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Wheeling Historical Museum



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MARCH-APRIL NEWSLETTER

Our March meeting was a small one, but interesting. There were four visitors from the Wheeling Centennial Committee--Marilyn Chromy, Jan D'Argo and Estelle and George Huber. They presented the Society with articles from the Centennial year. A 1994 plate, specially designed for the year, an imprinted sweatshirt, and a wonderful scrapbook with all the newspaper articles and pictures from the Centennial year activities. This was compiled by Estelle. Thank you ever so much.

It was decided and duly voted on - to purchase a brick for the Centennial fountain in honor of the Historical Society.

Maureen DuBois became a new member. Welcome.

We sincerely hope that all the guys and gals that were "under the weather" are all fine again.

Curator's Report -- Displays in the museum have been changed for April and May. Wheeling's Diamond Jubilee and Centennial articles have taken the place of the beautiful Valentine displays. Come and see.....

One Sunday in March, four ladies came to visit the museum looking for information on the Jacob Schwingl family. They were the granddaughters of this man. Mr. Schwingl owned several business in town and was very active in politics in the early 1900's. Something like this makes volunteering worthwhile. Many thanks to our faithful volunteers and you others, if you have a couple of hours and would like to some volunteering call Sue Knippen (459-354) or leave a message on the Museum phone (537-3119), Sue will get back to you.

There was an active discussion on some of the old businesses in early Wheeling. A Pickle Factory, noodle factory, ice making? We will try to bring some interesting stories to you at a later date.

Our March Pot Luck Buffet and Auction were fun. Bob Buerger did his usual good job of coaxing us into purchasing things we really didn't need. Food was good as usual thanks to all the ladies who made it possible. Our proceeds were not what we expected - due to the fact

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

We are quickly coming to a close of another fiscal year. It was another successful year and I only wish more members would participate in the various activities throughout the year. Membership dues for 1995-1996 will be due in May and can be paid at the installation banquet or mailed to the Wheeling Historical Society, P.O. Box 3, Wheeling, Illinois 60090. Dues must be received by September.

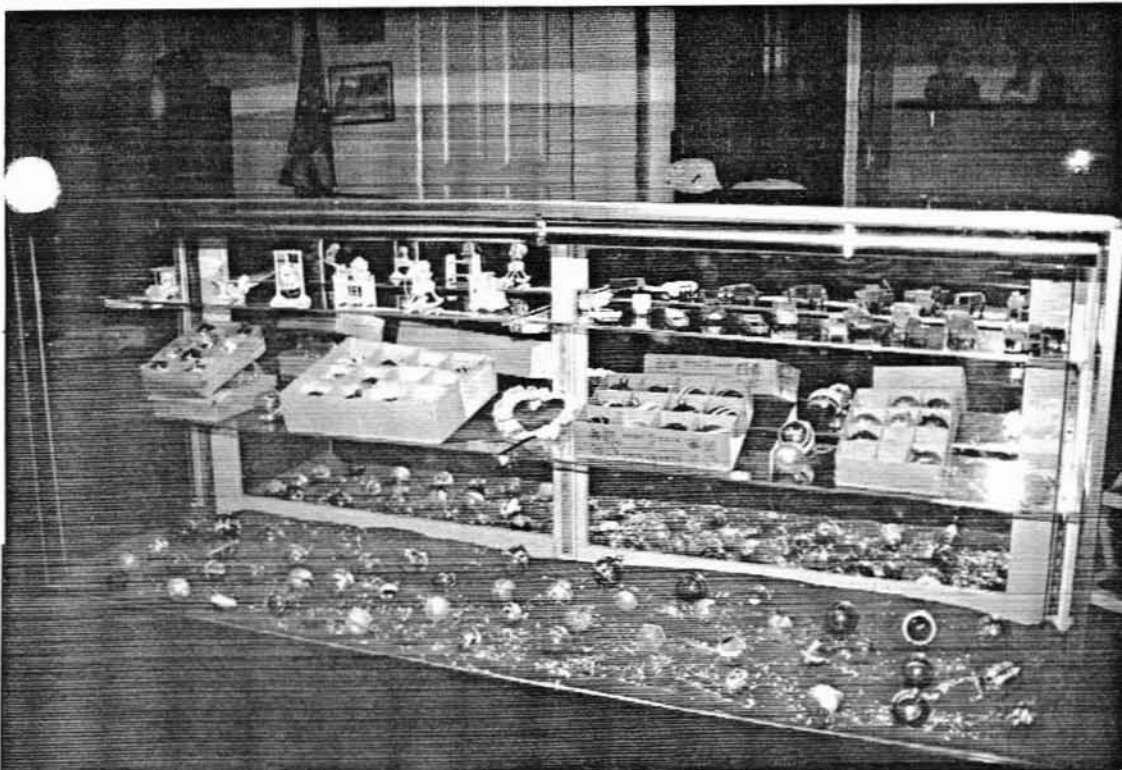
Thanks to Lorraine Haben and Don & Marge Allison, the format for our Newsletter has been revised and as you can see pictures have been added. Knowing that the cost of postage has gone up and the cost of having pictures put in the newsletter, you can see that it is very important that we receive all membership dues on time. Our dues are very small compared to those of other historical societies.

Both your current officers and those officers who will be elected at our April meeting hope as many members and their guests attend the Installation Banquet on May 24th, as possible. As mentioned before this will also be our 25th anniversary.

As you know, in June 1994 we had Wheeling's Centennial Parade and the Wheeling Historical Society entered a beautiful float in the parade. In December we had Lollipop Lane which again attracted a very large number of children and their parents. In February we had the Dinner and Auction which everyone enjoyed and the food was great. Now in May we'll have the Installation Banquet and will celebrate our 25th anniversary in style.

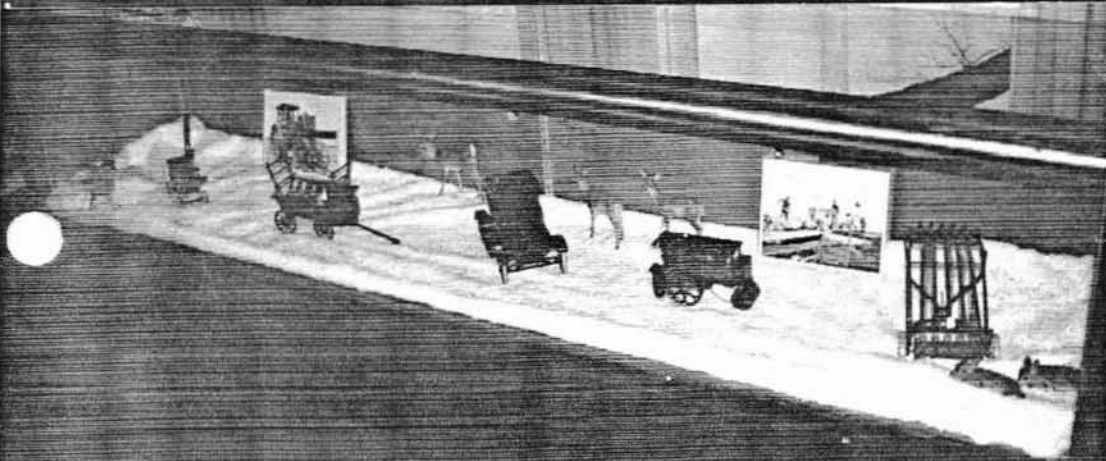
I have only 1 more year as President and I'd like to see it be another successful one. Let's all be active in our own little way. If you now reside out of the area drop us a line and let us know what you've been doing so we can include it in the newsletter. If you do live in the area but have not been attending our meetings or have not been active in our projects, give us a little of your time. I'm sure you'll enjoy it. Hope to see you all at the April meeting and at the Banquet and if not, have a great summer.

Historically yours,
Frank Schnaitmann



MUSEUM
CHRISTMAS
1994

BEAUTIFUL
OLD ANTIQUE
ORNAMENTS



ANTIQUE
TOY
DISPLAY



VALENTINE
DISPLAY
FEB-1995



MISS RICHMOND
FORMER SCHOOL
TEACHER WAS
RECIPIENT
OF THESE
CARDS, YEARS
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SETTING UP Lollipop LANE
MUCH WORK



COOKIE DONATIONS - LOOKS GOOD



FINISHED Lollipop LANE - WONDERFUL

that several people made reservations and then didn't come. The Society had to pay for the dinner anyway..A motion was made and duly voted upon to the effect that - if you make a reservation to any of the Historical Society events and then don't come, you are responsible for payment anyway. Most organizations require this.

This year is our Historical Society's 25th anniversary. We will celebrate it the same time as our May meeting-installation. It will be a buffet dinner - \$10.75 a person - at Chevy Chase, on May 24th. If you know of any former officer or member who should be notified, please contact Frank or Lonnie Schnaitmann (459-1788). Craig's Barbershop Quartet will entertain us. Always wonderful. If any of you out of state members remember any antidote or something about the Society that you would like to share, please send it on to L. Haben, 608 McHenry Rd. Wheeling, Il.60090. Thanks.

Our Wheeling Park District commissioners must make a big decision about the Chevy Chase Clubhouse in the near future. It either must be greatly renovated or torn down and a new one built. Either way it will cost about 3 million dollars. We all have mixed feelings about it. It's old and needs much work, but it holds lots of memories for many of us. Several of the big furniture items that had been stored there are now in the Museum basement. An old roll-top desk, church pew, etc are waiting to be restored and then refinished. It will all take time.

Another piece of information that will be of interest to movie goers--the Palwaukee Drive-in Theater came to an end last week. The Palwaukee Municipal Airport (owned jointly by Wheeling and Prospect Hgts) officially took control of it. It was open for about 30 years, but that land was vital to the expansion of the airport. Hintz Road has under gone a major overhaul and many of the homes along it have been torn down. Progress comes to Wheeling.

Next Society meeting will be April 26th - 7:30 P.M. - ELECTION These members have been nominated: Vice President - Bob Buerger Treasurer - Dolly Hein 2 Directors - Marge Allison and Kenneth Kostrezewski. Secretary position is still open. Nominations can be make by members from the floor. We also will discuss the 25th Birthday celebration. Do make it a point to come. This is why we are members.

Yesterday is already a dream
Tomorrow is only a vision
But today well lived makes every
yesterday a dream of happiness and
every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Happy Easter -----Happy Passover