



President's Message

by Betty McMillen



Now that the recession is over in Southern California we are experiencing a building boom. While this is great for the economy, it is hard on Historic Preservation efforts.

Developers are gobbling up land for their housing tracts and the old homesteads and barns are being bulldozed down with no consideration about preserving the bits of history or community character.

Two old houses will be demolished on Olde Highway 80 near Lake Jennings Road and Pecan Park Road. A Ralph's Supermarket shopping center is planned for that area.

Please let us know of any old buildings that are threatened, we may be able to save some..... Anything is better than nothing!

Preservation is our job!



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Femie Till - Life Member #342

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

23 - No Regular Meeting

28 - Lakeside Western Street Dance
and Country Faire
12noon- 12 midnight

SEPTEMBER

01 - Wed. - Video History Interviews
EVERYONE WELCOME

24 - Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.

27 - Regular Historical Society Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Guest Speaker
Marty Leavitt from the Resource
Conservation Center will be our
speaker and show slides.

OCTOBER

06 - Video History Interviews

22 - Board Meeting

24 - Home Town Reunion

25 - No Regular Meeting

NOVEMBER

05 - GOLF TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER -1999

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 20th-Brenda & David Wood
- 1 Fire & Ice
- 1 Bonnie Price
- 3 Michael Angus
- 3 Jerry Lester
- 4 Andrew Kuhner
- 4 Grace Parker
- 5 46th-John C. & Jane Barrons
- 5 Leland Barker
- 6 47th-Bob & Marybeth Toole Carlile
- 7 Geraldine DeLamarter
- 7 Debbie Steck
- 8 53rd-Midge & Donald Pratt
- 8 John C. Barrons
- 8 Helen L. Parker
- 10 Gene Claussen
- 12 Josephine & Kay Savage
- 1 Paul Carbone
- 12 Bob Walker
- 13 Irene Markle
- 13 Patsy Shaeffer
- 15 2nd-Golden Goose
- 15 Jerry Allen
- 15 Clarabell Huffman Cray
- 16 Janice Poindexter
- 17 Beryl Cooper
- 18 17th-Carol & John Ben-Judah
- 18 Don Bright
- 18 Serena Huffman



- 18 Helen Kanady
- 19 39th-Farrie A. Paul & Charles Nichols
- 19 42nd-Comfort C. Taylor & Howard Olsen
- 19 Rob Harding
- 19 Bruce Nemecheck
- 19 Juanita Philbrook
- 20 44th-Everyl Swearengin & Raymond Kivela
- 20 37th-Sandra & Jack Napierskie
- 20 Marijane Fuller
- 20 Vera Stansbury
- 21 Ruth Scott
- 22 Rey Armstrong
- 22 Wesley Kouns
- 23 Lou Bongianni
- 23 Meridith Bowman
- 24 39th-Rex & Julia Getz Anderson, Sr.
- 24 60th-Lavora & Carroll Ray
- 24 Frederick Einer, Jr.
- 24 Rex Anderson, Sr.
- 25 5th-Lillian & Bill Guffey
- 26 Earl McDougal
- 27 Frances Louganis
- 28 3rd-Michelle & Christopher Tartar
- 28 Elden "Fritz" Hartung
- 29 15th-Mike & Sharon Atkinson
- 29 Terry Lee Callen
- 29 Edith Deual
- 30 9th-Barbara Windress & Roger Hartup
- 30 Ruth Gates Foster
- 30 Patsy McClain Sarkela

**LAKESIDE WESTERN STREET
DANCE & COUNTRY FAIRE**

Set aside August 28th for this fun event at the corner of Maine Ave. and Lakeshore Dr. Beginning at 12 noon, there will be music, vendors, food booths and kiddie entertainment. The dance begins at 7 p.m. so get on your dancing boots! The beer garden is one of the most popular spots to reunite with old friends. Come on out and support this community event sponsored by the Maine Avenue Revitalization Assoc. All funds raised will be used for beautification of Lakesides Historic District such as fresh paint, awnings, planter trees, benches and trash recepticles.

**HOME TOWN
REUNION
OCTOBER 24TH**

Make your reservations now.
Tickets - \$12.50
Time - 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Lunch will be served at 12:30
Place - Lakeside Community
Center on Vine St.

OBITUARIES

MERTON A. THOMAS, 87

MERTON AND NELLIE THOMAS CAME TO LAKESIDE IN 1939 AND STARTED AN AUTOMOTIVE BUSINESS ON HWY 67 WHERE TODAY HIS SON DAVID HAS THE A & B LAWNMOWER SERVICE. HE ALSO WORKED AT CONVAIR AND GENERAL DYNAMICS FOR 30 YEARS. HE SPENT HIS LIFE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AND DEVOTION TO HIS CHURCH. HE DIED AFTER A LENGTHY ILLNESS ON AUG. 2ND AND SERVICES WERE HELD AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE WILLOWS IN ALPINE ON AUG. 4TH WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN THEIR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE PACIFIC RAILWAY MUSEUM, REPUBLICAN-NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND LIFE MEMBER #72 OF THE LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

SURVIVORS BESIDES HIS WIFE, NELLIE, INCLUDE DAUGHTERS, RUTH VEAL OF SACRAMENTO AND ESTHER OF LAKESIDE; SONS, MERTON, JR. OF PINE VALLEY AND DAVID OF LAKESIDE. SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND SEVEN GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ONE SISTER, WANDA BEESON OF KANSAS.

JACK MCLEAN, SR. 87

JACK WAS BORN SEPT. 19, 1912 IN CANADA AND DIED IN AUG. 1999 IN THOUSAND OAKS, CA, WHERE THEY HAD RESIDED FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HE AND HIS WIFE, MAZELL WERE MARRIED IN 1933. THEY LIVED AND WORKED ON THE PHEASANT FARM AND THE CHINCHILLA RANCH ON THE EAST END OF JULIAN AVE., FROM 1943 UNTIL 1958. THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. SURVIVORS INCLUDE A DAUGHTER, LINDA MCGUE OF THOUSAND OAKS AND A SON, JACK JR. OF OREGON, AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN.

Memorials

by Edna Kouns

Loving gifts were made in memory of:

George Kalstrom
Genevieve Carender
Merton Thomas
Jack McLean
Virginia McGuinness

What a nice way to remember our friends and relatives.

HELP !

Thanks to the Lakeside Garden Club, the olde church is beautifully landscaped. Gardeners are expensive so we have come up with the idea of dividing the flower beds into easily workable sizes with various people taking over each area. Since the watering is automatic the beds would only have to be tidied up every couple of weeks.

It's a small job, but "Oh" so important. A plot map is available in the store. Please come by and pick out a plot to maintain. Leave your name and phone number. Our phone number is 561-1886.

“Did You Know....” By Chris Herzog

A pioneer horticulturist, Kate O. Sessions was the first woman to receive a science degree from the University of California at Berkeley. Following her arrival in San Diego in 1884, she taught briefly at Russ High School (San Diego High School today). Sessions' love for the study of plants soon led her to abandon teaching and open a nursery and flower stand in Coronado in 1887. One of Sessions' landscape projects was to provide plant material for the great interior courtyard of the newly constructed Hotel del Coronado. San Diego's fine climate provided the means to experiment with some tropical varieties so, in this courtyard, she introduced the first Birds of Paradise to be planted outside a conservatory. Some of these still flourish on the hotel grounds today.

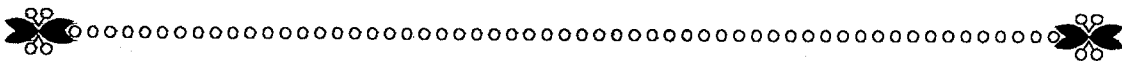
In the early 1890's, Sessions leased land in San Diego's City Park (Balboa Park today). In return, she agreed to plant 100 trees each year in the park and donate 300 more for general city beautification, some of which survive to this day. Many of these specimens, including rare cork trees, acacias, palms and camphor trees, were the first of their kind to be planted in North America. Sessions' contributions to the park earned her the nickname "Mother of Balboa Park". In later years, she continued to introduce new plant species such as the Twisted Juniper and Red Bougainvillea into the San Diego area.

In 1939, Sessions was honored by the American Genetic Association of Washington D.C., with the Frank N. Meyer Medal for her distinguished contributions in flower and plant introduction. This recognition not only acknowledged Sessions' many "firsts" in the field of horticulture, but was the first such honor ever awarded to a woman.

Kate Sessions' influence can be seen here in Lakeside at the Klein Ranch (more popularly known as The Lemon Crest Ranch) located on Single Oak Dr. Built in 1886 on 50 acres planted to be a lemon orchard, approximately 10 acres surrounding the house were reserved for the family gardens and were landscaped by Kate Sessions, who at that time was a promising young landscape architect, and well known to the famous designer, Irving Gill, who designed this home.

At the site of the Kate O. Sessions Nursery, the plaque commemorates the life and influence of a woman who envisioned San Diego as beautiful, when at that time, was practically tree-less. On this site she operated a nursery and gained world renown as a horticulturist. Located at Pico and Balboa, San Diego, Landmark #764.

(Information courtesy of Velma Carr, El Cajon Woman's Club, and Legends of Lakeside.)

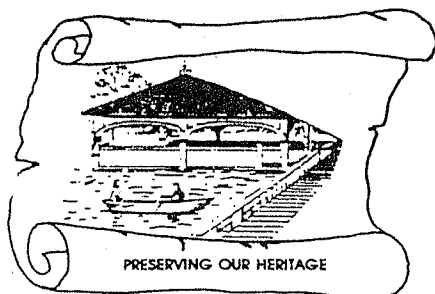


THEATRE PARTY

It has been suggested that we organize a theatre party and attend a play at Octad One here in Lakeside on either a Friday or Saturday evening. We could do this every couple of months.

It would be fun and the price is most reasonable. Besides, we need to support the businesses in our town.

Call 561-1886 and tell us if you're interested.



Lakeside Historical Society

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July 16, 1999

Dear Friend and Contributor,

The Olde Community Church is a San Diego County Historical Site—Lakeside's first—and the home of the Lakeside Historical Society.

November 5, 1999 is Lakeside Historical Society's **7th Annual Golf Tournament** to be held at

Willowbrook Country Club
11905 Riverside Dr.
Lakeside

The golf tournament is dedicated to the memory of **Virginia McGuinness**, long-time chairperson of this event.

The Lakeside Historical Society invites you to participate in this event. Your sponsorship as well as the proceeds from the Golf Tournament will go toward our *Scholarship Fund* and our continued preservation efforts.

There are many ways you can help our tournament's success—

- Cash gift to help sponsor our prizes
- \$35.00 for Tee or Green sponsorship
- \$20.00 to sponsor a cart
- Join the fun and come play golf

Your contribution is **tax deductible**.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information, call the History Center at the number on this letterhead or Elaine Brack at 443-0573.

Sincerely,

Lakeside Historical Society
Golf Tournament Committee

ADDRESS CHANGES

Because the newsletter is mailed bulk rate, undeliverable mail will not be forwarded and it costs the Society .58 cents for each returned newsletter that has to be re-mailed. To ensure prompt delivery, please send address changes to:



Shirley Anderson
P.O. Box 1423
Lakeside, CA 92040

THANK YOU.

GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 7th Annual Golf Tournament plans are underway.....

You will find enclosed a flyer regarding some of the activities. There is a need for everyone's help - by sponsoring a hole, a tee or a cart and especially volunteers. If you have any questions contact: Betty - 443-1133 or Elaine - 443-0573

There are many exciting plans for November 5th at Willowbrook Country Club.

Just a few highlights:

- For \$50.00 per person you will receive 18 holes of golf, lunch and other goodies.
- A shot-gun start at 7:30 a.m.
- Longest Drive
- Closest to the pin
- and much, much more.

There will be more in the next issue of the Historical Newsletter—Mark your calendar and come join the fun!

PRESERVATION OF LAKESIDE'S OLDEST BUILDING

The Old Ferry Ranch, located on Palm Row, was built in 1875. Recently, the 22 acre ranch was sold to Palmtag Development. They want to build 42 houses on small lots. The old house will be sandwiched between other tract homes. We feel that this old home deserves better. Since it is so important to the character of the community, it should be on at least one acre.

There doesn't seem to be any plan to preserve the palm trees for which the area was named.

A few months ago, we gathered over 300 signatures asking for the preservation of the house and that the new development have one acre or one-half acre lots so they would blend in with the surrounding horse ranches. (unfortunately we are losing our small ranches in Lakeside).

The county archeologist, who is studying the impact of this development on our community, wants to hear from Lakeside citizens. This is our big chance to make a difference on how this development will proceed.

Please write a letter about the loss of the ranches and palm trees, preservation of the historic house, community character and anything else you consider important to the preservation of our rural heritage.

WE NEED YOUR HELP !

Send to:

Glen Russell
Dept. of Planning and Land Use
5201 Ruffin Rd. Suite B
San Diego, CA 92123

Display Your Hobby at The Community Center

If you have a hobby or collection that you would like to show the community...we have a place for it ! We have two locked display cabinets in the Heritage Room. We would like to see your treasures.

Call the Historical Society at 561-1886 to let us know what you have.

OUR MAILING ADDRESS HAS CHANGED

We no longer have a post office box.

It had gotten to be a chore to find one of us available each day to pick up the mail. This saves all that effort and saves \$\$\$\$\$ too !

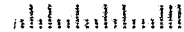
Our new address is:

Lakeside Historical Society

9906 Maine Ave.

Lakeside, CA 92040

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← WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS ! →

LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP 1/1/99 - 12/31/99

\$12.00 Per Person

\$100.00 Individual Life Membership

\$20.00 Business/Organization

\$150.00 Bus./Org. Life Membership

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Name of Spouse & Birthday _____ Wedding Date _____ Your Birthday _____

LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ATTN: SHIRLEY ANDERSON
P.O. BOX 1423, LAKESIDE, CA 92040-0911



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