



A NEW ROOF FOR THE OLDE CHURCH

If you haven't been by our Olde Community Church lately, you haven't seen our brand new roof! Believe it or not, the last time we put new shingles on the old place was back in 1998! It took a lot of time and effort, but we found the right company to get it done: Davis Roofing of Lakeside! They are a locally owned family business with a 40-year history here. But even with their extensive experience, our roof was still a challenge—just look at those steep angles (above)! Next time you're in Downtown Lakeside, take a look at our beautiful new roof that will protect our 130-year old church for many years to come.

THANK YOU, DAVIS ROOFING!

(Below): After months of planning and a couple of unforeseen delays, the project commenced on Tuesday July 26, 2026 (first photo). The roof was stripped bare by the next day to reveal a plywood base that was in pretty good condition! By Thursday, the west slope was almost complete (last photo). The photo above shows the finished product!





Member Spotlight: **MARY "MIKKI" BALICKI**

This month we highlight Mikki Balicki as another of our valued members.

Mikki joined LHS in 2014. A Lakeside resident of 23 years, she attended Conemaugh Valley High School in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. She retired from the U.S. Navy after nearly 24 years, where she was an Aircraft Mechanic and Instructor, and a COMNAVAIRPAC Inspector. She worked another almost 19 years for General Atomics Aeronautical Systems.

Mikki joined LHS to support Lakeside and its history. She can always be seen at events such as the Vintage Sale, Western Days Breakfast, and the Christmas Resale Shoppe, and she is part of our monthly Newsletter Crew that preps our mailer for the post office—and she is usually taking photos at our events (which your newsletter editor really appreciates), so smile when you see her!

Mikki is also a member of the Woman's Club of Lakeside and its Sewing Group, and the Elks. She has been married to Roland Rhodes for the past 23 years and has two stepsons: Brian (52) and Mark(50).

What does she like best about LHS? "The people! Listening to the stories about the past. Watching members come together to support an event or fundraiser. How they invest in the children of Lakeside by supporting the Miss Lakeside Royalty, Living History, and the Boy Scouts."



DO YOU KNOW ME?

Does anyone recognize this lady?

We have hundreds (if not thousands) of photographs and documents in our History Center Archives. The founding members started the collection even before the Society was formed. Most of our items have names and (some) dates included, but every once in a while we come across an old artifact that has no information—such as this photo. We found it in a file all by itself, with no clue about its identity or origin.

So, can anyone help us out? We would love to put a name and possibly a date to this person. Thank you!



THE MILLS DAIRY (*From our "Lakeside Dairies" book*)

A. D. and Hattie Mills operated a dairy beginning in the mid-1920's on the west side of Marilla Drive, about 200 feet south of west Woodside Avenue. The property backed up to the Maude and Stanley Conant property (now the KRC Rock Company). The discovery of a "Mills Dairy of Lakeside" quart milk bottle sparked interest in researching this particular dairy. Mills sold the dairy to E.F. Wertz in 1934. Other dairies on this property were Wertz, Dye, Bertussi, Anderson, Calori, and Christensen. The Mills Dairy was the first of the seven dairies there.

VINTAGE SALE HUGE SUCCESS!

The LHS Museum Committee held its annual Vintage and Collectibles Sale this past August 7th and 8th in the Olde Community Church. It was a huge success! We had a good crowd on both Saturday and Sunday and our customers were in a very generous mood.

We want to thank all of our incredible volunteers who worked so hard unpacking, setting up, pricing, and working the event. Obviously, it could not have happened without the support of our LHS members that we are accustomed to and so grateful for. Thanks to all!

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BETTY'S 5th ANNUAL BOOGIE BOARD PARTY

Honoring Betty McMillen

Wednesday, September 2, 2026 @ 10:30 a.m.

Mission Beach, near Lifeguard Tower #13

Park in the big lot south of the Belmont Park Rollercoaster

Meet at the beach at 10:00 a.m.

Contact Coleen Owens for questions or info (619) 559-5804

BRING YOUR OWN EVERYTHING: Food, drinks, chair, towel, hat, sunglasses, beach blanket, sunscreen, boogie board—whatever you need for a fun day at the beach with friends!

Maine Avenue Revitalization Association

7th Annual

Lakeside 9/11 Memorial Walk

Mary's Donuts, 10101 Maine Ave.

Meet at 6:00 PM, walk starts at 6:15 PM

Never Forget



Community Event: September 11, 2026

Lakeside Historical Society, 9906 Maine Ave.

Tribute: 6:30 PM

Our Heartfelt Condolences

Dave Morton

Lakeside Resident &

Owner/Manager of College Copy Center

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

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SEPTEMBER MILESTONES

NEW HONORARY MEMBER

VAN OMMERING DAIRY

NEW MEMBERS!

NATASHA LOWERY

LINDA BALLINGER

JAMES PAVLIK

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jean Stanzick
- 2 Richard Lantz
- 2 Judy Trussell
- 4 Andrew Kuhner
- 5 Janice McMillan
- 7 Marilyn Gander Jenkins
- 7 Debbie Steck
- 10 Gene Claussen
- 13 Karen Rae Melville
- 13 Patsy Shaeffer
- 18 Don Bright
- 18 Patsy Miller
- 19 Robert M. Harding, Jr.
- 20 Jana Cate
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- 29 Robert "Bob" Mentze
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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LHS EVENTS

BETTY'S BOOGIE BOARD BEACH PARTY:

Wed, Sep 2, @ 10 am—Mission Beach (Pg3)

MUSEUM MEETING: Thu, Sep 3 @ 10 am

BOARD MEETING: Wed, Sep 9 @ 10 am

MARA 9/11 Walk: Fri, Sep 11 @ 6:30 pm (Pg3)

GENERAL MEETING: Mon, Sep 28 @ 6 pm (Pg4)

Spaghetti Dinner

History Talk: Lakeside's River Park by Connor Hall

Coming in October

MUSEUM MEETING: Thu, Oct 1 @ 10 am

BOARD MEETING: Wed, Oct 14 @ 10 am

HERITAGE DAY: Sat, Oct 17 @ 11 am

Dia de los Muertos: Sun, Oct 25

Trick or Treat on Maine Av: Sat, Oct 31

*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

MUSEUM OPEN UPON REQUEST OR APPOINTMENT



LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING

**Monday, September 28, 2026
6:00 PM**



ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER!!

\$15 DONATION (PER PERSON)

PLEASE RSVP BY SEPT 23!



HISTORICAL PRESENTATION

(following dinner)

"Lakeside's River Park"

Presented by LHS CO-VP Connor Hall

Olde Community Church

9906 Maine Avenue - Downtown Lakeside

CALL 619-561-1886 TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION



PHOTOS FROM THE PAST

Did you know that the manse—now known as our LHS Museum at 12418 Parkside Avenue—was once home to Lakeside's Chamber of Commerce? Take a look at the photo (*above left*) for proof—and notice the extra front door as well. That was the first office of the Miss Lakeside Royalty Scholarship Pageant, staffed by none other than Jill Fleming.

(*At right*) The Miss Lakeside Royalty ladies once dressed up the building as a Christmastime Gingerbread House. Note in the photo (*at far right*) the trellis and grass—this was before the concrete parking lot was added.