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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Message From The President

Dear Friends and Members:

Just to let you know I am finally home again from the hospital, but still not able to resume my normal activities.

My hands are still giving me some trouble but I realize everything takes time.

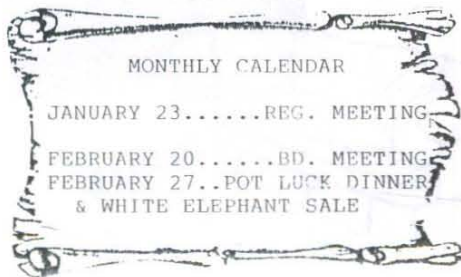
I would like to thank all those who made Lillipop Lane a success again this year.

We now look forward to our upcoming pot luck dinner and White Elephant sale. Please start planning and saving your items for this event.

I would like to thank my board for carrying on and especially Vice President Simpson for doing an excellent job.

Hope to see you all soon.

Lorraine Haben
President



CURATOR'S REPORT

The museum has been closed since Nov. 2001. Since then, Patti and I have been working on changing exhibits. We are putting in the girl scouts, boys scouts and an ethnic culture in Wheeling. If you have anything you would like to donate or loan for these exhibits, please let us know.

Get your calendars open and ready for March 3rd which is our opening date of the museum for this year. We would appreciate your signing up early to give two hours at the museum. Some members previously gave the same time each month. Whatever you can sign up for early, would certainly be a big help to us.

Received a call requesting information on Childerley and the chapel. We were able to help them in this request and they went away happy.

In December I did an interview for a graduate of Dominion College regarding a research project she was doing.

December 27th we were to have a tour of the museum and carriage house but they failed to show up.

We are still working every Thursday from 9 to noon and would appreciate any help we can get. If you have time, give Patti or I a call.

Linda Reading
Curator



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

-W.H.S. Constitution-



Lollipop Lane Special Edition

The co-chairmen of Lollipop Lane would like to thank each and every one of you who helped make it a success again this year. Thanks to all the Santa & Mrs. Claus' and to everyone who baked cookies, sold cookies, helped set up Lollipop Lane and helped in any way during the 9 days we were open.

We would also like to thank all those who gave us donations to help defray some of the expenses we incurred putting Lollipop Lane together. Others who deserve a special thankyou are the staff at the Wheeling Park District. They did a great job putting up all the Christmas lights on the building and the snow flakes hanging from the ceiling.

A few years ago, we approached Bill Stasek Chevrolet for some type of donation. Little did we know that they would be so glad to help out. They offered to take poloroid pictures of all the children who come to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus and to also take 35mm pictures for us to keep. Each year they have given us another photo album with these 35mm pictures in them. With the advent of the video camera and disc cameras fewer and fewer parents have been sending us pictures, so this has really helped us to continue to have these albums available for the parents to see each year. If Bob Stasek can't be there to take the pictures every night they have 1 or 2 of their employees come over and do it. They have also provided us with a truck and trailer to haul Santa & Mrs. Claus and the sleigh in our little parade. Bob decorates the trailer and drives the truck in the parade. The first year they helped out we had a problem with Santa's beard and wig. Bob and Bill Stasek surprised us with a new set. They also donated two huge stockings filled with goodies for us to raffle off and this year they donated a neat bike for the same purpose. It was particularly gratifying that the bike was won by a Chicago fireman who with his wife have been coming to Lollipop Lane for the past few years with their children. He was so excited. He stated that they plan to continue to come and visit Lollipop Lane.



Lollipop Lane has gotten better and better over the years. We hear nothing but compliments from our visitors. I think Bill Stasek found this out because he stopped in a few times during the 9 days we were open just to see how things were going and on the last Saturday he stopped in and never left. He enjoyed it so much he stayed all afternoon and helped his brother, Bob take pictures.

We hope everyone has a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.





Dear Members,

We hope each and every one of you had a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year. Lollipop Lane is over. We had another wonderful year.

Thank you to everyone who decorated the church. The trees were beautiful! We had so many compliments on the Patriotic tree. A lot of pictures were taken in front of it!

This year we were a little nervous about cookie sales. We didn't know how many cookies we would get. Our list of people who bake gets smaller each year. BUT our great members came through! Everyone baked a little more than usual and Presto we had a great year for cookie sales. Thank you so much for baking and for everyone who helped sell the cookies.

Alas - Our Santas and Mrs. Claus' did a great job! We had a lot of compliments on how our Santas take time with each child. The look on the children's faces make it all worth while. Thank you Santas and Mrs. Claus'!

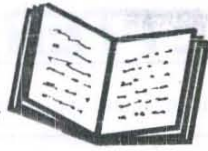
We would also like to thank Bill Stasek Chevrolet for everything they do, not only taking pictures or all their employees who get involved, or our door prizes, but for all the support, kindness and encouragement they give us. Thank you so much!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! You made Lollipop Lane have another successful year.

LOLLIPOP LANE CHAIRMEN

Eleanore Buerger
Lonnie Schnaitmann
Frank Schnaitmann

A BIT OF HISTORY



Cont. From Dec.2001 By Chief MacIsaac

VILLAGE OF WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT

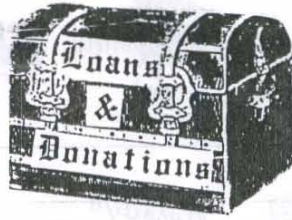
In 1996, a joint training facility was opened between Wheeling, Buffalo Grove and long Grove. Since then, the Lincoln shire Fire Protection District had joined and today we have a state of the arch training facility in Buffalo Grove which is centrally located.

Wheeling has long required sprinklers in commercial occupancies and in the year 2000, moved to the final step and mandated sprinklers in all new building construction regardless of it's use or type. We are 4th in the state and 20th in the nation to mandate this.

Currently, the fire department has all fulltime personnel which consists of fire chief, fire marshall, 3 part time inspectors and 2 secretaries. There are 3 battalion chiefs who are responsible for running one of the three shifts we have. Six Ltd Paramedics and 36 fire fighter/paramedics. In the next two years we will be adding 6 additional firefighter/paramedics. All our people are certified and cross trained.

Chief MacIsaac explained the 911 calls. He then proceeded to display pictures of the fire department's equipment and explained how each vehicle or piece of equipment performed. He stated in the year 2000, they answered 3,315 emergency calls which included 118 small fires, 12 regular fires, emergency/ hazardous condition service calls, good intent calls, and false alarms.

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We would like to thank the following for donations received in the past months:

Shirley McConnell has donated several picture albums and various records and bibles from the Presbyterian Church. Since the its closure, she has donated a beautiful framed needle point picture she did of the various church buildings also 1 framed picture of the old church's stained glass windows, 1 framed crochet alter cloth and 1 framed picture of the original church.



Dear: Bobbie and Wally Krause
Lorraine Haben
Syke Horcher

We would like all of you members who are still or have been ill, to know we are all thinking of you. Hope your recovery is in the near future!

