



The new Co-Vice President, Connor Hall (left), joins the "old" one—Rob Harding—at LHS. (Photo: Coleen Owens)

CONNOR HALL WELCOMED AS NEW CO-V.P.

In December 2025, your LHS Board voted to appoint Connor Hall to the vacant position of Co-Vice President. He joins longtime VP Rob Harding in the important role of backup for our presidents. The VP is also responsible for finding speakers and planning our history presentations that often accompany our General Meetings we host about seven times a year.

Connor is a native Lakeside resident (as is his family). He graduated from El Capitan High School in 2023 and is currently a junior at San Diego State University, majoring in political science. Connor currently works at a horse ranch and a calamansi farm, both of which are located in El Monte Valley. He also volunteers for MARA (the Maine Avenue Revitalization Association) and at Lakeside's River Park Conservancy.

Connor joined LHS back in 2019, while a freshman at El Cap. He was bitten by the Lakeside history bug thanks to our Living History Days, which he attended as an elementary school student. That experience stoked a desire to help in the preservation of local history. Over the years, Connor has volunteered for a variety of Lakeside fundraisers and events.

"I'm very excited to serve as Co-Vice President," he said. "There are many things I love about LHS, but I especially enjoy events like Living History Days, as well as the members and volunteers who make LHS one of the best historical organizations around."



Lakeside Historical Society

GENERAL MEETING

Monday, February 23, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Olde Community Church
9906 Maine Avenue - Downtown Lakeside

CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER
(\$15 Donation per person)

PRESENTATION:
"130th Anniversary of Our Olde Church!"
By Gary E. Mitrovich

Please call
(619) 561-1886
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by February 18



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LHS EVENTS

MUSEUM COMMITTEE: Thu, Feb 5 @ 10 am
BOARD MEETING: Thu, Feb 12 @ 4 pm (NEW TIME!)
GENERAL MEETING: Mon, Feb 23 @ 6 pm
Chicken Pot Pie Dinner & History Presentation:
"The 130th Anniversary of our Olde Church!"

Coming in March

MUSEUM COMMITTEE: Thu, Mar 5 @ 10 am
BOARD MEETING: Thu, Mar 12 @ 4 pm (NEW TIME!)
VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON: Sat, March 14 @ 11 am
Catered lunch & fun! Must RSVP!
GENERAL MEETING: Mon, Mar 23 @ 6 pm
Presentation

Meetings & events are held at LHS History Center unless noted

GIFT SHOP / MUSEUM HOURS

OPEN: Tuesday - Thursday & Saturday: 10 am - 1 pm
CLOSED: Sunday, Monday & Friday
ARCHIVES OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY

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



The first Lakeside bank, shortly before opening in 1922. The bank changed names several times before it was torn down in the early 1960s, replaced by a new structure behind it. (Photo: LHS Archives)

THE TIME THE LAKESIDE BANK WAS ROBBED

The first bank in town was the Lakeside Commercial and Savings Bank at the corner of Maine Avenue and Lakeshore Drive (now a parking lot). F.R. Bickell organized the institution and opened it to the public on April 15, 1922. Nearly two years later, the bank was robbed by one Raymond B. Yard.

On March 27, 1924, at about 3:00 p.m., 23-year-old Raymond Yard entered the bank and brandished an automatic pistol, demanding money from Mr. Bickell and cashier R.L. Bowman. Two bank customers who happened in at that time were lined up against the wall before Yard left the bank with \$540 in cash. He jumped into an automobile and sped away. **The county Sheriff's Office was immediately notified.**

As some deputies headed for the scene of the crime, W.H. Buck and H.S. Jopling started to search the highways. In **Bostonia, they received a tip about a vehicle matching the suspect's having been seen driving onto a small ranch. Upon arrival, Deputy Buck checked the garage and found the suspected "machine" parked there. Suddenly, the suspect "appeared" at the rear of the garage and stuck out a gun at pointblank range. "Stick up your hands," he ordered the lawman.** Deputy Jopling happened to be on the other side of the car and opened fire upon the suspect, through the windshield. The distraction allowed Deputy Buck to pull his own revolver. The suspect quickly and smartly surrendered.

The deputies soon found that the suspect had 10 pounds of dynamite in his car and a fuse to go with it. The suspect **told officers that, if they had not been so quick about it, he would have "exploded the dynamite and blown them all to pieces."**

According to Yard, he was a former "service man" who was in an advanced stage of tuberculosis with about six months to live. With only a short life expectation, he claimed to be "reckless of consequences."

In May 1924, Yard entered a guilty plea to bank robbery in Superior Court. He was denied probation and sentenced to five years to life in San Quentin prison. Evidence showed Yard was a narcotics user, but he apparently was not really suffering from TB, as he served 12 years in San Quentin and was released in March 1936. He died in Oregon in 1973.

BITS & PIECES: Our "Lakeside Dairies" book is back in stock in our Gift Shop! DON'T FORGET: The monthly Board Meeting is still being held on the second Thursday of each month, but we changed the time to 4:00 p.m. Members are always welcome! RIP: JACKSON DAY THE HORSE 2000—2026. Born and raised in Lakeside, Jackson Day was a famous, medically challenged horse who overcame severe health issues from birth to live a long, inspirational life. He became a beloved mascot for the Jackson Day Foundation and the subject of the children's book "I'm Jackson Day and I'm Here To Stay," symbolizing hope and resilience.

In Remembrance

Barbara Windress Hartup, Lifetime Member

1949—2025

Normand Croteau, Lifetime Member

1932—2025

Russell Kanady, Lifetime Member

1936—2025

Our Heartfelt Condolences

KIP HERING 1937—2025

An extraordinary man and a cornerstone of the history of the Lakeside Polo Club. He proudly carried on the club founded by his father, Doc Hering, in 1956, preserving its spirit while welcoming generations of players, families and friends.

A MESSAGE FROM GORDON: —DEAR POT PIE SPONSORS—

On my suggestion, we have moved the Pot Pie Dinner from October back to its original month of February, since Hot Pot Pie is a classic cold weather comfort food. However, this places the Pot Pie Dinner just two months before the Western Days Breakfast, putting our requests for Sponsors very close together. Also, Janis has had to step down as the Society's Kitchen Chair, which includes her no longer running the fall Spaghetti Dinner, where she paid for all the food for that event.

Janis and I have decided, to help with the issues described above, to fund all the food costs and bit more for this year's Pot Pie Dinner. This is to avoid asking our generous donors to support Pot Pie and the Western Days Breakfast in a short period of time, with short notice.

Of course, any Event Sponsorship Donations for the Pot Pie Dinner would, as always, be appreciated and supportive of the Lakeside Historical Society.

—Gordon Shackelford, (619) 561-6323

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

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FEBRUARY MILESTONES

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Julie Daly

NEW MEMBERS!

Sarah Sanders

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Marie Macrorie

Samuel Hammel

NEW HONORARY MEMBER

Boy Scouts Troop 346

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Edwin Cate
- 1 Betty Frizzell
- 5 Curtis Clubb
- 7 Paul McMillan
- 9 Carol Clemens Ben-Judah
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Can you believe our historic building is 130 years old? Planning for the church began in late 1895, with construction commencing in early 1896. The land, of course, was purchased from the El Cajon Valley Company. The first services were held on February 9, 1896. And here we are, 130 years later! Learn more about this great old structure at the February General Meeting (see poster on page 1).



**LAKESIDE 140TH
ANNIVERSARY
1886★2026**