



NEWSLETTER *Nov. - Dec. 2005*

NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends:

It sure doesn't seem like Lollipop Lane is less than a month away. The weather is so nice if it wasn't for the falling leaves, you would think it was spring instead of autumn.

Shortly you will be called upon by Shirley Koeppen to bake cookies and I hope that everybody will participate this year.

Bill Stasek will be taking digital pictures this year and we will need a volunteer to help everyday. If you have some free time and would like to donate a couple of hours, please give me a call. We would appreciate anybody that can give of their time. He also will be donating prizes for a raffle.

Letters have been out requesting donations and I am happy to report that the businesses and organizations which have been contacted, have generously contributed to Lollipop Lane.

Please remember our November meeting will be held a week earlier on Wednesday, November 16th and there will be no meeting in December.

To all of our members! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a very Happy Holiday season.

Elaine Simpson
President

CURATOR'S REPORT

David Kirkpatrick, Editor of Wheeling Countryside has picked some of our pictures to place in a new set of articles called A GLANCE BACK which started October 20TH.

Beverly and I went to the Trail of History in McHenry. Such a beautiful day and the valley was awesome with all the colonial tents, tepees, and log cabins. We watched the voyagers late that morning come down the Nippersink to trade with the local people. We had some wholesome biscuits and gravy, Hunter's stew and boiled fish for lunch. We took in some of the trading stores and talked to many French, English and American period folk. Even met Benjamin Franklin and talked to him about the Boston Tea Party. Marilyn Chromy also went with her family that day. A great time was had by all of us.

On November 13 at 2:00 pm. We have a Cub Scout Troop #39 Den #1 Tarkington School, coming in for a tour. Pat, Wedge, Ron and myself will be there to answer any questions they may have.

The number of guests who visited the museum this year was 233 as of October 23, 2005

Linda Reading, Curator

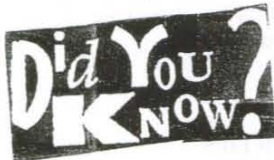


"The object of this Society shall be the Discovery, preservation And dissemination of Knowledge about the Community of Wheeling"



Sour Cream Cutouts

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| <p>1 cup butter or margarine, softened
 1-1/2 cups sugar
 3 eggs
 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 3-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1 teaspoon baking soda</p> <p>FROSTING:
 1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
 2 cups confectioners' sugar
 2 to 3 tablespoons milk</p> | <p>1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 1/4 teaspoon salt</p> <p>In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs. Add sour cream and vanilla; mix well. Combine flour, baking powder and baking soda; add to the creamed mixture and mix well. Chill dough at least 2 hours or overnight. Roll on a heavily floured board to 1/4-in. thickness. Cut with a 3-in. cutter. Place on lightly greased cookie sheets. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes or until cookie springs back when lightly touched. Cool. Mix all frosting ingredients until smooth; spread over cookies. Yield: about 3-1/2 dozen.</p> |
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In November 1980, Ted Turner introduced CNN.

In 1981, MTV began broadcasting and continues to influence the lifestyles of new generations.

The can opener was introduced 48 years after cans were introduced?

When peanut butter was first produced, it sold for six cents a pound?

The modern hamburger on a bun got its start at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904?



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

Beth Shieffele 1 picture Dickhoff's house, Metz House, and a picture of the Ladies Aid Society; 1 program Wheeling President Dramatic Club; 1 Zion Presbyterian Jubilee Book (1861-1914); 1 small book "Ritual of Eastern Star; 1 Book Soldier's Handbook basic Field Manual 1941; 2 wooden oval picture frames (1 with glass); 1 small boy's cast iron twin horses toy rigged for pulling a wagon; 1 wooden man's wool sock frame; 1 Wheeling Herald Nov. 5, 1953; and 4 small news articles



Poet's Corner

November Days

Catherine Walker

November days are days for sitting
 Before a fire and patiently knitting,
 Or reading a book whose pages hold
 The spell and romance of a tale well-told;
 And watching the snow pile higher and higher
 While listening to wind songs on winter's lyre.
 These are the days for the counting of blessings:
 The good received and all the good things
 To come . . . when the earth sleeps under the snow,
 And the heart is a haven for the hearth's warm glow



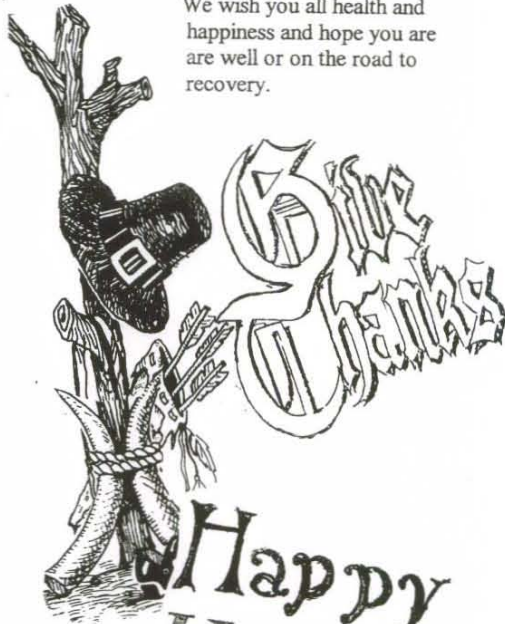
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Santa and Mrs. Claus ride a sleigh float down Dundee Road

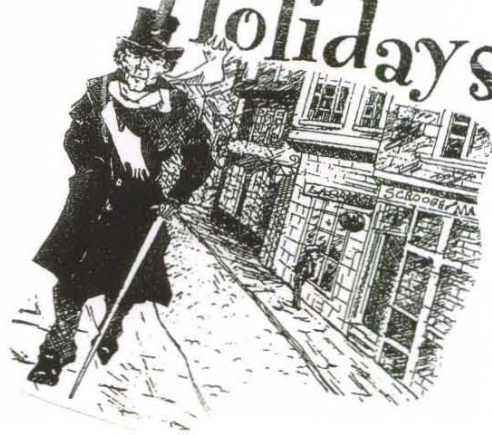
SICK LIST

TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN ILL OR IN THE HOSPITAL,

We wish you all health and happiness and hope you are well or on the road to recovery.



Happy Holidays!

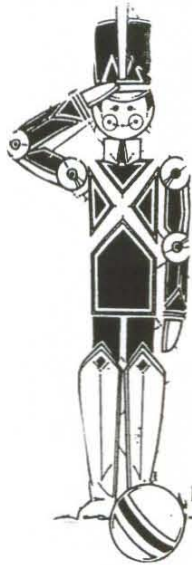


COMING SOON

LOLLIPOP LANE
December 3rd thru 11th
Chamber Park
251 N Wolf Road

Mon-Fri... 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Sat-Sun. 2:00- 5:00 p.m.

Members needed to set up
Members will be called
to bake and sell cookies
Members needed to make
reindeer food.



Let us know at the November Meeting if you can help!

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE WHEELING PARK DISTRICT EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE COME TO THE AID OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE COMING EVENT!!!!

SPECIAL NOTICE

Because of Thanksgiving the November meeting dates have been changed as follows:

- : Board Meeting November 8th
- Regular Meeting November 16

Because of Lollipop Lane schedule, there will be no newsletter sent out in December

Note: The Wheeling Historical Society has delivered 2 pounds of pop tops to Mark Twain School.

TRIVIA

HAYWIRE!! The term became popular in the logging camps of the North Woods. Wire from bales of hay were saved to mend broken hame-strap or to put a link in a broken chain. Cooks would string haywire above the stove to dry clothes and hang ladles up and often to bind the stove together. In time, a camp that was notoriously poor in its equipment was known as a haywire camp. From this usage the term has come to mean "broken," "sick," "crazy," "mixed up," etc.

IRONS IN THE FIRE: A blacksmith generally kept several pieces of iron in the fire in order to always have one ready for his anvil. If too many are in the flame, the blacksmith can't watch and attend to them all when attention is needed.

Who proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday?
President Lincoln, President Washington.
President Clinton, President Grant

Answer: President Lincoln

What is the first domesticated bird?

What is made from chicle?

What is another name for tetanus?

ANSWERS: Goose, Chewing Gum, Lockjaw

REMEMBER WHEN ?

REMEMBER the smart-aleck at school who would Ask during recess, "Wanna hear a dirty joke?" and Then tell you, "A boy fell in the mud!"

REMEMBER when an item was "made in Japan," "it was presumed to be of inferior quality?"

REMEMBER the old comics? "Gasoline Alley" "Moon Mullins," and "Tilly the Toiler?"

REMEMBER spending winter evenings wishing it were summer again, so you could go outdoors and play? Were your summer evenings spent playing Annie, Annie Over; Red Light, Green Light; Mother, May I; Run, Sheep, Run, and jump rope if you were a girl, mumblety-peg if you were a boy; pick-up sticks or jacks if you were a girl, marbles or card-flipping if your were a boy?



Help is still needed at the museum on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Just ring the door bell and we will put you to work.

INSTRUCTION FOR LIFE

Say " bless you" when you hear someone sneeze

When you lose, don't lose the lesson.

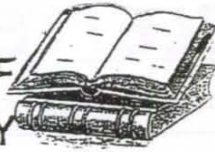
Remember the 3 Rs: Respect for self, Respect for Others; Responsibility for your actions.

Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.

When you realize you've made a mistake, take Immediate steps to correct it.

Smile when picking up the phone. The caller Will hear it in your voice.

A BIT OF HISTORY



HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF
OF THE
WHEELING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By
Earl A. Johnson

A group of 27 businessmen had an informal meeting August 30, 1927 at the Union Hotel to organize what was then called the "Wheeling Commercial Club." Three additional meetings were held before it was organized to function smoothly towards several objectives. Mr. J.R. Allais was the first president elected to office in December, 1927, for the year of 1928.

The object of the association was to encourage and advance the best interests both civic and commercial, and otherwise, of the Village of Wheeling and the immediate vicinity; and of the members of the association to promote trade and industry and to assist the schools and other organizations which were striving to build a better community and to discourage and repulse any attempt to do otherwise. It held up an ideal of civic development of what was helpful and the elimination of what was harmful.

In December, 1928, they held their first Christmas party for the children of Wheeling Community at the northwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road. But due to the lack of snow that Christmas, Boxes and boxes of artificial snow was strung up on lines overhead and when the Christmas carols were sung, a few tugs on the lines overhead would produce a mild snow storm. It was pretty cold and to warm up the immediate area there were about eight spots where logs were placed and set on fire. After the caroling, apples, oranges, nuts and candy were distributed to all the children present.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Grease stains-Coca Cola. It will also remove grease stains from the driveway overnight. We know it will take corrosion from car batteries.

Fleas in your carpet? 20 Mule Team Borax - Sprinkle and let stand for 24 hours

To keep FRESH FLOWERS longer, add a little Cloro: or 2 Bayer aspirin or just use 7-up instead of water.

When you go to buy bread in the grocery store, have you ever wondered which is the freshest, so you "squeeze" for freshness or softness? Did you know that bread is delivered fresh to the stores five days a week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Each day has a different color twist tie. They are Monday-Blue: Tuesday-Green: Thursday-Red; Friday-White: Saturday- Yellow. The colors go alphabetically by color, Blue- Green-Red-White-Yellow. Monday through Saturday. Easy to remember and interesting. Enjoy fresh bread when you buy with the right color on the day you are shopping.



YOU NEVER KNOW!!

PLACES TO GO

Weather permitting, "the Lighting of the Lights" will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Sunday, November 27 at Friendship Park. Musical entertainment, light refreshments and a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Claus will mark the occasion. Approximately 6:45 p.m. the village will magically illuminate ushering in the holiday season.

Arlington Heights museum gallery will present "Arlington Artists on Display" now through Dec. 4. Hours Fri-Sun. 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

N.E.I.L. meeting will be held Nov. 12 9:00 a.m. at Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society. 7344 N. Western Ave. Chicago. PRESENTATION: "Movie Palaces." Interested? Call Linda