



CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Stacy Hensle

Spring has sprung!

Lakeside Historical Society held its General Meeting on February 24, 2025. We enjoyed a delicious annual Spaghetti dinner. A big THANK YOU to Janis Shackelford for providing, planning, and cooking our dinner. Many thanks to all those who volunteered to help in the set-up, prepping, and cleaning up after the dinner. After eating we held our February general membership meeting with Gordon Shackelford distributing copies of the proposed budget for 2025. He explained that this budget had been recommended by the Executive Board, but must be approved by the general membership. After the presentation, the proposed budget for 2025 was approved and passed by all the members. Gary Mitrovich introduced the newly installed Miss Lakeside Queens and Princesses, and each introduced themselves. Gary presented the group with a honorary membership, on behalf of LHS. As long as they are Lakeside Princesses, they will be a Lakeside Historical Society member. Gary also presented each princess with a Lakeside Historical Society pin. Rob Harding, our Vice President, then introduced our speaker for the evening. Leland E. Bibb, a historian and geologist, gave a presentation on Lakeside's Rancho Santa Monica, covering the time period from the 1840s through the 1860s. Rancho Santa Monica is now called Lakeside. Thank you, Leland, for an interesting presentation.

By the time you have received the April newsletter, we will have had our first field trip of the year. On March 8, 2025, we did a walking tour of downtown Lakeside. Afterward, we lunched at Eastbound Bar and Grill. *(It was a fun time! About 15 members attended. —Ed.)*

Upcoming events: If you have volunteered for Lakeside Historical Society this past year, we hope you can join us for our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. It will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Don't forget to RSVP.**

Western Days Breakfast is on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 7:00 to 9:00 am. **We'll be setting up the day before.**

We are also looking for volunteers for Living History Days. Monday June 2, 2025, is the setup day. Students will visit us from June 3-5. We can always use your help.

Breakfast before the parade!

Lakeside Historical Society

Once again proudly presents its

Western Days Breakfast

AT

Lakeside's Historic Olde Community Church

9906 Maine Avenue

Saturday, April 26, 2025

7:00 am to 9:00 am

Featuring THE TRADESMEN Live Band

Have a cowboy breakfast then watch Lakeside's Western Days Parade!

SERVING:

Ham & Eggs

Potato Patties

Biscuits & Sausage Gravy

Coffee & Juice

Milk & Chocolate Milk (for the kids)

STILL ONLY \$5 DONATION PER PERSON

For more information call (619) 561-1886

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LHS EVENTS

LHS BOARD MEETING; Thu, Apr 10 @ 10 am

Lakeside Rodeo: Apr 24—27

Rodeo Stadium & Grounds

LHS WESTERN DAYS BREAKFAST: Sat, Apr 26 @ 7-9 am

Western Days Parade: Sat, Apr 26 @ 9:30 am

Woodside & Maine Avenues

****NO GENERAL MEETING IN APRIL****

Coming in May

LHS BOARD MEETING; Thu, May 8 @ 10 am

LHS GENERAL MEETING/LUNCH: Sat, May 10 @ 2-4 pm

Arrive @ 1:30 pm—Pizza & History Presentation:

"Claus Spreckels, Sugar King" by Dr. Sandee Bonura

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

LAKESIDE HISTORY: THE HOTEL ROW?

An obscure entry has been found in both the 1915 and 1916 San Diego City and County directories:

Hotel Row, Lakeside.

This is only listed under “Hotels” in the “Classified Business Directory,” and not in the Lakeside section or in “Furnished Rooms.” The 1915 directory carries another interesting find in the Lakeside section, though: “**Row Effie E, hotel.**” There are two more “Row” listings there: Georgia B. Row and Roy Row, carried as a “laborer.”

This begs the question: where was it located? How large might it have been? Could it have been a simple boarding house? Unfortunately, we have no other information on this little known Lakeside hotel. We do, however, have information on the Row family.

Effie May Hutchinson was born in Kansas in 1870, the second youngest of 14 children (seven boys and seven girls). She also had seven older half siblings. Effie was 19 years old when she married her husband, James Willard Row. The couple had seven children themselves—six sons and one daughter. By 1893, the family was living in Ramona, where their third child was born. Three more children followed there.

Husband James died in March 1915, the year the Hotel Row first appeared in the local directory. In November 1915, daughter Georgia Row (1891-1924) married Drew Dye, from a historic Ramona family. The official announcement stated both mothers-in-law were living in Lakeside at the time. Sons Roy Row (1889-1950) and Frank Row (1895-1984) played baseball for the Lakeside team of the Valley Association in the mid-1910s. Son James E. Row (1899-1983) attended and graduated from Lakeside Grammar School. Effie may have remarried, but was a widow at the time of her death in 1947, at age 77.

Currently, that is all we know of Lakeside’s mysterious Hotel Row. If you know more, please share with us!



A 1912 Row family photo (from left to right): Georgia Row Dye, husband John Drew Earl Dye, Effie Row, husband James W. Row, James E. Row, Willis Row, Frank Row. The boys in front are Howard and Kenneth Row. Likely taken in Ramona at the wedding of Georgia and John.

APRIL MILESTONES

NEW HONORARY MEMBER

Miss Lakeside Scholarship
Pageant

NEW MEMBER

CHRISTINE HILL

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lilyana Chandler
- 1 Cassie Kouns Larson
- 6 John Mendez
- 7 Alice Webb Johnson
- 7 Gordon Shackelford
- 10 Shirley Stewart Curo
- 13 Ann Gilbert
- 13 Tim Kanady
- 14 Mike Rakowski
- 17 Fran Gibbs
- 18 Colleen Anderson
- 18 Patricia Barnes
- 19 Linda Cowle
- 22 Tina Rakowski
- 23 Sharon Armstrong
- 24 Katie Martens
- 24 Earleen Barker Tehan
- 26 Cindy Kelly
- 27 Kathryn Angus Paddock
- 30 Jack Partington

ANNIVERSARIES

- Donald & Carolyn Kuhner – 67
- Terry Lee & James Callen – 55
- Wyatt & Dottie Allen – 53
- Gordon & Janis Shackelford – 51
- Daniel Morgan & Kimberly Evans – 36
- Karen Mitrovich & Daryl Dotson – 34
- Cathy Savage & Robert Wolpers – 34
- Linda Hughes & David Rung – 25
- Charles & Lenore Lehman Kephart – 19
- Richard & Jean Cabanilla
- Dennis & Andrea Canfield
- Robert Dart & April Langill
- Cassie Kouns & Michael Larson

** SPONSORS NEEDED **

The Western Days Breakfast hosted by the Lakeside Historical Society is coming up on Saturday, April 26 (*info on page 1*). We are again looking for members to help sponsor the event. Hilliker's Ranch Fresh Eggs will generously provide the eggs for the breakfast. Remaining items needing sponsorships are:

- One half of Ham: \$80
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- Biscuits: \$91
- Sausage Gravy: \$75
- Orange Juice: \$70
- One half of Potato Patties: \$44
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- Hot Chocolate & Milk (for kids): \$27
- One half of Sm. Water Bottles: \$29
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Would you please give us a hand and help us out in this fundraiser event? Call Gordon Shackelford at (619) 561-6323 to become an official Lakeside Western Days Breakfast Sponsor.



READING DAY AT LEMON CREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On March 5, LHS Vice President Rob Harding was back in the classroom—involved with the students of Lemon Crest School for “A Love of Reading Week” (*above*). Rob joined the Miss Lakeside Royalty ladies, reading aloud to the students. (*Photo by Ron Cook*)

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

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MISS LAKESIDE ROYALTY

Introducing the 2025 Miss Lakeside Queens!

Miss Lakeside 2025—Adriana Garcia Felix
Teen Miss Lakeside 2025—Madison Marshall
PreTeen Miss Lakeside 2025—Juliette Jonillionis

Miss Princesses

Maddox Macias & Annalisa Gonzalez

Teen Princesses

Abbey Blevins & Emily Buck

PreTeen Princess

Kaylee Gartz

The 2025 Royalty are dedicated to working alongside the Lakeside Historical Society again this year—and we are happy to have them! They made their first appearance at the February General Meeting and Spaghetti Dinner Night on Monday, February 24. They served dinner and dessert to our attendees, then introduced themselves to the crowd. They even helped us clean up and put away tables and chairs.

The Miss Lakeside Scholarship Pageant organization was presented with a rare honor—an Honorary Membership to LHS. They are true partners.

We so appreciate them all—thank you, ladies!

DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR—MARCH 8, 2025

Photos by Coleen Owens



**LAKESIDE HISTORIC DISTRICT
SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR**

Presented by the
LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

