



## *President's Message*

by Betty McMillen

By the time you read this letter, I will be on a trip in England. Historical Society members Chris Herzog, Jean Angus, Edna Kouns, Elaine Brack and myself will be experiencing a historic hiking tour of the English country side, complete with old stone houses and thatched roofs.

We had heard that many buildings in England are over 800 years old. This historical experience should encourage us to continue our quest to preserve Lakeside's buildings, even though ours are only 50 to 100 years old. It's got to start somewhere, and here in Southern California, where the developer's bull-dozer rule, we must preserve our oldest buildings.

Our Vice President, Dolores Meyer, has planned a fun May 24th meeting adventure to a handmade stone house over-looking all of Lakeside. Hope you can join in the fun. See you there!

## TREASURER'S REPORT

No Treasure's Report For The Month Of May

## WESTERN DAY PARADE

On Saturday, April 17th, the Historical Society had two olde antique cars (1929 Model A Sports Coupe, fully restored by Leonard and Juanita Philbrook; and a 1939 Ford Convertible, fully restored by Jack and Sandra Napierskie). These cars were greatly appreciated by everyone along the parade route.

Riding the Philbrook car was the Philbrook's and Edna Kouns, in the Napierskie car were Andy and Shirely Anderson, Marcella Williams and Olga Puhn.

Everyone in the parade said that it was Great Fun... and they all enjoyed themselves very much!

The Historical Society also had two young girls from Lemon Crest School carrying a banner that "THANKED" the entire community for th their continued support.

The day was beautiful, the parade was great and everyone had a great time.

## Calendar of Events

### MAY

- 21 Board Meeting - 9:30am  
Everyone's Welcome
- 24 Historical Society Field Trip  
To Historic Stone House  
- 1:00pm

### AUGUST

- 28 Street Dance on  
Maine Avenue

### OCTOBER

- 24 Home Town Reunion

## **ATTENTION! BIG CHANGE IN MAY MEETING!!! Lakeside Historical Society Meeting May 24, 1999**

The Lakeside Historical Society will meet at 9906 Maine Avenue, at 12:30p.m.

The May meeting will be an outing to the Hiltop Home of Hale and Mildred Whittier. Noel Parr will be our Host from the San Diego County Parks Department.

We will car pool as parking is limited. Light refreshments will be served.

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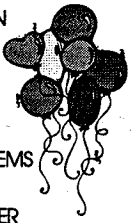
The Lakeside Historical Society,  
Dolores - 443-1866.

Dolores will also be happy to answer any questions you may have about this outing as well!

JUNE 1999

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 3rd ALTHEA ♥ GENE ANDERSON
- 1 78th CANFIELD BRAKES, INC.
- 1 4th HARLOW HOUSE
- 1 44th HILLIKER'S EGG RANCH
- 1 CHARLES KOUNS
- 1 14th QUALITY ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS
- 1 ANNA STEPHENSON
- 2 53rd DOLORES ♥ FRANK GRUNER
- 5 45th DIXIE ♥ KEN LANSDOWNE
- 5 JEANNE RAMSTEAD
- 5 6th RICHELLE ♥ MARK ANDERSON
- 7 AL ALLISON
- 7 JEAN MITCHELL
- 7 LOWELL ZORNES
- 8 LUCILLE KOUNS LANDIS
- 8 EILEEN KOUNS CARENDER
- 9 GENE ANDERSON
- 9 55th ELOISE ♥ LELAND BARKER
- 9 JOY WRAY
- 10 55th BETTY ♥ RUSS WILKINSON
- 10 ROBERT SANGSTER
- 11 MARCELLA RICE
- 11 BETTY WILKINSON
- 11 33rd DIANA ♥ BILL ADAMS
- 11 MARGARET BRIGHT
- 12 STAN ANDERSON
- 12 17th ELAINE ♥ CHARLES BRACK
- 12 54th ALLENE ♥ DALE SAVAGE
- 12 45th LaVELLA ♥ RICHARD KALSTROM
- 12 42nd NANCY ♥ RUSSELL KANADY
- 14 41st BEE ♥ DICK BESANCON
- 15 43rd ALICE ♥ LANE JOHNSON
- 15 EDNA KOUNS
- 15 FLORENCE WOODS
- 15 PHYLLIS SMITH
- 15 MARILYN OWNES
- 16 31st DIANE ♥ MICHAEL ANGUS
- 16 HENRY HERMS Jr.
- 16 40th SARAH ♥ GENE WHITLOW
- 17 LILLIAN GUFFEY
- 17 RICHARD HELD
- 18 5st MAMIE ♥ RICHARD CLEVENGER
- 18 33rd PATSY ♥ ERIC SARKELA
- 19 MARGARET JAMIESON
- 19 7th SIMONE ♥ CRAIG LLERANDI
- 20 35th GALE ♥ JACK McLEAN Jr.
- 20 40th SALLY ♥ KENNETH MERRILL
- 21 ROY BROWN
- 21 41th PATSY ♥ EDD HANNIBAL
- 21 MARGARET HELT
- 21 MARION SPRINGER
- 22 53rd MARTHA ♥ CLYDE ATKINSON
- 22 55th CLARABELL ♥ CHARLES CRAY
- 22 LISA ANDERSON SMITH
- 23 54th JANET ♥ JULIAN CONANT
- 23 LEON HERZOG
- 23 FRED REEVES
- 24 39th MARGARET ♥ DON BRIGHT
- 24 PEGGY KUHNER
- 24 BILL MARKLE
- 24 11th TERRI ANDERSON ♥ KYLE VanDeGRAAFF
- 27 HAYWARD MURPHY
- 27 1st JENNIFER ♥ JEFF ROCZEY
- 28 46th VELMALYNN ♥ ART MAGILL
- 29 GRACE WRIGHT
- 30 38th SHARON ♥ GEORGE HALL



Grow old along with me,  
the best is yet to be,  
the last of life for which  
the first was made.  
- Robert Browning -

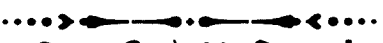


**Now! In the Store**

Reminisce with Nat King Cole, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Lena Horne, and Les Paul and Mary Ford on 78's - 33 1/3's - LP's that we have in the store now. - Peg Stewart -



*Thanks to Marilyn Gander Jenkins* for donating a painting of Lindo Lake and the Boat House which was painted by Mr. Innerarity of Julian Ave., Lakeside, in 1955. Very appropriate because the Boat House is the Logo of the Society. This painting is from the Estate of her parents, Frank and Mary Gander.



**Get Well Soon!**

Betty Dowers broke her hip Tuesday. She's been a care-giver for her husband Evan. We are doubling our BEST WISHES TO THEM!



**Plaque's Update**

Almost a year ago the Board of the Historical Society mad eithe decision to locate and mark Lakeside's old buildings. That's quite a process. It involves driving around the area, finding a candidate building, doing the research, and finally ordering the plaque.

So far three buildings have been selected and plaqued. The first was the Ferry Ranch, which was being threatened by the bulldozer. The second was the old Church on Maine and Parkside, which was completed in 1896, and is the home of the Lakeside Historical Society.

The last is the house on the corner of Channel and Julian, which was designed by the noted Architect Irving Gill, is another underway now.

In the building which houses the Golden Goose, it was home to the Woman's Club for many years. In fact, todays Woman's Club is donating the cost of the plaque.

In working now on the Boathouse in the park, that was built in 1886. We have more older buidlings than you think! - Pat Ellwood

**Memorials**

It is sad to report that we have lost so many of our members, old time *Lakesiders* and *Friends*.

We are happy we can remember them on our Memorial Boards handing on the wall of our Historic Olde Church Home.

Since our last newsletter, gifts have been made In Memory of **Frank Claycomb, Doriene Fair, Ruth McMullin, Les Kephart, Bob Angus, James Key, Virginia McGuinness, and Farris Edgar.**

**Obituary**

**FRANK ERWIN CLAYCOMB**

Frank was born Febuary 2,1915 in Sycamore, Ill. and died April 26, 1999. He was a salesman for Pacific Wholesal Electrical Industry and a member of Masonic Lodge F and A M No. 776 of El Cajon. He was preceeded in death by his daughter, Jeanne Crews. Survivors include his wife Harriet; daughter Danna Catterick; son Tom; brothers, Richarge and George; 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

*Memorial contributions can be made to the Lakeside Historical Society or the charity of your choice.*

**A. DORIENE FAIR**

Mrs. Fair was born June 12, 1923 in Kimball, Neb., and passed away on April 17, 1999 in Lakeside. she and her family resided in Columbia Co., Ore., since 1967. She is survived by her husband, Jerry; son, Larry; daughters, Karen MacKenzie and Cheri Fair all of Ore., daughter, Josie Fair of Lakeside; a sister, Francis Meisenheimer of Neb.; and her mother-in-lay, Josephine McClain Dupuis of Lakeside; 16 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Doreine was involved in St. Helens BPOE Emblem Club, bowling and traveled extensively with her husband, Jerry, in recent years.

*Remembrances may be made to the American Cancer Society and Stop Smoking Research.*

**RUTH MILDRED McMULLIN**

Ruth was born July 11, 1913 in Pasadena, CA. She was a CNA nurse with San Diego County for 27 years. She enjoyed the outdoors, crafts and her grandchildren.

She died Friday, April 30, 1999. She was preceeded in death by her husband Glen. Survivors include her daughter, Elaine Brack; brothers, Robert and Wayne Peart; sisters, Lorraine Foster and Margaret Farnsworth; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

*Memorial contributions can be made to the Braille Institute of San Diego.*

**A Special Thank You...**

The family of **Ruth M. Mc Mullin** would like to say "THANK YOU", to everyone for all their support and kindness during this time. Thank you for all the cards and many remembrances of our Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother.

Chuck and Elaine Brack  
Son-in-Lay and Daughter



WHITAKER "HILLTOP" HOME

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9906 Main Ave.  
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Carpool to Hilltop Parking limited*



MILDRED AND HALE'S LAST PICTURE TOGETHER

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## 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 41 houses on small lots. The old house, will be sandwiched between other track homes. I 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 had gathered over 300 signatures asking for the preservation of the house and that the new development have one acre or 1/2 acre lots so they would blend in with the surrounding horse ranches.

(Unfortunately we are loosing our small ranches in Lakeside).

The County Archeologist, who is studing the impact of this development on our community, wants to hear from the Lakeside Historical Society members. This is our big chance to make a difference in how this development will proceed.

Please write a letter about the loss of the ranches and palm trees, preservation, 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  
Department of Planning and Land Use  
5201 Ruffin Rd., Suite B  
San Diego, CA 92123

## HELPING THE KOSOVO REFUGEE FAMILIES

Kosovo refugee families are now arriving in San Diego, and need your donations of household necessities. They virtually have only the clothes on their backs and need basic items. Immediately needed are:

Pots and Pans	Bedding
Plates, Cups and Silverware	Towels
Cooking Utensils	Baby Car Seats
Lamps (Not Hanging)	Diapers
Alarm Clocks	Newborn Clothes
Electric Radios	Beds, Mattresses
Coffee Pots	Tables and Chairs

The Refugees are being sponsored by Catholic Charities, Refugee and Immigrant Services at 4575 Mission Gorge Place. Bring donations there or Lakeside Historical Society. (Please... nothing that uses batteries).

## Chuckle for the Day!

~Follow directions carefully~

Product manufacturers want to make sure you get the most out of their wares. So they provide very specific instructions on use:

**On Sears hair dryer:**

Do not use while sleeping.

**On a bar of Dial soap:**

Directions: Use like regular soap.

**Some Swanson frozen dinners:**

Serving Suggestions: Defrost.

**On Tesco's Tiramisu dessert:**

Do not turn upside down.

(Printed on the bottom of the box).

**On Nytol (a sleep aide):**

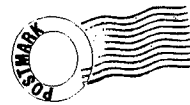
Warning: may cause drowsiness.

**on a Korean kitchen knife:**

Warning: keep out of children.

**On an American Airlines packet of nuts:**

Instructions: open packet, eat nuts.



## MAILBAG

From Aileen Muse Board, Pahrump, NV

Hi! I wish we lived closer so we could enjoy the many activities you have going. Our town is growing by leaps and bounds! When we came here in 1981 there were 3,200 people. Now we are 32,00 and most of our newcomers are from CA. Even found one from Lakeside at a meeting and found we knew many of the same people. If you ever drive through here, look us up and we'll treat you to dinner at the great buffet in Lakeside! Your friend, "Lela"

She really wanted to remind us that she is still among the living, even tho' we omitted her May 7th birthday in the newsletter. She also sent along a "little token to add to the pot to keep it brewing". Our apology for the omission, and a thank you for supporting us. *Marcy.*

## The L.H.S.

The L.H.S. is here again,  
When we must sit and think  
Who will take the register,  
and who will make the drink.

Do the members really care,  
When all they do is sit and stare?  
When we need help from the floor,  
They almost exit through the door.

So will it be the same old story?  
The same old faces in all their glory?  
Never mind... We'll do our best--  
Another year without a rest!!!

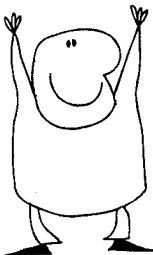
A parody on a woman's organizational poem.

ANSWER to Shirley's Hieroglyphic Riddle in the April Newsletter: MARCELLA WILLIAMS

## WELCOME



## MEMBERS



*Lisa Miller*

*Christopher Tarter*

*Michelle Tarter*

*Steve Johnson*

*Jack Napierskie*

*Sandra Napierskie*

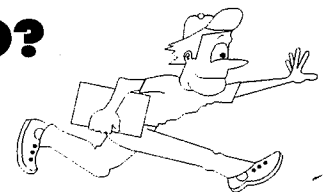
## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ☉ ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS.
- ☉ LEARN WHAT IS HAPPENING.
- ☉ GET INVOLVED.

- ✎ In our History Center, Open Tuesday thru Saturday - Call Peg Stewart 562-3191 to schedule your choice of hours.
- ✎ Keep our Rolodex current.
- ✎ Help with our "Little Library". Call the History Center 561-1886.
- ✎ Help and/or learn how to Quilt for the Woman's Club & Historical Society. Call Barbara Boggess 561-1889

- ✎ Sweep sidewalks when we are having a wedding or other special event.
- ✎ Help set up and take down tables and chairs when we have a special event.
- ✎ Help fold newsletter.

Call the History Center 561-1886.  
**VOLUNTEER TO HELP**



## LAKESIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

\$12.00 PER PERSON

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