



# NEWSLETTER Jan. 2006

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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Message  
From The  
President*

Dear Members and Friends:

December was a very busy month. Our warmest wishes for a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year to you and your family. As you all may know by now, Lollipop Lane was a great success, thanks to the great teamwork that was involved. Many helped to make this special event the success that it was. Patti has enclosed a letter thanking all of these wonderful people who helped. I hope you had a chance to stop by and see the changes that were made. Many nice compliments were received,

At our January meeting we will be discussing our annual fund raiser, the auction and dinner which is held in February. We will be looking forward to you coming to the meeting and giving us some feedback on this event. If you are unable to make the meeting, please give me a call at home and tell me your suggestions and I will pass them along at the meeting.

Have a great year.

Elaine Simpson  
President

It hits while the iron is warm.  
Initially come, initially been useful.  
As for evidence of the pudding there are times when you eat.  
More than one road it removed the skin from the tomcat.  
Is human to mad.

## CURATOR'S REPORT

### Curators Report

Museum Update: Everyone is busy working on their various projects. Bev is just about finished with the old newspapers. Patti is busy with the inventory and Marilyn is expanding her resources from other sources for her obit files. I have been busy talking to various people about research on project i.e. Patricia Morrison and requested information regarding the Daniel and Anna Cameron family. On November 13<sup>th</sup> we had Pack 112 Den #1 consisting of 4 boys and 4 adults tour the Museum and Carriage House. Wedge and Ron showed the barn and Patti and myself were at the museum. The boys really seemed to enjoy the tour and the scavenger hunt questions. Pencils and maze books were given to the boys when they were ready to leave. Also on November 20<sup>th</sup> Pack #112 cub scouts toured the Museum and Carriage House. There were 10 boys and 4 adults attending. The same procedure was followed as with the previous group.

As you know the museum is closed until March but there is plenty for us to do. We always need help so if anyone has any time, we would welcome you aboard.

Linda Reading, Curator

LOST IN TRANSLATION. These well-known sayings were translated by computer to another language, then back into English, with surprising results. What were the original sayings?

ANSWERS: Strike while the iron is hot  
First come, first served.  
The proof of the pudding is in the eating  
There is more than one way to skin a cat.  
To err is human.



## Echo of Sleigh Bells

Pamela Voull Starr

From out the vivid past,  
 from miles and miles away,  
 Haunting tones of mystery  
 awaken me from sleep;  
 The tinkling sound of bells  
 from a world of velvet-white,  
 And memory stirs in me,  
 mystical and deep.

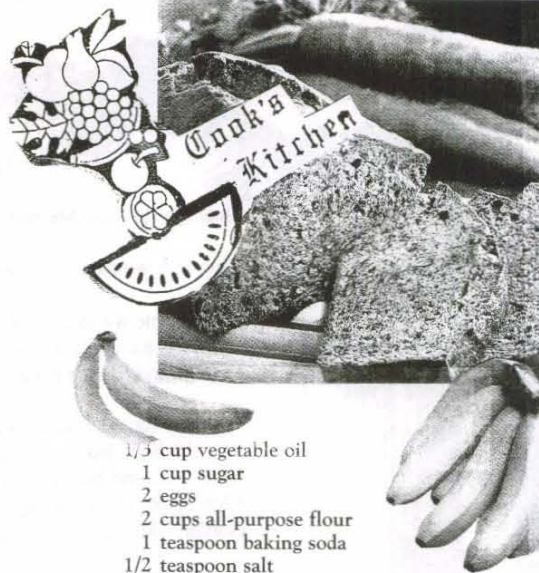
*I remember golden angels  
 upon a starry night  
 Floating through a child's  
 imaginative flight.  
 Closer come the bells,  
 clearer they magnify,  
 Suddenly I hear the crunching  
 hooves of rhythm fly  
 And realize the magic  
 is a sleigh that's passing by;*

And I perceive whenever  
 the northern winds will blow,  
 I still can hear the echo  
 of the sleigh bells in the snow!



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## Carrot Banana Bread



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In a mixing bowl, combine oil and sugar. Add eggs; mix well. Combine flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon; gradually add to the creamed mixture alternately with bananas. Stir in carrots and pecans. Transfer to a greased 9-in. x 5-in. x 3-in. loaf pan. Bake at 350° for 55-65 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack to cool completely. Yield: 1 loaf.

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January 18..... Board Meeting  
 January 26..... Regular Meeting

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# A BIT OF HISTORY

## HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF OF THE WHEELING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By  
Earl A. Johnson

Continued from the Nov/Dec Issue.....

On March 20, 1929 the name "Commercial Club" was changed to "Wheeling Chamber of Commerce." In the spring for 1929, we received a fir tree from Weiler's Nursery which was planted on the old church property next door to the Wheeling Police Station where it still stands today. In the summer of 1929, July to be exact, we held a Wheeling Festival; a two-day affair on the Walt Whitman school grounds. The main prize that year was a floor lamp, Christmas of 1929 was realistic. We had real snow and a real Christmas tree with plenty of lights. We had goodies to present to the children.

In the year of 1930, we started to plan for a gym for Wheeling which was so sorely needed at that time. We had decided to build it on the school building which is now the Walt Whitman School. In 1930, we also held on the south side of Dundee Road across the street from what is now "McDonalds". This was the first adventure to raffle a car as first prize and it was the only prize on the ticket. The tickets were 50 cents each. Mr. Henry Schilff of Sanders Road was the deserving winner that year. We recognized that these annual celebrations which were held in July had a greater significance, that of being a place where old friends could meet and reminisce. People who formerly lived here came back year after year and new people became better acquainted with their neighbors. There was a spirit without the means of a manager of public relations.

All this in a village of only 360 population and, believe it or not, we had better transportation that what we have today. We had the North Shore Bus Line - eight busses per day, a Wheeling Bus Line that ran six trips daily to Kimball El, Chicago and on the Soo Line Railroad - six passenger trains to Chicago daily. We just thought you ought to know this.

(Remember this was written a long time ago.)

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

Lorraine Haben for a picture re: 1914 first home of Elmer and Eleanor Gieske, 1 small "Little Red Riding Hood Doll" 1, sm. Yarn doll which was popular in the 1960's.

Village of Wheeling for assorted general ledgers from 1907-1952, Assessment Reports 1929- 1932, Framed Resolution #67-7 presented to the Wheeling Women's Club.

Village of Wheeling - Elaine Simpson, Clerk Assorted scrapbooks containing News articles 1990-2000, assorted booklets, Wheeling Centennial Essays 1994, General Development Plan January 1965.

Marge & Bob Hartmann, 1 toll house cookie can, 1 John Fitzgerald Kennedy Obit card, 1 small booklet re: Chamber of Commerce, 1 child's table and chairs for Lollipop Lane which belonged to Bob Hartmann when he was a child.

Virginia Meier for 1 picture postcard containing The baseball team from 1914

Cheri Klumpp for 2 metal 5 sided cookie cutters from Ecko Holland.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIFE

Marry someone you love to talk to. As you get older, their conversational skill will be as important as any other.

Spend some time alone.

Open your arms to change but don't let go of your values.

Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

Read more books and watch less TV.  
Live a good, honorable life. When you get Older and think back, you'll enjoy it the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

Trust in God, but lock your car.



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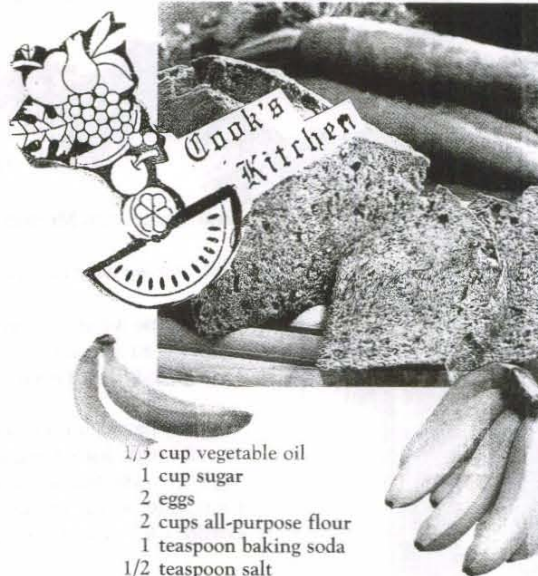
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