



NEWSLETTER MAY 2005

NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends:

May is upon us and very shortly we will be having our Installation Dinner. This year it will be held at the Schwaben Center again. The food is served family style and everybody that attended last year had a great time. There will be prizes and of course the good company of fellow members and friends. I hope that those that missed it before, will be able to attend this year.

You may be aware this past year we have had quite a few members become sick and are unable to do some of the things they did in the past. If you are able to volunteer no matter how small the amount of hours, please give me or Linda a call. On this note if you are aware of how we can attract new members, I am always willing to listen. We need to come up with a campaign to attract new members.

A few dates to remember are the Installation Dinner on May 25th, the 4th of July food booth that we will be selling watermelon at on Sunday the 3rd and Monday the 4th. The other big date will be July 24th at which time will be holding our "Old Fashion Summer Picnic" and also celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Wheeling Historical Society. We would like all who can, join us in this celebration.

Please feel free to call me with any suggestions you may have. My home phone number is 847-541-8692 or if you have e-mail, you can e-mail me at EINBILL@aol.com.

Looking forward to seeing you at the dinner.

Elaine Simpson, President

CURATOR'S REPORT

I reported at the last meeting the doll collection is now on exhibit and labels are being made.

We have two classes of 40 2nd graders from Walt Whitman school scheduled for May 5 and 6th

I have a one hour lecture and presentation of history of Wheeling at the Villa on May 25th at 1:30 p.m.

I have information on the Byer's Choice Company. This is the company in Pa. That makes the handcrafted Christmas Carol dolls we sold at our auction. I would like to get this information to the person who bought them. Please call me.

Linda Reading, Curator



To all our friends and members who have been under the weather or in the hospital; we want you to know, we are always thinking of you.

At the meeting of April 27, we were happy to see Clare Rudolph in attendance. She looks great after her knee surgery and says she is feeling fine.

Shirley McConnell is still recovering with a broken arm. We sure hope to see her soon. Get well Shir!

We are happy to hear that Barb LaHay's sister is doing better and is home. Barb is also down with a bad cold. Hope your better soon. P.S. We miss you at the museum.

If anyone knows someone ill, please tell us and let them know we are thinking of them.

*Poet's
Corner*

*Natures...
Housecleaning*

Geraldine Ross

The earth looks scrubbed, with every
blade of grass
Immaculately green; gay shining leaves
Twinkle on still damp trees; lakes are
like glass,
Polished until they glow! Along
the eaves,
Birds preen their laundered
feathers carefully;
Below, nectared flowers tempt a
wandering bee.
Everything sparkles! Clouds like
carded wool
Drift in a newly-painted summer sky.
Nature, the housewife, murmurs,
"Beautiful!"
And hangs a tinted rainbow up to dry,
Refusing to consider dust or care
In this soft hour of sun
and fragrant air!




TIME MARCHES ON..

Just a reminder that dues
for 2005-2006 are due in
May

You can pay at the Installation
Dinner or mail your dues in with
the enclosed renewal application.

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

Answer to Puzzle

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 18 ... Board Meeting
May 25 Installation
Dinner



"The object of this
Society shall be the
Discovery, preservation
And dissemination of
Knowledge about the
Community of Wheeling"

A BIT OF HISTORY



Continued.....

**WHEELING'S "VALLEY trail" Seen Many
Changes Now Milwaukee Ave. Once Bison Route**
By Barb McIntyre

Taken from the Journal & Topics Progress Edition
April 25-26, 1984

Following the repeal of Prohibition and after World War II, Milwaukee Avenue shed its honky-tonk image and settled down to offering a variety of good restaurants which still attract patrons from all over. Banchet's famous Le Francais is on the site once occupied by Borchardt's Tavern at 269 S Milwaukee and attracts patrons who arrive, in some instances, from either coast by plane at Palwaukee Airport. Jamies at 604 N. Milwaukee was Fulton Fish Market in 1976 and the Fireplace in 1973. Hans Bavarian Lodge owned by Hans Ammeloux in 1967, has an earlier life as Ernie's Bavarian Lodge and, still earlier, as Hessing's. It has been in the Berghoff family since 1978 and is noted for its Octoberfests.

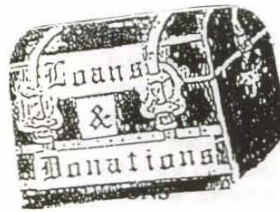
Toppers, at 933 N. Milwaukee, was formerly known as Edie's 19th Hole. What had been Tony Blum's restaurant at 920 N. Milwaukee opened as Ricketts in 1960. The 94th Aero Squadron is a theme restaurant on the edge of Palwaukee Airport that opened in 1978.

Two Doves Greek restaurant is in a space formerly occupied by Welfin's Variety Store. The Wheel Inn at 39 S. Milwaukee burned in 1972, and the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank replaces the Wheeling Inn, at one time known as "Red Mary's" C.F. Metz's Columbian Tavern site, also that of a bowling alley owned by Arthur Miller in 1952, now is in a state of transition from Lum's to My Pi, Mors Place, a hotel and rathskellar, was demolished in early 1900s when Frank Forke bought 4 1/2 acres on the east side of Milwaukee, south of Dundee, to build a home, funeral home and automobile garage.

As for the Filkins tavern-hotel, it lasted longer than Joseph Filkins who died in 1857 after a five year career as a hardware dealer in Chicago. His old hotel on the northwest corner of Milwaukee and Dundee was torn down in 1918.

The end

NOTE: Since this article appeared in 1984, Hans Bavarian Lodge and Toppers has been torn down. Le Francais, 94th Aero Squadron and Two Doves And Hackney's still remain. Other businesses have changed names many times over



We would like to thank
the following friends for
their donations to the
museum.

Received from Chris Gibson , 7 scrapbooks on Indian Trail history and a new Family Tree Maker 12th edition.

From Beth Sheiffle we received a Schminke store plate, a red velvet hat and autograph book which belonged to Minnie Welfin Balling, several pictures of Balling, Welfin, Armbruster and Krause family members. Also a tintype, hardboard photos and some taken in the 1940's and other printed material pertaining to Wheeling..

From June Wymer, history of Wheeling West Virginia Pottery Company .

From Jim Bodie we received one bottle of Citronella from the Wheeling Pharmacy

The history of Wheeling Vitruvius Masonic Lodge and history from D.C. Creiger Lodge which merged with Wheeling.

Marilyn Chromy we received a 1994 St. Joseph the Worker Family Fest Booklet.

Adeline Marchi's son gave us an old wooden hand crank wall telephone.