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CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *By Coleen Owens*

I wish the founders of the Lakeside Historical Society could see us now! I know how much they stressed over their idea of LHS being successful in the early '70s. We see the men's names on all the legal documents, but rarely do we see the women behind the scenes. My great aunt, Helen Kanady, along with Marcella Williams, Marguerite Sherman, Edna Kouns, (and husband, Erman), Delores Meyer (and husband, Al), Shirley Anderson (and husband, Ralph, aka Andy), Getrude Davis (and husband, Bill) and many others (whose names have escaped me). They all worked diligently doing fundraisers and stressing over the huge task they'd taken on of buying an old church! They worked so hard and paid it off way before the mortgage due date. I think they would be proud of us! Currently, we are very solvent with funds to do the ongoing maintenance of our beautiful historic building.

Our most recent General Meeting was on Saturday, May 10. We had pizza, salads, and desserts for only \$10. Our guest speaker was Dr. Sandra Bonura. She talked about brothers Claus and John Spreckels and their influence in San Diego and Lakeside with the sugar cane and railroad industry at the turn of the century (not the last one!) After our technical issues were resolved, her presentation was so informative. If you missed it, I think she's coming again, so try to attend.

At this meeting, we had some business that needed a membership vote. We approved three changes in our bylaws that were recommended by the board.

We are also looking for a couple of officers to join the board in 2026. Co-president Stacy Hensle is "terming out." Honestly, it's not a lot of work. (If I can do it, anyone can!) We also need a co-vice president who can help Rob Harding get guest speakers. We have lots of wonderful volunteers, please think about doing a little bit more, if you can.

We are hosting the annual Ice Cream Social with our Miss Lakeside Royalty partners on Saturday, May 31, 11am to 2pm in our courtyard. Please come enjoy ice cream and support their scholarships.

Our BIG event is Living History! All the third graders in Lakeside come to our building to learn how things were here (and in the world) before electricity, around the turn of the century. One of the favorite things they learn is how to milk a (wooden) cow. There are 10 different learning stations. It takes at least 40 volunteers for this event on the mornings of June 3, 4, and 5. Please call (619) 561-1886 if you are able to help. (No experience necessary!)

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Lakeside Historical Society

LIVING HISTORY DAYS 2025

Monday, June 2

9:00 am SETUP DAY

*(Volunteers always welcome!)*Tuesday, June 3

8:30 am Dream Academy

10:30 am Lakeview School

Wednesday, June 4

8:30 am Lindo Park School

Thursday, June 5

8:30 am Lemon Crest School

10:30 am Lakeside Farms School

A Special Event for our Lakeside Students!

QUESTIONS? Contact Coordinator Stacy Hensle
@ (619) 561-1886

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LHS EVENTS

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Sat, May 31 @ 11 am—2 pm

Hosted by LHS & Miss Lakeside Royalty

LIVING HISTORY DAYS: Tues-Thu, Jun 3, 4, 5

*Setup Day: Mon, Jun 2 @ 9 am*** Archives & Gift Shop will be closed the week of Living History **

JUNE BOARD MEETING: Thu, Jun 12 @ 10 am

MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING: Thu, Jun 12 @ 11:45 am

JULY BOARD MEETING: Thu, Jul 10 @ 10 am

VINTAGE SALE: Fri & Sat, Aug 1 & 2 @ 9 am—2 pm

AUG BOARD MEETING: Thu, Aug 14 @ 10 am

****NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN JUNE, JULY, or AUGUST****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

JUNE MILESTONES

NEW MEMBERS!

Phillip & Melina Lavullis
Patti Wilson
Alicia Kroon
Anna Kelly
Lynn & William Forbes

BIRTHDAYS

5 Yolanda Leyvas
7 Ed Galusha
7 Jean Evans Mitchell
8 Robert Dart
9 Gene Anderson
9 Joy Farris Wray
12 Sandy Anderson
15 Vivian Nelson
15 Marilyn L. Owens
15 Florence Woods
16 Henry Herms, Jr.
17 Tom Johnson
17 George Krisnowich
17 Terence Sanford
17 David Seiber
18 Claudia Denure
18 Mary Ruffin
21 Doris Griffith
21 Margaret Helt
22 Lisa Anderson Smith
23 Jill Fleming
24 Patricia Hegyi
24 William "Bill" Markle
25 Ruth Miller
26 Kate Lauren
29 Jill Murphy
29 Anne Dreher Van Atta
30 Cherry Diefenbach

ANNIVERSARIES

Hilliker's Egg Ranch - 70
Russell & Nancy Kanady - 68
Richard & Dee Besancon - 67
Ida & Mike Cook - 60
Virginia Owens & Alfred Adams - 55
Sandy & John Fisher - 53
Richard & Patricia Hegyi - 38
Joe & Cathy Patino - 37
Shawn & Denise Wettig - 37
Mark Anderson & Richelle Wauson - 32
Robert & Betsy Harding - 29
Shay & Antoinette Smith - 24
Ronald & Wendy Conley - 23
Margaret Ann Head & Chuck Berg - 21
Michele & Dan Mindy - 17

LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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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
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
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HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

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JULY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

2 Andrea Gail Van Ness Shields
2 Cindy Sullivan
3 Sandra Macpherson
3 Sr. Anna Mary Meyer
4 Mary Jean Barham
6 Wyatt Allen
6 Karyl Garbutt
6 Rick Yeager
8 Lois Jeanne Farnsworth-Rattray
9 Andrew Hayes
9 Richard Hegyi
10 Joyce Bradshaw Barner
10 Julie Daly
11 Dalene Melville Garrett
12 Patricia Walker Nielsen
12 Judith Taggart
13 William "Bill" Jenkin
14 Marjorie Herms Hatcher
18 Allene Head Savage
19 Andrea Canfield
19 Pennie McMahon
20 Catherine Hansen
20 Roger Howes
20 George Shaeffer
21 Russell Kanady
21 Lisa Sharp
22 Tammy Brass
22 Sandy Fisher
22 Charles Kephart
24 Janis Shackelford
26 Dr. John Robuck
27 Sherry Golden-Reece
28 Dianne Jacob
28 Denise Meile
31 Dr. Joseph Hansen
31 Roberta Callaway-Perry
31 Theodore Sherman

ANNIVERSARIES

Lakeside Union School District - 102
Dick & Claudia Denure - 62
The Grinder - 62
Bob & Sharon Clark - 58
Bill & Leanne Markle - 57
Natalie Springer & Richard Mates - 57
Leeann Evans & Jeffery Silvis - 49
Andrea Van Ness & Joseph Shields - 47
Karen & David Stephens - 45
Daryll & Mary Jean Barham - 41
Tamie & Timothy Webb - 28
Bill & Jennifer Jenkin - 21
Larry Roberts & Debbie Ziegler - 12

LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THEN AND NOW



Tom Isom recently posted this great old photo (above) depicting Cecil's Restaurant on the south side of Woodside Avenue between Maine Avenue and Los Coches Road (we do not have the exact date). The same view today (below, taken May 11, 2025) shows the old Cecil's building still there, now expanded, with curbs and sidewalks added, but the trees are all gone.



The first Thursday of May is our National Day of Prayer. Lakeside legend Sioux Munyon Swart started the day praying at her church, then walked around Downtown Lakeside with friends, praying with people along the way. Her pony friends - "Diamond" (above) and "NV" - were a joy to the folks they met. We appreciate Sioux and her crew taking the time to visit us at LHS. It was the highlight of our day!

In Remembrance

Laura R. Giyer, Lifetime Member
March 1935 - April 2025

John J. Digenan, Lifetime Member
November 1947 - May 2025

WESTERN DAYS BREAKFAST SPONSORS 2025

In the April LHS newsletter, we asked members to help support the fundraising efforts of our volunteers by sponsoring the cost of food for the Annual Western Days Breakfast. The response was beyond generous. We send our heartfelt thanks to:

Sponsor (s)	Sponsorship Item (s)
Richard & Stacy Hensle	One-half of Ham
Rod McMillen	One-half of Ham
Michelle Silva	One-half of Ham
Hilliker's Ranch Fresh Eggs	Eggs
Joan Buckel	Biscuits
Sharon Rudin	Gravy
Candy Cowell	Orange Juice
Jack Miller	One-half of Potato Patties
Caprice Sander	One-half of Water Bottles
Lakeside Veterinary Hospital	One-half of Potato Patties, One-half of Water Bottles, Hot Chocolate & Milk

Event Sponsors

In Memory of Bob Conley	In Memory of Terry Burke
In Memory of Barbara Conley	
William Kern	Kursave Twins
Leighton Claussen	Anonymous
Maryanne Vancio	Lavullis Family
Mark Turvey	Stanley Anderson

Note: It is true, your treasurer, with some help, did indeed sell three halves of the ham.

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We are also having our annual Vintage Sale on the 1st and 2nd of August (Friday and Saturday), from 9am to 2pm, inside our beautiful old (and air conditioned) building – not outside in the heat of summer. We do not need donations, but we could use some more volunteers. Please consider helping out.

Again, wouldn't our founders be proud and maybe even a little surprised at us for all that we have accomplished?

GOING DARK:

Your LHS newsletter is taking the summer off, so there will be no new issue of Historical Happenings until the August/September issue that should arrive sometime in late August. While the summer is a slow time for LHS, you can check our Facebook page, website, or call us for updates or questions. Have a great summer!



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JUNE ★ JULY 2025 EMAIL EDITION

LAKESIDE'S

3rd Annual

Old Fashioned



Ice Cream Social

Saturday, May 31st, 2025

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In the courtyard of the

LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sponsored by LHS and the Lakeside Royalty



Lakeside Historical Society presents

Vintage SALE

Hosted by the LHS History Museum Committee

TWO DAYS!!

August 1 & 2, 2025

Friday & Saturday—9:00 am to 2:00 pm—BOTH DAYS

Don't worry about the heat - we'll be inside our air conditioned

OLDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

9906 Maine Avenue in Historic Downtown Lakeside

****Glassware, Hats, Dishes, Jewelry, Notions, Vintage Clothing,
Miscellaneous Museum Items & more!****

NO DONATIONS PLEASE! (We are clearing out our museum surplus)

For more information, call us at

(619) 561-1886



Recently acquired from eBay, a great slide dated 1966 looking south on Maine Avenue, with Leo's Lakeside Pharmacy on the southeastern corner of the intersection. This photograph is now in the LHS Archives collection.

A CENTURY AGO—FROM TOM ISOM



El Monte Park, May 31, 1925. An old postcard of a group photo at the annual picnic for the Southern Service Company.



Another postcard, from the 1950s. The same tree? Unfortunately, it is no longer there.