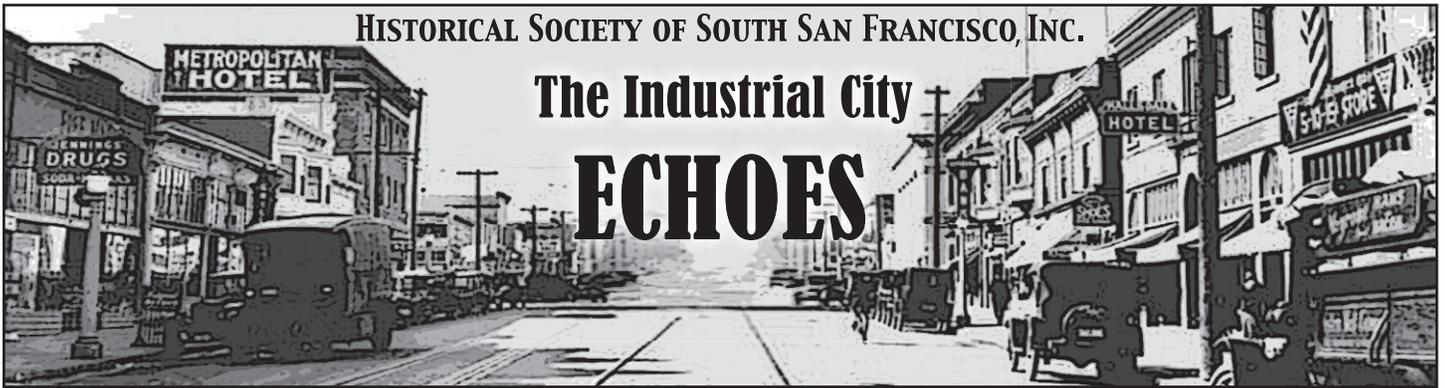


The Industrial City ECHOES



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2020 Calendar

July 20	Board Meeting
Aug. 17	Board Meeting
Sept. 21	General Meeting
Oct. 19	Board Meeting
Nov. 16.....	Board Meeting
Dec. 21	General Meeting

General meetings are held at:
Magnolia Center
601 Grand Ave. - 7:00 p.m.

Board Meetings are held at:
Society Museum
80 Chestnut Ave. - 7:00 p.m.

*Members are welcome to
Board Meetings.*

*Members and non-members
are welcome to
General Meetings.*



News from Your President

I hope that you are all well, staying safe and following the directives of our state and local leaders. The current pandemic has greatly impacted everyone's routine and the routine of our organization. Our board has held a virtual meeting and the following is a summary of our plans as of early May. Thanks and stay safe! — Bill Zemke

Museums

80 Chestnut – Our museum will reopen when determined by our museum director, Sylvia Payne, to be appropriate considering directives and guidelines established by the County and safe for our docents.

Plymire-Schwarz House – As with the museum, the house will reopen when determined by the steering committee to be appropriate considering directives and guidelines established by the County and safe for our docents.

Meetings

Society business will generally be conducted by email, phone call, or other remote methods until it is safe for the Board to resume face-to-face meetings. The March general meeting was cancelled and we are also canceling the June general meeting. A decision about the September general meeting will be made in August. Also, it is unclear under what conditions we might be able to hold our Fall Fundraiser. A decision on this event will be made later.

Victorian Tea

It is unlikely that group gathering restrictions will be relaxed enough to allow our attendees and volunteers to be comfortable with this event. Therefore, the Tea has been cancelled this year. The Tea Committee is discussing possible ways to go ahead with a modified format for the tea and boutique at a later date. Should they be successful in developing a viable plan, details will be mailed to potential attendees on our tea mailing list.

Annual Banquet

Although our banquet is still a ways off we typically start soliciting donations for the raffle in June and we believe it would be inappropriate to proceed considering current conditions. As a result the board has decided to cancel the annual banquet.

Awards

The awards nomination process usually begins in March and concludes in July. The annual banquet, which we have decided to cancel, is the event at which we celebrate the recipients. Therefore, the board has decided to wait until 2021 to make any awards.

Officers and Elections

A nominating committee is selected at the June General Meeting. Since this meeting will not take place, I will be working with the Board to determine the best course of action.

Newsletters

We will continue to work on a newsletter in September and December.



In Memory

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Elsie Pollastrini

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MEMORIAL DONATION

Barbara J. Reid

Donor: Carol Goodrich

GENERAL DONATIONS

Marsha Kane

J. D. Rogers

NEW MEMBER

Robert Aitchison

Donations

Any donation is much appreciated. Memorial and In Honor of donations will be listed in the newsletter. Donations can also be targeted to offset the printing of the newsletter.

Thank you!

Please make out and send checks to:

Historical Society of
South San Francisco,
80 Chestnut Avenue
So. San Francisco, CA 94080



Since the first Census in 1790, the need for useful information about the United States' population and economy has become increasingly important. Every ten years the federal government is required to count everyone living in the U.S. through a nationwide Census. The 2020 Census marks the first time that community members will be able to respond online.

Making sure you and your family are counted is one of the most powerful things you can do to support our community and shape your future. The Census count is how everyone has equal representation in government and everyone gets their fair share of resources. It is also used to make important community decisions, like where to build homes, parks, schools, and roads and where to offer health, child-care, and transportation services. If we don't have an accurate count, we won't have a clear picture of our city and some residents won't get the services they need. Critical community programs could be affected, like public libraries, early childhood education, school lunch programs, health services, and affordable housing. Emergency response teams would not meet our community needs.

It is vitally important that everyone IS counted. For every individual counted in South San Francisco, the City will receive up to \$1,000 per year in additional federal, state, or county funding that can help support vital programs, services and infrastructure. Likewise, for every individual not counted in South San Francisco, the City can lose up to \$10,000 per person since the Census takes place only every 10 years.

Complete your Census questionnaire using the Census ID number mailed to your home or with your address: Submit online at <https://my2020census.gov/> or by telephone at (844) 330-2020. Contact numbers for telephone assistance in several languages are available at <https://2020census.gov/en/contact-us.html>

Check out the Historical Society on Social Media!



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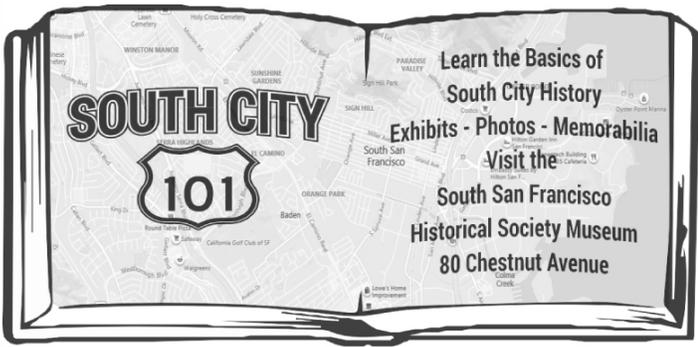
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The PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ HOUSE

The Tea Committee is saddened to have to announce the cancellation of our Annual Victorian Tea event this July. We will keep our members and friends informed of any future plans.



Avalon Club—Circolo Regina—Derby Club—South City Social Club



South San Francisco Historical Society Museum 2020 Special Exhibit

Where History Lives!

Journeyman Butchers Grand Ball & Banquet-Banda de Guerra Mexicana-SSF Grove #171 Druids-Players Club-Grand Hotel-Union Hotel Barn

Vreden Employees Annual Ball-Italian American Athletic Club-Western Pipe & Steel Employees Mutual Aid Assoc. Dance-Trippecanoe Tribe III Redmen-Fuller's Bubbles Club

**OUR MUSIC,
OUR MUSICIANS**

OUR HISTORY!

SSF Industrial Band 1915



Fiesta Golden Days Parade 1939



Joe Colombo & Friends 1928



You are cordially invited to the Historical Society Museum's 2020 Special Exhibit, "Our Music, Our Musicians, Our History," highlighting South San Francisco's early days of celebrations, parades, music and entertainment. Victrolas, radios and other early sound systems are on display. See the amazing instruments owned by local musicians such as the Galanti Accordion played by Jeannette DeLuca Bertoldi as a young teenager, trumpet played by Milt Bronstein during World War II for General Patton, a bass drum first played by the SSF Industrial City Band in 1915, and a piccolo played by Humbert Baldini, which he brought with him from Italy in 1890. There is much to peruse, enjoy, and learn about our City's fun and talented musicians.

The museum is tentatively scheduled to reopen by July, 2020.

This exhibit was made possible by the generosity of Mr. Karl Rolih, the SSF Parks & Recreation Department, and the Elizabeth Ervin Memorial Fund. We are pleased to dedicate this exhibit in memory of Elizabeth Ervin (1919-2019).

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Poodle Dog Café Matinee Dances-Metropolitan Hall WWII Dances-Fraternal Hall Masked Ball-SSF Woman's Club Hi Jinx



A HOME TOWN PAPER FOR HOME TOWN PEOPLE

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CAL.

*Excerpts from
articles published in
The Enterprise
in 1918*

11 CLAIMED BY SPANISH FLU

Eleven deaths have been reported as the toll taken this week by the epidemic of Spanish influenza which has spread with such rapidity here that it is impossible for the physicians to record the actual number of cases. Health Officer Dr. McGovern states that not less than eight hundred people have been attacked since the disease first made its appearance in South San Francisco.

Every facility of the city authorities, Red Cross Society, hospitals and individuals has been called upon to assist in combating the plague. Fatalities here in comparison with other cities have been kept to a remarkably low percentage by the co-ordination of the workers.

The hospital is crowded to overflowing. Cots have been placed in the corridors and every other available space which will accommodate the sufferers.

A number of women of the community have volunteered as assistants to the physicians and nurses and are working gratuitously day and night to help lighten the

TRUSTEES MAKE WEARING OF GAUZE MASKS COMPULSORY

In order to combat the rapid spread of influenza here, the Board of Trustees on Thursday passed a resolution making it compulsory for all persons to wear gauze masks. The resolution provides for the discontinuance of the wearing of the masks only while in the act of partaking of food and drink, and empowers the health authorities and police offices to enforce the new measure. Following is the text of the resolution in full:

Whereas, An epidemic of influenza now exists in the City of South San Francisco and many hundreds of the inhabitants thereof are afflicted with said disease and deaths are resulting frequently therefrom; and

Whereas, The health authorities throughout the State of California deem it imperative that gauze masks covering the mouth and nose should be worn by all persons in public places in order to prevent the spread of influenza and to protect human life;

Resolved, By the Board of Trustees of the City of South San Francisco, that all persons appearing or employed in every store, shop, bank, factory, liquor saloon, restaurant or public dining room, public street or highway and in all other public places and in all places to which the public are admitted, except while any such persons are in the act of partaking of food or drink, be and they hereby are required and ordered to wear gauze masks covering the nose and mouth;

Resolved, further, that the Health Officer and all police officers be, and they hereby are ordered to carry into effect the purposes of this resolution.

Compliance with the above may mean the saving of your life. Do not hesitate because you will appear conspicuous. All persons should have several masks. If you can not get one readily, secure some gauze and make one. When a mask is taken off at meal time or at night, it should be sterilized by boiling it in water for at least five minutes.

J.C. McGOVERN, Health Officer

11 Claimed by Spanish Flu continued

burdens of the hospital attaches.

Dr. F.S. Doiley believed last night that the epidemic had reached its apex here, but new cases continue to be reported with startling regularity.

Calls for another physician brought Dr. McLaughlin of San Mateo, who arrived Thursday. The doctors are being relieved of the strain of driving all day and far into the night by owners of cars, who have volunteered their time and autos in the work.

Milk being the principal diet of those affected with influenza, it became necessary for the Baden Stock Farm to put an extra delivery wagon into service.

The South San Francisco Auxiliary of the Red Cross Society has been working to the limit making gauze masks, which have been placed on sale at the Red Cross booth in front of the bank, and the demand for the "flu fences," believed by physicians to be 99 per cent proof against the disease, has been far in excess of the supply.

TO AVOID "FLU"

- Walk to work, if possible.
- Avoid the person who coughs or sneezes; wash your hands before eating; make full use of all available sunshine. Do not use a common drinking cup or a common towel, they both spread disease. Should you cough or sneeze, cover your nose and mouth with a handkerchief. Keep out of crowded places of amusement. Keep away from houses where there are cases of influenza. If sick, no matter how slightly, see a physician. Sleep is necessary for well being. Avoid overexertion. Eat good, clean food.

FLU EPIDEMIC STAMPED OUT

According to Health Officer Dr. J. C. McGovern, the epidemic of Spanish influenza has been practically stamped out in this city, but one new case being reported in the last two days.

Coincident with this information the health authorities announced that a resumption of church services would be permitted Sunday morning, the theatre reopened Saturday night and retail liquor establishments placed on the former basis of 9 o'clock closing, instead of 6, commencing Saturday.

Hospital Again Normal

The South San Francisco Hospital has been practically restored to its condition previous to the installation of emergency beds and cots, which were placed in every available spot to take care of those stricken with the disease. The building has been thoroughly fumigated.

Because of the danger of children carrying contagion from convalescent patients in the homes to the school rooms, it has been considered advisable to keep the schools closed for another week. Unless there is a new outbreak of the epidemic they will be reopened Monday, November 25.

According to State Health officers, South San Francisco had a greater number of influenza cases in proportion to population than any other city in the State, with the exception of Riverside. The death rate here was but 3 -1/2 per cent, as compared to 7 per cent mortality in San Francisco.

TREAT YOURSELF TILL DOCTOR CALLS

It is a physical impossibility for the physicians here to respond at once to the calls made upon them. Cases reported must be treated in their turn, or routed methodically so that the physicians can cover the greatest amount of territory in the shortest possible time.

In this extremity you can be your own physician until the doctor calls. Here is what to do, immediately when you feel that you have contracted influenza:

Take a physic and go to bed and stay there.

Drink plenty of water.

Remain in bed for four days after your temperature has returned to normal.

If you do those things you will avoid pneumonia.

Additional advice from Dr. Hassler is that vaccination does not necessarily render the subject immune from reinfection from acute cases. "Take no chances - wear your mask" says the Health Officer.

KEEP WARM!

Warm, comfortable garments and underwear are essential to avoiding influenza

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 Men's Muslin Pajamas, from \$1.75 to \$3.00

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650-829-3825
Tues & Thurs (2-4:00 p.m.) and
2nd & 4th Saturdays (1-3:00 p.m.)
Please call if you are interested
in volunteering at the museum.

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History Room / Grand Avenue Branch Library

306 Walnut Avenue
650-877-8533
By appointment only.

Historical Society's Plymire-Schwarz House

519 Grand Avenue
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2nd Saturday (1-3:00 p.m.)
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