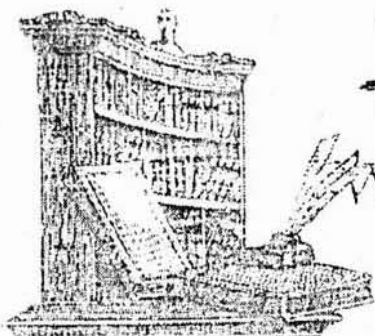




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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Message From The President Wheeling Historical Society

Dear Members and Friends

Happy Springtime!! A sincere thank you to all who attended our annual "Pot Luck" and Auction. We had a very good time. Syke, as our auctionaire, told jokes and made buying items fun. The food was delicious and plenty. Desserts, as usual, calorie free were made by volunteers. Lonnie and her helpers did a great job. We missed some regulars, but enjoyed the newcomers. All this and we made some money too!

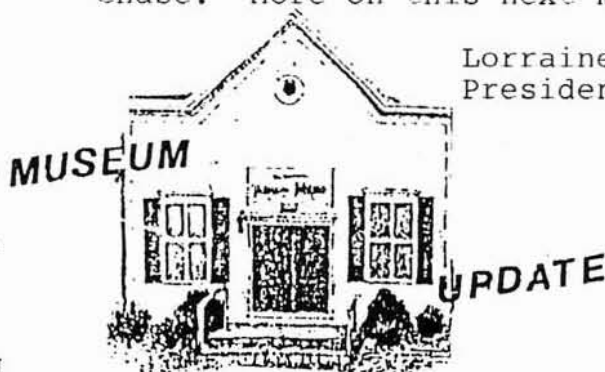
Another old time business is closing up shop. This summer will be the last for the Wheeling Nursery, its Western Store and the Showcase. Peggy Kruse Bumgarner (now in Durham Oregon, has sent us pictures dating back to 1925 when her father began raising beautiful roses at the Wheeling Nursery. We are compiling all the pictures into a small collage. Thanks Peg.

Lonnie Schnaitmann, Claire Rudolph and Eleanor Buerger were appointed to be our nominating committee. They will present a slate of officers at our April meeting, at which time a President and two Directors will be elected. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. A Curator, an Assistant Curator and Historical Consultant will be appointed by the new President.

The constitution of our Society makes it obligatory that the museum be open March through mid-November. Holidays, the museum is closed. There needs to be two persons present. Please make plans to sign up for just two (2) hours on a Sunday. A few of us can't do it alone. Any new member will be accompanied by an older member (in experience, not years). Bring a friend.

Plans are underway for the Installation Banquet on May 24th. Mark your calendars. Hopefully, we can have it at our beautiful renovated Chevy Chase. More on this next month.

Lorraine Haben
President



It has been decided that the Passport Program this year is cancelled. Cheri and I decided we would reconsider the program earlier next year. We need a volunteer from the Society to work with the Park District.

Patti and I have been framing and hanging new pictures.

The military display has been completed with memorabilia from WW II. If you get a chance, we would like you to see it.

We will be changing the Post Office display next.

Spring cleaning is in process in time for the March opening.

Linda Reading



PORTRAITS FROM THE PAST

Pictured is our own Willie Franta. A few years back, Willie was chosen "Super Senior" at the Senior Pavillon but she is more noted for being one of our Mrs. Claus at Lollipop Lane. Willie has been under the weather lately but we did enjoy seeing her at our PotLuck Dinner and Auction in February. Stay well Willie.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Mar. 15th...Board Meeting
- Mar. 22nd...Regular Meeting
- April 19....Board Meeting
- April 26....Regular Meeting
& Election of Officers



*Happy St. Patrick's
Day*

MARCH 2000						
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MARCHing BACK!

March 2...In 1915 the Hall Brothers began the HALLMARK CARDS COMPANY.

March 6...In 1915 Henry Ford set a new standard for the U.S. workforce by introducing "MINIMUM WAGE" - \$5 minimum or an 8 hour day.

March 10..In 1916 the process for blood is developed giving way to the idea of BLOOD BANKS.

March 14..In 1917 Keds marketed the first TENNIS SHOE.

March 19..In 1920, the BLOW DRYER WAS INVENTED based on the vacuum cleaners women were using to dry their hair.

March 23..In 1920, America's first LICENSED RADIO STATION BEGAN broadcasting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

March 28..In 1921 the cool new taste was the ESKIMO PIE ice cream.

WELCOME!

To new members Randy Klocke and Fran Eagan, welcome to the Wheeling Historical Society. We are glad to have you share this time with us.



THE HISTORY OF WHEELING
 Andreas. History of Cook County (1884)

The town of Wheeling lies in the north part of Cook County, and is bounded on the north by Lake County on the east by Northfield, on the south by Elk Grove, and on the west by Palatine. The highest land in the township is in the western part, there being a gradual slope to the Desplaines river, which flows southward through the eastern tier of sections. The soil is a rich prairie loam. Originally the timber along the Desplaines River consisted of a belt about three-fourths of a mile in width, and then perhaps, equally divided between Wheeling and Northfield.

Probably the first settler in the town was a Mr. Sweet whose first name cannot be ascertained. He arrived in March 1833, selected a claim and built a cabin in which he lived until the following October. As this was before ratification of the treaty with the Pottawatomic Indians, and as the Indians were generally opposed to occupancy by white men, Mr. Sweet must have been on especially friendly relations with them in order to remain there and yet his desire to remain seems not to have been strong, for in October he sold his claim to George Strong for \$60.

Mr. Strong, before finally deciding to buy this claim, consulted Colonel Thomas J.W. Owen, Indian Agent at Chicago, as to the prospect of moving onto it, and as the probable results. Colonel Owen advised him not to go, as the Indians were hostile, and as, in addition, it would be necessary for him to use the United States troops in defending the rights of the Indians in case Mr. Strong should attempt to occupy the land before the ratification of the treaty.

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GREAT PEANUT BUTTER
 CHOCOLATE BARS
 Cook's
 Kitchen

Cups Graham Cracker Crumbs
 2 Cups Confectionate Sugar
 1 Cup Smooth Peanut Butter
 1/2 Cup Butter/Margarine plus
 2 Tablespoons, (Melted)
 1 - 12 Oz. Bag Semi-Sweet
 Chocolate Morsels, (Melted)

Blend first four items. Be sure mixed thoroughly. Press into an ungreased 9 x 13 pan. Spread melted morsels over mixture and refrigerate for 2 hours. After refrigeration, let stand at room temperature then cut into squares with sharp knife.

Receipe given to us by
 Clare Rudolph

SCATTERED THOUGHTS

Did You Know????

"Statistics show that at the age of seventy, there are five women to every man. Isn't tht the darndest time for a guy to get those odds?"

"Middle age is when it takes longer to rest than to get tired."

"By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere."

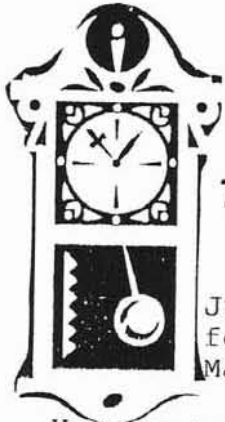
"Middle age is when you have stopped growing at both ends, and have begun to grow in the middle."



LOANS & DONATIONS

Thanks to Eleanor Buerger for the loan of Bob's picture and memorabilia from WW II.

Also pictures and insignias are on loan from Patti from WW II and the Koren War.



TIME MARCHES ON..

Just a reminder that dues for 2000-2001 are due in May.

You can pay at the Installation Dinner or mail it in with the enclosed Renewal Application.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, _____

PHONE _____ ZIP _____

CHECK ONE:

_____ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$15.00

_____ INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$10.00

Checks are made payable to
Wheeling Historical Society
P.O. Box 3
Wheeling, Il. 60090



Poet's Corner

SUCCESS

IF ONE ADVANCES CONFIDENTLY
IN THE DIRECTION OF HIS DREAMS,
AND ENDEAVORS TO LIVE THE LIFE
WHICH HE HAS IMAGINED,
HE WILL MEET WITH A SUCCESS
UNEXPECTED IN COMMON HOURS.

Henry David Thoreau



YESTERDAY!



TODAY

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

