



President's Message

by Betty McMillen



The Lakeside Western Days celebration was a lot of fun and also a lot of hard work for all the service clubs in Lakeside.

Hopefully, everyone made money for their organizations. Our Historical Society hosted the annual Country Breakfast complete with an arts and crafts show in the courtyard. We also opened our museum to the public during the Community Fair. This year we had our own entries in the parade. We honored some of the founders of the Historical Society by having them ride in antique automobiles. **Leonard and Juanita Philbrook** drove their 1926 Model-T car with **Olga Puhn and Edna Kouns** in the rumble seat. **Jack Naperski** drove his 1939 Ford convertible with **Marcella Williams** and **Ralph and Shirley Anderson** in the seats of honor. **Marguerite Sherman** and **Dolores and Al Meyer** were invited to ride along too, but they opted to work at our Country Breakfast instead. After the Breakfast we all gathered under our shade trees to watch the parade and wave at our honored members.

On April 8 we met at the Lakeside Community Center for a reception for artist **Mona Mills**. She had recently completed a beautiful mural on the walls of the Heritage Room at the Center. The mural depicts scenes of Lakeside and the faces of the founders of the Lakeside Historical Society. It was a wonderful tribute for our founders to be honored in this way. This was a very generous gift from Mona to the community of Lakeside.

I mentioned in last month's newsletter that Cecil Carender and Bob Alvord offered to pick up the two antique parlor tables that were donated to the Historical Society. Being men of their word, they headed off for New Mexico and the tables are here safe and sound. Thanks guys!

Display Your Hobby at Community Center

If you have a hobby or collection that you would like to show the community.....we have a place for you! We have two locked display cabinets at the Lakeside Community Center in the Heritage Room. We like to rotate the displays occasionally, so we would like to show your treasures. Currently you can view Peg Stewart's historic Flume display and Marguerite Sherman's collection of Norman Rockwell plates. Call the Historical Society to let us know what you have to share. (561-1886)

Calendar of Events

APRIL

23 Board Meeting

9:30 a.m.

Everyone Welcome!

24 Ramona Pageant

(Bus leaves at noon)

26 Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Max Kurillo, Speaker

(See article)

MAY

3 Lakeside Chamber of Commerce Mtg.

6:30

9 Mother's Day ☺

El Camino Real Topic of April Mtg.

Max Kurillo will be our guest speaker at the LHS April meeting. He will present a historical tour of El Camino Real and discuss the five-hundred year history of this road and the bells along the way. He has written a book titled "Marking the Past". Come and enjoy an evening touring El Camino Real and experiencing early California history up to the present. *(There will be a surprise gift for whoever brings the most guests to the meeting).*



Let us be the first to wish you a

"Happy Mothers Day"



FROM THE MAIL BAG...



A letter from G. Ernestine Paine
Pacific Grove, CA

On behalf of the genealogical researchers of the world...well, at least this researcher...I want to say thank you, and congratulations for the wonderful historical stories you are publishing and, I presume, preserving for future generations. I have spent several years doing research on my family, wanting to get to know ancestors as real people. It is not easy to find such information, but historical societies are a great possibility. I only wish there was a nationwide center where the names and addresses of such groups were available. I was researching my husband's family lines and his father happened to be born in Painseville, Ohio. Calling my local Chamber of Commerce, they were able to give me the address of the Painseville Chamber of Commerce and they, in turn, sent me the name of the local historical society, which responded immediately with stacks of materials! They had articles they had published and collected back to the founding of the entire area, which, indeed, was founded by my husband's ancestors! What an exciting experience!

I lived in Lakeside for 35 years, and think of it as my home town. When I tell you I left my birthplace before I was five and lived in 14 towns, all in California, before I graduated from high school, you will understand my identification with Lakeside, not to mention the many wonderful people and organizations I was privileged to meet and work with. We moved there when my oldest child, Charlotte, graduated from El Capitan High School in their FIRST year! I served as first vice-president of the PTA under Edna Kouns, whom I had known at Grossmont, and then two years as president. I wrote a humorous? Skit about all of the new teachers to introduce them to parents. I was ordained in 1977 in the Old Church, which we rented for a period while we were establishing our own place, so it holds many fond memories for me. One of the finest was serving as chairman of the Bicentennial Committee for Lakeside. When I moved three years ago, I brought all the souvenirs I had to be placed in your archives. As I remember, the Lakeside Historical Society had been almost abandoned at that time, and they reorganized and were an invaluable help, along with all the other Lakeside groups, in presenting many interesting activities and accomplishing their goal of moving and preserving the old Boat House. In fact, as chairman of the committee, I received a letter from the President of the United States telling me that we were one of VERY FEW American communities that had accomplished their stated goal without turning to the government for additional funding! I also was honored to induct the first officers of the newly reestablished historical society. I also presented the society about that time with my personally autographed copy of Col. Ed Fletcher's book about the development of San Diego County area in general. He was a giant of a man who, though a "tough" businessman, was also compassionate and proud of his contributions to the development of San Diego. We had become friends when I was living in Fletcher Hills and

publishing a small local newspaper for the Homeowners Association.

One of the fine things, I think, that the Bicentennial Committee accomplished was the joining together of all the clubs and organizations in Lakeside, a blending and cooperation which seems to be continuing. Without being incorporated, there is a definite feeling and relationship that makes Lakeside a "home town" for many people and groups, much of it continuing thanks to your work and encouragement.

Well, I didn't mean for this to become a tome, just a work of appreciation and a "thank you" to the men and women of Lakeside whom I still think of as friends.

Successful Quilt Show

By Chris Herzog, President, Lakeside Women Club

Thank you to all who attended our Woman's Club of Lakeside Quilt Show in March and made it a success. Our show is presented for the love and appreciation of quilting and an opportunity for the community to display their craft. Adding to the day, the Lakeside Historical Society offered lunch and shared folklore in their gift shop. Our second-hand Rose Boutique sales were lively, and the display of our Club Quilt drew many chances for winning. This year the winner was Ruth Mears, President of CFWC Southern District Womens Clubs. The proceeds of the day will help support the California Federation of Women's Club Art and Music Scholarship, the El Capitan Community Scholarship Fund, Lakeside School District and PtA events, Lakeside Historical Society, and our Community Improvement Program.

We welcome gifts from the public such as: second-hand stuffed toys for Lakeside Fire Department Paramedics, recycled fashion dolls for the Polinsky Children's Center, used children's books for the library, and craft supplies, lap robes, and canceled stamps for the Veteran's Community Living Center. For further information call 561-0372.

Thanks again for your support, and mark your calendar for next year, March 3rd. and 4th., to enter your quilt projects and join us.

Welcome New Members



Irene Morales

Robert Achord

Debi Schurenko

Kristine Kincaid

Rey Armstrong

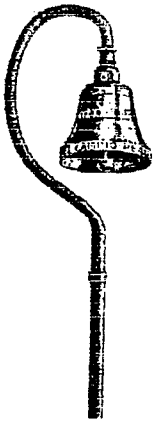
Karen Kuhn Stephens - Life Member #337

Hanson Aggregates - Bus. Life #32

DID YOU KNOW...

By Chris Herzog

The Birth of the El Camino Real



The navigator, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, discovered California and claimed it for Spain in 1542. Some sixty years later, Sebastian Vizcaino explored the area, describing the land as "vividly green and fresh, sheltering harbors by sea, and wealthy in pagans to be converted to Christianity." To the King of Spain and his commanders California was to be a shield against the aggressions of foreign powers, in particular, the Russians, who were creeping down from Alaska, and the English, whose fleets were sweeping the seas. Two hundred and twenty-seven years passed before a small band of Christian missionaries and soldiers arrived in 1769 to occupy and settle this legendary territory, locked in by sea, mountains and deserts.

The history of the southwest unfolded from San Diego, the gateway to California for Spain and Mexico, and in time, the United States. The explorers, from Hernan Cortes to Juan Bautista de Anza, opened the way to the first settlement of California. In the many months that had passed since Father Junipero Serra and the Spanish expedition had left by land from Loreto and by sea from La Paz to raise the first cross in California and founded Mission San Diego de Alcalá in 1769, more than a third of its members had died of scurvy, supplies had failed to arrive when the ship San Jose was mysteriously lost at sea, and they had been attacked by the Indians, who resented their attempts to convert them. The settlement was demoralized and starving. In the meantime, Don Gaspar de Portola, the settlement commander, went on to blaze the El Camino Real, or the Kings Highway, up through California in an effort to locate the Bay of Monterey, the objective of their expedition. This bay had been so extravagantly described one hundred and sixty-six years earlier by the explorer, Vizcaino, as "surely a blessed place." But failing to recognize it, they returned, disappointed, to San Diego ready to give up the entire expedition and abandon California altogether. Luckily, another ship, the San Antonio, on her second trip up the coast destined for Monterey, changed the course of history. In her quest for Monterey Bay, thinking that the soldiers and fathers had settled the area, the ship was bringing them supplies. The winds blew mostly out of the north and west, and the San Antonio beat against it. Helpless, the ship had to turn around and unexpectedly put in to San Diego Bay. The first precarious settlement at San Diego was saved. Monterey Bay would be found a year later, and the second mission would be started, as ordered by the King of Spain. Although the search was continued by sea, Portola's land route proved to be relatively easy and faster than by sea, thus the El Camino Real was extended to the north, and it is this portion of the route that is most familiar and important to California. The El Camino Real now ran from the sandy, humid port of Veracruz on the Atlantic coast to Mexico City and north to San Blas. Then, by jumping both across to the open and hazardous sea to the north and to San Diego, or by the Sea of Cortez to Loreto and overland to San Diego; and from there to Monterey. It's path also reached east to the Colorado River. It was a thin line of twenty-three hundred miles, often marked by death and disease, and named for the King of Spain. The Franciscan missionary domination of California lasted sixty-six years. The founding of all twenty-one missions along the El Camino Real, wherever it wandered, was for various Christian and military reasons, seasonal events and tragedies, as well as to give safety and shelter on the open the frontier of New Spain. At least two bells would be supplied for each mission to be founded, and thereafter for more than sixty-five years, the lives of all those in California, Indians as well as Spaniards, were to be regulated by the ringing of bells that called them to work and to worship. Interesting to imagine where we might be today had not the little ship, San Antonio, turned back to the harbor of San Diego to inadvertently rescue the settlers of the presidio in those desperate days.

(Information courtesy of LHS member, Olga Puhn, and from Volume Two of the series on the History of San Diego, Time of the Bells, the story of the Mission Period of California, 1966, the Union-Tribune Publishing Company.)

At the next Lakeside Historical Society meeting, on April 26, author and historian Max Kurillo, will speak about the El Camino Real. He has many interesting stories and facts, and will expand this fascinating part of our California History, of which our east county back country also played a part. Please join us and bring your imagination and questions.

A Video History

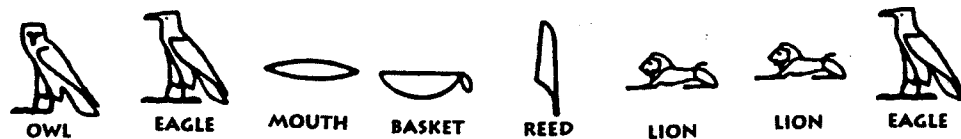
The Lakeside Community is the fortunate recipient of a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. The Lakeside Union School District applied for the grant and is acting as its administrator. The goal of this grant is to establish safe and interesting learning centers. Linda Duffy has been selected to coordinate and develop programs for teens and pre-teens. Some of the projects now being planned are: extending the Lakeside Library hours to include Sunday afternoons; concerts in the park this summer on Sunday afternoons; summer activities and trips for middle schoolers; a theatrical production next fall and expanding tutoring programs with the help of senior citizens.

One of the most exciting projects is the making of a video history of Lakeside. The expertise and historical knowledge will be done by the Lakeside Historical Society. A videographer working with video students from Tierra del Sol and Lakeside Middle School will do the filming.

A committee of interested historical society members is being formed. If you wish to be a part of this exciting project, please call Betty McMillen at 443-1133.

Shirley's Riddle.....

Imagine my surprise when Shirley told me that the answer to the March riddle was: "The acting editor of the newsletter, Trish"



These hieroglyphics spell out the name of this month's mystery volunteer. (*Hint: She was the editor of the first Historical Society Newsletter, which was one typewritten page, in April, 1977.*)

Marcy's Musings.....

✿Received word from Estella Sommerville from Meridian, Idaho, where she is helping brother "Bud" Brown recuperate from his second shoulder surgery. He is doing fine and she is enjoying her new scenery, especially the snow! Says tell everyone "hello" and see you in May.

✿Marcy Rice is catching up on some good reading due to a fall one cold damp morning on her way to work. A broken knee cap has immobilized her in a cast from ankle to knee.

✿Edna Kouns, Edith Deuel, Eileen Carender and myself enjoyed a pleasant Sunday afternoon recently, visiting with Lora Peterson at her place in Escondido. She is doing great and her special positive outlook and good humor made us all feel better. Need therapy? See Lora!

✿I hear "Coke" and Ruth Foster are in town from Arkansas in time to welcome brother Charles home from a hospital stay. Greetings to all of you.

Memorials

By Edna Kouns

The Lakeside Historical Society Memorial Program has received monetary gifts in memory of **Jim Key** and **Faris Edgar**. Their names will appear on our memorial board.

Obituary

Faris Edgar

Rutherford Faris Edgar was born February 15, 1908 in Latakia, Syria to missionary parents. He came to the U.S. when he was eight years old. During childhood, he lived in New Jersey, Iowa, Kansas and Colorado before coming to Santa Ana, California in 1925 as a senior in high school. After junior college, he attended UCLA and majored in zoology.

He spent four years in Cyprus from 1934 to 1938 teaching in a missionary school. It was during this time that he developed a desire to study and teach languages. After returning to the states he taught in Huntington Beach and Hemet. During this time he met Betty, who would become his wife in 1940. Their first child, Sandy, was born 3 years later. Their second child, Sam, was born in Africa, where they were stationed in the Navy.

After retirement, he and Betty traveled throughout the U.S. and Canada in their motor home. Faris was at home with people anywhere and everywhere! Faris and Betty celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary last year.

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 | 3rd-Colleen ♥ Stan Anderson | 12 | 16th-Berniece ♥ Hunter Rush | 24 | Janeth Eickhoff |
| 1 | 31st-Mary ♥ Henry Herms, Jr. | 12 | 47th-Edie ♥ Ed Slunka | 24 | 58th-Marjorie ♥ Everett Lindem |
| 1 | Linda McGue | 13 | Rev. Jack Nichols | 24 | 40th-Betty ♥ Ron McMillen |
| 1 | Rose Emberly Smith | 13 | 10th-Joy ♥ Robert Wray | 24 | Mary Wolin |
| 2 | Farrie Nichols | 15 | Kathy LePage | 25 | Daniel Evans |
| 3 | 46th-Betty ♥ Elden Hartung | 15 | 32nd-Jinx ♥ Rick Vesco | 25 | Joan Kouns |
| 3 | Comfort Olsen | 16 | Patricia Ellwood | 26 | 43rd-Jo ♥ Lex Boswell |
| 3 | Donald Pratt | 16 | Kenneth Merrill | 27 | Christine ♥ Leon Herzog |
| 4 | 56th-Rosemary ♥ Clyde Strickler | 16 | Gene Whitlow | 27 | 8th-McDonald's of Lakeside |
| 6 | Ed Grobarek | 18 | Mamie Clevenger | 27 | Charles McGuinness |
| 6 | Merlin Wharton | 18 | Don Hickie | 27 | Elizabeth White |
| 9 | Rose Collins | 18 | Joe Pignatelli | 28 | Martha Hess |
| 10 | 35th-Molly ♥ Paul Burton | 19 | 20th-Ruth ♥ Leroy Foster | 28 | Lee Hibdon |
| 10 | Gregory Eichelberger | 20 | Robert Heger | 28 | Marjorie Smith |
| 10 | Pruella Holden | 20 | 28th-LaDonna ♥ Gerald Roethler | 29 | Josephine Savage |
| 10 | Marguerite Sherman | 20 | 21st-Jean Mitchell & Husband ♥ | 29 | Larry Taylor |
| 11 | Estella Sommerville | 21 | Verna Smiley | 29 | 21st-Ruth ♥ Harold Wolin |
| 11 | Ada Ann Stewart | 22 | 51st-Shirley ♥ Bill Cileski | 30 | Lucy Hainline |
| 12 | Phyllis Isom | 22 | 17th-Debbie ♥ John Swain | 30 | Irene Hudman |
| 12 | 32nd-Camille ♥ Ron Nielson | 23 | Raymond Menard | 30 | Janet Owens |
| | | 24 | 56th-Rose ♥ Maxwell Collins | 31 | B.C. McElree |

Lakeside Economic Revitalization Plan

On February 5, 1998, a group of approximately 100 Lakeside citizens gathered for a town meeting to talk about and dream about the future of their community. From that meeting, a core group of citizens volunteered to attend a series of workshops to develop a plan which would establish a concept for public improvements, and strategies to finance them, befitting the setting and regional significance of the Lakeside business district. These workshops were held under the guidance of Maxx Stalheim, Associate Planner, Department of Planning and Land Use for San Diego County.

The DRAFT of the **Lakeside Economic Revitalization Plan** has now been completed and is ready for review. After reviewing the Plan a final all-day workshop will be held by the core group on May 1, 1999 to discuss and resolve any outstanding issues.

The FINAL Plan will then be available for general public review. The FINAL Plan will be presented as an information item to the Planning Commission after the close of public review. It is anticipated that the Board of Supervisors will consider the Plan during a public hearing in October, 1999.

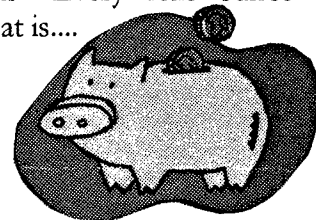
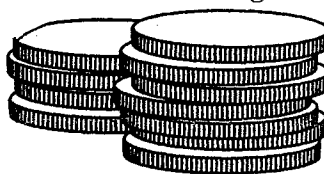
For additional information contact Maxx Stalheim at 619-694-3704 or E-mail to mstalhpl@colsan-diego.ca.us.

(A copy of the DRAFT is available in the History Center.)

Treasurer's Report

By Elaine Brack

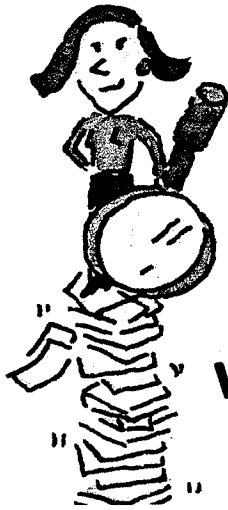
1998 is officially closed from the Treasurer's point of view, because within the next few days I will be mailing the IRS forms to the good old government. Hurrah! Hurrah! My famous quote is "Every little ounce counts..." meaning financially that is....



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