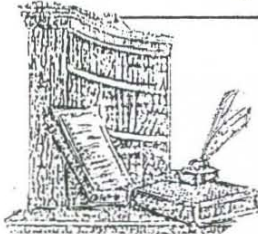




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# NEWSLETTER AUG.01 NO.8

NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends:

Surprise, a newsletter in the middle of summer.

The society has had a busy time so I thought we would share some of the goings-on with all of you.

Our May Dinner and installation of officers was a wonderful success. Sixty Five people attended. Buffet was great, raffles profitable and the entertainment by Edizon Dayao was greatly enjoyed by all.

July 3rd and 4th were parade days. Instead of the "Bicycle Built for Two", we put our refurbished carriage and our black horse on a flatbed with a truck which was lent to us by Stasek Chevrolet.

Doc Taylor and I were dressed in appropriate garb. The Float was well received by the huge audience. Many thanks to Lonnie, Frank and friends.

July 22 was our "Old Fashion Picnic" but I'll let Patti tell you about that.

Our Curator Lindia Reading is recovering from a serious operation. She is home now. Cards and calls are always welcome.

On a sad note, Marge Allison passed on July 31st. She had been a long time member of the society and also one of our Mrs. Santa Claus. She will be greatly missed.

There will be a board meeting August 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the museum.

I'm hoping you are all enjoying this very hot summer with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Haben  
President



## Sunday In The Park

For all of you who could not attend our "Old Fashion Picnic", those of us who did, had a great time. Approximately 54 people were in attendance. It was in the 90's but seeing old friends made it real cool. and we are grateful to those who came. We did have the church building open for those who couldn't sit outside.

We had our lunch, sang our hearts out and reminisced over old times. Pictures were brought in by Judy Abruscato, Lorraine Haben, Rudy Horcher, and Steve Mieszala. Most were donated to the museum which was a pleasant surprise.

We would like to thank all our members who were kind enough to bring those wonderful desserts and those who pitched in and helped with serving and cleaning up.

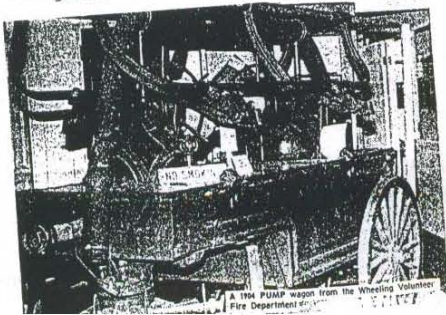
# Did You Know?

In the early times when the museum was located on Milwaukee Avenue, a large cistern was located south east of the building and one half of the fire fighting potential which Wheeling had during the era of "hand power pumper". The other cistern was located in the center of Milwaukee and Dundee Road. The need for a larger supply of water than that amount contained in a single reservoir during a larger fire must have been upper-most in every one's mind. In the early 1920's, a municipal water system was constructed and the old high tank was installed in the rear of the museum.

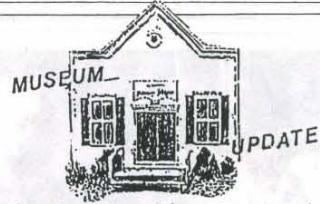
It wasn't necessary to check the well house to see if the gear type pump was operating....anyone sitting on a stool in the Wheel Inn across the street could feel the vibration up his spine.

An example of the trials and tribulations of the early fire fighters is exemplified by the story of an incident which occurred during the use of the old pumper. The men were giving their best efforts toward the situation when one of the boys fell into the cistern. They elected to save the boy FIRST and then the building...the only available ladder was standing against the burning house so it was a race with the ladder to the well, rescue the boy and then try to save the building.

--Taken from the Wheeling Historical Society 1968 Sesquicentennial Program--

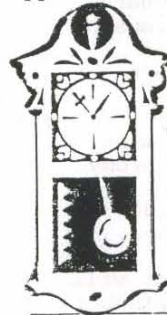


A NEW PUMP wagon from the Wheeling Volunteer Fire Department



Many thanks to Wheeling Park District for the purchase of a new stove for the church building and the purchase of a mat cutter (rectangle and oval) and a specialized stapler with accessories for use at the museum.

Also thanks to Mitch's crew for fixing the lights, checking the sump pump and taking the garbage every Friday. We want you and the guys to know your help is always appreciated.



## TIME MARCHES ON..

Just a reminder that dues were due in May for year 2001-2002.

### 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

For those who have not paid their dues for 2001-2002. It can be sent in or paid at the September meeting.



Wheeling Historical Society  
Board 2001-2002

President..Lorraine Haben  
Vice Pres..Elaine Simpson  
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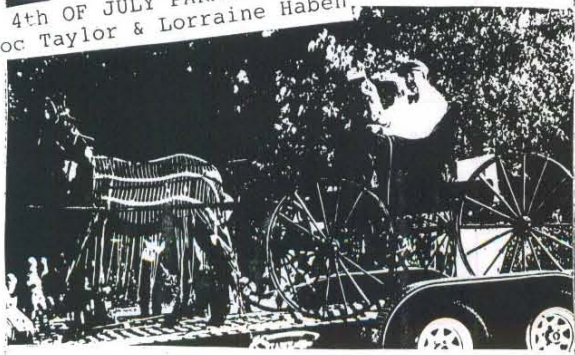
Director...Barb Forke  
Director...F.Schnaitmann  
Director...Marilyn Chromy

Curator....Linda Reading  
Historian..Shirley McConnell

Vice President Elaine Simpson will fill in as President the September meeting in the absence of President Haben. Lorraine will be vacationing in Germany the month of September and we hope she will have a wonderful time. We will miss her and will look forward to her being back home for the October meeting.

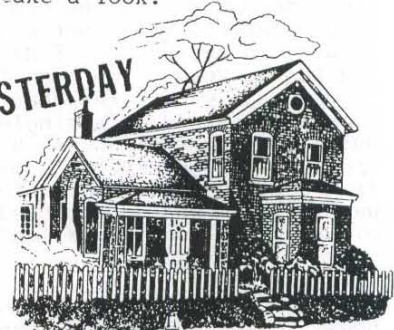
BON VOYAGE Lorraine!!!

4th OF JULY PARADE 2001  
Loc Taylor & Lorraine Haben.



By the way, there still is an exhibit at the Indian Trails Library which our Society has participated in. Linda advised it runs through August. If you have time, be sure to go take a look.

YESTERDAY

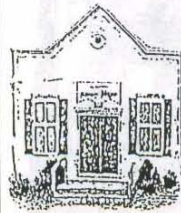


TODAY



HELP IS STILL NEEDED  
AT THE MUSEUM ON  
SUNDAYS FROM 2:00 TO  
4:00 P.M. PLEASE

CALL PATTI at 537-1450



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

-W.H.S. Constitution-

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We were happy to see Commissioners' Klumpp and Mattes from the Park District and Trustees' Bob Heer and family, Dean Argiris, Judy Abruscato and Mario, and President Greg Klatecki from the Village of Wheeling. Elaine Simpson Village Clerk and also a member of the society was also present.

The big event of the day was the celebration of Margaret Forke's birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY again Margaret.

Thanks to Ron and Linda of Reading Electric for the donation of tee shirts which were sold to members and friends.

We would also like to thank Mitch and crew of the park maintenance for their help in preparing the park and building for this occasion.

A special thanks to Bill Hein for making us those great name tags.

By the way, "CONGRATULATIONS" to Dolly Hein who was choosen Super Senior of Wheeling and who is a long time member of our society. We're proud of you Dolly.

Last but not least we want to thank our Curator, Linda Reading who is in the hospital and could not be with us for initiating and making preparations for this picnic. Without her, this would not have happened. We are hoping that again next year this event will take place and more people will attend. As I said for all of us who were there, it was great.

Patti Hancock



MANY THANKS to:

Wally and Bobbie Krause, for memorabilia from the 1979 "Tops Party" campaign.

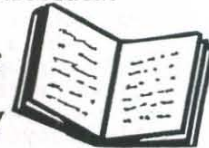
Pictures from Judy Abruscato of Wheeling past.

Bakelite dresser set with tray, two Gerber baby pictures and two frames from Carol Corvet.

Match covers from restaurants past and present from Darlene Brill.

Pictures of village fire equipment from Steve Mieszala.

## A BIT OF HISTORY



On July 31, 2001 our Historian, Shirley McConnell and Director Eleanor Buerger with the cooperation of Library Coordinator, Carol Nance, gave a presentation consisting of a video and a hands on exhibit at the Indian Trails Library. A video was shown followed by a question and answer period. Shirley answered their questions and Eleanor handled the artifact display.

There were approximately twelve adults and children in attendance with many questions relative to Wheeling past and present which our historian answered. The presentation was suppose to be from 1 to 2 p.m. but when Eleanor left at 2 p.m., Shirley was still answering questions. Eleanor said it was a good experience and felt a good time was had by all. She told them they could see and learn more by visiting our museum on Sundays. Let's hope we see some new faces. Congratulations ladies and a good job well done.

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