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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Message
From The
President*

Dear Members and Friends:

Happy Springtime!! Fifty-seven members and friends had a wonderful time at our February 28th buffet dinner and auction. It was rewarding to see so many new faces...let's hope they support us at future events.

Food by Wa-pa-getti's was as usual, very good. Our members supplied all the delicious salads and desserts.

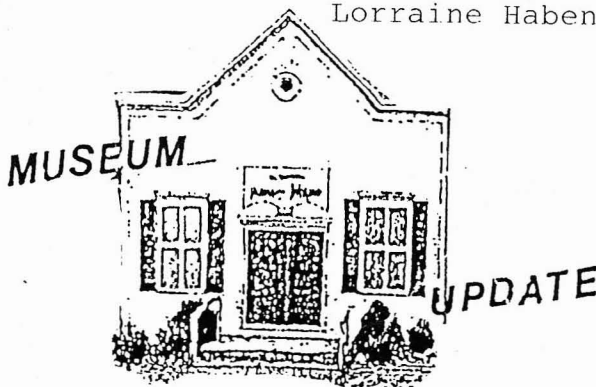
Syke Horcher did a great job as our auctioneer and jokester with his crazy jokes to make us all laugh. Lonnie used a St. Patricks decor of green and white. Auction items were everything from a stained glass window, a Goodwrench truck, canned jelly to a ceramic pig. All fun!

A very short meeting was held. A letter from the village about the blood and bone marrow drive was read. A nominating committee of three was appointed those being: Marilyn Chromy, Chairperson; Clare Rudolph and Barbara LaHay. Positions are open for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Director. If anyone is interested, please give Marilyn a call at 537-5714. A slate will be presented at the March 28th meeting.

Eleanor Buerger and I had the honor of opening the museum for the 2001 season on March 4th. We had quite a few visitors, thanks to the articles in the Herald. Old timers and new folks came. It is always an interesting two hours. Please be sure to sign up for your turn. Linda always schedules a new person with one of our veteran members.

Hoping to see you at the March meeting.

Lorraine Haben, President



A new exhibit on Summer activities in the good old days is now ready. The Fire Department exhibit has been moved and redone to a different case over by the sewing machine. The museum opened on March 4, 2001 with Lorraine Haben and Eleanor Buerger as volunteers. The sign-up sheet will be passed around at all meetings so please look for it and volunteer to help some Sundays from 2-4 p.m.

The Park District maintenance crew has replaced the old boards and painted the benches on the porch of the museum so we will no longer get slivers... They look great and many thanks to the park district crews!!!

Linda & Patti

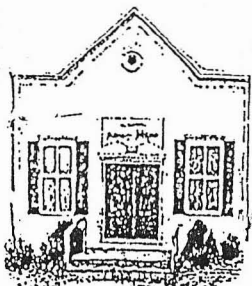


Sandy Altieri

PORTTRAITS FROM THE PAST

This month we would like to thank and commend Sandy (Altieri) Weinstock for her service to the Wheeling Historical Museum from 1986 to 1988. During those two years she brought the historical society into public view from its former forgotten existence. She would promote new features and keep up viewers' interests with new exhibits.

Sandy now lives in Florida but is still a member of our society. Thanks again Sandy!



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

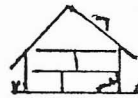
-W.H.S. Constitution-

TRIVIA

The name of the Soo Line Railroad before it became the Sault St. Marie was The Illinois Wisconsin Railroad.

Wheeling's first funeral director was Frank Forke.

The Village of Wheeling financed its corporation in 1894 by licensing taverns at \$500 per year.

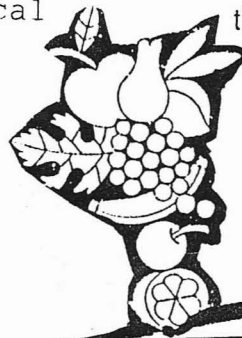


HOUSEHOLD HINTS

✓ **Revarnishing** with a small soft lint-free cloth is twice as fast as using a brush. You can rub in any direction, and the varnish goes into the wood better. There will be no splatters and no brushes to clean out. Throw the rag away if it gets too dirty. Use rubber gloves or clean your hands with paint remover.

✓ **Use a coffeepot brush** to clean your sewing machine. It will be long enough to poke into even the farthest recesses and narrow enough to fit into those thousand-and-one crevices where lint clings.

✓ **Put whole cloves** in pockets of woolen coats or in bags with sweaters when storing for the off-season. They prevent moth damage and leave a spicy aroma. Also place them in dresser drawers with socks and everyday work clothes.



Cook's Kitchen

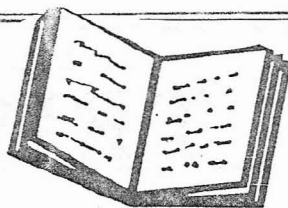
COCONUT CUSTARD PIE

1 9-inch unbaked pastry crust
2½ cups milk
½ cup Domino® Granulated Sugar
3 eggs

1½ teaspoons vanilla extract
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 cup shredded coconut
Sweetened whipped cream

In bowl, combine milk, sugar, eggs, vanilla, salt and nutmeg. Beat well to blend. Sprinkle coconut into pastry shell. Pour egg mixture over coconut. Bake at 425°F. for 20-25 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool. Serve garnished with whipped cream.
Yield: one 9-inch pie.

A BIT OF HISTORY



A DOG RETURNS HOME

By Palmer Keil
November 22, 1982

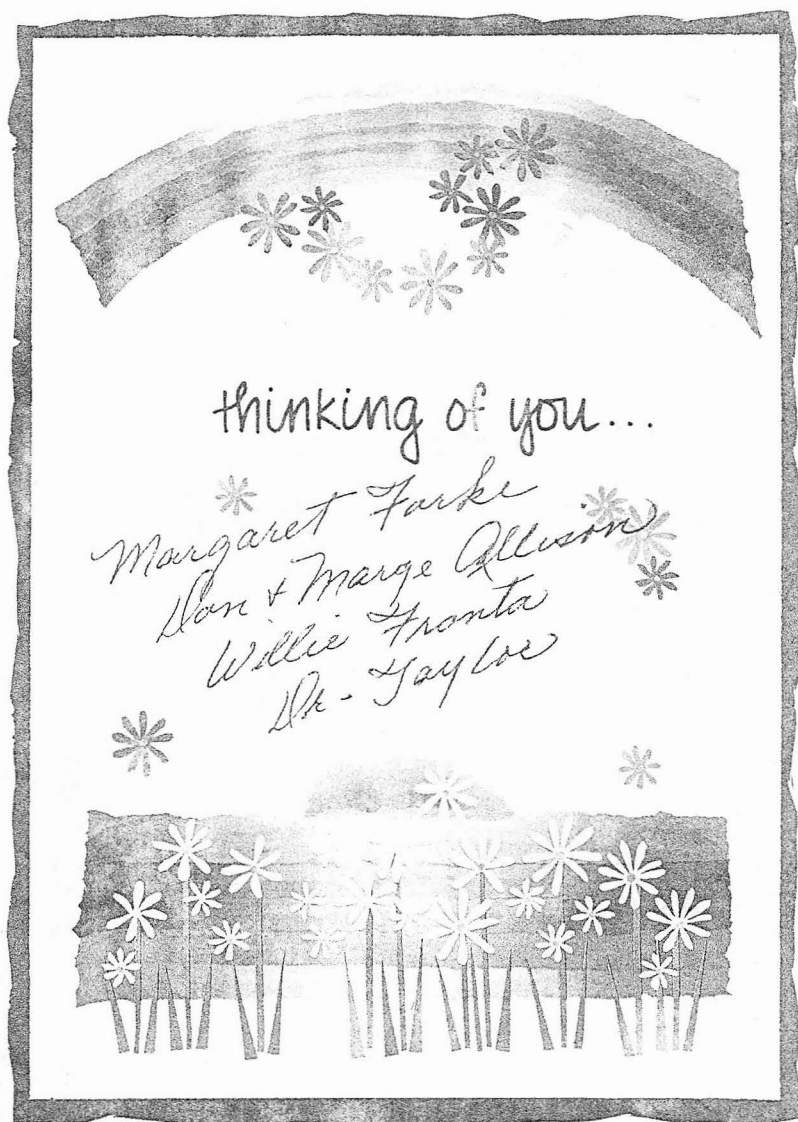
In February 1934, former Wheeling Village Trustee and Fire Chief Walter Piefer, died of severe burns received in saving his garage building on North Milwaukee Avenue when his tow truck caught on fire. One of his prize possessions was a beautiful German-Shepard Dog, named Max, who was a constant companion of August Piefer, Walter's father, and they both could be seen riding around town in a model A Ford.

Nine months after Walter Piefer's death, Max disappeared. Many attempts were made to find this pet, or his body, but all to no avail.

Three years later a Tri-City Taxi stopped at the Piefer residence and the driver explained to Mrs. August

Max checked over the house and the people and showed he was glad to be home by lying at the fee to August Piefer perfectly content. From there on the people of Wheeling could again see August and Max riding around just like in former years.

No reason was ever found why the dog was taken, or by whom, or why he eventually was returned.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Doc Taylor
Pam Dorband
Cheryl Grandt
Bill Hein Family
Dean & Marian Argiris

CURATOR'S REPORT

Lynne Valentine call for information on concrete silos in Wheeling and who built them during the 1920's-1940's. She is doing some research on a family in Schaumburg and two brothers were mentioned that they had built the family's silo, but couldn't remember the name. Anyone with information please let me know.

Our website has been submitted to hotrate.com and given **** 4 stars for our bi-lingual site. One opinion was: we have a charming small town museum and the 1st local historical society that is bi-lingual.

We will be participating in the Indian Trails Library exhibits on Wheeling's past history in pictures and artifacts in June July and August.

The museum will be showing the life and history of our town from 1900's - 1940's. Watch for it this summer!!

I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered for this spring and summer. We are getting known and we would like to keep the museum and carriage house open as much as possible.

I will be attending a Genealogy Research Workshop at the Newberry Library on Saturday, March 24th. from 9 to 12 noon. The fee is \$20.00 and I would like to thank the society for paying my fee.

Other events being held are:

March 19 at 7 p.m. the Prospect Heights Library is presenting a one woman play entitled: "Civil War Women" performed by Sandra R. Hansen.

Palatine Historical Society is holding a Victorian Tea April 21, 22, 28 and 29th. Admission is \$15 a person. Two seatings daily: noon and 3 p.m. Call 991-6460 for tickets.

Palatine is also having a Cemetery Walk, Sunday May 20th 1-4p.m. Hillside cemetery.

Linda Reading
Curator



LOANS

&

DONATIONS

One old school picture and a picture of homes on Willie Ave. across from the old school in 1928 with a group of dancers in the foreground received from Virginia Meier.

One children's book which belonged to Virginia Port received from Lorraine Haben.

Six miniature cast iron fire engines, 1 Motorola cell phone 1990's received from Linda Reading.

Two ladies swim suits 1960 & 1970's and 1 old cell phone 1980's received from Pat Hancock.

On loan from Craig Sappington we have on exhibit 1 English riding helmet, 1 riding crop and 1 pr. English riding boots.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 21..Board Meeting
March 28..Regular Meeting
A Slate of officers
will be presented.