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President's Message

Barbara Hogue

Summer is just around the corner and Lakeside Historical Society is as busy as ever.

June 14-16 we will be having Living History Days for 3rd. Grade Students; this is an elaborate two hour production of hands activities demonstrating chores, pastimes and traditions of bygone eras. Thank you so much, Chris Herzog for putting this altogether and all the docents and volunteers for their participation. This is a lot of work, but is very rewarding to see all the children's reactions.

June 25th we will be having our regular meeting on Saturday, June 25th starting at 11am, the car show of pre 1950 cars will be shown and lunch will be served at 12 pm. This will be our last meeting until September. Hope you all will be able to attend.

Do you live in a historic home in Lakeside? Do you know who lives in a historic home in Lakeside? Do you know a historic home in Lakeside that you would like to see on the Holiday Home Tour in December? If the answer is "YES," please call Coleen Owens at 619-559-5804. If this is not your home, she will contact the owner and see if they'd be willing to put their home on the tour. Several people have volunteered to have their 'new' homes on the tour, but the Historical Society would like to have some older homes. December is right around the corner. Please let Coleen know ASAP.

The Archives are missing several books. It was voted by the board as an interim solution that anyone having archive material return it immediately to the History Center. A system is being put in place to have scanners for the archive department, so there should never be a reason to have material leave the building. Locks are in the process of being changed also. Please, if you have archives, it must be returned for others to enjoy and to do research.

Do you have an old manual typewriter that you are not using and would like to donate to the Society? We could really use it; we use them for our living history program for the 3rd graders.

Don't forget, we will be having a yard sale the first week end in August, we ask that you save your donations until the end of July to bring to us, due to storage capacity. Thank you so much, it will be greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful summer! We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Lakeside History Center Archives

Dorine Campbell and Grace Parrott

We truly love to share all the valuable information with all of you. For the sake of research and gathering, we specially request you to visit on Wednesdays. We welcome any help we get in the Archives.

We charge a whopping 25¢ for copies and also ask for a small donation towards the museum to cover our costs for supplies etc.

No books may be removed out of the archives under any circumstances. You may copy them or duplicate them in-house only!

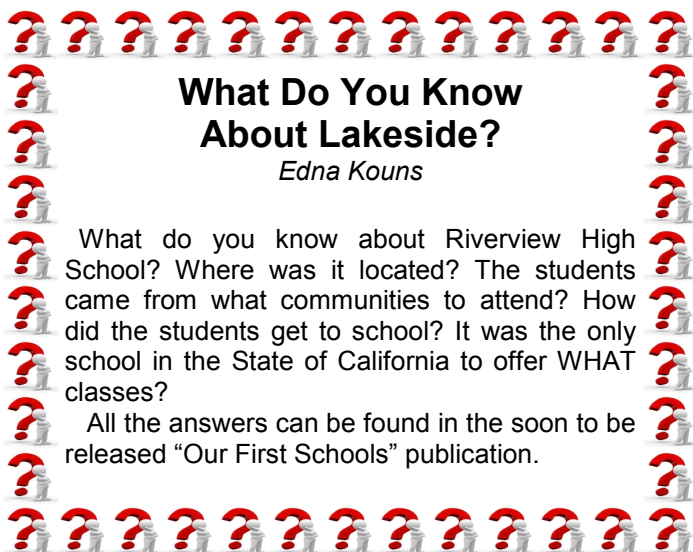
As Historian I would like to say how very much I have enjoyed working with everyone here all these years. The wealth of information is irreplaceable.

Volunteers!! We can use you! Simple jobs that require so much time that we need people that we will help to get you started but do come in Wednesdays.

We take pride in our town and hope you all do as well. Preserving history is away to give back to our grandchildren and their children. We try very hard to teach life lessons as well as respect for people. We are all so different and unique that we try to help you locate a place you are comfortable with and you are too.

We have our internet up thanks to Gordon! So we actually have an email direct to the Archives. That email is LHS1886@att.net. If you have an email address, just write a short note and we can add you to our master emailing list.

Thank you all!



**What Do You Know
About Lakeside?**
Edna Kouns

 What do you know about Riverview High School? Where was it located? The students came from what communities to attend? How did the students get to school? It was the only school in the State of California to offer WHAT classes?
 All the answers can be found in the soon to be released "Our First Schools" publication.

Rod Remembers Trips to the Country

Betty McMillen

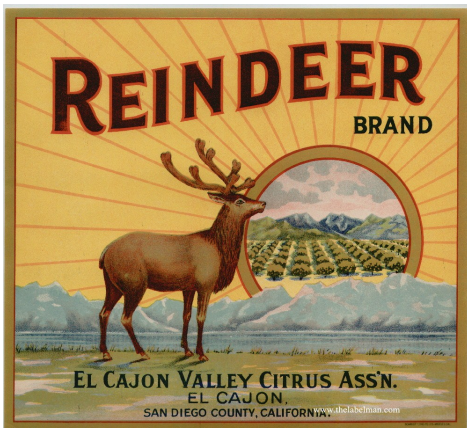
Rod McMillen remembers childhood trips that were all the way out to his Grandma Mac's house in El Cajon from San Diego. He lived with his mom and dad on Altadena Street in what was then known as East San Diego. In those days El Cajon Boulevard was no more than a little two lane road going East. All roads off of it were still dirt back in the 1940s. At that time many folks raised horses and chickens in their back yards. Rod's parents would drive their 1948 Plymouth on family jaunts to the "country" to have a good chicken dinner on Sundays.

Rod was always eager to get there so that he could play with his friend, George Wood. They loved to go to the dense clumps of Eucalyptus trees to play hide-and-seek or play war. The clumps of trees had been planted all over the El Cajon Valley by the railroad company in hopes of growing railroad ties for the future. Those mini forests are mostly gone today. Sometimes George's mother would drive them over to swim in the huge Gillespie Field swimming pool; it was a rare treat in those days.

For those Sunday dinners he remembers his Grandma Mac having to catch a chicken, ring its neck, put it in boiling water to remove the feathers, gut it and cut it up. After all that work, she still had to fry the pieces. A lot of work for just one chicken dinner, but boy was it good. Rod's aunts, uncles and cousins were there for the Sunday dinner too. After dinner everyone enjoyed playing the card game, Canasta.

When Rod got a little older, about 11 or 12 years old, he was able to take the bus out to help his Grandma Mac with chores during his summer vacation. He wore his stripped T-shirt and blue jeans. He would help clean up her El Cajon property in the country. Rod would mow the lawn with a push mower, and pick up all the fruit that had fallen on the ground. Grandma Mac canned everything from her garden in a big pot that was always used for this purpose. When cooked, she would then carefully pour the preserves into blue Kerr glass jars. Grandma canned a variety of things such as tomatoes, beans, boysenberries, peaches and plums. Food that was not good enough for canning went to feed the chickens.

So, just where was Grandma Mac's home in the country? It was on Graves Avenue in El Cajon, near where the El Cajon Town Center is located today.



From the Archives

Lakeside Historical Society's Archives Committee

Dorie Campbell

This last month we had many visitors requesting information from our archives. Also, Connie and Lynn Baer, Directors of the Grossmont High School Museum, presented Edna Kouns of the Lakeside Historical Society with a DVD of Edna's part in the Grossmont High School 90th Anniversary Celebration at which time the cornerstone of Grossmont High School was opened.

Edna's grandfather Arthur Bertram Foster was the first President of the Board of Trustees of Grossmont High School and his name is the first listed on the cornerstone. Also serving on the board were A. B. Foster's sons, Ralph and Clarence. Together they served 41 years (not all at once).

The contents of the Grossmont corner stone are being restored. Thanks to our Lakeside Historical Society, the Foster family and Cathy Hansen, \$1000 has been donated for the \$2000 needed for the restoration of the contents. Anyone wishing to donate may send funds to the Grossmont High School Museum at PO Box 1043, La Mesa, California 91944-1043.

Many hours are currently being spent identifying and numbering our volumes of history which will make it much easier and faster to find the information people request.

Museum and Archival Donations

Thank you to Gene and Carol McClain Classens from Lemon Crest Ranch, McClain Dairy and personal archival materials:

- ◆ Antique bottles
- ◆ Handmade reading light
- ◆ Lemon picking bag
- ◆ Pruning hook
- ◆ Coal oil carriage light
- ◆ Old wooden bulk pruning box
- ◆ Old children's schoolbooks
- ◆ Archival documents and papers



Whoever wishes to foresee the future must consult the past; for human events ever resemble those of preceding times. This arises from the fact that they are produced by men who ever have been, and ever shall be, animated by the same passions, and thus they necessarily have the same results.

~Machiavelli

Tree Planting on Woodside Avenue

Betty McMillen

They say that "History repeats itself;" well that is what happened this spring when AmeriCorp youth planted 24 Jacaranda trees along Woodside Avenue. According to the Legends of Lakeside Book by the Lakeside Historical Society, students in Lakeside planted Cork Elm trees along Woodside Avenue way back in 1893. An old photo taken about 1900 shows the little trees looking healthy and growing fast.

Ninety-seven year old Eileen Carender remembers as a kid walking under the shade of those trees that created a complete canopy over Woodside Avenue in those hot summer days in Lakeside. Sadly those old trees were destroyed in the 1950s when the road was widened and undergrounding of utilities lead to their demise. Flossie Beadle, our first historian, and her "tree hugging" friends, fought a gallant battle to save the trees but lost the war to "progress." Old photos show Flossie with shotgun in hand trying to protect the trees from bulldozers.

The *Lakeside Mile of Trees* group got a jump-start on Arbor Day in between rains this year. They planted 22 Jacaranda trees along Woodside Avenue; they're small but mighty! The Lakeside Garden Club donated \$400.00 to purchase the trees for this community beautification project.

Chairwoman for the tree planting, Gail Sabadini, and I had enlisted the help of the AmeriCorps youth to dig the holes and plant the trees. The AmeriCorps youth who are from 18 to 24 years of age were in town to help at the Lakeside River Park Conservancy planting native trees and bushes. They also wanted to do other community projects that fit into their plan and planting the Jacaranda trees on Woodside was a perfect fit Sabadinini and I hope that kicking off the planting on Woodside Avenue will be the beginning of something bigger. She already has enlisted other property owners to have trees planted on their property.

The AmeriCorps youth came from all parts of the USA to volunteer one year of service to their country. Norah Garrity is from Wisconsin, Melonie Choy from Oakland, Jake Barth from Indiana, Trish Alder from Montana, Asg Henríguez from New York and Candice Lau from California.

Sabadini said that the workers at the River Park have a great attitude. They learn how to work hard at being a team and make life time friends while working. Seth Connally, who is their project manager, said that the AmeriCorps youth have been camping out of sorts at a cabin in Stelzer Park, roughing it, cooking for themselves, and sleeping on mats on the floor of the cabin. All this with very little pay for their services. During working hours, the team will be planting over 500 trees and numerous native brushes at the River Park.

The *Lakeside Mile of Trees* plans to beautify Lakeside by planting hundreds of Jacaranda trees around town which have beautiful purple blooms for several months in the spring. Also these trees were the favorites of Clarence Harris, the founder of Mile of Trees back in 1999. At

that time they planted 15 Jacaranda trees on Winter Gardens Blvd. which bloom every year. These trees are cared for by Terry Burkeiserling, a dedicated citizen of the community. The group also planted hundreds of shade trees on the school campuses. Since Harris passed away the tree planting group has been inactive, but now they are back in full force and ready to create an urban forest in our town.

The *Lakeside Mile of Trees* is looking for friends to help keep the momentum of planting trees moving forward. If you or your club is interested in helping to plant trees or donate money or trees then please call Gail Sabadini at 443-7166, or Betty McMillen at 443-1133.

Barbecue and Car Show

June 25, 2011

\$10.00/Plate donation
Rsvp Required

The regular June monthly meeting will not be held on Monday June 27th. The Historical Society will meet instead on June 25th from 11 AM to 2 PM.

We will have a pre-1950's Car show presented by the Over-the-Hill-Gang/San Diego along the street and in our parking lot beginning at 11 AM. Food service will begin at noon with hamburgers and hot dogs, side dishes and watermelon. Drinks will include lemonade, iced tea and coffee. Please plan to attend the last meeting before the summer break. There is a rumor that Barney Oldfield might make an appearance.

We have arranged for additional parking at the Montessori parking lot across the street on Parkside Street, so you will not have far to walk.

Please call (619) 561-1886 to Rsvp
Bring your friends!

"Each tent consisted of wooden floors and furnishings. They each had one bed stand or more, a three legged "spider" for a wash bowl and pitcher, a dresser and a chair. If a visitor needed cooking facilities a kerosene stove was set up in a "cook tent" in the back of the tent for an extra \$5.00 a month, it came with a few pots, some crockery, and flatware. Most of the tents rented for \$4.50 per week at that time."

"Every year Tent City opened with new attractions and improvements. Eventually electricity from the hotel generators provided power for the lights that hung from the ceiling in each tent."

The *Coronado Tent City News* served as a type of newspaper carrying programs about the band concerts, water sports events, hours of Sunday church services, news of visitors, and some advertisements.

"By 1921, Tent City had its own police force ([watch Ken Kramer's video on YouTube to learn more about the one-man police force](#)) and fire department. In 1923, the thatch roofs were stripped off and the cottages were given permanent roofs. Wooden sides on the houses were built three quarters of the way up with canvas drops that could be rolled up or down. These improvements made it possible for a permanent winter population in Tent City."

From 1923-1933 Tent City had become a year round resort. To everyone's surprise, in June 1936, the Spreckels Company announced the abandonment of the Tent City as a resort and in its place the State Highway would be straightened. Tent City was dismantled in 1939 and in its place now is a parking lot.

Children Wanted: The little fellows will ever be honored guests at Coronado Tent City. They are our best friends because they never forget the good times that have at the beach. Seldom do they go far from tents without grownups accompanying them to their pleasure on the sand, the playground, the concerts, or the alluring Merry-Go-Round. And how sturdy, tanned and healthy are those youngsters, who spend the Summer barefooted or in bathing suits during the day and in dreamless sleep between the blankets in cool, cozy tents at night.

Apparel for the Beach: The bathing suit is the essential part of one's wardrobe. Tent City is the most democratic resort in the universe. One wears just what he or she is most comfortable in, regardless of style. Simple sport clothes are desirable, with a sweater or warm wrap for evening wear, especially when boating. Furs are only needed as an adornment.

Climate: The balmy climate of Coronado Beach is among its chief assets. Bright, sunny days, tempered by soft, ocean breezes prevail throughout the year, with the Spring, Summer and early Autumn days especially delightful for enjoying out-of-door recreation features. Nights are invariably cool, bringing restful, refreshing sleep after the day's pleasures.

Palm Cottages: With sanitary arrangements, kitchen and cooking rent for \$23.25 per week and \$69.50 per month and up depending on number of persons in party and accommodations. Without Kitchen—two or three people—\$18.00 per week; \$57.00 per month.

Tent City 1900-1939: History of Tent City in Coronado, California

by Rhonda Renée

www.shellbellestikihut.com



WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S OPEN AIR POOL

TARIFF—1919 PALM TENTS

			Cooking Same Tent	With Kitchen and Cooking
One Person	Per Day	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.75	\$ 2.50
	Per Week	5.50	6.75	8.25
	Per Month	15.00	18.00	23.00
Two Persons	Per Day	2.00	2.75	3.50
	Per Week	8.00	9.25	10.25
	Per Month	23.00	26.00	31.00
Three Persons	Per Day	2.50	3.50	4.25
	Per Week	10.00	11.75	13.25
	Per Month	28.00	32.00	37.00
Four Persons	Per Day	3.00	4.00	4.75
	Per Week	12.00	13.75	15.25
	Per Month	33.00	37.00	42.00
Five Persons	Per Day	3.50	4.75	5.50
	Per Week	14.00	16.50	18.00
	Per Month	38.00	44.00	49.00
Six Persons	Per Day	4.00	5.25	6.00
	Per Week	16.00	18.50	20.00
	Per Month	43.00	49.00	54.00

Proportionate rates will be made for larger parties.

No cooking accommodations will be furnished for less than three days.

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GEORGE A. CHENEY, Manager
Coronado Beach, California

Los Angeles Agent H. F. NORCROSS, 527 Spring Street

NO DOGS ALLOWED

JUNE 2011

Birthdays

- 01 Charles S. Kouns
- 02 Barbara Chipps
- 04 Scott Johnson
- 05 Yolanda Leyvas
- 07 Jean Mitchell
- 07 Al Allison
- 07 Ed Galusha
- 08 Eileen Carender
- 08 Carol Dew
- 08 April F. Dart
- 09 Joy Wray
- 09 Gene Anderson
- 11 Marcella N. Rice
- 11 Margaret Bright
- 12 Stan "Sandy" Anderson
- 12 Kenneth Lansdowne
- 13 Dede Smith
- 15 Edna Kouns
- 15 Florence Woods
- 15 Dorine Campbell
- 15 Lowell J. Burnett
- 15 Marilyn Owens
- 16 Henry G. Herms, Jr.
- 17 Richard A. Held
- 17 Terence Sanford
- 18 Mary B. Ruffin
- 18 Claudia Denure
- 19 Margaret Jamieson
- 18 Judith S. Hixon
- 21 Roy E. Brown, Sr.
- 21 Margaret Helt
- 22 Lisa Smith
- 23 Jeffrey W. Hixon
- 24 Bill Markle
- 25 Leon S. Herzog
- 26 John Slater
- 29 Joyce Wright
- 29 Anne Van Atta
- 29 Joann Cordtz

Anniversaries

- 01 Hilliker's Egg Ranch
56 years
- 05 Dixie & Ken Lansdowne
57 years
- 05 Richelle & Mark Anderson
18 years
- 08 Lyn & John McFarland
41 years
- 09 Joan & Patrick Grattan
64 years
- 12 La Vella & Richard Kalstrom
57 years
- 12 Nancy & Russell Kanady
52 years
- 12 Elaine & Chuck Brack
29 years
- 14 Dee & Richard Besancon
53 years
- 15 Alice & Lane Johnson
55 years
- 16 Diane & Michael Angus
43 years
- 17 Sandy & John Fisher
39 years
- 18 Pasty & Eric Sarkela
45 years
- 19 Winnie & Floyd "Art" Wilkinson
62 years
- 20 Geraldine & Richard Showalter
52 years
- 20 Sally & Ken Merrill
52 years
- 20 Patricia & Richard Barnes
21 years
- 20 Claudia & George Taylor
21 years
- 21 Judith & Jeffrey Hixon
?? years
- 21 Elizabeth & Kenneth Daignault
41 years
- 22 Dee & Tom Prendergast
55 years
- 23 Antoinette & Shay Smith
10 years
- 24 Margaret & Don Bright
45 years
- 24 Pennie & Mick McMahon
5 years
- 27 Virginia & Alfred Adams
41 years
- 28 Sheila & Regis Rosner
59 years
- 28 Velmalynn & Art Magill
58 years
- 29 Elizabeth & Robert Harding, Jr.
?? years
- 30 Margaret & Chuck Voss
8 years



JULY 2011

Birthdays

- 01 Joan Grattan
- 01 Elizabeth Rowe
- 01 Roger Pundt
- 02 Gail Shields
- 02 Cindy Sullivan
- 03 Sr. Anna M. Meyer
- 03 John Callaway
- 04 Gertrude Davis
- 04 Meave S. Hall
- 06 Wyatt Allen
- 07 Lucille Denlinger Foster
- 08 Jessie Rae Lynch
- 08 Steve Reed
- 08 Lois Jeanne Rattray
- 11 Leroy "Coke" Foster
- 11 Dalene Garrett
- 12 Patricia Nielsen
- 12 Judy Taggart
- 13 William "Bill" Jenkin
- 14 Marjorie Hatcher
- 15 Rick Walker
- 15 Shirley Phillips
- 16 Margaret "Peg" Stewart
- 16 Robert Wray
- 17 Mary L. Neal
- 18 Alene Savage
- 19 Edward E. Hillan
- 19 Pennie McMahon
- 19 Andrea Canfield
- 20 Scott Evans
- 20 Roger E. Howes
- 20 Catherine G. Hansen
- 20 Larry K. Owen
- 20 George J. Schaffer
- 21 Roger York
- 21 Clara Schock
- 21 Russell Kanady
- 22 Charles Kephart
- 22 Sandy Fisher
- 22 Tammy Brass
- 24 Janis Shackelford
- 26 Dr. John Robuck
- 26 J. Duane Palmer, M.D.
- 27 Sherry Golden-Reece
- 28 Dianne Jacob
- 30 Angela Olsen
- 30 Molly Burton
- 31 Claudia Taylor
- 31 Dr. Joseph W. Hansen
- 31 Roberta Callaway-Perry
- 31 Theodore W. Sherman

Anniversaries

- 01 Lakeside Union School District
88 years
- 01 The Grinder
?? years
- 03 Claudia & Dick Denure
48 years
- 03 Natalie & Richard Mates
43 years
- 04 Melinda & Jeff Setterman
24
- 04 Teresa & Robin Jay Callaway
21 years
- 06 Carol & Robert Crafts
48 years
- 07 Mary Jay & Bill Hockenberry
55 years
- 07 Gail & Joseph Shields
33 years
- 08 Sharon & Bob Clark
45 years
- 11 Joan & Charles Kouns
52 years
- 12 Karen & David Stephens
31 years
- 13 Tina & Marvin Brady
43 years
- 15 Bernadine & Francis Cooper
22 years
- 17 Jennifer & Bill Jenkin
7 years
- 18 Kathleen & Alan Mummert
4 years
- 18 Anne & Button Johnson
52 years
- 20 Leanne & Bill Markle
43 years
- 22 Joann & Gaylord Dutton
41 years
- 22 Donna & Leland Swennes
44 years
- 31 Lee Ann & Jeffrey Silvis
35 years



Welcome Our New Members

**Ann Rios
Lakeside, CA**

**Paul Rios
Lakeside, CA**

**Material for the August/September edition of
Historical Happenings must be submitted prior
to the August 17, 2011 deadline.**



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Panorama of Tent City and the Hotel del Coronado c.1908. Picture from the [Library of Congress](#).



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 \$50.00 Business/Organization \$200.00 Individual Life Membership

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

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