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**Historical Society of Temple City**  
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## President's Message

Happy Holidays Historical Society members! Thank you for your continued support through this past year! As we continue to navigate changes and health orders, we have continued to work within the building and the museum. I am so excited to share our progress.

First and foremost, the Board has continued to be supportive with direction and hands-on involvement in ensuring we are preserving the Society and its footprint within the City of Temple City and the surrounding communities. The Board engaged in changing the Agreement with the Woman's Club of Temple City to ensure a smooth and collaborative agreement that represents both organizations at this time, and into the future. The next generation of members of both organizations will have a good working foundation to implement future changes as needed.

Kudos to Mary Sneed for taking a vision we talked about and having it become real in the museum. She has dedicated countless hours and effort in creating, repurposing and adapting our museum to a welcoming space that will invite learning, curiosity and sharing of facts that created the City of Temple City and memorializing the Temple family.

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## Issue Highlights

- Renew Your Membership
- January 6th Volunteer Work Day
- General Meeting & Vintage Valentine Card Making Dinner Party  
January 30, 2022
- Daily Historical Photos on Facebook
- Museum Update
- Woman's Club Hall Facility Use Update
- Article about the History of Temple City Schools



# President's Message (Continued)

We have reopened our Hall for use and welcomed the first groups and facility use agreements. This was no easy task, as we had to create new agreements meeting the current market issues and contract with a sanitation/cleaning person. The Woman's Club has resumed meeting in the building, and by the number of attendees at the December meeting, the Club is happy to be back.

We have maintained fiscal responsibility and am happy to report that we continue to make prudent decisions in regards to how we accomplish the many needs of the building and the needs of what the museum will require to be ready to open.

There will be a general meeting on January 30th, followed by an event that will have a little bit of history, dinner and a craft to prepare for Valentine's Day. The craft will be a card making project and any card made that is not wanted for a "Valentine" will be placed with the City of Temple City for a special treat with the Seniors meal delivery. Please look for information on this and come out and join us. Los Angeles County Health Department Covid Guidelines will be followed, which at this time means that, unless actively eating or drinking, masks need to be worn.

Please have a safe, healthy holiday season!

President, Rachel La Sota

## Board of Directors

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Museum Director ..... Mary Sneed

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Woman's Club of Temple City Representative ..... Bob Westgate

## THANK YOU

A huge "Thank You" to all of the volunteers who assisted in getting the Hall reopened, clean the Museum carpet, return cases, donating paint, and most of all their time. We could not have done it without all of the Board Members, Mick Mistretta, the Fairmans, Deliah Garcia, Lorenzo Mora, and BSA Troops 181 & 161.

*Look for More Details on these and many other Contributions in Upcoming Newsletters*

**Community Museum**

# Volunteer Work Day

**Thursday**  
**January 6th**  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Youth & Adults are Welcome  
Masks Required

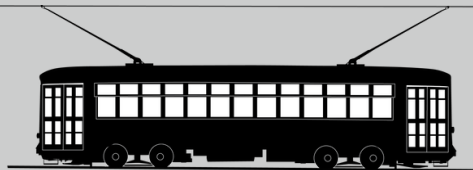
**Historical Society of Temple City**

The Historical Society Board has been continuously amazed at the number of Temple Citians who have not attended an event at the Woman's Club Hall at the Historical Society. We want to see the Hall utilized by our residents and best efforts are being made to have it look its best. You can help - come volunteer an hour or two of your time on January 6th. Youth and adults are welcome. Tasks will range from cleaning, gardening, organizing, and for those who are interested sorting through our archived material for display or scanning. All skill levels are welcome. More information will be available soon - visit our website to keep up to date.

## Museum Update

We are very excited that our museum renovation is moving along. We hope to have a reopening by early in the new year. The museum has been repainted, the carpets cleaned, display cases moved into place, our timeline and some of our historic pictures have been hung, and some of the antique furniture has been placed. One beautiful new feature in the museum is the family tree mural. This lovely piece will feature the members of the Temple and Workman families. Our plan is to make this one of our interactive displays, where visitors can learn more about the people who were part of our city history. Eventually, we hope our museum will be a local point of interest where our school children can learn about our Temple City history.

Mary Sneed  
Museum Director



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# The History of Temple City Schools

Have you ever wondered where the early settlers of the Temple City sent their kids to school? Or why are the boundaries of the Temple City Unified School District different from the boundaries of the City of Temple City? At the Historical Society of Temple City Museum you can find the answers to these questions and much more information about Temple City schools.

South Santa Anita School was the first school in Temple City. It was established in 1908, 13 years prior to Walter P. Temple subdividing the Town of Temple. The school served students grades K-8, upon promotion, the students attended Pasadena schools for high school. By 1946 South Santa Anita was a K-6 school and the name was changed to Longden School. Cloverly School opened for K-5 students in 1947, and Emperor and Temple City Junior High School (now known as Oak Ave. Intermediate School) opened in 1950.



In 1954, 6 years before the incorporation of the City of Temple City, the voters agreed to the formation of the Temple City Unified School District. Temple City Junior High School, which had been part of the Pasadena School District, became Temple City High School while the new high school was under construction. La Rosa Elementary School opened in 1955.

Throughout history Temple City schools have been famous for offering students an excellent education, and for parent and community involvement, especially by the members of PTA. Famous alumni include professional athletes, judges, the first blind physicist, an astronaut and many other accomplished people.

The Historical Society of Temple City museum is currently under renovation and is closed because of the pandemic. When it reopens, visitors interested in the history of Temple City schools can view many photos, newspaper articles, memorabilia, as well as every TCHS yearbook.

Donna Georgino  
Vice President



# Join / Renew Your Historical Society Membership !

## Reasons to be a Member .....

- Help preserve the Woman's Club Hall as a resource for our community.
- Help organize and preserve our Temple City History through the Community's Museum.
- Your membership plays a vital role in maintaining these gems for the entire Temple City community.

### Join - Donate - Volunteer

For More Information email  
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## FACEBOOK

Did you enjoy the Temple City Schools article? "Like" our page on Facebook where Donna Georgino is posting daily photos from the Historical Society archives. The excitement and comments we are receiving are amazing!

## Facility Use Update

The Woman's Club Hall reopened on October 30th with Relay for Life of Temple City holding its Survivor Dinner event. Since then we have had private parties and community groups utilize the Hall.

We are looking forward to seeing the Hall used to the Temple City Community in the future. Help Spread the word!



## Historical Society of Temple City Woman's Club Hall





**HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OF TEMPLE CITY  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

**Sunday  
January 30, 2022  
3:00 pm**



**Historical Society of Temple City  
Woman's Club Hall  
9704 Woodruff Ave., Temple City**

**Followed by Vintage Valentine Card  
Making Dinner Party**

**RSVP for  
Dinner  
by  
January  
24th**



**Cost  
\$25.00  
Per  
Person**

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