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LHS TOLLS OUR BELL FOR USA'S 250th

About a dozen members gathered in the foyer of our Olde Community Church on July 4, to honor America's 250th birthday by participating in the nationwide "Call to Toll the Bells."

Our co-presidents—Coleen Owens (above left) and Pennie McMahon (above right) led the event, commencing to ring our 130-year-old church bell at the stroke of noon. Our other attending members followed, each ringing the bell twice. Thanks to all who joined us for this symbolic celebration.



Lakeside Historical Society presents
**Vintage & Collectables
SALE**
Hosted by the LHS History Museum Committee

TWO DAYS!!
August 7 & 8, 2026
Friday & Saturday—9:00 am to 2:00 pm—BOTH DAYS
Don't worry about the heat - we'll be inside our air conditioned
OLDE COMMUNITY CHURCH
9906 Maine Avenue in Historic Downtown Lakeside
**Glassware, Hats, Dishes, Jewelry, Notions, Vintage Clothing,
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Jewelry

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LHS EVENTS

VINTAGE SALE: Aug 7 & 8 @ 9 am—2 pm

BOARD MEETING: Wed, Aug 12 @ 10 am

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Sun, Aug 16 @ 11:30 am

NO MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING IN AUGUST

Coming in September

MUSEUM MEETING: Thu, Sep 3 @ 10 am

BOARD MEETING: Wed, Sep 9 @ 10 am

GENERAL MEETING: Mon, Sep 28 @ 6 pm

Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner

History Talk: Lakeside's River Park by Connor Hall

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

Member Spotlight:

CHRIS HILL



This month we highlight one of our newest members, Chris Hill.

Chris was born in San Diego at Quintard Hospital. Since torn down, it was located right about in what is now the “S” curve of Interstate 5 in

Downtown San Diego. She grew up in East San Diego near Euclid and Fairmount and attended John Marshall Elementary School, Horace Mann Junior High, and Crawford High School. Chris is married with two adult children, four grandchildren, and one great grandson. She moved to the El Cajon/Lakeside area when she was in her 30s and now lives in Bostonia. Her children went to El Capitan High School.

Chris has lived alternately in Lakeside and Bostonia for about 40 years. Her last job was as an inventory analyst for Petco stores, where she was employed for 20 years until she was laid off. Before Petco, she had worked at Factory to U, Women’s World, and Family Bargain Center as a planner, analyst, and allocator.

Her very first job was as a waitress, when her kids were young. Chris attended night school to learn business so she could transition to office work. For a while, she worked two jobs: one from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and then to the restaurant from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. – closing time. She was glad she only had to do that for about a year! In all, Chris worked as a waitress for about 12 years – from Bob’s Big Boy to banquets and fine dining.

Chris joined LHS in March 2025. After being laid off, she felt it was clear she wasn’t going to go back to work in the corporate world, so she found LHS and the opportunity to join and be a part of something she enjoys. Currently, Chris works in the gift shop on Thursdays and serves on the Museum Committee. So far, she has volunteered for the Western Days Breakfast, Living History Days, Vintage Sale and the Christmas Resale Shoppe.

What does Chris like best about LHS? “I have always loved history so learning the history of Lakeside and being a part of keeping the history alive is very important to me. I love working in the Old Church and I especially like all of the wonderful people I have met. Everyone is so kind and welcoming. Learning from Lee Bost and all the other members is just priceless to me.”

Thank you for your time and effort, Chris!



100-YEAR OLD CRIB DONATED

It’s always exciting to receive a great old artifact from a generous donor. Recently, we got special very one that now adorns the “children’s room” in our Lakeside History Museum.

Lynn Clemens, of the famous local Clemens family, was kind enough to donate a 100-year old baby crib that has been in her family since at least 1915! And it is in pristine condition. The bed fits perfectly in the corner of the room and is outfitted with a cute little bunny comforter (which was made by Lynn herself, especially for the crib). Thanks so much for thinking of us, Lynn—we really appreciate you!

(Above photo: Lynn Clemens poses with her family’s 100+ year old baby crib, now in our History Museum.)

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NEW LAKESIDE HISTORY EXHIBIT AT EL CAP LIBRARY

A few months back, the LHS Archives was visited by Kim Caddell, the Library Technician at El Capitan High School (high schools no longer have actual librarians, but Kim is basically in charge of the school library). Kim had been working at ECHS for several years but, because she does not live in the area, her visit with us was the first time she had ever been to Downtown Lakeside! She was interested in filling a large, empty wall space in the El Cap Library with some Lakeside history. Surprisingly, there was no such display already there. Kim spent quite a bit of time with us and together we picked out a good variety of about a dozen historic photographs for display.

In June, Kim let us know the project was completed and we took a little "Archives Field Trip" to see the finished product. What a great library! It's a very inviting atmosphere with wood paneled ceilings and plenty of room to spread out and read a good book. As you can see in the above photograph, Kim did a wonderful job with the display, adding a cool relief map of California (haven't seen one of those in many years) and a selection of local history books on the shelf below. Kim treated us to some delicious snacks and beverages. Thank you Kim!

(Above photo, left to right: Ida Cook, Patricia Barnes, El Cap Library Tech Kim Cadell, and Archives Chair Janice McMillan. Photo by Gary Mitrovich)

Our Heartfelt Condolences

Vivien Margery Isom

*Wife of Lakeside native Tom Isom
1946—2026*

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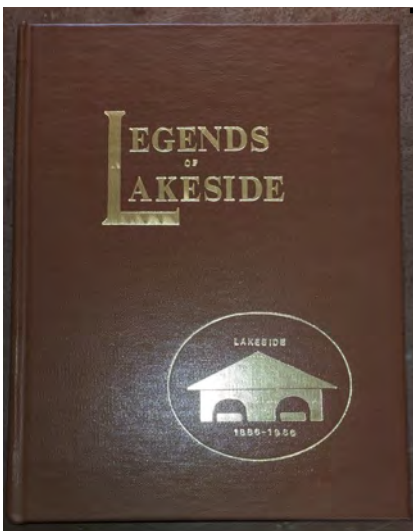


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AUGUST 2026 EMAIL EDITION



Our good friend (and Lakeside native) Tom Isom regularly posts some great historic photos on Facebook, some of which we've never seen before. Case-in-point above: a view of our Olde Community Church from back in the day. Though this angle is common among our many pictures, this particular photograph is new to us. Notice all the great foliage—trees and bushes galore. Lakeside's shallow water table and good soil are reasons we had so many great farms and orchards back in the day. Notice, too, the telephone pole that stood on the corner of Maine and Parkside for so many years is not present. So when was this photo taken?



LEGENDS OF LAKESIDE HARDBACK

← Have you ever seen one of these?

If you were a LHS member back in 1985—when our seminal history book on Lakeside was published (just in time for the town's centennial!)—you might have laid your hands on one of these very rare books.

This was the special hardback edition, with the series number and the owner's name(s) included inside. A special edition indeed.

Only about 100 of these collector's items were created and they are pretty hard to come by today. In fact, the one at left is the first that your editor has put eyes on in the 11 years he's been volunteering here!

Since we did not have a copy in our collection, we decided to retain this copy in our archives. If you are lucky enough to have one, hang onto it! If you don't want it anymore, let us know!



How AI can help LHS: I'm not a big proponent of AI, but here's an instance where it can certainly help us out. The photo of the Lakeside Inn at above left is the original condition of the print we have on file. Not everything comes to us in pristine condition. I had our friends at Giant Photo do a high resolution scan of the photo, then I asked AI to improve the image. The first attempt was not so good: AI eliminated the people on the porch and the spray from the water fountain. The second try was the photo at above right—not too shabby. Then I asked AI to colorize the photo with a traditional 19th century palate. The result is the grand photo below. (The horses do have heads, but one is turned away—not AI's fault.) It is, perhaps, a slippery slope, but if we use AI sparingly and with constraints (and are always up front about it), we can bring many of our old photos to life. And though some believe our old photos should remain in their original black and white tone, the reality is that life has always been in color.



LAKE SIDE'S

Old Fashioned



Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 16, 2026

11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In the Olde Community Church of the

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