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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Message
From The
President*

Dear Members and Friends:

It doesn't seem possible that 2 years have passed since I first became your President of the Society. I believe we have made great progress. We have reached out to more people via our Website and person to person, exchanging ideas and information. Since Wheeling has become such an diversified community, we have visitors from all cultures visiting our museum. I, of course, haven't done this alone! All my board members and members in general have all contributed a great deal of ideas and time. Thank you to all of you.

Our May 24th Installation dinner was a great success. Village and Park officials, visitors and members, all had a good time. The Chevy Chase Club House staff did a fabulous job setting up and preparing all that beautiful tasty food. The entertainment Ed Warble had songs and jokes to please all of us. Our Wheeling merchants were very generous with 23 gifts for our raffle. The Pot-O-Gold was quite heavy and won by Mrs. Argiris. Commissioner Klumpp of the Park District and our Liaison won the 50-50 and generously donated her share back to the society.

It was a great evening and my sincere thanks to all who made it possible.

As my next term begins, I and the Board hope to keep up the good work we've done and go forward! Getting new members is high on our agenda. There must be young people out there who would enjoy learning about and

Mark you Calendar.....
The next regular meeting of the society will be held Wednesday, September 27th 7:30 p.m. at Chamber Church.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Haben



Brownie #189 from Mark Tawin visited the museum and had a great time. Pictures were taken of the girls in the buggy and on the porch of the museum. They thanked us for helping them earn their "Listening to the past" badge. Thankyou to Lorraine and Clare for helping out.

Girl Scout Troop #697 visited the museum on May 11th and really enjoyed learning about their town. Thanks to Wedge, Patti and my husband Ron for helping out.

Gerri Hunt gave us a copy of her "Snapshots of a Community" book about Wheeling. Anyone wanting to help edit it, let me know, as Gerri is giving us the copyrights to use this as a fundraiser.

I will be working with the Police Dept. and Chris Reading, Head of Outreach at the library on taking pictures and recording the grave markers at the Wheeling cemetery.



**PORTRAITS
FROM THE PAST,**

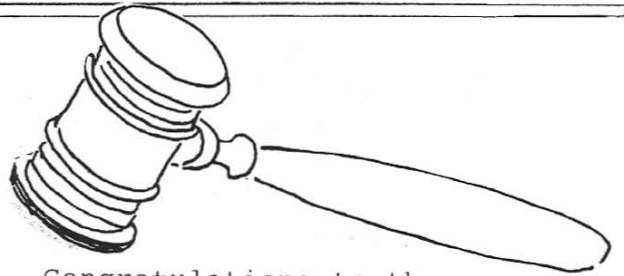
A tribute to Irene and Sam Dattilo long time members of the Wheeling Historical Society who were always there when called upon. In the above picture, they were working at the Brat and Beer Fest at Chevy Chase, held in 1970's. Sam loaned the society his antique car for the parades and Irene still handles the telephone for special events. We want to say thank you both for all you have contributed to the society and community through the years.



**Cook's
Kitchen**

A Tasty Desert

One angle food cake cut in half. Spread strawberries or raspberries on bottom half. Top with cool whip. Replace top layer and frost with with cool whip. Sprinkle top with crushed nuts. Yummie!!!!



Congratulations to the Board of 2000 - 2001

Lorraine Haben..President
Dolly Hein.....Vice President
Elaine Simpson..Treasurer
Barbara Forke...Secretary
Frank Schnaiatmann.Director
Marilyn Chromy.....Director
Eleanor Buerger....Director

Our thanks to:
Linda Reading...Curator
Shirley McConnell, Betty Berrie
..Historical Consultants



TIME MARCHES ON..

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

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

A big thank you to all our members who have helped keep the museum open on Sundays since March. There is still need for volunteers for July, August September and October. Just let me know. Thanks.

Meanwhile, Patti and I are at the museum on Thursday mornings, 9:00 to noon and anyone with some free time..we could sure use you.

Linda Reading



LOANS & DONATIONS

Received a picture of Harrison Supply Store which was located 260 S. Milwaukee Ave from Jo Scribano the owners wife.

Received a tribute to Dorothy Balling Flentge by her son Robert from Shirley McConnell.

Received a copy of a letter w/envelope from Bill Spangenberg which was mailed at the Wheeling Postoffice in 1838 or 1898 from Merrill Pearson to his father Major Isaac Pearson in Haverhill. N.H. Merrill settled on a farm in Wheeling and gave his father an account of of regarding the farm.

The Pavilion donated a box of Restaurant Cook Books for us to sell.

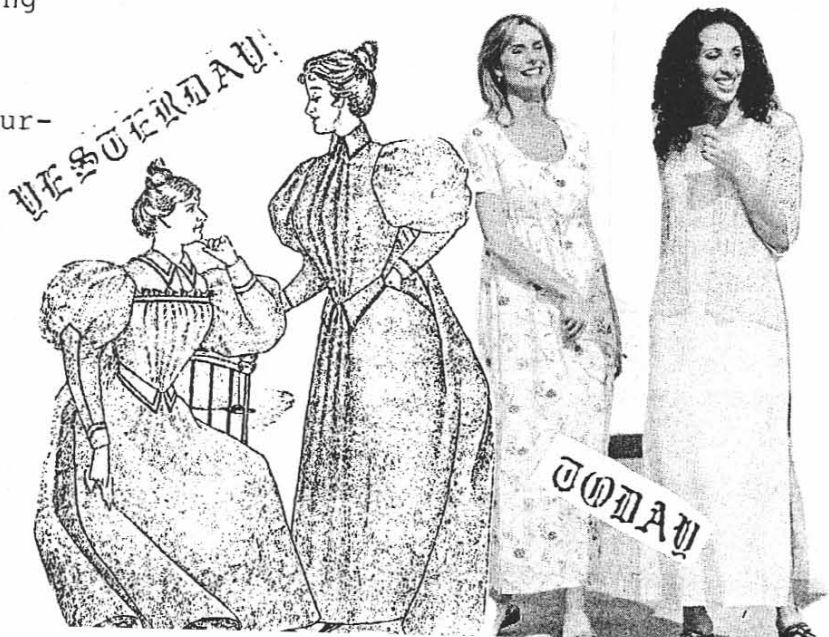
Received a dress form donated by Eleanor Buerger.

Another dressform was purchased by the Society for \$10 at the Fair given by the Pavilion.

A 48 star flag which was on loan from Henry Inselberg, was returned at his request. Another 48 star flag is on display in our military case.



*To let you know you're
thought of every day and
always in a very special way*





HISTORY OF WHEELING

Andreas...History of Cook County (1884)

Continued....

In 1837 a survey of the lands in this town was made, and as it was known that the boundaries of the various claims already taken could not correspond with the section lines that would be run, the settlers, by mutual consent, selected S.M. Salisbury to purchase all the land they had claimed, with the understanding that he should re-deed each one's individual claim to him, as nearly as practicable, being at the same time governed by the section lines as run by the survey. This plan was carried out to the satisfaction of all concerned.

From the time elections became necessary to 1850, when the town was organized, the territory embraced within its limits, together with a part of Maine and Northfield, was known as Wheeling Precinct. The place of voting was at Wilcox's tavern, situated on the Milwaukee road near where it crosses the DesPlaines River. After the organization of the town elections were held at the village of Wheeling.

The town was organized, as were the others in the county, April 2, 1850. The meeting was held "at the house lately kept by James Parker in the town of "Wheeling." William H. Dunton was chosen Moderator, Egbert Van Vlack, Clerk, and George Fullagar, Assistant Clerk. The election resulted in; the choice of the following officers, each receiving the vote appended to his name: Supervisor, S.M. Salisbury, 106: Clerk, Lewis Peet, 96: Assessor, Ira Millard, 100: Collector, D.B. Briggs, 100: Commissioners of Highways, Ira Snow, 100: W.H. Dunton, 171: Andrew Luce, 99: Constables, D.B. Briggs, 122: S.D.W. Miller, 98. A pound was provided for, to be as near the center of the town as practicable, and Myron Thornton was appointed Pound-Master

Three hundred dollars was voted to be raised for the support of the poor, for building a pound and for the incidental expenses of the township, but no tax was ever been levied for the support of the poor in Wheeling, nor was a pound provided at that time. Three hundred dollars was raised for road and bridge purposes. Fences were required to be built four feet high. The total number of votes cast at this election was 191, as certified by Lewis Peet, Town Clerk, indicating a population of about 750. The Commissioners of Highways met April 19, and divided the town into six road districts. Their second action was to vacate a road running north and south from the Rand road to the Dundee road, between Sections 7 and 8, and 17 and 18. This action was taken May 4, on the petition of ten citizens, dated April 19. The board of appointment, consisting of S.M. Salisbury, Supervisor, Lewis Peet, Clerk, William Scoville, Justice of the Peace, and Joel F. Hawks, Justice of the Peace, met May 4 at the house of George Strong and appointed Lysander Miller Overseer of Highways for District No. 1; Richard Adams for Nr. 2; Ira Snow for No 3; George Strong for No. 4; Stephen Lamb for No.5, and James Dunton for No. 6.

On the 13th of March, 1851, the Commissioners divided the town into nine districts each two miles square. The first highway fund, received by the Commissioners of Highways previously to March 25, 1851, was \$260. At that time it was reported that in five of the road districts there had been performed five hundred and ninety-seven days' work, and in one other district one hundred and one.

"The Andreas goes on to mention the following elections of Supervisors, Clerks, Assessors, Collectors, Commissioners of Highways, Justices of Peace, Constables, Overseers of the Poor, and Trustees of the Schools." (Anyone interested in the names, they can be found at the museum.)