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LHS GOINGS ON

SPARKLY CLEAN: If you've noticed our buildings seem a little brighter and a little whiter lately, that's because we had them power-washed! This past August, San Diego Softwash did a great job of gently cleaning years of dirt and grime from our 130-year-old church and the other buildings. We thank them!

IN MEMORY OF PAUL R: We will always remember our dear late friend, Paul Rosenberger, who passed several years ago. Paul was a Lifetime Member and a great supporter of LHS, often a cheerful attendee at our events and presentations. Once again, Paul has blessed us with another gift of support, this time from his estate. He was a wonderful human being!

HERITAGE DAY 2025: We hope to see you at our annual Heritage Day event on Saturday, October 18, from 11:00 a.m. to about 2:00 p.m. A catered lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by another fascinating historical presentation about Lakeside, this time on one of our preeminent cow farms – the Melville Dairy. Lunch will have a South Pacific flavor, catered by Buckboard Catering. We need attendees to RSVP by October 10, so we can have enough food to go around. Let us know how many in your party by calling us at (619) 561-1886. Leave us a message with that information if we don't pick-up. (See poster at right)

GREAT PUMPKIN NEWS: It's nearly time for spooks and spirits to wander about our town, in search of candy and other sweets. Once again, our Miss Lakeside Royalty ladies are hosting "Trick or Treat on Maine Avenue" on Halloween night – Friday, October 31st. That's when our little costumed spirits will go door-to-door along Lakeside's main street and haunt participating businesses in a fun and safe environment. LHS supports this event and will be out in front of the church handing out tricks and treats to the munchkins and other critters who visit. It's a fun time for all. Feel free to join in with a costume or without – hopefully, we'll know the difference!

ELECTIONS: It's election time again. Co-President Stacy Hensle is terming out (after four years) – thanks Stacy!! We need someone to fill her spot and help our other co-president – Coleen Owens – manage the LHS team. We would also love for someone to step up and help out our Vice President, Rob Harding, with some of his duties. (While we're at it, does anyone want to edit this newsletter as well?) We have a great team who works well together, so you don't have to "reinvent the wheel," so to speak, but we need to bring fresh folks and ideas into the mix. Don't be afraid – get involved!



LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Saturday, October 18, 2025

HERITAGE DAY LUNCHEON

11:00 AM—2:00 PM

DOOR PRIZES & QUILT RAFFLE

Meet & Greet at 11:00 am

Catered Lunch at 12:00 noon

Lunch by Buckboard Catering

ON THE MENU: Kahlua Pork, Huli Huli Chicken, Mixed Veggies, Steamed White Coconut Rice, Sweet Thai macaroni salad, & Hawaiian sweet rolls, with Bread Pudding for Dessert

History Presentation at 1:00 pm

"THE MELVILLE DAIRY FARM"

Presented by the Melville Family

\$25 Donation per person please

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!

Reservations must be received by Friday, October 10!

9906 Maine Avenue—Downtown Lakeside

To make your reservations OR for more information, call us at (619) 561-1886 (leave a message)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LHS EVENTS

MUSEUM MEETING: Thu, Oct 2 @ 10 am

BOARD MEETING: Thu, Oct 9 @ 10 am

HERITAGE DAY: Sat, Oct 18 @ 11 am

(See poster above)

Trick or Treat on Maine Av: Fri, Oct 31 @ 5:30 pm

Coming in November

Día de los Muertos: Sat, Nov 1 @ 4 pm

MUSEUM MEETING: Thu, Nov 6 @ 10 am

BOARD MEETING: Thu, Nov 13 @ 10 am

GENERAL MEETING/ELECTIONS: Mon, Nov 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



FROM THE ARCHIVES

ROCK ON

From the Archives heads out to Lakeside today for this wonderful shot of three men in a quarry in 1937. Granite from the quarry was used by artist Donal Hord to create the Guardian of the Water sculpture that stands at the County Administration Building. That artwork was dedicated June 10, 1939.

The San Diego Union-Tribune historical photos are provided by the San Diego History Center. To browse additional materials, visit collections. sandiegohistory.org.
SAN DIEGO HISTORY CENTER

August 9, 2025 - A little bit of Lakeside history was shared across the county in a recent photo feature in the San Diego Union-Tribune (*above*). To add to the story, this was the Lakeside Silver Grey Granite Company, located in Slaughterhouse Canyon off of State Highway 67. Started in 1936, the company was composed of Pete Matson, Cecil Deering, Erman Kouns, Duncan MacDonald, and William Cameron (of Santee). The granite here was of a very fine texture, quite rare, and considered one of the finest granites in the United States. Both of our historic Lakeside rock houses—the old Kouns home on Winter Gardens Blvd. and the Kanady home (now Lionel's Legacy) on Woodside Avenue—were built with this same stone. Arguably the most famous of the Silver Grey granites stands in front of the County Administration Building on Pacific Highway in Downtown San Diego (as mentioned in the photo story above). One of the men in this photo must be Erman Kouns! (*Source: "Legends of Lakeside"*)



A few years back (2021), VP Rob Harding spotted something out of the corner of his eye near the "new" Presbyterian Church on Channel Road: a depression era fire plug (an equivalent of our fire hydrants today). The LHS Board decided we had to have it, and so wrote a nice letter asking the status of the plug and if we could ever retrieve it in the future. The letter worked and Quinn Johnze of the Lakeside Water District contacted Rob. Turns out it was still live and holding water! LWD had a maintenance plan for it, but made the wonderful decision to extract it for us. Rob met Quinn in the spring of 2023 and loaded it up for LHS. Fast forward to April 2025, when Dorie McMillen Mudd and her hubby Chris installed the historic plug on our property to reflect local fire protection and the fledgling new LWD department of the 1920s and 30s. You can see it now, between our Lakeside

fire alarm ring and the Cedar Fire Memorial. This plug could be 90 years old – **and now we won't forget how we protected our town from fire back in the day.** (*Photo above*) LWD Operations Superintendent Quinn Johnze, who made this possible for us, poses with our newest artifact from Lakeside's past. Thank you Quinn for working with us!

OCTOBER MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Sandie Campbell
- 2 Linda Jean Mosvick
- 2 Barbara O'Neill
- 3 Marcia Springer Beishline
- 3 Leona Lee Gibson Hinkle
- 4 Sally Anderson
- 5 Anna Robeson
- 8 Susan Brown
- 9 Mary Tewalt
- 10 Deborah Horger
- 10 Eugene Melville
- 12 **Walter "Skip" Norris**
- 13 Bev Pendarvis
- 14 Wendy Evans Lewton
- 15 William Kern
- 16 Esther Merlene Thomas
- 21 Leslie Quarles
- 22 Josephine Maniscalco Danna
- 24 Marie Bradshaw Boozel
- 25 Doris Bloomberg
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In Remembrance

Michele Ditomaso Silva, Lifetime Member
November 7, 1953—August 22, 2025

In Loving Memory

Donations have been made in the loving memories of:

Michele Ditomaso Silva

When you make a monetary donation to our Memorial Fund for your friend or loved one, a brass plaque will be made with their name, dates of birth and death, then placed on the Memorial Wall in our History Center. The family receives a written notification; the donor receives a written thank you, which can be used for tax donation purposes.



BETTY'S 4th ANNUAL BOOGIE BOARD BASH

It was a cool, overcast and even drizzly August 28th, but that didn't keep a hard-core group of Betty McMillen's friends and family from hitting the beach in her memory. The weather kept the sand clear and clean and we enjoyed the company with food and conversation. Though only a few of us dipped our toes in the chilly ocean, only Tracy McMillen braved the waters and did any real boogie-boarding.

Such a great way to honor Betty and keep her memory alive. See you next year!

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

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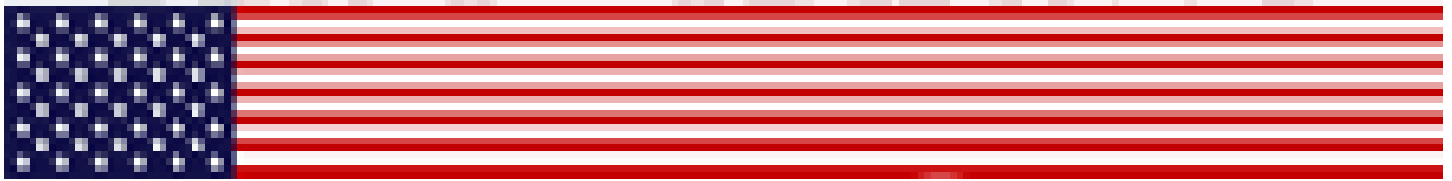


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* MARA 9/11 MEMORIAL WALK 2025 *



**TRICK
OR
TREAT
ON MAINE
AVENUE**

5:30 to 7:30pm

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CHICKEN POT PIE NIGHT—SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

