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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Dear Members:

This is my first message of my term as President. I hope you will all bear with me in my attempts to bring you some of the latest news. The installation dinner on Wednesday May 29th was a huge success. I think everyboy has a great time. The food was excellent and the entertainment was superb. This year it was sad to see some of our regulars unable to make the dinner. Claire Rudolph and Margaret Forke are recovering from an illness and hope to be up to par soon. Lonnie was suffering from a very bad cold and I know she is on her way to a speedy recovery.

I want to say a very special thank you to Lorraine Haben for the last four years of her being in office. Her dedication to the Society has been proven time and time again, while recovering from her illness, she continued to be an active member. Lorraine, it will be very hard to fill your shoes.

The only other bit of news that I have is that my personal goal for the upcoming year will be to try and get the village residents interested in the society. I think one way is making them aware of the society and what is involved.

I also have a few ideas and as soon as I come up with a plan, I will share it with you. Have a great summer and we will be looking forward to seeing you at 4th of July parade (which we will have a float), and the Old Fashion Picnic which will be held on Sunday, July 28th.

Elaine Simpson President

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In regards to the 4th of July, it is definite we will have a float in the parade. Wedge has picked up the license for the trailer and we will be working on our display soon. A work party is scheduled for Wednesday June 26th at Chamber Park. We are hoping some of you will take pictures and share them with us.

The Old Fashion Picnic is planned for July 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It will be the same as last year..bring your own lunch. Beverage and desserts will be provided by society members. Prizes will be given and there is the possibility of entertainment. Please bring old pictures to share with us.

Chris from the Library has been doing research on the cemetery head stones. She has taken pictures along with the history.

We are still working at the museum on Thursday mornings for anyone who would like to help.

The Fire Department will be borrowing the pumper located in the Carriage House for the 4th of July Parade. We would also like pictures of this float.



Lorraine Haben is our Lady of the month. She is past President of the Society who served for the last four years. She is very active in her church. She sings with the Pavalionaires and is active at the Senior Center and also at Lollipop Lane. She has given much of herself to us in many ways. As of lately, she has been ill and it is with all our hope and prayers she will have a speedy recovery soon

FROM THE PAST

and be with us again.

## A BIT OF



HISTORY AND MYSTERY OF CHEVY CHASE

Construction of the Tudor style building began in the 1920's by the Knights of Columbus. There have been several owners and in 1977, the park district acquired the club and golf course. This facility and golf course have gone through numerous renovations. Today, it is a beautiful facility and offers facilities for many types of events, such as weddings, showers meetings, and much more.

At this date, the golf course is undergoing major redevelopment and is to open in 2003.

Throughout its history, especially during Prohibition, people (including North Shore society), drove long distances to enjoy the entertainment offered in the clubhouse. The building included gambling casinos, supper clubs, theater in the round and dancing to live bands.

A few of the visitors and entertainers included May West, Imogene Coca, Vincent Price, Robert Q. Lewis, Buddy Ebsen and Joan Caulfield. It was a favorite place for Al Capone and his friends to come to.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JULY 17...Board Meeting
AUG. 21...Board Meeting
Topic July 4th
July...Old Fashion Picnic



## WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cordially invites you to attend

AN OLD-FASHION PICNIC

JULY 28TH

11:30AM - 4PM

CHAMBER COMMUNITY CENTER & PARK 251 N. WOLF ROAD WHEELING. IL.

- Bring a picnic lunch; beverage and dessert will be provided by Historical Society
- Please bring your old photos of Wheeling.
- Entertainment will be provided.
- You are invited to share your stories of "old times in Wheeling" if you so desire.
- If you know other "old settlers" (people that have lived in Wheeling for 25 years or more) who did not receive an invitation call Linda Reading 520-0125 for an invitation, or bring them along.
- Any questions, feel free to call 520-0125 Linda Reading

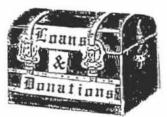
Thanks to all the members this summer for volunteering to help keep the museum open on Sundays from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. We will still be needing help in August, September and October.

Linda Reading Curator



We will have some of Syke Horcher's books "Wheeling Wunderland" available at the museum for anyone who would like to purchase one. They are \$16.95 and are payable to Marvin O. Horcher-Wheeling Wunderland. For those of you out of town, you may purchase direct from Syke and mail your check to him at 80 S. Dole St. Crystal Lake, Il. 60014. Orders will be shipped by USPS media mail.

His book relates to life in Buffalo Grove and Wheeling 1940's through the 1970's, from farm boy through Combat Infantry, and 27 years of police work, 22 as Chief of Police.

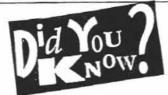


We would like to thank the following for their generous donations.

Syke Horcher for his donation of \$40.00 to the society following the sale of his books at our last meeting.

Bert and Laverne Harris for \$47.50 which they won at our banquet and they generously donated it back to the society.

Items of Mrs Denoyer and the girl scouts donated by Tina Dean.



- 1. Do you know the name of the local business where Pieper's Garage used to be?
- 2. What local business advertised itself as "The Pirst Automobile Stop?"
- 3. The site of Behm's Riverside Restaurant is now what business?
- 4. Who was the first veterinarian in Wheeling?
- Name the village clerk from 1927 to 1953.
- Name the last business to occupy the site where the Jewel Discount Store was located (next to Granny Annies.)
- 7. Who was the proprietor of Wheeling Farms Store and Ice House?

Answers: 1. It was Harrison's Supply in it's original location. 2. The Union Hotel. 3. Hackney's Restaurant 4. George Schneider, in 1953. 5. Adeline Schneider. 6. R & E Toys 7. Charles D. Balling Sr.



THE MAGIC SHELL

When I was digging in the sand I found a seashell on the shore, I held it close beside my ear And heard the mighty ocean roar.

I brought it home to my own mom For it seems magical to me That such a dainty shell can hold the crashing music of the sea.

-Milly Walton-