025*

From Billy Ortiz: "Another wonderful Lakeside person has passed. Brenda Van Ommering has gone to be with the Lord.

Our hearts go out to David, the family and friends of Brenda. May she RIP. She will be missed dearly.

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued from page 1)

Last year, we had the chimneys replaced. We had our courtyard fence painted. Our treasurer, Gordon Shackelford, replaced our garbage disposal, fixed a leaky toilet and replaced the thermostat in the museum. They say it takes a village to raise children. It also takes a village to maintain our property. But we have many loving hands willing to do it.

We donate to many projects that support our community. We support the Lakeside "royalty" – the princesses and their court. (They also do a lot to support us!)

We support the Boy Scouts, and they help every single time we need them.

We help MARA with their 9/11 walk from Mary's Donuts to our building. And we help with the event.

We support the Chamber with Spirit of Christmas and have their Christmas tree in our courtyard.

Last year, we co-sponsored a chamber mixer.

Another of my favorites is our annual Western Days Breakfast. It's only \$5 and we have fabulous food. We are right next to parade path! Please join us in April.

At our general meetings, not only do we have food (most meetings), but we have very interesting speakers. I would like to encourage all of our members to participate in these meetings. Get to know like-minded people of Lakeside.

Before I close, I would like to thank all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make our Christmas Resale Shoppe have a monetarily record-breaking year! **Thanks To All!** Hope to see you on January 27 for our annual "Soup and Salad Dinner." You don't have to RSVP on this one – just show up!





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THANK YOU! Some photos of the great volunteers who helped us set up our Mrs. Claus Christmas Resale Shoppe this past December. We truly appreciate their involvement—such a wonderful example of community service. At left, a few of our Miss Lakeside representatives, who are always a pleasure to have with us. At right, members of Lakeside's Boy Scout Troup #346. We cannot thank you all enough!



FROM OUR HISTORY CENTER ARCHIVES:

The Mitchell/Shaffer House (*above left*) was built in 1925 at the corner of Woodside Avenue and River Street. Attorney Allen Mitchell lived there with his wife, Mary. Allen also used the house as his office. In 1933, the couple built a community meeting hall (*above right*) on the east side of the property. The hall was used by many groups, including the Kiwanis Club, the Woman's Club, and the Presbyterian Church. **Both structures are still standing, now used by the Children's Choice Academy.** Mary Mitchell is credited with building the Mitchell Court bungalows, around the corner on River Street, in 1939. That little complex was popular for local newlyweds. It includes four cottages, three apartments, and a studio.

By 1951, Ron Saffer was living in the original home on the corner.



LHS MEMBERSHIP FEES REMINDER

One more kind reminder: Your 2025 fees are due. We always appreciate your support! Call us at (619)561-1886 if you have any questions.