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THE INFLUENZA OF 1918-1919

The Spanish flu pandemic of 1918-1919 infected an estimated 500 million people worldwide—about one-third of the planet's population—and killed an estimated 20 million to 50 million victims, including some 675,000 Americans. The flu was first observed in Europe, the United States and parts of Asia before swiftly spreading around the world. It was believed to have traveled to and from Europe with American soldiers.

number of World War I servicemen. In fact, more U.S. soldiers died from the flu than were killed in battle during the war. Forty percent of the Navy was hit with the flu, while 36 percent of the Army became ill, and troops moving around the world in crowded ships and trains helped to spread the killer virus.

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TO CONTROL INFLUENZA

Keep away from all known cases of influenza and "colds."
Avoid all public gatherings and crowded street cars.
Use your handkerchief if you must cough, sneeze, cough or expectorate.
Quit shaking hands. 90% of all contagious disease is spread by way of the hands. Keep them clean and away from your mouth.
Get plenty of fresh air day and night. Eat enough of plain but nourishing food and take sufficient rest at night.
Give prompt attention to oncoming illness. Go to bed at once and call a doctor.

Citizens were advised to take precautions like avoiding group gatherings. (Port Washington Star, Oct. 19, 1918)

At the time, there were no effective drugs or vaccines to treat this killer flu strain. In some parts of the country citizens were ordered to wear masks. Schools, theaters and businesses were shuttered, and bodies piled up in makeshift morgues before the virus ended its deadly global march.

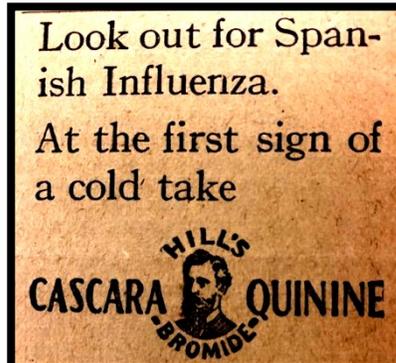
The first wave of the

1918 pandemic occurred in the spring and was generally mild. The sick, who experienced such typical flu symptoms as chills, fever and fatigue, usually recovered after several days, and the number of reported deaths was low.

However, a second, highly contagious wave of influenza appeared with a vengeance in the fall of that same year. Victims died within hours or days of developing symptoms, their skin turning blue and their lungs filling with fluid that caused them to suffocate.

In just one year, 1918, the average life expectancy in America plummeted by a dozen years. With the onset of symptoms, many people thought that they were experiencing a cold. Thus, the response was often not considered urgent.

One unusual aspect of the 1918 flu was that it struck down many previously healthy, young people—a group normally resistant to this type of infectious illness—including a



Cascara Quinine used to treat the influenza was one remedy offered. (Port Washington Star, Nov. 16, 1918)

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President's Message

Dear Members,

I am excited to continue on the Board of Directors of the Port Washington Historical Society, this time as President. It is an honor and a privilege to help lead this outstanding organization.

As you are aware, the *1860 Light Station*, the *Resource Center*, and the *Port Exploreum* are the main physical and visual representations our Society uses to promote preservation, education and exploration of the Port Washington area's history. However, the role of the Board of Directors, and mine as president, is not to look in the past as much as it is to look into the future. That future needs a logical, realistic, and strategic plan for the Society going forward.

The society has come a long way since its inception in 1991, and now is the time to set a plan for long-term sustainability. While the term of the president is a short, limited term, our strategic plan will be based on a long-term goal. Short-term operational planning will of course be addressed, but I look forward to working on the long-term goals for a viable, vibrant Port Washington Historical Society.

Mike Didier, President

Port Washington Historical Society Board of Directors



PWHS BYLAWS REVISION VOTE TO BE TAKEN AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

A motion to approve changes to the PWHS Bylaws will be made by the President of the Board of Directors at the February meeting of the Society scheduled for **6:30 - 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020, at the Port Exploreum**. Because the PWHS Bylaws were last revised in 2015, the Board has determined that the current bylaws should be amended to update existing PWHS practices and reflect the needs of our growing society.

A copy of the new proposed bylaws and list of proposed changes are available at the *Resource Center* or can be sent or e-mailed to members upon request made to Geri Zehren or Dawn St. George at 262-268-9150. Any questions or concerns about proposed bylaws changes will be addressed by the Board at the 6:30 p.m. Feb. 19 meeting prior to voting.



THE PORT EXPLOREUM: A UNIQUE RENTAL VENUE

Situated in beautiful downtown Port Washington with a deck overlooking Lake Michigan, the *Port Exploreum* is the perfect venue for your special event. From corporate to weddings and other private events, we are the

ideal choice to delight your guests. Call Amy at 262- 284-2406 for more information.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

We hope you joined us at the *Port Explorem* in October for our Annual Meeting because it was all good news. Our member numbers were up from 251 in 2018 to 277, with increases in the number of Patron, Honor, Household and Individual memberships. We also announced that evening that we had actual income over expenses. The year is not complete as I write this column, but I can tell you we ended the year financially with the same great news. So we remain on a roll for the year ahead.



Explorem's successful *Murmurs from the Deep* exhibit and the exhibit on Port Washington's Coast Guard Captain Erdman. Opening in April, in the second-floor gallery, will be an exhibition of photos that Port Washington native Paul G. Wiening took between the late 1950s and the early 1980s of ships docking at ports on the Great Lakes. You will be amazed at how

Paul captured his love of the commercial boats bringing their cargo not only to Port Washington, but to many other ports as well.

Replacing *Murmurs*, in the first-floor gallery, will be an exhibit on the brewing industry in Port Washington from the late 1800s to the current craft brewing taking place locally. The Society has bottles, wooden crates and coasters in its collection. But if you have any interesting Port Washington brewery memorabilia, from kegs to signs, that you would be willing to loan us for the exhibit, we'd love to hear from you.

Finally, we put out an SOS for a volunteer to step in as Ann Flierl stepped away as editor of the newsletter, and our call was answered. We are thrilled to have Majka Drewitz step up to fill some big shoes. Welcome, Majka.

With so much happening, I'm sure I'll be seeing you in 2020! Thank you for your continued support.

Dawn St. George, Executive Director



Looking to 2020, on Jan. 18 we are kicking off our annual Speaker Series at the *Port Explorem* with Paul Timm discussing his book, *Lost Ladies: The Lady Elgin Tragedy*. Paul will be available after the presentation for a book signing. Given the weather we can have in January, the presentation will take place on Saturday at 1:30 in the afternoon.

In February, Board Member Todd Gordon will present his new research on *The SS Christopher Columbus: A Whaleback at the World's Fair* at the *Port Explorem* on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. Todd's presentation will follow the newly-announced member meeting which will begin at 6:30 p.m. that evening, also at the *PE*. Please look for a more detailed description of the member meeting on page two of this newsletter.

Towards the end of March, we will close the *Port*



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

*Robert Barr
Katrina Smolinski Byl
Majka Drewitz
Laura Mcfarlane
Ted Mitreng
Elizabeth O'Connell*

1860 LIGHT STATION REPORT

At the *1860 Light Station*, we are in the process of cleaning and renovating the generator building. We are also working on creating new exhibits in the generator building which will be ready by the beginning of the touring season in spring. Additionally, we are researching the best means of housing the newly restored life boat. Stay tuned!

*Kathie Uttech Gordon
1860 Light Station Co-Manager*

PORT EXPLOREUM REPORT

We are currently operating on our winter hours. We are open Friday through Monday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The *Port Exploreum's* current exhibit, *Murmurs From The Deep*, and the secondary exhibit, *The Unsung Hero*, will be closing in late March 2020. These have been great exhibits and very well received by members and the general public.



Our new exhibits will open in late April 2020. On the first floor, we will be featuring the brewing industry in Port Washington and Paul G. Wiening's marine photographs on the second floor.

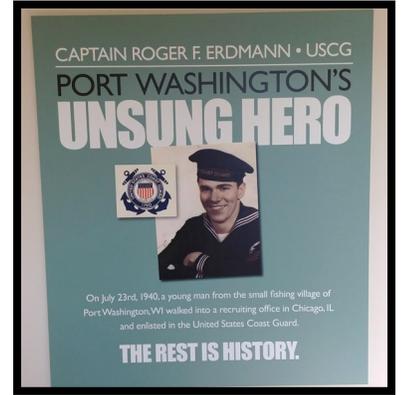
As we move into 2020, we are beginning to confirm rentals and group tours. In May, we have a tour group

coming in from the Max Kade Institute who will tour all three of our facilities. Many of these individuals are historians. We are looking forward to accommodating them!

We also have a 50th Anniversary party reserved in May. In June we have a wedding, and in August a wedding shower. We still have space and dates available in 2020. Spread the word about the *Port Exploreum* for events and parties.

We are gearing up for a fantastic year in 2020!

Amy Clark
Manager/
Event Coordinator



WHAT'S UP AT THE RESOURCE CENTER?



Kids of all sizes took part in the trick-or-treating

Good bye to 2019 and welcome to 2020!

Can we say it again? Thank you to all the volunteers who have put in hundreds of hours in 2019 to help fulfill our mission.

We look forward to working with all of you in 2020. We have switched to winter hours — we are open on Monday and Thursday afternoons and by appointment, but that does not slow down the progress that is generated by a core of volunteers working to preserve the history of the city.

There has been a flurry of work at 205 Franklin Street. We are installing new computers and updating the museum software to PastPerfect 5.0 which will allow the Society to collaborate with the Niederkorn Library to share photographs from the Society collections with the pub-

lic. Links will be established on both the library and the Society websites.

The *Resource Center* has been heavily involved with the development of the 2020 exhibits at the *Port Exploreum* which will feature the photography of Paul G. Wiening and the history of brewing in Port Washington.

We are looking for photographs and other items that can be borrowed for use in the brewery exhibit.

With the new year there will be new exhibits opening this summer at the *Resource Center*. The maritime exhibit will be refreshed with more artifacts from the Bienlein/Burke Collection that always draws special interest.

Our second exhibit will tell the story of the Woman's Club of Port Washington, celebrating 125



Christmas on the Corner participants sported antlers



Even Thomas the Train made an appearance



A friendly letter carrier trick-or-treater at Harvest Fest

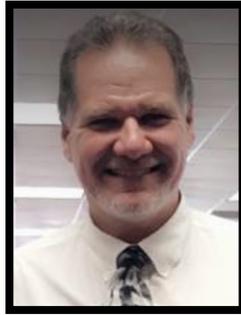


The Elf likes to hang out in high places

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SOCIETY SPEAKER SERIES

The speaker for our January 18, 2020, meeting is Paul Timm (pen name M. Paul Hollander), the author of the *Curse of Atlantis* trilogy, and most recently the historical fiction novel *Lost Lady: The Lady Elgin Tragedy*. He has been a history teacher for the past 27 years, and began writing books based on American history six years ago.

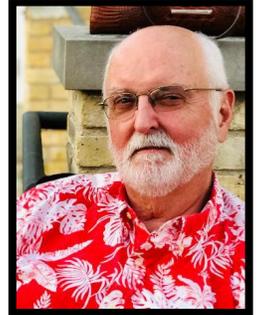


Paul Timm

With the release of *Lost Lady* in January 2019, Paul has been presenting hour-long programs around southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois that deal with the worst disaster in Great Lakes history, the sinking of the *Lady Elgin*. The program recounts the history, politics and legacy of this event through a slideshow and commentary. Following the program

there is a Q&A session and a book sale/signing.

Todd Gordon will be the speaker at the membership meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. Todd is the author of *The SS Christopher Columbus: A Whaleback at the World's Fair at the Port Exploream*. Todd presents the *Christopher Columbus*, which was specifically built for the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. This was a celebration of the 400-year anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus. The ship was actually launched in December 1892, but the fair didn't open until the Spring of 1893. This is a continuation of our Speaker Series at the *Port Exploream*.



Todd Gordon

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years serving the community and continuing to have an impact. The club helped establish a city library that grew to become the Niederkorn Library. They provide annual scholarships and give monetary support to numerous city groups including the



Senior Center, the police and fire departments and the Port



Christmas on the Corner featured a scavenger hunt looking for Elf on the Shelf

Washington Historical Society.

The Women's Club is now a group of 60 women strong. As we put together this exhibit, we appreciate anyone that has photos, artifacts and information on the Women's Club to share it with us. The Women's Club exhibit at the *Resource Center* is expected to open in June of 2020. Stay tuned for more details in the spring newsletter.

Resource Center volunteers made possible participation in both the Harvest Fest trick-or-treating in late October and the Christmas on the Corner scavenger hunt for Elf on the Shelf. Both activities bring in hundreds of visitors, many of whom have never been in the building.



Treats were a tasty part of the scavenger hunt

We hope as the year gets under way, you will consider volunteering, whether as a greeter or working with the collections at the Resource Center, serving as a docent at the 1860 Light Station or helping with one of the Society activities. We are successful because of the vast number of volunteers that give their time and talents.

Jackie Oleson and Geri Zehren
Resource Center Managers



DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO ENHANCE OUR EXHIBITS?

Exhibits in the spring of 2020 will feature the photos of Paul G. Wiening and the Breweries of Port Washington at the *Port Exploream*. The Society is looking for items that can be loaned for display purposes, particularly for the breweries: Old Port Brewing, Lakeside Brewery, Port Washington Brewing Corp., and individuals like George Blessing, Labahn (Herb, Charles, Ludwig and Louis), Gottlieb Biedermann, James Cooney, John Wittman and Jacob Moritz.

A new exhibit at the *Resource Center* will feature the Women's Club of Port Washington. We are looking for items, articles and photos of the club over the years.

If you have any items that can be loaned for use in the exhibits, please contact the office at 262-268-9150.

FROM THE RESOURCE CENTER

Jane Frederick Runkel brought a book, the novel *David Harum*, published in 1898, to the *Research Center* to add to the collection of the Blake artifacts and exhibit. Along with it was an article from the *Port Washington Star* that was taken from the *Milwaukee Journal*.

It reads as follows:

HEROINE OF A POPULAR NOVEL Mrs. Louisa Bostwick Talks of David Harum and its Basis of Fact.

A romance in the life of a resident of this city is revealed in the novel David Harum, for Mary Blake of the story and Mrs. Louisa Bostwick of Port Washington are one and the same person.

The author, Edward Noyes Westcott used some incidents in Mary Louisa's life to write the romantic novel. "It is true," she said, "that I am the Mary Blake of the story, ... The original of John Lenox was John Rankin, ex-mayor of Binghamton, N. Y., whom I met while visiting friends in the east ... That John Lenox was suitor for my hand is true. That was over thirty two years ago, but when I received his proposal of marriage I was engaged to Mr. Bostwick whom I afterwards married."

The article includes her explanation of facts versus what the author wrote to make the story more interesting, such as having her meet John Lenox on a steamer crossing the Atlantic on the way to Europe which never occurred. She did say that Mr. Rankin was a close friend of Mr. Westcott, the author, and related to him the scenes and incidents portrayed.



JIM BIEVER PRESENTATION AND BOOK SIGNING

We had a very successful presentation by Jim Biever and Tom Anderson presenting their newly released book, *100 Years in Titledown* on Nov. 7. There were about 100 people in attendance. We sold out of books and had a second signing. In total, we sold 107 books.



WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEER

My name is Majka (pronounced as Myka). My husband Adrian and I live in Grafton, but our sons went to Port Catholic and Port High. Thus, everyone we know is in Port and Saukville. I came to the United States 24 years ago from Poland (vacation, accidentally fell in love and boom...).

I moved to America to start a new life. I decided to join the Society after my boys became Eagle Scouts. Both worked with the Society by creating the historical shipwreck markers in the Coal Dock Park. I really love research and look forward to working on the newsletters.

Majka Drewitz

CLASS VISITS HIGHLIGHT 2019 YEAR END & OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER IN 2020

In late November and early December, 121 fourth grade students from Lincoln and Dunwiddie Elementary Schools experienced the Lake Michigan Learning Lab at the *Port Explorem*. For most of the students, teachers and chaperones, this was their first exposure to the museum.

The one and a half hour visit went by quickly as the students watched a nine-minute movie on Port's rich maritime history, learned about invasive species in Lake Michigan while playing the interactive Fish Daze game, explored the region on the Lake Michigan Table and researched stories on the *Ozaukee Press* Table. They all had fun while supplementing their classroom focus on Wisconsin history.

These classes are planning to return in late February of 2020 to learn more about issues associated with both the natural and human factors affecting water quality of our region and the future health of Lake Michigan. They will find themselves pouring water through containers of different soil types to learn about stormwater runoff; they will play roles of developer, city planner, elected official and farmer as they make decisions effecting the health of the watershed; they will interact with a brand new exhibit where they will create a watershed and a virtual reality rainstorm. That will be exciting.

The Lake Michigan Learning Lab is a project of the *Port Explorem* that provides an innovative, interactive set of learning experiences for area students, particularly grades four to nine. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are reserved for classroom visits. The Lake Michigan Learning Lab offers students an opportunity to study Lake Michigan ecology and Wisconsin's maritime heritage as

a scientist would—making predictions, gathering data, analyzing results, drawing conclusions and identifying relationships.

With the increasing number of school classes visiting in 2020, there will be the need and the opportunity for more docents to be part of the Lake Michigan Learning Lab. It's fun and energetic to be caught up in the students' excitement. Class visits last one and a half to two hours. Your time commitment will match your availability. Training and background information is provided. Consider joining our team of volunteers and staff including Allon Bostwick, Amy Clark, Pat Curtiss, Todd and Kathie Gordon, Alice Horton, Mary Fran Lepeska, Bill and Pat Moren, Jim Pauly and Dawn St. George.

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities or wish additional information, please contact Amy Clark at the *Port Explorem* at 262-284-2406 or Bill Moren at 262-573-3130.

*Bill Moren, Chair
Education Committee*

Port Washington Historical Society's Mission Statement

To create opportunities for inspirational discovery through preservation, education and exploration of the Port Washington area's history and its maritime environment with sustainable programs that honor the past while looking to the future.

SEASONAL HOURS

Port Explorem

118 North Franklin Street
Please call for hours
Phone: 262-284-2406

Resource Center

205 North Franklin Street
November — May
Open Monday and Thursday 1pm to 4pm
Also open by appointment
Phone: 262-268-9150

1860 Light Station

311 Johnson Street
Closed for the season
Reopening May 22, 2020

*Facilities will be closed on holidays
Refer to pwhistory.org for specifics*

DO YOU REMEMBER?

In the archives at the *Resource Center* there are some articles written in August of 1920 in the *Port Washington Star* entitled *Do you Remember?* by editor A.F. Heidkamp. These excerpts are from about one hundred years ago in Port Washington. Some of the places mentioned are no longer identifiable but others can be located with a little searching.

Do you remember the white frame Judge Turner home at the corner just above the old Methodist church? Do you remember the old dam above the Grand avenue bridge? We used to call it Canal street in those days. There was sufficient of the old dam left then to afford a fine swimming pool, and how we fellows took advantage of it evenings, until one Spring... a freshet washed out nearly all of the ruins of the old dam and our swimming hole too.



Reformed Church (Methodist)

Do you remember the \$600 'Clock fun' raise by H. W. Lyman among Protestants as their contribution to the Catholic church clock? Do you remember what good times we had at the Masonic dances in the old Arcade hall and what a master hand John Bostwick was in the making of oyster soup?

Do you remember when Jim Cooney started his soda water factory?—When there were no sidewalks west of the Canal street bridge?—When eggs were worth six cents a dozen, pork and beef ten cents a pound, and butcher Kuhn gave away the liver and heart?

There have been many changes in the years that followed. We can now ask, "Do **you** remember?"...

- Harold Ewig's House of Music at the southwest corner of Pier and Franklin... Possible future site of an Air Stream trailer for summer refreshments?
- Schil's Bakery just north of the Boerner Building



Harry's Restaurant

(previously Lueptow's Furniture)?

- Harry's Restaurant on the southeast corner of Franklin and Main where Sherpers is now?
- Ubbink's Fuel and Dock on the southeast corner of Grand and Wisconsin?
- Port Washington Lumber Yard on the southwest corner of Grand and Wisconsin?
- The Dairy Queen in Smith Bros. parking lot, now the Harborview parking lot?
- The Farmer's Exchange on the southeast corner of Jackson and Franklin where Broadway Popcorn is now?



Farmer's Exchange

- The Lighthouse Restaurant on Grand Avenue where the Pebble house is now?
- The two theaters—The Grand and The Ozaukee on Grand Avenue?

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Ozaukee Theater



Grand Theater

- Roob's Rainbow Room where the Chocolate Chisel is located on Grand Avenue?
- Mehring's Cigar Store on Grand Avenue just east of the Bridge opposite the Niederkorn Library?
- Caparoli's Drugstore on the southeast corner of Grand and Park?
- Kratzer's on the southeast corner of Washington and Franklin where you could get five-for-a-dollar hamburgers?



Kratzer's

There are many more buildings and places that could be included in the remembrances, but space doesn't allow all to be included.

Mary Flierl
Resource Center Volunteer

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL APPEAL

In the holiday rush with family gatherings, travel, parties, cookie-making and shopping, it's easy to set aside year-end appeal letters, even the one from our Port Washington Historical Society. If these letters had feelings, they would be sad and neglected, and we wouldn't want that. Fortunately, we can make certain that doesn't occur. Please consider answering our appeal with your gift to support the continued preservation of our history.

In 2020 we will expand the sharing of our collections through new exhibits at each of our three sites. We will increase member and community engagement with relevant programming and hands-on experiences. And at the *1860 Light Station* we will begin implementing a comprehensive plan to revitalize the grounds, buildings and programming.

Yes, our 2020 plans are ambitious. They will be realized because of the gifts of your time, talent and treasure.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



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An IRA is an appealing way to save for retirement. Make a contribution and enjoy tax savings. But eventually that tax bill comes due - when you take your annual distributions and again when you leave your assets to heirs.

If you want to avoid the tax bite and make a positive impact on our mission, please consider a gift to the Port Washington Historical Society from your IRA. There are two easy ways do this.

Magnify Your Impact Long-Term

Regardless of your age, you can give from your IRA by naming the Historical Society as a beneficiary of your account. This is a great option for extending support from your IRA beyond your lifetime.

Here's how:

- Decide what percentage (1-100) you would like the Port Washington Historical Society to receive.
- Contact your IRA administrator for a change-of-beneficiary form, or simply download a form from your provider's website.
- Name the Historical Society and the gift percentage on the form.
- Return the form to your IRA administrator.
- Let us know about your plans so we can thank you.

Make Your Impact Today

If you are age 70-1/2 or older, you can use the IRA charitable rollover to make a tax-free gift to the Historical Society. The law allows you to transfer any amount up to \$100,000 annually directly to a qualified organization without paying income tax on the distribution. Additional benefits include:

- You will see the difference you're making today.
- Your direct transfer doesn't generate taxable income or a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you don't itemize your tax deductions.
- Your gift can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.

Whether you make your impact today or after your lifetime, your gift matters.

Please Join Us!

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1-year FREE Unlimited Admission to the Port Exploreum, the 1860 Light Station and the PWHS Resource Center	Individual	2 Adults & children under 17	Immediate Family	Immediate Family
FREE admission to special exhibits	•	•	•	•
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Discounts in gift shops in all locations	10%	10%	10%	10%
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<i>Historical Perspectives</i> newsletter & members-only communications	•	•	•	•
Free Admission to the Research Center of the Luxembourg American Cultural Center in Belgium, WI	•	•	•	•
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Become a member of the Port Washington Historical Society. A Family Membership can pay for itself in just a few visits!

The Port Washington Historical Society receives no financial help from the City of Port Washington or the State of Wisconsin. As a 501 (c) (3) organization, we rely on our generous donors and Society members to provide the day-to-day funding we need to fulfill our mission. Thank you for your support!

FOUR WAYS TO JOIN

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Membership Level Amount: \$ _____

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Name(s): _____

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Yes, I'm interested in volunteering. Please contact me.

Return the form to: PWHS
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World War I soldiers from Ozaukee County died from the influenza, including Joseph Frank Kraft, William Lauters (both of Port Washington area), Oscar Krier, Clarence Wittlin, Henry Depries, and Peter Belt. Clarence Wittlin of Cedarburg entered service in August of 1918 and died on Sept. 26, 1918. There were others like Herman Krueger, Albert Rowe, Edwin Schmeling, Arvin Even (Port Washington), Herman Berndt, and Warren Kane that died of pneumonia, which was often the result of the influenza.

On the home front, Ozaukee County, being a rural setting with smaller communities, fared better than other parts of the country with their large cities. Nonetheless, local newspapers, *The Port Washington Herald* and *The Port Washington Star*, were filled weekly with ads and articles promoting the merits of various precautions, potions and remedies. Often believed to be a cold, recommendations featured advice to ward off or treat the ailment as such.

It was also initially believed that the duration of the influenza would be brief, and therefore it was important to flush toxins out of the system. You were urged to keep a clean mouth, clean skin and clean bowels.



Vicks VapoRub—Advice included staying calm and not to worry. (Port Washington Star, Sept. 11, 1918)

Products advertised were Anuric tablets, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery or his Ironic tablets, or Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. These often were laxatives made of plant leaves and roots. A remedy recommended for prevention was Vick's VapoRub with directions to rub onto one's self and to inhale with steam. So subscribed as a deterrent, it over-

sold and ran into short supply.

Resources: *The 32nd Division in the World War, 1917-1919*, Issued by the Joint War History Commissions of Michigan and Wisconsin, Wisconsin War History Commission, 1920; *Wisconsin in the World War: Ozaukee County*, R.B. Pixley, Approved by the War History Committee; *Pictorial History of the World War*, Willis J. Abbot; the October and November, 1918, issues of *The Port Washington Star* and *The Port Washington Herald*.

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Bylaws Revision Vote
Port Exploreum, 118 N. Franklin St., Port Washington

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 Saturday, Jan. 18, 1:30 p.m., *Port Exploreum*

Speaker Series: Todd Gordon
The SS Christopher Columbus: A Whaleback...
 Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m., *Port Exploreum*

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 Late March, *Port Exploreum*

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