

MAY PROGRAM**By Donna Work****53rd SSGHS Birthday Bash
and Virtual Show-N-Tell****May 8**

We are extremely excited to celebrate our birthday by hosting our first SSGHS Virtual Show-N-Tell on Saturday, May 8, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. (CST) on ZOOM. Don Gordon, SSGHS Director and "Zoom Master," will be our guide.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8228390436?pwd=SUdIWkE2WUplSW8xZHJaRWVZUHJPZz09>

Meeting ID: 822 839 0436
Passcode: SSGHS

Show-N-Tell provides our members with an opportunity to share their genealogy stories and journeys, orally and visually. If you are willing to share a interesting or spectacular discovery, we cannot wait to see it!! Stories, pictures, documents, and family treasures!! All are welcome!!

LIBRARY HOURS

3000 West 170th Place
Hazel Crest, Illinois
708-335-3340

*(door at west end of municipal building)***Ring library doorbell for access.**

Monday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday: CLOSED
Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturdays:
1st & 2nd 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
3rd, 4th, & 5th CLOSED
Sunday: CLOSED

Zoom provides an online capability for us to share your documents, pictures, and artifacts in the following manner:

1. Placing physical objects in front of your camera for your audience to see.
2. "Sharing Your Screen" – If you have your visual aid (document, pictures, or artifact) in a format you can display on your computer screen, you can "Share Screen" with the others in the meeting.

NOTE: This will have to already be on your computer desktop before you are able to share it.

For those who would like to practice sharing items on Zoom, come to a Zoom Tutorial Session on Saturday, May 1, 10:00 a.m. Please RSVP by Friday, April 30, for this Tutorial by emailing Don Gordon at ddf175@gmail.com. A Zoom link invitation will be sent to you.

And Happy Birthday SSGHS!! ■

WTTC SPECIAL BUNDLE**By Paula Malak**

Our WTTC special (for April, May, and June) is of special interest to Roseland and Dutch fans. These five Quarterlies are priced at \$20.00 with postage & handling included! Quantities may be limited; if we run out, we will offer you a substitute. Make sure you put your contact information on the order form.

- 37:3 Early Dutch in Roseland
- 35:4 Dutch in Forest Home Cemetery
- 29:4 Roseland
- 39:1 Roseland Memories
- 44:1 La importanza dei amici – Spaghetti-Os (in English)

Send us your check for \$20.00 and the order form found in the Publications section of our website, ssghs.org.

Indicate Roseland/Dutch special. Our Order Fulfillment Team will get the Quarterlies right out to you.

We have other publications about the Roseland, Pullman, and Calumet areas. Check our Publications list on our website to see a complete list and to place another order. Or come to the Library to make your purchases. ■

**NOMINATING
COMMITTEE REPORT****By Donna Work**

The Email/Snail Mail Election results for Officers and Board Members are in! 54 members responded to our request for approval of the Officers and Board as proposed. We are very grateful to Patty Higgins for conducting the election.

2021-22 Board of Directors**Officers 2021-22:**

Larry McClellan, President
Shirley Koelling, 1st Vice-President
Donna Work, 2nd Vice-President
Laurie Coolidge, Recording Secretary
Susan Bain-Williams,
Corresponding Secretary
Mary Ann Boggs, Treasurer

Director, term expires May 2022:

Paula Cassady
Donald Gordon
David Ryan

Directors, term expires May 2024:

Kenneth Carlborg
Phyllis Drewno
Carole Magnuson

Continuing Directors: Patricia Higgins, Peg Kapustiak, Thomas Mackowiak, and Paula Malak (terms expire May 2023).

Thanks to all the members who participated in this election. The Officers and Directors will be sworn in at the May Birthday Zoom program. ■

SSGHS News

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Research fee for a librarian — \$20/hour (see website for Research Policy).

The Annual Membership year runs from September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021. Dues are:

- Individual \$30.00
- Library or Society \$30.00
- Family (two people at same address) \$35.00
- Contributing \$40.00
- Supporting \$55.00

General Membership Meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of each month, except December and January, at the Society's headquarters, 3000 West 170th Place, Hazel Crest, in the Municipal Center building, between Dixie Highway and Kedzie Avenue, and a half-mile north of 175th Street via California Avenue.

Newsletter submissions are due by the 15th of each month. We do not assume responsibility for errors, though we will attempt to correct them.

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APRIL PROGRAM SUMMARY

By Laurie Coolidge

German Immigration to America

On Saturday, April 10, Steve Szabados gave a presentation (via Zoom) on German immigration. This is a summary of that talk.

Steve wants us to release their stories by asking four questions: why, when, how, and where. To elaborate on these, the first question is why did they emigrate? Next, when did they leave? And how did they get here? Lastly, where did they settle?

He examined the push and pull factors that influenced our ancestors' emigration. Some of the factors in Germany that caused them to leave were poverty, avoiding heavy taxation, escaping religious persecution, and lack of land for farming. Factors that drew them to America were the availability of cheap farmland, the promise of jobs, religious freedom, recruiting agents, and political freedom. Once some of the Germans had come here, there was the draw of "chain migration". Family and friends who had already arrived wrote home and persuaded others to migrate, too.

When did your German ancestors arrive here? There were three waves of German immigration. The first wave was during the 1600s. German craftsmen were recruited by the English to work at Jamestown. William Penn established a colony where religious minorities such as Quakers and Amish could settle. The next wave of immigrants came in the 1700s. America needed workers. Agents recruited emigrants who signed contracts to work to pay off their passage. The third wave of emigration occurred in the 1800s. These people came after the political and economic

problems in Germany. Some came after the failed revolution (1848). Others came after the potato crop failed.

How did they get here? The earlier emigrants came via the Rhine River. Many of them walked to reach the Rhine. They took the Rhine to the ports of Antwerp and Rotterdam. Later, people came from the ports of Bremen and Hamburg, especially after the railroads came. Passage on the ships took two to three months when they had to rely on sails. When boats became steamships in the mid to late 1800s, the passage time was reduced to about two weeks. The steamships were also larger boats that could accommodate more cargo and passengers.

Where did they settle? During the first and second waves of emigration, the Germans went to Pennsylvania, North and South Carolina, and Georgia. Much of the emigration during the third wave was to the Midwest – Wisconsin, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Kansas, and Nebraska. They also went to Texas after the Civil War. What occupations did they have here? Many were farmers but other worked in breweries, wineries, and factories.

Steve wants us to piece together our immigrants' unique stories. We can find documents, photos, and family stories about them. We can dig into the social and local history of the areas that they came from and the area that they went to. This will build a complete picture of your ancestors, instead of just a list of names and dates.

Handouts for the program are online at <https://ssghs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Handout-German-Immigration-to-America.pdf>. Steve's website is: <https://stevezabados.com>. ■



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

By Paula Malak

ORDER FULFILLMENT TEAM

I am looking for another person who would absolutely love to join our Order Fulfillment Team. The team is responsible for mailing publications that have been ordered. We meet on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. to do this. IF there are no orders to be filled, then no meeting — notice given on Friday. The process usually takes less than an hour. Let me know if you would like to volunteer to help your society in this way. Call me with the good news – Paula, 708-829-7096. ■

MAY BOOK BARGAINS!!

By Paula Malak

We have many books on the sale racks in the Library — Come and shop. The May specials all concern Jewish Research:

- The Candle Lighters – \$3
- The Lost Jews : the last of the Ethiopian Falashas – \$3
- The Lost : A search for 6 of the six million – \$4
- Finding Our Fathers : a guidebook to Jewish Genealogy – \$3

How can you get one (or more) of these books into your personal library?

- 1.) Phone the library and ask us to hold it for you for 48 hours. Come in and buy it. Or,
- 2.) Phone the library and ask us to hold it for you for 1 week. Send us a check, add \$4.00 for postage & handling, and we will mail it to you.

Remember, first come, first served! Supplies may be limited. If you do not redeem your hold on time, we will sell it to the next person on the list. ■



MAY CALENDAR

Please call the library before you come.

Saturday, May 1

Law Day.
SSGHS Library open
from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4

SSGHS Board of Directors Meeting
at 7:00 p.m. — All members welcome.
SSGHS Library open
from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 6

Writer's Group — at SSGHS,
from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
(SSGHS Library closed).

Saturday, May 8

10:00 a.m.—General Membership Meeting.
Program: *Society Birthday Bash and Virtual Show N Tell* (virtual via Zoom).
SSGHS Library open
from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 9

Mother's Day.
SSGHS Library closed.

Saturday, May 15

Armed Forces Day.
Peace Officers Memorial Day.
SSGHS Library closed.

Saturday, May 22

SSGHS Library closed.

Sunday, May 23

Pentecost.
SSGHS Library closed.

Saturday, May 29

SSGHS Library closed.

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day.
SSGHS Library closed. ■

Happy 53rd Birthday
South Suburban
Genealogical & Historical
Society

*You're Invited to Virtually Celebrate with us
No Masks, No Social Distancing,
No Traveling*

SSGHS welcomes gifts of cash, checks, or office supply store gift cards.
When shopping at Amazon.com, please go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) &
select SSGHS as your charitable organization before ordering.

JOIN US VIRTUALLY ON MAY 8, 2021

Watch for details to connect via Zoom!



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WHAT'S NEW



IN THE LIBRARY

Guide to Newspaper Research;
Uncapher, Wendy [n.d.].
929.1 UNC

Guide to Records in the New York State
Archives [1993].
974.7 A-GUI

Guide To Tracing Your Kerry Ancestors,
A; O'Connor, Michael H. , 1964- [1990].
941.96 A-OCO

Guide to Women's History Materials in
Manuscript Collections at the Indiana
Historical Society; Gressitt, Alexandra S.
[1997].
977.2 A-GRE

Hammond Concise World Atlas [2008].
912 HAM

Heritage of the Middle West [1958].
977 H-MUR

History and Stories of the McHenry
County Cemeteries; Mellien, Laurel
[2016].
977.322 H-MEL

Haines 1997 Directory : Northwest
Indiana; [1997].
977.29 D-HAI

Hamilton County, Ohio Burial Records,
Vols. 1-9; [1998].
CD 977.177 D-HAM

Hallelujah Harry : commemorating the
centennial year of the Pacific Garden
Mission, 1877-1977; Anderson, Ken.
977.311 H-AND

Hidden Half Of The Family, The : A
Sourcebook For Women's Genealogy;
Schaefer, Christina K. [c1999].
929.1 SCH

Hillside Memorial Park and Mortuary
Distinguished Residents [2004].
979.493 D-HIL

Historic Points in and around
Tahlequah; Ballenger, T.L. [1961].
976.688 H-BAL

Historic Sites Of Morris County, New
Jersey; Mitros, David [2007].
974.974 H-MIT

History Of Mattituck, Long Island, New
York; Craven, Charles E. (Rev.) [1988].
974.725 H-CRA

History of South Suburban College: our
past, your future : Celebrating 90 years
1927-2017; [2017].
977.3167 H-SOU ■

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 8 – SSGHS Birthday Bash
and Virtual Show N Tell.

June 12 – “My Ancestor Was a
Farmer” by Jane Haldeman.

July 10 – “DNA – No Tree! No
Response! Now What?”
by Suzan Bates.

August 14 – “1950 Census”
by Thomas MacEntee.



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onsite access to more than two billion
digitized records, and more, including
400-million images not currently
available to the public, outside an
Affiliate Library or a FamilySearch
Family History Center.