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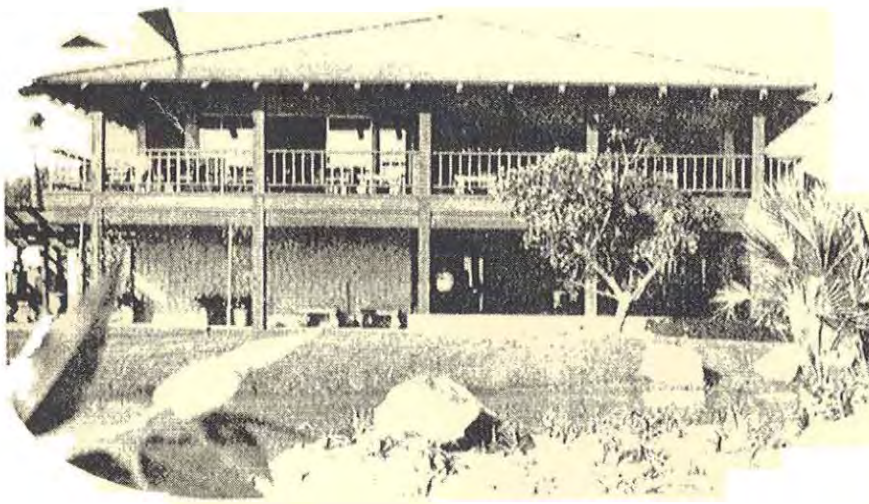
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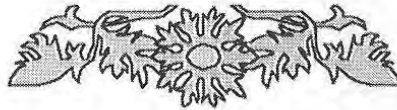
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*"Halfway between the Pacific Ocean and Interstate 5
in Carlsbad, California, lies a little strip of Heaven on Earth
called **Lakeshore Gardens.**" ~ Natalie Berndes*

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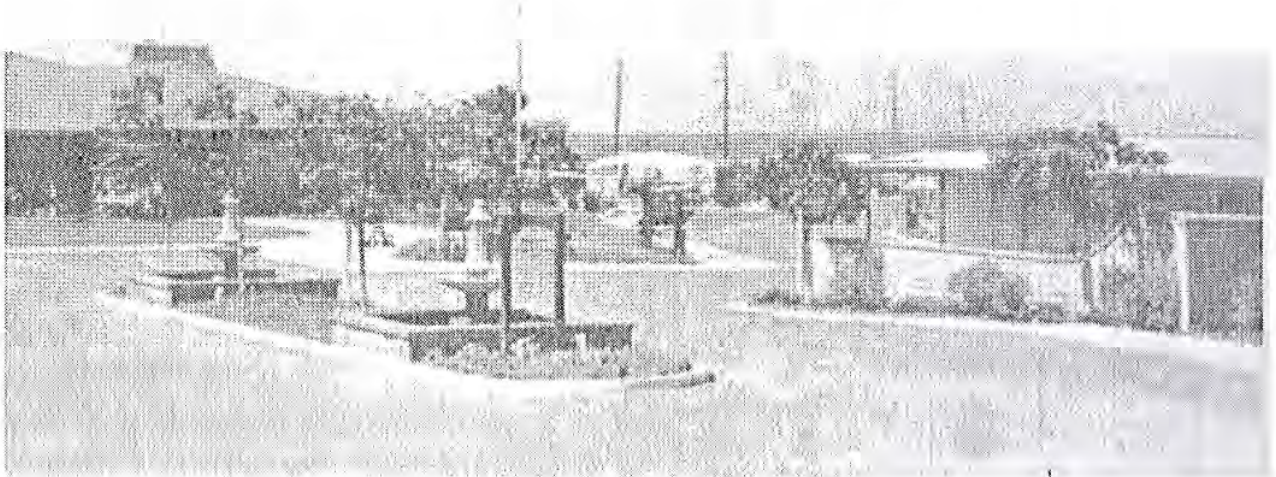
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Part I

IN ALL THE WORLD THERE IS ONLY ONE. . *LAKESHORE GARDENS* Memories of a Lakeshore Pioneer ~ *Gladys Rooder*



1972 ~ The Main Entrance of Lakeshore Gardens

Lakeshore Gardens, Carlsbad's newest mobile home community, a joint venture of Sequoia Pacific and U.S. Life, opened in October 1972. Phase I extended from the wall on Poinsettia Lane to San Lucas. A wire fence separated the homes on San Lucas from the flower fields that reached Batiquitos Lagoon.

Accustomed to thinking "trailers and trailer parks" people curiously drove through the front entrance into the block walled park and were amazed to see a handsome clubhouse, a Mexican caretta on the front lawn, fountains, statuary, curving paved streets, five lakes and a few mobile homes installed! Tours of the clubhouse and other buildings, plus the promise of interesting activities, led us to explore the park. "Tex" drove a red and yellow streetcar looking conveyance to take people around the curving Spanish named streets to view the five lakes, homesites and the pet section. When deals were closed each half of a mobile home was towed on the freeway to Lakeshore Gardens, backed onto the chosen site and joined together. As each new home arrived we peeked through the windows to see what our new unknown neighbors had chosen!

By the summer of 1974 Lakeshore had no more than 50 homes and less than 100 residents. There were no markets, pharmacies, banks or other businesses nearby. We drove to Safeway on Tamarak and other stores to the north, south and east to shop. We did have El Camino Real Mall built in 1969, only half as large as it is today.

In the eighties it was enlarged.

During the summer of 1974 Phase II was begun. The big row of trees that crossed it were cut down, lots leveled, streets graded and paved, the five lakes were dug and the construction of the block wall enclosed the park. The process of renting spaces began all over again. New homes rolled in and Phase II filled rapidly.

The new residents joined in the activities quickly.



In 1970 when the construction of Lakeshore was begun, the census of Carlsbad was 9,253 and in 1972 when the park opened it was 14, 944! ⁽¹⁾

Touring the park with "Tex"

The Area Surrounding The Park

The area surrounding the park was vastly different than it is today. West were the railroad tracks, north, east and south were Carlsbad's famous flower fields! The nearest buildings were Alta Mira, Ponto and Lanakai. Freeway 5 had been constructed in the 1960's, two lanes north, two lanes south. Poinsettia Lane was a two lane macadam road that ended at the northeast corner of Lakeshore Gardens! From there it wandered on as a dirt path over the RR Tracks to Hwy 101. From the north behind the area where the Honda Agency and the hotels now stand, but close to the freeway, was a dirt roadway. It reached Poinsettia Lane. It continued on in front of the park as a two lane macadam road to the south end of the park and resumed as a dirt road through the flower fields to Batiquitos Lagoon. These dirt roads were throughout the fields for the workers' trucks. Lakeshore residents enjoyed walking on them for many years before developments began. A thick row of eucalyptus trees grew beside the road from the north to Poinsettia Lane.

Another row grew across Avenida Encinas in front of the park
and then wandered on south, close to the freeway.

We walked out the first entrance, crossed Encinas, climbed a steep dirt bank and reached the road under the trees. Walkers had worn footholds into the rough mud bank. It's too difficult to imagine now but a row of those huge eucalyptus grew from east to west across the land where Phase II is now located!!!

Wildlife

Remember, Lakeshore was one of few settlements in this vast area, so plenty of wildlife was still around us. Many wild animals lived in and around the park and many are still here. Rabbits, ground squirrels, opossums, skunks, and raccoons! Coyotes lived in canyons around the lagoons. We saw them as we walked in the fields and at night coyotes walked in the park. They yipped and howled at night from the canyons.

One even had her kits on the front porch of a home in Phase II!

Catfish and other fish were put in the lakes. When a mallard swims across a lake with her babies following and one goes down, a huge catfish just had a snack! Great blue heron and white egrets came. But few do now. At night, owls that lived in the great trees across the street hooted! And sometimes a bat clung to a screen until nightfall. Look high in the sky about midday and you may still see one or a pair of turkey vultures soaring in wide circles. Use binoculars to see the red bald heads and white feathers under the seventy-two inch wing span.

Did we see snakes? Of course, for this was farming country. We walked past dead rattlers the field workers had placed there and they warned when they'd seen snakes.

Snakes were not killed unless they were a danger to the workers for they killed the rodents and gophers that damaged the plants. Small brown or striped ones wiggled along. On cold days we came across big black snakes lying on the roads sunning themselves.

"Let The Good Times Roll!"

As promised Social Activities began early. To notify us of events to be held the Breeze was born. Residents wrote articles, typed, duplicated, stapled and delivered the finished Breeze! Chairmen and committees were appointed and the Good Times Began To Roll!

Pioneers took part eagerly as they began the experience of "mobile home" living in a park environment.

As suggested in the glamorous folders we were given when we first looked at the park, a Bicycle Club was formed. Since Freeway 5 had been built in the sixties, traffic on Coast Hwy 101 was minimal so bicycles could safely travel it and the unpaved roads all around.

Less confident riders formed the Chicken Club and rode within the park.

Vivian and Lowell rode their motorcycles until the late eighties when roads were paved.

The first dances were BYOB and free because dancers danced to music played by the great dance bands - -remember record albums and record players?? Never to be forgotten was the evening when two men, one short and one tall, streaked through the auditorium dancers!!!

Some events were so outstanding that Pioneers still laugh as they recall them. All decked out in Hawaiian outfits at the Luau in 1973 we gathered by the patio lake to watch King Ed and Queen Annie pulled across the lake in a rowboat. They reigned sitting in the two upholstered chairs brought down from the lobby. A catered feast, professional Hawaiian entertainment, followed by dancing made us all look forward to the next years' Luau.

As we watched Queen Edie and King Howie being pulled across the lake the crowd roared when the King fell overboard and had to wade ashore!

The Fourth of July the first year was different in that a Pet Parade was scheduled! Enthusiastic pet owners dressed as Snoopy, an athlete in a sweat shirt, ballerina in a tutu and a market basket full of cats was trundled along. Rudy in a white shirt, blue pants and red shoes pulled a red wagon with a full sized shovel and broom in it. He was the Tail

Gunner! Unaccustomed to placing a paw outside the Pet Section pets plodded warily along and the Tail Gunner didn't have any work to do! Into the auditorium they trudged to be judged by Arthur, owner of Radio Shack in the mall!

He looked as puzzled by the whole thing as the panting-hot, dogs did!



Hard Times Party



Flower Fields

Hard Times Parties found Pioneers dressed in the oldest tattered clothing, carrying empty coffee cans to be filled with stew. Even the chandeliers were decorated with cans. After the Hard Times stew was downed the Hard Timers marched around the auditorium to be judged. And you think the homeless today look bad?

We out did 'em!!

In early December 1974 down on the first block north of the first entrance, Ben, a career Marine, rallied his troops to decorate the block for Christmas. Ben gave each home four or five paper bags with sand in the bottoms and gave orders to place candles in each sack to make luminaries as used in New Mexico. Ernie designed 16' wood candy canes which were erected on opposite sides of the street for Christmas lights to be strung across the street. With each home decorated brightly, luminaries glowing, lights twinkling high across the street, cars with dimmed lights from the park and from the freeway drove slowly through Candy Cane Lane!

Santa Claus Lane glowed for seven years but ended when it was decided the men had grown a bit too old to climb up to string overhead lights.

When the RV lot filled with vehicles Bill and Leola hosted a meeting one afternoon for the RV owners for the purpose of forming a club. Thus the Roadrunners began. Each month a couple, and wagon master, planned a trip. Notable ones were several to Laughlin where RVs were encamped at the Edgewater's RV Park overlooking the river and mountains. Trips were made to San Felipe, Mexico for shrimp feasts.

The most memorable trip was planned and led by Mac and Helen to Sedona, Arizona. Nineteen rigs carrying thirty-eight people, an assortment of dogs, a cat - "Lady Astor" and King - a cockatoo made the journey. In the following days we drove in cars to Jerome, the old mining town that is slowly sliding down the mountain, Oak Creek Canyon, Montezuma's Castle, and Tuzigoot.

By 1980 Marion and Mike saw the population of Lakeshore changing and named the first residents Pioneers. Pioneer parties were held in the auditorium, cake and coffee served and there was a lot of reminiscing. Entertainment?

Vic showed slides of interesting places and Rubye slides of her thirty-two years of teaching in Alaska. Videos? Never heard of 'em!

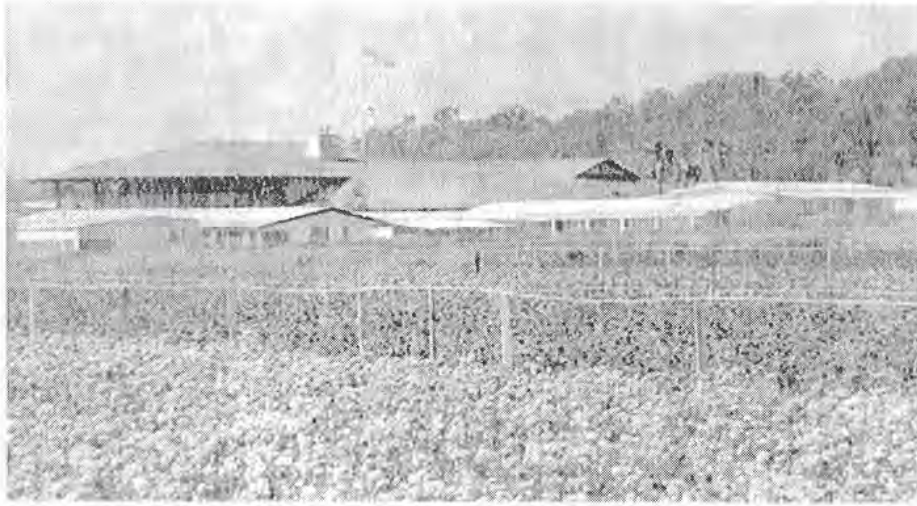
After the meeting Pioneers hurried home to watch
"Mary Hartman! Mary Hartman!"

The Flower Fields

Surrounded by flower fields and seeing the whole process of growing them, early residents learned flower horticulture! We saw the plowing of the fields, watched great sheets of plastic stretched over them and pesticides pumped under the plastic to kill nematodes and other pests. Gladiolus and ranunculi bulbs were planted, pipes laid for sprinkling and as plants grew they were sprayed. On days spraying was to take place residents were advised to stay indoors and close their windows. An old biplane swooped in and out over the fields leaving a visible mist of spray to settle on the plants. The pilot wore helmet, goggles, a scarf and in his mouth a pipe! (makes you think of Snoopy?) An article about the pilot, the biplane and his work appeared in the San Diego Union-Tribune at the time.

In April the flowers bloomed. Pictures of Carlsbad's Flower Fields in newspapers around the country were mailed to us by envious relatives and friends! Buses stopped on Poinsettia lane letting people off to see flowers up close. When Japanese tourists scurried around Carlsbad's Flower Fields taking pictures to show the folks back in Japan, we knew we lived in a very special place!

Lakeshore residents sat on the verandah of the clubhouse and saw flowers blooming all the way from San Lucas to Batiquitos Lagoon. Others climbed the dirt bank to see fields of color all the way to the freeway and beyond.



The Flower Fields

All of the towns along the coast were growing. With the increased traffic Freeway 5 was expanded to four lanes north and four lanes south.

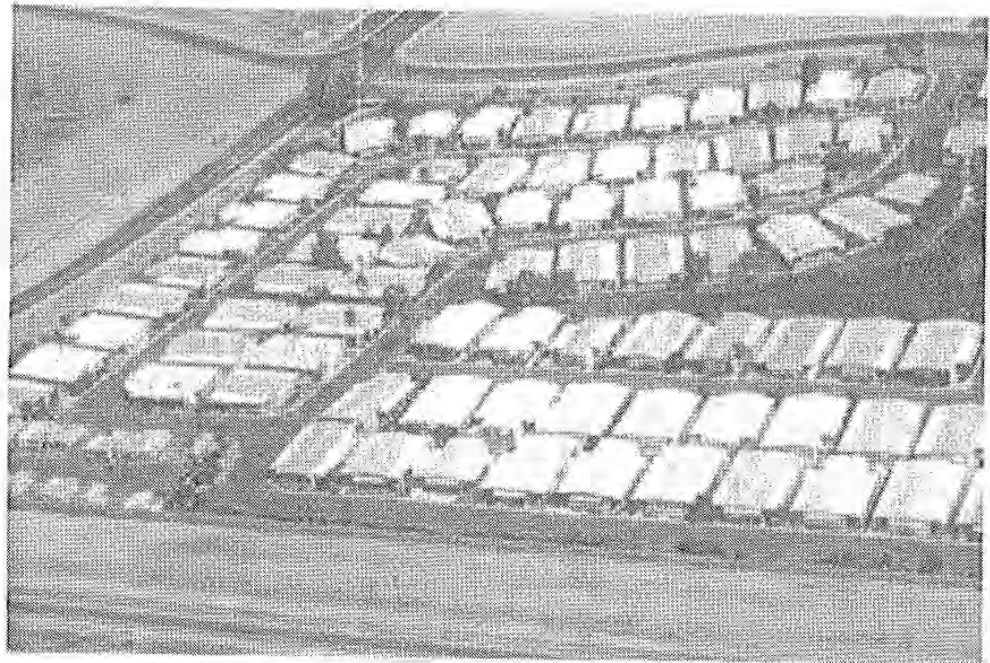
The Carlsbad's census was 35,490 in 1980. ⁽¹⁾

Through the years it was rumored that a Safeway Store was to be built on Avenida Encinas across from the park. One day in 1987 it came true -- sort of. It only took several days to cut down the long rows of trees. As we heard the sawing machines and trees falling many of us cried. The bank across the road was leveled. Never again would we climb the dirt bank, stand under the trees and look at the flower fields. Poinsettia Lane was paved to Coast Hwy 101 with the overpass at the railroad tracks. ⁽²⁾ It doesn't seem possible that for fifteen years there was no Poinsettia Lane to drive to the coast!

Avenida was paved to the north directly across Poinsettia Lane
and the hotels and car agencies went in.

Safeway began. Roads were laid out and some curbs paved. Street lamps were installed. Then it all came to a halt. Safeway was not coming! After a time development began again. Poinsettia Plaza with Ralph's Market was built. Robert, the young superintendent of construction for Ralph's, worked from his office in a dumpster in front of the site! Streets laid out by Safeway were changed. As building proceeded, streets and sidewalks were put in and landscaping begun. We watched the planning of each tall palm tree with such a small bundle of roots in a not very deep hole! Gradually the whole area, Ralph's and the other businesses opened in 1989. In April 1990 the population of Carlsbad was 63,292. ⁽³⁾

*Aerial
Photograph
of
Phase I
in
1987*



Notable People of Lakeshore Gardens

Charles Bronson purchased the park in 1976. He was seen visiting with Jill (his wife at the time) and a small daughter. We probably don't know when he visits!

Joel, an early resident, is a graduate of Julliard who plays piano in upscale clubs.

"Skeets" lived on San Benito and played saxophone in Lawrence Welk's Orchestra. He played at a political meeting in the Auditorium one evening.

Leroy (Granny) is a surfer-photographer who has lived in the park for almost twenty years. His photos appear in magazines all over the world. In an interview on Channel 8 he was declared the greatest surfer photographer in the world!

This is the story of Lakeshore Gardens told from the memories of a Pioneer. Other Pioneers were not consulted due to the time element and differences of memories that may be minimal.

It is hoped it brings happy memories to early residents and information to recent residents.

The 1997 census of Carlsbad was 70,100
Courtesies: Frank Bench, Walter Brown, Dennis Turner

Part II
Personal Stories of Early Pioneers

Frank - The All Around Fixer Upper

Frank and Edie Bailey

We left Temple City and moved into Lakeshore Gardens to be near our son in 1982.

We loved the beautiful open country.

Frank rented a moving truck and moved down, hectic!

We installed new carpeting, drapes and linoleum,
papered the bathroom (by Frank) and landscaped the yard.

Active in the community, we hosted the Koffee Klatch, arranged dances, golf
dinners, delivered GSMOL bulletins and

Frank monitored blood pressure for the residents.

Edie once decided to ride her bike from Temple City to Carlsbad,
fell off the bike a block from home, and decided against the trip.

Santa Claus

Herb Baumbach

In 1965 I drove by Lakeshore Gardens as it was being built and was impressed.

When I retired I remembered it and came back to live here.

The area was very isolated and covered with eucalyptus trees.

I was the third person to move into the upper area.

In the early days Charles Bronson occasionally visited the park.

I was Social Activities Chairman and had the first Christmas party
with over one hundred door prizes.

LSG Just Ducky

Mary Bill

Here's how I came to Lakeshore Gardens ~

I moved here on June 28, 1976 and got a job at Scripps Clinic.

Living here then was just like being out in the country. Poinsettia ended at the I-5 exit and at Avenida Encinas; no streets existed either North or South; the South half of the park had spaces laid out for mobile homes - but none had yet been installed; beautiful ranunculi flower beds blanketed the hillside below the South end, there was no shopping mall across the street; the hills on the East side of I-5 were without any buildings; the traffic up and down I-5 was relatively light - I could leave home at 7:40 every morning and know I'd be at my desk at 8:00 a.m.! And no gridlock coming home either.

Our clubhouse, pool and rec. rooms were very much like they are today.

We had a lot more ducks and rabbits in the park, though. There would be regular parades of ducks up and down the street in front of my house, quacking noisily. I remember two of them bravely waddled up my front steps onto my deck. . .but then couldn't figure out how to get back down! I was just about ready to try to pick them up and carry them when they finally hopped and stumbled back down to the street.

When I was still young and spry (at 50+!), I did a lot of entertaining; now I simply enjoy the comforts of my home, my car and a life of retirement since 1986.

Having four nearby theaters allows movie matinees, Carlsbad offers any shopping, etc. not provided across the street; our library offers an abundance of good reading; and at, 83, I'm hoping I can enjoy the rest of my years right here as much as I have the past twenty-four.

From Mission Bay to LSG

Fran Berquist



1976 Luau King & Queen ~ Gene and JoAnne Sullivan

Before 1972, when the park was built, Vic and I use to drive up from our home in San Diego and walk through the flower fields where Lakeshore Gardens is now located.

As we left the fields we would stop at the flower stands where the girl scouts would be selling cut flowers.

The entire area was so beautiful.

One day our neighbor (the Palmers) in San Diego told us they had just returned from Carlsbad and invited to a new mobile park being built in the flower fields. We drove up the following day and visited the new club house being built. We drove around the property (Phase I) and saw all the holes dug for the lakes. Several months later the Palmers and we decided to move in. We were the tenth home owner in here.

The lawns and lakes were added just before we moved in.



Queen JoAnne Sullivan being assisted ashore

After putting on the awnings and porches we put in a little vegetable garden in back.

It was great for about 2 years then the gophers took over and we gave up. We enjoyed our location as it is on a green belt and end of the lake.

One Tuesday as I was playing afternoon bridge, Charles Bronson walked up with his wife and child. He glanced in and it was fun to see him. Several bridge clubs started at the clubhouse quite soon after the park opened. We had one very ambitious member who went from coach to coach soliciting members.

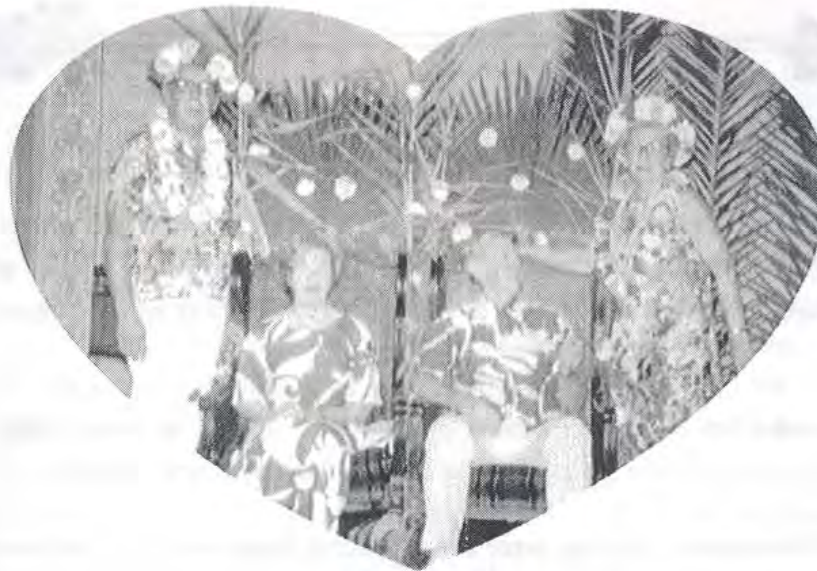
We also started a bridge club on Saturday mornings and came back to the clubhouse for rolls and coffee. We would ride through the flower fields and to the coast. We started our monthly pot lucks.

In a short time other activities started up.

GSMOL was soon started. Vic and Joe Tengler became very active.

Vic was president for several years and with the help of many started an active membership.

It was a very busy and rewarding time in history.



*1975 King & Queen (Standing - Tony and Sylvia Schubert)
1976 King & Queen (Seated - Gene and JoAnne Sullivan)*

One of the funniest things I remember happening in the park was at one Fourth of July Luau. The elected King and Queen of the day were to cross the lake by the clubhouse. They got about halfway and the boat tipped over dumping them in - no more boat rides.

I so appreciate my 27 years in Lakeshore Gardens!



*Luau group awaiting
the arrival of the
King & Queen*

Everything is not "Ducky" in LSG

Marge & John Carlow

We had friends who lived here and we attended many park functions before we decided to move in. In 1977 there were still flower fields and bare fields. When we moved in there were still many empty spaces.

We have lived in two different spaces - neither of them new. In the first one we remodeled, putting in a wet bar and a sun room, also a sound system throughout the house.

All the current activities were similar except there are many more now.

John was Chairman of the Social Activities for a year.

Marge later served in the same capacity for one year.

We were both Treasurers for Guys and Dolls Golf for many years and assisted with the Fourth of July Celebration.



*Entrance to
Lakeshore Gardens ~ Early 1980's*

In early 1980 the duck population was far greater than now - to the extent that they were unsanitary and destroying property.

The manager invited John to assist in catching the ducks, placing them in cages and moving them to a safe sanctuary elsewhere.

Many residents objected and made no bones about letting both John and the manager know it. Needless to say, they weren't the most popular two persons in the park for a short while, but it all blew over and everyone agreed it was the right thing to do.

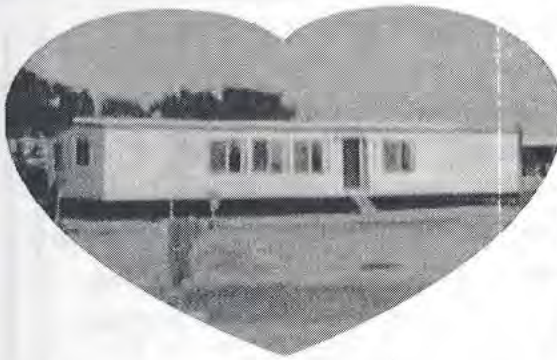


Shuffleboard Building ~ 1985

We spent 13 years here 1977 - 1989, left for eight years and came back in 1997. Other than living in a different house it feels as though we had never left.

The Cart Before The Horse

Phyllis & Jack Carnahan



1973 ~ Carnahan ~ 2000

We were not familiar with the rules concerning the purchasing of a mobile home. We purchased our mobile home first and then went looking for a place to put it.

Mistake!

But thanks to some dear friends in Oceanside, who lived in a mobile home and asked us to look at their park, they suggested a new park in Carlsbad called

Lakeshore Gardens.

The space we selected was marked "sold" but somebody changed their minds, so we lucked out; we needed a pear shaped lot because our living room is in the center of our coach instead of the end. In August 1973 we moved in.

We were the only coach on both sides of San Carlos.

Another mistake we had made - our coach was built in Long Beach, and by the time they delivered it to Lakeshore Gardens the tires were threadbare and a channel was warped that had to be blow torched before the skirting could be put on.

We waited six weeks. The neighbors across the street were getting concerned that we were going to leave it without skirting.

By that time, we had our awning, steps, and walkway all done.

Jack got it done by telling the manufacturer "you get it done in two days, or you'll be working in the dark - the skirting will be on!" They did it.

We put awnings on both sides of our coach and railings along side the porch. Steps were added to the front and back of the coach with a front cement walkway, cement planter with figurine and 12 rose bushes. Decorative rock made the outside look festive with a circular wire fence and plants. A table and chairs were placed on the rear patio.

We used the clothing care center for a short time then we purchased our own washer and dryer. We bought furniture for the family room and den.

Activities available in the early years were: Bridge, Saturday Bicycle Club and Coffee Time, Shuffleboard, Sunday Breakfast, Tax Time Masquerade Ball, Fourth of July activities, Hawaiian Luau in August with King and Queen coming from the island in front of the recreation hall to the patio, Halloween dance, Octoberfest, Thanksgiving Dinner with band, and Christmas celebrations.

We were Chairpersons for Thanksgiving one year arranging for the caterer and band. Our assistants were Louise and Harry Mowder with Hazel and Art Walkup.



Phyllis & Jack Carnahan

The Looky Loos

Margaret & Charles Foltz

During the summer of 1975 my wife and I drove out here to California from the Washington, D.C. area on a visit to see our daughter and three grandchildren.

We were also looking for a good place to settle in for our retirement. We saw an ad in the newspaper for Lakeshore Gardens and decided to take a look. This was August 1975 and Phase two had just recently been opened. There were only about two dozen spaces occupied at that time.



There were also some spaces open in Phase One.

We selected space 228 on San Luis as the ideal spot for us.

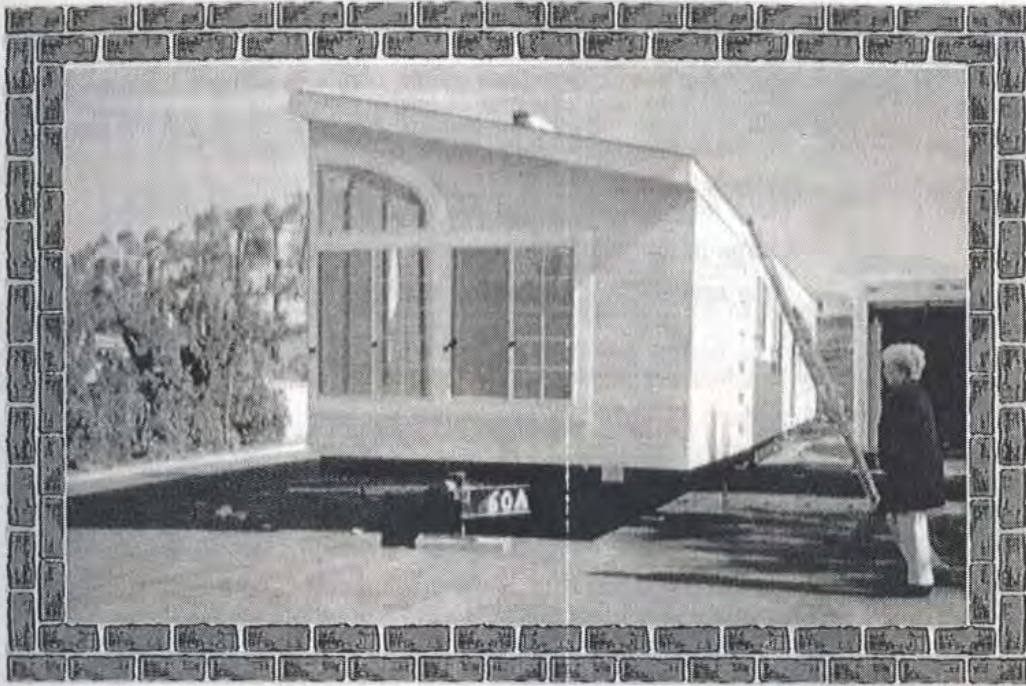
We made arrangements with the management to hold the space for us.

We then arranged with a dealer for a coach.

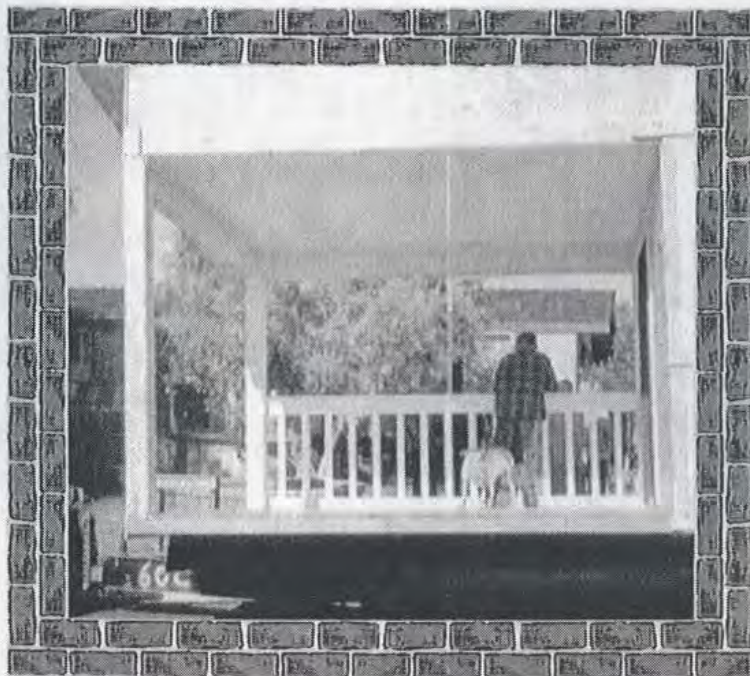
We continued our vacation and returned home and put our house up for sale.

The mobile home was set up for us and we moved in March 10, 1976.

At that time there were still many vacant spaces in Phase two. Also at that time Lakeshore Gardens was situated in the middle, between flower fields on the south of us and open space every place else.



The Foltz move in



No other development was closer than about a mile from here. We could look out our back window and see the beautiful flower fields and the ocean.

Each time a new mobile home would come into the park, large numbers of the residents would gather to observe the operation of unloading and setup of the new home.

We finally finished the placing of the plastic and crushed stone to do our yard, and by June of 1976 we were ready to enjoy our retirement home.

One time while my wife was playing bridge at the clubhouse, a pastime that she enjoyed very much, she saw Charles Bronson and his wife when they were making a visit to the park.

She was of course very thrilled at the event.

In the past 23 plus years we have lived here we have made many good friends, and have seen the area develop to what it is today.



Finished product

A Happy Place

Millie Frewert

My family was looking for a place to settle in this area when we found Lakeshore Gardens. In 1973 my mother, sister and her husband (John and Vera Zimmer) and myself moved in. Now I live alone.

At that time the park was very open - only one-half the spaces were rented.

It was fun moving in - all the residents came to greet us.

For improvements we added a porch and a shed to the coach.

I have seen Charles Bronson, his wife Jill, and his daughter. I found them very gracious.

We entered into many activities; bridge, poker, billiards, golf and wonderful trips.

It was a very full and happy era.



*Edie Zeman & Millie Frewert
1974 July 4th Opening Ceremonies*

Lightening The Holidays For Others

(from the Horizons Magazine)



When Chetti Gallaudet brightens the lives of her neighbors every holiday season, she does it with style.

With her Mobile Home Park's choral group in tow, Gallaudet delivers a custom-made "Santa Bag" of homemade goodies and individually wrapped gifts to every infirmed resident in her Carlsbad, California Mobile Home Community.

No reindeer were needed - Chetti Gallaudet and her fellow Santas made their gift deliveries via golf cart.

After each delivery, the recipient is serenaded with a medley of popular carols.

"It's an annual event that has been a tradition for some years in our lovely park - and it is looked forward to with much anticipation by all the residents,"
writes Gallaudet.

How do you make the holidays brighter for others?

Fond Memories

Mary Hingtgen

We had watched the park being built when some close friends moved here. Even then the place had a welcome look.

We were lucky enough to find a nice place to buy.

In 1978 we purchased the coach from an English couple.

As they moved out the front door, we moved in the back door.

We did see Charles Bronson several times over the years.

At Christmas he sent goodies for the residents to enjoy.

I've been here since the first Ladies' Luncheons began and I was one of the first Chairpersons. I have also had the swimming program and Bingo.

The formal spring and fall teas and the tree trimming parties put on by different sections of the park are fond memories.

In the early days a dear person, Jessie Higbee, the Sunshine Lady, always made chicken soup and homemade bread and took them to people in the park who were ill.



Our Story

Billie & Bernie Hinkle

Our monthly rent was \$120.

Our new home was a 24 x 54, 1,536 sq. ft. mobile home that cost us \$24,000 plus \$1,500 shipping and installation costs from Corona, California.

There were only three unoccupied spaces when we made our deal with friendly managers Andy and Lillian Anderson on March 27, 1977.

After living in Northridge, California for 20 years, I retired and we spent two weeks visiting almost every mobile home from Ventura to San Diego.

Our new home was out in the boondocks.
There was the I-5 Freeway
and we had only one road into the park.

We were surrounded by flower and tomato fields
and eucalyptus trees.

Our nearest grocery store was an AM/PM by the
newly-built Car Country near the gas station.

Our move-in wasn't easy, as the City of Carlsbad had declared a moratorium on moving in due to a mysterious utilities problem.

I went down to the city hall and talked to everyone, including the Mayor and the City Manager and after three days they gave in and said "yes." They declared us a hardship case.

We spotted our coach in space #373 April 30, 1977.

There were two real reasons we chose Lakeshore Gardens:

- (1) Our son Jim and his family lived in San Diego and. . .
- (2) We thought it was the most beautiful mobile park we had ever seen.

After we had a block wall built in our backyard to keep Frank Amato's dirt from washing down into our lawn pad, we built a front deck, planted flowers, shrubs and fruit trees wherever there was space and extended our carport.

Of course, we had to make our furniture fit into the smaller rooms and, naturally, Billie had to buy a lot of new things.

Best View in the Park

Rose Hoskin

My sister and her husband, Joan and George Wadleigh, were living here already so Hiram and I decided to join them in 1981.

We moved in on Labor Day!

We had to sleep on the floor the first night and J.C. Penney delivered the beds the next day. Our space was in very good shape, but we added many rose and camellia bushes.

The view from our back steps was stupendous with eucalyptus trees at one end, the ocean at the other, and ranunculi fields in between.

It was like a little bit of heaven.

I used to watch artists painting the scenery. I joined bridge and exercise groups.

Hiram was president of GSMOL for two terms.

He really enjoyed his 4:00 p.m. swim with his cronies:

Harry Millager, Ted Shields, Vic Bergquist, Paul Hingtgen, and others.



*Joan Wadleigh, Rose Hoskin and Jane Lipson
(3 sisters) in flower field, back of our coach*

Cover of June 1973 Lakeshore Breeze

"The decorated bike parade will form in front of the clubhouse at 11:30 a.m.
After returning from the tour of the park, the judging will be held for prizes.
Hot dogs, drinks, etc., will be sold and a bingo party from 2 to 4 p.m.
Watch for a flyer and more details."





Royalty ~ Queen Ann Winn, King Ed Botsford



Luau Barge



Luau Royal Barge ~ 1976



Luau Chorus ~ 1975



Early Lakeshore Gardens

Ruth Hutchcroft

When Hutch and I came to Lakeshore Gardens in June of 1973
we felt this was an ideal place to retire.

We looked at Rancho Carlsbad too.
Although it had more amenities there were also more restrictions,
such as buying one manufacturer's coach and
having to install certain required landscaping and cement work.

Our choice to come to Lakeshore Gardens proved to be the proper one.
(Many Rancho Carlsbad residents have since
transferred to Lakeshore Gardens).

And can you believe the rent was a whopping
\$95.00 per month at that time?

There were about 50 coaches here when we moved in, and
coaches coming weekly and sometimes daily.

Most of us, being social (or nosy), would follow these in,
getting a peek at the new models and greeting our new neighbors.

For several years we were surrounded by flower fields - gladioli and
ranunculi - being raised mostly for the bulbs.
When the flowers were in bloom, traffic on the freeway would sometimes
come to a halt as people admired the grandeur -
and even took a few snapshots.

On weekends we sometimes had difficulty getting out onto Poinsettia.

It was wonderful strolling through the flower fields after the
workmen had left for the day - and maybe "find" a few blooms.



Ruth Hutchcroft



In the early days anyone turning on Poinsettia and
heading west was coming to Lakeshore Gardens.
There was no bridge leading to the Coast Highway.
There were no hotels or finished road going north,
Avenue Encinas going south was just a dream.

There was a dirt lane surrounding the fields where flowers grew and
sometimes tomatoes and squash. We knew everyone and
even recognized their cars by sight.
Everyone cheerfully waved to each other in greeting.

Early on nearly everyone participated in the activities and soon sorted out their preferences.

The first Fourth of July event was mainly a "Big Parade."

Many people had bicycles and decorated them patriotically.

The Koffee Klatch was started as an adjunct of the Bicycle Club.

Early Saturday morning the group would gather at the clubhouse, ride around the park, and then out over the dirt lanes, across the railroad tracks to the State Park, and then return for coffee and doughnuts.

Well, obviously the exercise group didn't last but the doughnut ritual did.

Bill Richards, Leola's husband, had a dream of organizing campers to share their love of travel and outdoor activities, and the Road Runners Club was born.

We tried to have an outing once a month and had some wonderful experiences sharing meals and outdoor activities.

Finding new places to go was sometimes a challenge, but we remember fantastic trips to the desert, mountains, a couple farther away in Arizona, and of course, numerous locations in San Diego County.

This group became very close and still regularly shares some good times.



Decorated bicycles competing for prizes (Note: No Ralphs across the street)

Costume competition



Three couples started the blood pressure program,
feeling it would be helpful to some of the residents.
The Tenglers, Karlsruds and the Hutchcrofts kept this going for a long time -
for Hutchcrofts for nine years.

Others have maintained this service and blood pressure checks are
still available every Saturday morning in the Library.

Yes, Lakeshore Gardens is a great retirement community.
Hutch and I traveled a lot and felt secure that our home was safe here.

The activities and the fellowships have been invaluable.
Several of our friends from Los Angeles even followed us here and
found this a great place to live too.
Truly, this is an ideal retirement community and our long residence here
confirms that for the Hutchcrofts. . .

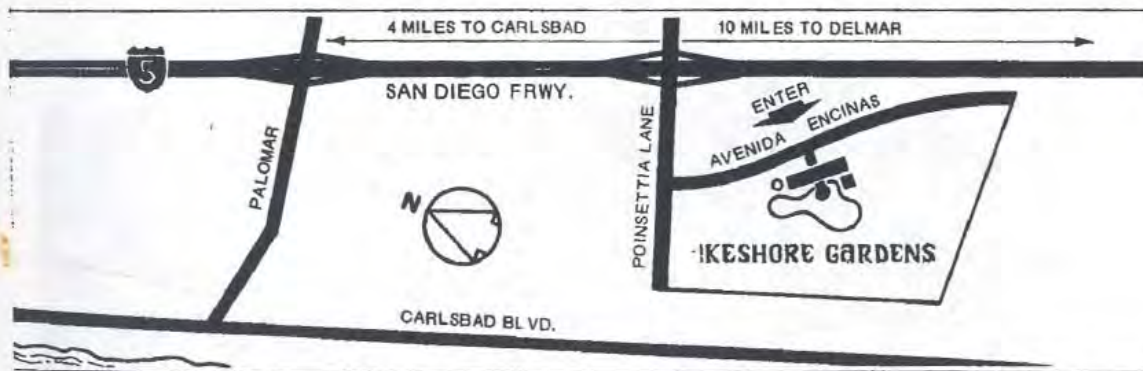
this is THE place to live.

Where is Lakeshore Gardens?

From Park Information Packet (back cover) 1970's

*Located in the rolling hills of the old Spanish
lands with a breathtaking view of the
blue Pacific Ocean. . . .*

*This is your opportunity to experience a new
concept in luxury living centered around several
private blue lagoons. . . .*



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at
Lakeshore Gardens***

Park opened Fall of 1972

1972 ~ Betty & Tom Puckett

1976 ~ Lillian & Andy Andrews

1979 ~ Lois & Dick Clarke

1983 to Present ~ Leta & Bill McLean





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There is something for everyone at . . . Lakeshore Gardens

from Park Information Packet ~ 1970

The huge Auditorium with theatrical stage complete with adjoining kitchen facilities offers you and your friends challenging opportunities for the larger group activities. . .

For The Intimate Groups. . . You may prefer the Library Lounge with its "Old World" warmth or for those card parties or special meetings, the Card Lounge complete with its own separate service kitchen.

For The Men. . . A private club that challenges the finest in the country with its beautiful decor and equipment. . .

For The Ladies. . . In addition to the clubhouse facilities there is the complete clothing care and beauty center - everything in modern equipment for your pleasure.

For The Family. . . Enclosed tournament shuffleboard courts.

Large heated swimming pool, Hot therapy pool and Saunas.

Nearby major shopping and churches.



Lakeshore Gardens Social Activities Officers and Directors
~ 1978 ~

Chairman	Lew Hurt
Vice Chairman	George Stoneman
Treasurer	Joe Tengler
Secretary	Vi Shealy
Arts & Crafts	Phyllis Wampler
Bike Club	Joe Tengler
Billiards	Kit Carson
Bingo	Ed Egnew
Bowling	Libby Harris
Bridge	Bea Endacott
Cabaret	Pete Kungel
Cards	Myron Mellor
Carriage Club	Bob Clark
Communications	Marge Oster
Day Trips	Louis Gatterdam
Deep Sea Fishing	Bill Richards
Golf	Lee Reynolds
Hospitality	Chetti Gallaudet
Koffee Klatch	Phyllis Wampler
Ladies Luncheon	Nettie Weiss
Music	Ralph Rushworth
Picnic	Fred Karlsrud
Pinochle	Gloria Kempel
Poker	Dorothy Boley
Potluck	Chetti Gallaudet
Shuffleboard	Nettie Weiss
Slim & Trim	Scotty Salyer
Sunday Breakfast	Jim Chrishop
Sunshine Lady	Marie Brown
"gg"	Leo Weiss

Memories Forever

Marion Kaufman



Taxi Service via Vivian Korfe

On December 31, 1955, my late husband, Charles H. Kaufman, M.D., retired from his Ophthalmology practice in Van Nuys, California, after thirty years, preceded by a four year tour as a Flight Surgeon in the Navy Air Arm during World War II.

Previous to that time we had sold our family home and moved into an apartment in the Horace Heidt's Estates in Sherman Oaks. There we met a couple who owned a "condo" in Whispering Palms, Del Mar.

They were still working but hurried to Whispering Palms for
their weekends of golf.

Since we were not too enthusiastic about apartment living and
did not want to buy another house,
we looked at mobile homes on the sales lots.

We were very impressed with them and so asked our Whispering Palms
friends whether they knew of any such abodes located
in their Del Mar area.

At that time there was no organized golf group such as
Guys and Dolls in Lakeshore Gardens,
and so the golfing enthusiasts played at Whispering Palms.

Consequently our friends knew the late Harry Petridge,
a Lakeshore Gardens resident,

who was a regular golfer at Whispering Palms.

They happened to meet that very night at a golfing party and
our friends broached the subject with Harry.

It so happened that "Curly" and Maggie Wolfe were at the point
where they wanted to sell their place
at the corner of Santa Barbara and Santa Rosa,
because Maggie's mother was no longer able to live alone and
they were going to have to get a larger coach in the park.

Since Phase II of Lakeshore Gardens was in the process of being developed,
they secured a lot in the new phase and
we bought their first coach.

On August 31, 1976 we moved into our home. During the latter part of 1976 and all of 1977 it was great entertainment for those of us who lived in Phase I to watch the mobile homes being brought into the park by various means and methods, even a crane to lower a tagalong where the space was limited.

We attended our first Lakeshore Gardens soiree, a Luau, September 12, 1976.

It was a gala affair, an annual event at that time.

There was a bicycle riders group which met each Saturday morning for a bicycle ride outside of the park. It was much safer and more enjoyable at the time due to the lack of traffic.



Luau Hula fun

Each Fourth of July bicyclers would decorate their bikes and those not having a bicycle would dress in appropriate costumes.

Prizes were awarded for the best of each category.

There was undeveloped ground where the shops and houses now exist.

The bicycle club was the forerunner of the "Koffee Klatch" as it is known now.

The bicyclists would work up an appetite on their ride and one or two residents would have the coffee and doughnuts ready when they returned.

My involvement did not seem to gravitate to the social activities, even though I would help out in various, if meager, ways.

GSMOL seemed to draw me to serve in those functions.

I was secretary of Chapter 863, Region 7, of the Golden State Mobile Home Owners League for quite a few terms and became informed about and interested in the community's relationship with the park and the park's relationship with the community.

After I had served as elected Secretary for several terms

I was often asked to type communications with the Carlsbad Planning Department and Traffic Department.

At the time, proposals for the development of the mini-mall and the street in front of our park were being formulated at City hall, the late Bill Whitworth was President of our Chapter.

The Planning Department and the Traffic Department proposed that Avenida Encinas be made a two lane street to conform with the street to the north of Poinsettia Lane, and that when the mini-mall was built across the street the entrance be placed at the south end of the mall property.

The residents of our park would not only have been confronted with traffic on a two lane street, but they would have had to make a right turn and then immediately a left turn in order to enter the shopping center.

After many logically worded and extremely well written letters, which I typed, and many hours of his time, Bill succeeded in getting what we now have, a four lane street with a median and the entrance to the shopping center directly across the street from our exit and entrance.

Few people in the park realize how much more desirable their homes are because of the efforts of the GSMOL officers over the years in their contacts with city and county officials regarding projects affecting our park.



Road Runners ~ Shooting the Breeze



Pedal Power

Korfe Kapers

Vivian Korfe

The following is a short history of the life of Vivian and Lowell Korfe in Lakeshore Gardens Mobile Home Park from 1976 to the present 2000.



Vivian Korfe ~ 1980

While managing a health food store in Capistrano Beach in 1974 the Korfes' read about Lakeshore Gardens in a beautifully illustrated magazine. After much searching and several trips to the area, they finally found where they wanted to live.

It wasn't long before Vivian became involved
in the activities of the park.

From 1982 to 1993 she was in charge of the dessert table connected with
the Bake Sale at the Fourth of July Celebration.

From 1994 through 1998
she devoted two days to the White Elephant sale
at that same celebration.

On the day before the 4th she organized the gathering and pricing of
the items for the sale with any volunteer help she could procure.

On the 4th she supervised the operation of the White Elephant,
having previously obtained the pledge of numerous volunteers to
work at the White Elephant table.

The Craft Class was of interest to Vivian with her varying degrees of
participation until she inherited the Chairmanship.

During that time there were many projects.

One especially interesting one was when each member of the group
made a square representing her home state.

The squares were made into a quilt.

The quilt was then raffled off, the proceeds going into the Craft Class Treasury.

Another interesting project was when members
crocheted many squares, resulting in quilts for the homeless.

After 24 years of a great deal of participation
Vivian is now enjoying her freedom and staying at home with Lowell,
who is somewhat handicapped.



Vivian Korfe & flower fields behind her home

Drink To The Elixir Of Life

This little girl named "Rocky" went in for golf, not hockey,
golf cart is what I mean - more fun you've never seen!!

Watch out for a streak of yellow exceeding the 9 - 3/4 mile limit,
people yell, "It's a girl, not a fellow." It's Rocky with passengers in it!!

If you can take it, she'll give you a ride; The wind will howl in your ears,
but you'll be glad you took it in stride, for remember it takes off those years!!

This may be just a stupid old ditty, not clever, not even witty,
all we want to say was "Hurray!!!"

Thank you God for sending Rocky our way!!! J.D. 3/4/82

The Class of 1935 B.C. (Before Computers)

We were before the pill and the population explosion.

We were before TV, penicillin, polio shots, antibiotics and Frisbees,
before frozen food, nylon, dacron, Xerox, Kinsey.

For us, timesharing meant togetherness, not computers;
a chip meant a piece of wood,
hardware meant hardware;
and software wasn't even a word.

In those days bunnies were small rabbits and
rabbits were not Volkswagens.

When we were in school, pizzas, cheerios, frozen orange juice,
instant coffee and McDonald's were unheard of.

We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent.

We got married first and then lived together.
How quaint can you be?

In our time there were 5 and 10 cent stores where you could
buy things for five and ten cents.

You could buy a Chevy coupe for \$659,
but who could afford it? Nobody.
A pity too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

We were not before the difference between the sexes was discovered
but were before sex changes.

And so it was in 1935

Cover of March 1975 Lakeshore Breeze

"A special thanks to Win Title for his design and production of this cover page of the Breeze. Wins' artistic ability and know-how will make our monthly newsletter something to be really proud of."

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY
MARCH 17, 1975.

SPRING IS HERE
MARCH 21, 1975.

Calendar of Social Activities for Lakeshore Gardens Mobile Home Community

(from 1970's Park Information Packet)

LUNES (Monday)	Hour of Charm (Ladies exercise and charm instruction)	9:00 A.M.
	Cards (bridge, canasta, etc.)	2:00 P.M.
	Dancing	8:00 P.M.
MARTES (Tuesday)	Bicycle Club	9:00 A.M.
	Hula Lessons	10:00 A.M.
	Cards and Games	7:30 P.M.
MIERCOLES (Wednesday)	Hour of Charm	9:00 A.M.
	Arts and Crafts	2:00 P.M.
	Dinner (Pot Luck, catered, etc.)	6:30 P.M.
JUEVES (Thursday)	Bicycle Club	9:00 A.M.
	Ladies Day (Pirate Bingo, etc.)	2:00 P.M.
	Bingo	8:00 P.M.
VIERNES (Friday)	Hour of Charm	9:00 A.M.
	Cards and Games	8:00 P.M.
SABADO (Saturday)	Fiesta Day (Fun day for scheduled parties, dances, luaus, etc.)	
DOMINGO (Sunday)	Attend the Church of your choice. Sunday is "Open House" Day. Invite your friends and relatives and show them your park.	

*Following are additional activities which are part of the regularly scheduled
social and recreational program.*

Carriage Club Organ Club Night on the Town Sunshine Club Beach Parties
Good Neighbor Club Little Theater Group Barbershop Singing Shuffleboard Tournaments
Hawaiian Luau Fashion Shows Billiard Tournaments Bowling League Bridge
Swim Lessons Travel Films Pancake Breakfasts Ladies Luncheons

Love at First Sight

Cecile Loranger

We were planning to retire from Los Angeles and liked the area around here.
So we would come down on weekends and look around.

We found Lakeshore Gardens and loved it.
This was in 1977.

The area around Lakeshore was very countrified and the area across the street
was all overgrown with weeds and there was an old fence running through it.

We moved in during May and left on vacation in June.
We were going to Montana so I had all of my winter clothes packed in boxes.
They ended up at the bottom of a stack and I took summer ones,
which was exactly what I needed.
The weather was warm!

We had a big extra room added so that Bob had an area for his things,
as there was no garage.

We also put up awnings around the house
and Bob planted dozens of roses, which are my favorite.

I am now a rose gardener.
We also added a cement driveway.

We were all moving in at the same time and
had the same problems of
gardening, building fences, walls and additions.
Conversations were common among all of us
whenever we were out and about.

Home Is Where The Heart Is

Helen McQuown

Lakeshore Gardens has been home to me for the past twenty-two years.

Mac, whom many of you knew, shared twenty of these years.

After retiring in 1974, we moved to our summer place in Laguna Beach.

However, we did not enjoy living full time in Laguna - too many tourists,
long lines at the markets, etc.. etc..

Some very good friends of ours had bought a place in Lakeshore Gardens.

They suggested we come down and have a look.

We did and here I am.

There was one lot left in the new section of the park and it had a reserved sign on it. In talking with the managers, Andy and Lillian Andrews, we learned that it had been reserved by Gordon Collins who owned the Friendly Mobile Home Lot in Oceanside.

We called Gordon and he said he was ready to place a coach that he had used for a show coach for about three months on the lot, and to come have a look at it.



Happy Hour inside the McQuown rig

Road Runners ~ On The Road Again!



RVers "Get Acquainted" Party in Storage Lot



The new section of the park was now complete.
Everyone was busy with retaining walls, side walks and flower beds and
we all became good neighbors and friends.

Activities were much the same as they are today
except many couples were playing bridge in a Couples Marathon.

Many of us owned recreational vehicles and on a lovely sunny Sunday,
February 17, 1982, the Lakeshore Gardens RV Club (The Road Runners) was organized.

A potluck dinner was held in the RV storage area. Bill Richards was elected
President with Mary Sparling as Secretary
and Mac McQuown as Treasurer.

We all took turns being wagon master in alphabetical order.
The rigs roamed far and wide.

Mac and I wagon mastered a trip to Sedona, Arizona with eighteen rigs joining the
caravan. In 1984 we ventured into Mexico
going on a five day trip to San Felipe.

Of course, the years have taken their toll and the club is no longer traveling but we do
get together as the RV Social Group once a month,
and have an annual Christmas event chaired by Betty Litton.

We are reminded that. . .

"Memory is the yesterday that gives us courage for tomorrow."



Road Runners at William S. Hart Park, Newhall, California (entrance to the ranch house)



1980 ~ Road Runners in Jerome, Arizona

Volunteers

Jeanne & Earl Robbins

We were doing church volunteer work with Chetti Gallaudet and she told us about this park. We bought our first home on San Luis in 1981. At that time we just saw vacant land north and south of us. Nothing to the east as far as San Marcos except

Alta Mira and the airport. Two years later we moved to another house on

Santa Barbara. We still miss strolling under the

eucalyptus trees where the motels are now.

At our second coach we replaced the plastic windows with glass and installed draperies and planted two cactus plants which spread out and are now about 14 feet high. We also added several bushes to our landscaping. Several years ago a limousine drove by and I was told Charles Bronson was in it.

Other than that our most famous person is Frank Amato.

Jeanne ran the Ladies Luncheon for about three years.

We belonged to the Stroke Club which provided entertainment and we were able to have them perform at our Ladies Luncheon.

I also had several fashion shows where we sold merchandise after the show.

I volunteered for most of the park functions.

Besides the Ladies Luncheon I liked to keep busy - helped in exercise classes, line dancing and sang in the chorus.



"Sunday Breakfast
is great"
advises Frank Amato

Privies?

Evelyn & Ralph Rushworth

In June 1972, Ralph and I were retired and decided to sell our home in Encinitas to explore mobile home living. We had heard about the mobile park on El Camino Real in Carlsbad. After exploring the possibilities we drove back via I-5. We saw the Lakeshore Gardens sign and decided to stop in. No advertising at this time was evident.

They were still working on the clubhouse. Spaces on the north section were nearly finished. Streets were paved and spaces marked.

We talked with Mr. Puckett (the first manager of the park), toured the grounds and were sold; picked out our lot and hoped to move in by October 15th. Our mobile home was delivered in October, but they couldn't hook up to the sewer system for several days so they installed outdoor privies on the ground across the street north of the pool area.

There were three or four of us who moved in at that time. It didn't take long for the spaces to be occupied. The area south of the clubhouse was not developed. That came later.



*Lakeshore Gardens
Clubhouse Special ~
1975
Helen and Harry Petridge*

Time was taken up getting the yard in shape; building the lath house to accommodate the plants we brought along. After more people moved in the Social Activities was formed and we had enough people to start a dance night. Everyone contributed dance records for the record player (the old fashioned kind).

Then Ralph, who was Chairperson for acquiring the music, found a couple from Escondido who played for us with records (more sophisticated).

As more people moved in we were able to hire live music for the dances.

It was very successful and after 28 years it's still going strong. Many changes have taken place. Joe Tengler (former occupant) started the bicycle club.

Every Saturday morning we would ride to the beach and back then stop in the clubhouse for coffee.

Our golf group was soon formed. Mr. Reynolds (former occupant) was our first leader.

We played in San Marcos and came back to the clubhouse for lunch; which was prepared by the golfers' wives since many of those ladies didn't play golf.

That soon got old so we stopped for lunch at a restaurant.

This activity has flourished and some changes made.

We now have catered dinners after play.

When we moved in, our park was the only activity around for miles.

Now we are surrounded by the shopping center, homes and condos.

Ralph was dedicated and worked hard for all the many Social Activities.

He passed away May 1996.

Saturday morning Bike Club



July 4th 1975 ~ Bicycle Parade

JoAnne Sullivan



The Slim and Trim Lady

Roena Terry

We moved into LSG which was quite rural, stores were four or five miles away.

It was quiet and peaceful - just one train a day. We soon got used to them.

There were tomato fields north of the park and we were anxious to pick tomatoes off the ground after the poles were removed in the fall - there were lots of good leftovers!

People were so friendly and we joined activities and got acquainted. Bob was asked to run Bingo which he did for several years. For the first three years we had a vegetable garden - tomatoes, green pole beans and squash until the white flies spoiled it all.

When Slim and Trim exercise class was started, I joined and later on I became the director. When the group split up and formed an exercise swimming pool class,

I remained with the group in the recreation room and I still do.

I was general chairman of all bridge for two years. I belonged to the Oil Painting and the Arts and Crafts Class for three years.



Roena Terry & Vivian Korfe ~ Friendship is Valuable

Home Sweet Home

Binny Thomas

I am Binny Thomas. My husband, Carl, and I came to Lakeshore Gardens in 1978. For several years he did yard work for residents of the park and made many friends.

Carl passed away and my elder son Michael came to live with me.

My younger son, Carl lives in Vista and spends weekends with us.

Lakeshore Gardens has been a very good home for me, and I hope it lasts a long time.

Everything's Coming Up Roses

Nettie Weiss

After spending summers in Seattle and winters in Cathedral City, Leo and I wanted a place to stay year-round.

We moved here in 1975. There were tomato fields North of us, ranunculi South of us.

Spinnaker Hills was bare - the shopping center was a weed field with a row of trees.

We enclosed the porch and planted a large backyard garden.

Having been director of some of the activities, I have made many lasting friendships.



Like Living in a Small Town

Blynn and Evelyn Wilson



Wilson Home ~ "Our porch was finished"

We moved here in 1976 from Arcadia, a suburb of Los Angeles.

After spending many summer vacations in La Jolla we knew
we wanted to retire in the San Diego area.

Some neighbors retired before we did and moved to a mobile home park.

We liked what we saw when we visited them and decided to go the same route.

We checked out Rancho Carlsbad, Solamar, and Lanakai and when we reached Lakeshore Gardens we knew we were home. The second phase had just opened and we picked our lot, ordered our coach from the factory and then watched happily as it arrived in in two sections and was set up on our lot. Next came cement work for a sidewalk, a screen room and carpenters to make wood front and back porches.

We had a lovely view of the surrounding flower fields and the ocean since there were very few coaches in the new section yet. Everyone's favorite form of entertainment was watching new coaches arrive in two or even five sections to be set up in our area.

We quickly became acquainted with our neighbors.

There were many activities. There was a Saturday morning biking group that ended up at the Koffee Klatch after an hour's ride. For a small fee we took beginning and intermediate bridge from a professional instructor who came in once a week.

A couple of professional dancers gave ballroom dancing lessons for a nominal fee. We had very well attended monthly dances with live music.

The Guys and Dolls golf group was a large, friendly club and so some of us gals took golf lessons so we could join the fun.

I started a floor exercise group that met Monday, Wednesday and Friday and eventually it evolved into the pool exercise class. We often met in the ladies' card room after class for free coffee and socializing.

Once a month the office mimeographed the "Breeze" and the exercise gals collated it. I was in charge of distribution for more than twenty years and was very proud of my loyal block deliverers.

Even then our Fourth of July celebration was the main fund raiser for social activities. Preceding the games in the rec. room we had a big parade around the park with costumes, decorated bicycles and even a float or two. It was all great fun! I chaired the event a couple of times and was social activities chairman for two years.

Many of us joined the very active Carlsbad Newcomers' Club and so made many friends outside the park.

This has been like living in a small town where neighbors help neighbors and no one should be lonely.

We wouldn't live anywhere else!!



July 4th Bike Parade



*Evelyn Wilson
and her
Horse*

Winning Winns

Ann Winn

First let me say, I am writing this to honor and remember all the wonderful friends and neighbors and managers, present included, who have passed on or moved away, who have made over 27 years here so memorable. Also Mr. Bronson, lest we forget.

My name is Ann Winn, and gone, but never forgotten,
my husband of 60 years, Howie Winn.



Statue of Liberty ~ Ann Winn



Father Time ~ Howie Winn

We are originally from New Jersey, born and bred, lived at the shore there, Sandpiper Beach in Bayville, New Jersey, 3 great kids. As we got older, the snow each year got hard to bear - so we sold the house, said good bye to all the crabs and fish you could catch and eat - and we headed for Largo, Florida. Shipping all our worldly goods, we stayed with friends for one month, God bless them. Time passed and passed, Dad couldn't make up his mind. Our youngest son Howie Jr. - who lived in Laguna Beach, said "Dad's taking too long to make up his mind," and sent us airplane tickets to California.

We stayed at Laguna and shipped furniture back to New Jersey. Just in California with suit cases ~ we loved the city of Carlsbad so went looking for something to buy, which turned out to be a mobile home, then we had to decide where to put it!

The year 1973 -74, we saw a brochure on Lakeshore Gardens, we loved it. With some borrowed furniture from my son's house and a few garage sales we were ready.

The clubhouse was as beautiful as it is currently except the grounds were not ready and only half as large as today. Beautiful flowers and new decorations abounded. We also had the wild flowers in the lots and beautiful trees.

Then we really started to live it up, more couples moved in, and everyone was full of fun and vigor. We had many, many fun things such as Luau's with all the trimmings. We decorated rowboats with paper flowers - it was a blast. We had bicycle and walking parades, trips to the beach picnicking, art classes, bridge in the card room ~ for men and women, Halloween dances and costumes, and Christmas parties where everyone got inexpensive gifts. I'm not sure who brought these, I was 'Merry Christmas' and gave them out.

Some other comedian sang with his belly button.
Everyone seemed like they owned bicycles in those days and they made beautiful bike decorations. We wrote skits and acted in them, everyone loved everyone else.

We even had a tin can kitchen band. We were lucky enough to be across from dear Bob and June Vallery, who gave tremendous parties serving fabulous steaks and lobsters. Every Sunday we heard a voice holler, "Hey, you guy's, it's Bloody Mary Time."

I almost forgot, at Easter time we had crazy hat parties and played jokes on each other - it was a great time, it was the best time. We are still having great times here at Lakeshore Gardens, even though our legs are getting slower, but I will never leave until God tells me to. I'm sure dear friend Evelyn Rushworth and Ralph have a great deal to say, they have been my neighbors all 27 years and never an unkind word. Hope you're listening Ralph, and hey the peppermint is still growing. How about that!!



The Winn Home ~ Then and Now



"Dance Taps The Lives Of The Happy Hoofers"

(from The San Diego Union Tribune, Thursday, September 28, 1978)

By Carla DeDominicis

At an age when most women might prefer to sit back and rock, eight Carlsbad women are kicking up their heels. They call themselves the "Happy Hoofers."

And lately they have been tap dancing their way across North County.

The women, all residents of Lakeshore Gardens Mobile Home Park, admit that tap dancing is not something they ever thought they would be doing, especially at their age. And if it had been suggested to them a little more than a year ago, they say they would have replied with an emphatic "No Way!" Yet, in just a year's time, they have put together a variety show that includes six original, synchronized tap-dancing routines, duets, monologues and comedy acts.

"We thought it would be good exercise," says Nonie Cramer, who came up with the idea of tap-dancing lessons as a means to stay trim. "But we never thought we would get serious about it. What we are doing now is as much of a surprise to us as it is to anyone else." As Cramer says, "The Happy Hoofers really have gotten serious" - so serious that their husbands refer to themselves as "tap-dance widowers." The women are booked at area social clubs, churches and adult mobile home parks.

"Our audiences love us. And we really enjoy entertaining. After the last two shows, we got standing ovations," says Nettie Weiss, who at 65 is the group's oldest dancer.

"I guess we're all hams; we all enjoy the applause." Weiss spent a great deal of time searching the country for a pair of size 10-and-one-half tap shoes. "They just don't seem to make them larger than size 10" she laments.

Friendships, meanwhile, have blossomed. Only two of the women had limited dancing experience before they all began taking lessons last year from Lucille Lambfin, a Carlsbad resident who taught a number of Hollywood stars to dance.



"I really wanted to be a tap dancer as a child. But I remember my father ruling that I couldn't show my legs." says Edie Scudder (Zeman).

Now, 45 years later, she finally has gotten her way.
The women - they have 31 grandchildren among them - are dedicated to their dancing. They spend five hours together each week, practicing crossovers, drops, slides and shuffles.

The Happy Hoofers seem to enjoy each other even more than their dancing, never letting an opening go by without capitalizing on its potential for a laugh.

"The whole thing is a challenge to us, just to see what we can do" says McCoy.

"But you know, when we're up there performing, you can tell there's not a woman our age in the audience who doesn't wish she was with us.

*The Happy Hoofers. . .They're dancing across North County
(pictured above, not in order:*



Nonie Cramer, Dorothy Herfurt, Lucille Lambfin, Joyce Lindroth, Barbara McCoy, Scottie Salyer,
Edie Scudder (Zeman), Nettie Weiss)

"The Beautiful Blue Heron"

Edie Zeman

I previously lived in Carlsbad in the 40's. I knew I wanted this town to be my home. I always had a view of some kind wherever I lived so Frank (Scudder) and I took space 147 right across from the clubhouse. I've loved it ever since.

This was in 1973 and the main lake was just a large mud hole, but I had a large imagination, so I knew it would be a beautiful spot to live out my old age (at 53 you don't think you will ever be 80!).

We heard about the park on Poinsettia Lane. The manager took us around the park. Coaches were very sparse at the time. We took the space on Santa Barbara which was more to our liking. I've upgraded everything in or on the coach. Every morning I have my coffee in the living room, overlooking the lake, and watch the white egrets and the beautiful blue heron fly in and out.

I have met Charles Bronson. I lived in Idyllwild for years, many movies were made there. I took part by being in the "Extra" bunch. Charles Bronson in those days was actually, in person, completely opposite from the type of character he portrayed on the screen. He was very nice, polite, and not too good a dancer. The whole cast would go to the local pub to dance and have a few.

The first park luau was memorable.

I was Queen and Howard Winn was King. A rowboat left my front yard with Howard and me in it. My husband, Frank Scudder, was the narrator in the patio by the clubhouse telling the audience how devoted we were to each other - King and Queen - so, Howard and I decided I should push him into the lake about half way over. I almost went in also. It was funny and Howard and I had a ball!

As for early activities here, I wasn't a chairperson, but I was their right hand man so to speak. I loved tap dancing. I was in the group "The Happy Hoofers" for years and I really do miss it. We performed all over the county.

Those years are tops in my fun times.



Edie Zeman ~ Queen of Luau



*Edie Zeman and friends,
"The Trio."*



Part III

Today ~ LSG in 2000

Natalie Berndes

Many changes have taken place since the early 70's when the first "settlers" arrived. No longer is the park bordered by flower fields and eucalyptus groves but rather by private homes and a shopping center - not as beautiful but very convenient.

The seven lakes are still here, so are the ducks, rabbits and raccoons. The foxes are gone.

Living in LSG today with soft ocean breezes and stunning sunsets to the west is life at its' best. Lawns and gardens have replaced dusty ground and the coaches nestle themselves among the trees along the shore of the lakes.

Social activities have changed, adding new and different programs and keeping many of the original. The Bicycle Club no longer exists and the ladies no longer have charm classes, but gala parties and dances are held in the newly decorated recreation/ballroom. Swimming pool Slim & Trim activities and exercise classes are very popular. There is something for everyone from pinochle to golf.

As you enter the park large coral trees stretch out their lofty branches festooned with tiny white lights throughout the year, to greet all who enter through these gates.

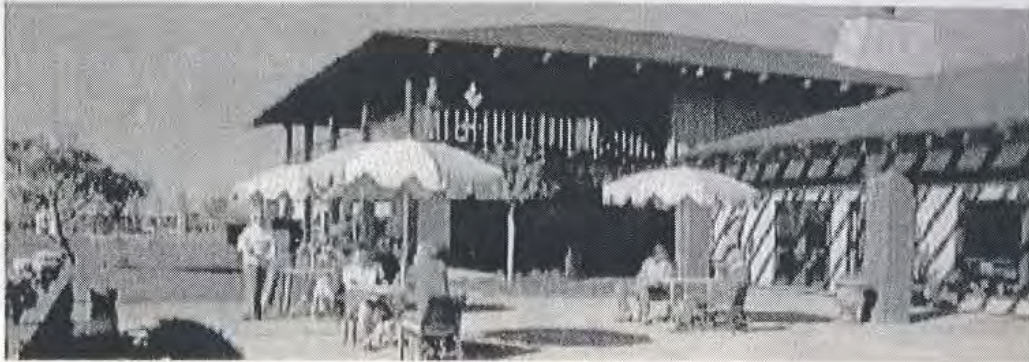
Changes? Yes, but the feeling of tranquility and warmth of friendly people will always be here.

If you look more closely at LSG, if you walk through the park, talk to an old-timer or stop to rest by a lake, you will see that LSG is truly. . .



A little bit of Heaven

***Social Activities on the Patio
Then and Now***



Friday Evening Sundowners

Let the Good Times Roll!

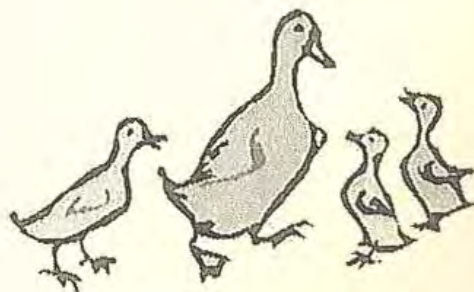


*Louise and Harry Mowder ~ Early 1970's
Flower Fields behind the Park.
Note: LSG homes behind wall.*



*In all the world
there is only one. . .
Lakeshore Gardens.*

Remember, 9 ³/₄ miles per hour in the Park



There's something for everyone
at
Lakeshore Gardens



Bienvenido A Su Casa, Viajero

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