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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends:

A happy, healthy new year to you from the Board members of our society. It doesn't seem possible but another year has gone by swiftly.

In looking back, it was a very good year for us as a Society. We worked on new things at the museum and added a few new members. We had a fun auction, a great time at the installation of officers at Chevy Chase, took part in the 4th of July parade and had a 1929 picture of Palwaukee Airfield published in the 2001 Illinois State Historical Society calendar.

Lollipop Lane was very successful this year. With the wonderful support given to us by the Wheeling Park District, Stasek Cheverolet and the other businesses and organizations of our community, we were able to add new lights, ornaments and a new exhibit. The cookies were sold out in four days. There were many people to thank especially those who participated as Mr. & Mrs. Claus. I wish to personally thank Frank and Lonnie and their committee, Eleanor Buerger, Laverne and Bert Harris Shirley Koeppen and all their elves for a job well done.

So far we have presented Mark Twain School with 2 1/2 shoe boxes filled with pop tops for which they sincerely thanked us. Please keep saving the pop tops. They are collected for the Ronald McDonald program of sending ill children to summer camp. A collection jar will be brought to our regular meetings.

Our society received an unexpected and generous monetary gift from the D.C. Creiger Lodge #81AF and AM (Masons) to be used for the museum. Our sincere thank you.

Linda and I were invited to give a talk about "Wheeling, Then and Now" at the North Northfield Church on December 21st. This was a first for us and turned out quite well.

Now we start planning for our Feb. auction. Please look around your homes for good or funny items that can be auctioned. Reuseable jelly jars are need so Clare Rudolph can make her wonderful strawberry/rubarb jam for the auction. Bring them to the January 24th meeting. Remember this is one of our FUND RAISERS. It will be held February 21st - 6:00 buffet. You will be notified about reservations. Ask your friends to come with you, this is always a fun night.

Thanking you for your support,
I remain,

Lorraine Haben, President

The first mechanical plan-flight place near Kittyhawk, N.C. by Wilbur & Orville Wright Dec.17, 1903

The first sets of Crayola Crayons are manufactured by Binney & Smith on Jan.10, 1903.

The ice cream cone was created at the 1904 St. Louis World's fair.



LOANS & DONATIONS

We received three boxes of picture frames from Clare Rudolph which will be put to good use.

From Dolly Hein, we received one raccoon fur hat w/box.

Reading Electric, Inc. donated a fax machine for use at the museum and a VCR for recording activities.

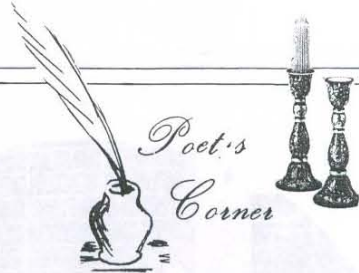


HOUSEHOLD HINTS

In order for your floors not to get scratched from chairs sliding back and forth, cut little pieces of carpet and glue them to the bottoms of the chair legs.

Use worn pillowcases as dust covers for clothing stored on hangers in a closet. Cut a small hole in the center of the seam and slip it over the hook.

To store dresser scarves wrinkle free, place them on a hanger that has a cardboard roll across the bottom. A rolled magazine securely taped will serve the same purpose.



The earth has its music for those who will listen;
Its bright variations forever abound.
With all of the wonders that God has bequeathed us,
There's nothing that thrills like the magic of sound.

Reginald Holmes



CHOCOLATE CHERRY THUMBPRINTS

- 2 Cups (12 Ounce Pkg) Nestle Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels, divided
- 1 3/4 Cups quick or old fashioned Oats
- 1 1/2 Cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 Cup Nestle Toll House Baking Cocoa
- 1 Tea. baking powder
- 1/4 Tea. salt (Optional)
- 3/4 Cup granulated sugar
- 2/3 Cup butter or margarine, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 Tea. Vanilla extract
- 2 Cups (two 10-ounce jars) maraschino cherries, drained and patted dry.

Microwave 1/2 cup morsels in small, microwave-safe bowl on HIGH (100%) power for 1 minute; stir. Microwave at additional 10- to 20-second intervals, stirring until smooth. Cool to room temperature. Combine oats, flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt in medium bowl. Beat granulated sugar, butter, eggs and vanilla in large mixer bowl until smooth. Beat in melted chocolate. Stir in oat mixture. Cover; chill dough for 1 hour. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Press deep centers with thumb. Place maraschino cherry into each center.

Bake in preheated 350°F oven 10 to 12 minutes or until set. Let stand 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Melt remaining morsels as above; drizzle over cookies. Makes 4 dozen.

CURATOR'S REPORT

A letter has been sent to Lynore Rakittke, daughter of Mr. Belpulsi for any information she can send us on her father's studio.

We received the plastic covers for the two chairs used by Mr. & Mrs. Claus.

We had a request to buy a copy of "Wheeling Through the Years" book. We will put her on a waiting list. Anyone wanting to sell or donate a copy to the museum, let me know.

Frank Scharringhausen and I assembled an album from copies of 19 pictures of Wheeling in 1926 - 1955 for his mother. She lived on Wolf Road next to the Clesen family as a young girl and is now 74. Hope she enjoys the album.

There still are four 2001 Vision calendars left. Price is \$5.00.

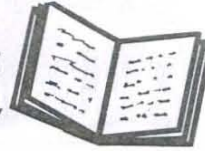
Patti and I are in the process of assembling new exhibits for the museum and this will include a set-up for viewing VCR tapes upstairs in February. Help is always needed just give me a call.

The N.E.I.L. meeting was held by the River Grove Historical Society on January 13th.

The museum will be opening in March so we will have a sign-up sheet available for volunteering to sit on Sundays 2-4 p.m at the next few meetings.

Sincerely
Linda Reading

A BIT OF HISTORY



In 1923 the paving of North Milwaukee Avenue was completed in Wheeling.

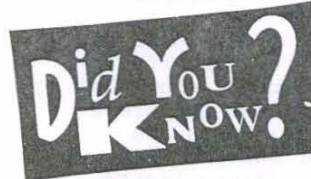
The Hartmann House building became the Spaghetti Factory prior to the present owners which now call it the Crabhouse.

Betty Berrie was the chief operator for the telephone company when it began dial service in 1958.

Kristoff's restaurant became Wenzlaff's restaurant which then became Tien Tsin before it was demolished to make way for the renovation on Milwaukee Avenue.

Our neighboring town of Arlington Heights was known as "West Wheeling" until 1854.

Haggerstrom Studio behind the former John Schminke house was torn down May 8, 1985. The John Schminke house is now Don Roths Restaurant.



Kodak introduces the no-fuss pre-loaded Brownie Camera in January of 1900.

January 1902 Nabisco created animal crackers - for kids of all ages.

January 6, 1903 the first World Series baseball game is played. Boston beat Pittsburgh five games to three.



PORTRAITS FROM THE PAST

In the early 1950's Civil Defense members Director Robert Buerger, Peter Egan, A.R. McIntyre, Ronald Bruhn and Coordinator Robert Lovett (not shown) were employees of Illinois Bell assigned to Civil Defense Emergency Utilities.

These men served their village and country in more ways than one. Mr. McIntyre (former Mayor of Wheeling), Mr. Egan and Bruhn, (former Village Board Members) Mr. Robert Buerger served his village in many ways. He was a former President of the Wheeling Historical Society, served his country in the Naval Service and was always there when anyone needed him.

In memory of these gentlemen, we want to thank them for all they have done for the betterment of our village and country.

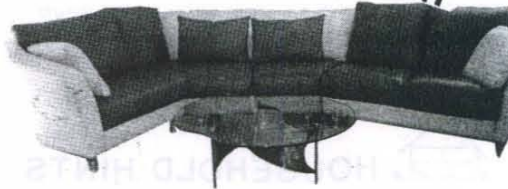
UPCOMING MEETINGS
January 17..Board Meeting
January 24..Regular Meeting

REMEMBER
White Elephant Sale
& Dinner in February

YESTERDAY



TODAY



I can only please one person per day.
Today is not you day.
Tomorrow doesn't look good either.



"The object of this Society shall be the Discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledhe about the community of Wheeling."

-W.H.S. Constitution-