



# NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JUNE 2007



## Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends:

Here we are in June beginning the new fiscal year of the society with a new board installed and ready to make this year more successful than the last .

The installation dinner was held at the beautiful Chevy Chase Devonshire Room. Happy hour was from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. when friends gathered, some of who we have not talked or seen since last year. The dinner was excellent and I feel everyone there enjoyed the evening.

A short speech was given on the background of the Society and the guests were introduced. President Webber and Commissioner Klumpp spoke on behalf of the park district. The new members of the board were sworn in and Joseph Mostrototaro was given a Certificate of Appreciation because of his continued support and service to the Wheeling Historical Society and the community of Wheeling. Shirley McConnell our Historian, was given a bouquet for her continued input to the society from many years of living here. Other members were thanked for their service and help in and on all occasions throughout the year. The program for the evening was presented by the barber shop quartet "Seriously", starring our own Craig Huotari , a true barber in Wheeling, Darryl Nordentoft, Tom Grant and Robert McClerren, a quartet which was most entertaining. We hope more of our members can attend next year.

Because of a conflict of meetings, the board members were advised the board meetings of the society will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month so all board members and liaison from the Park can attend, unless otherwise

notified. The regular meetings will still be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month as in the past. Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We hope to see you at the next regular meeting.

Elaine Simpson, President



Museum Update: Arts and Crafts by local Artists is now on display. We have received More artists work and are distributed through- Out the museum besides in the display case.

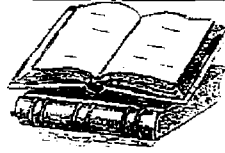
The wooden handicap ramp to the museum has been finished And looks great. Thanks goes to the park district crew.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes from Tarkington School had their field trip on May 24<sup>th</sup>. We had a total of 65 children . Wedge and Patti showed the carriage house, Marilyn showed the museum's front room with Beverly in the kitchen. The kids were lots of fun and they enjoyed seeing and touching some of the artifact. Once again the corn sheller, rattlesnake and butter churn were a big success. We took several pictures and kept us all on tight schedule of 20 minutes in each building. Society pencils and train depot postcards were given to the teachers for each child.

Pending Exhibit: Civil War Display- We have collected some artifacts and names of our local military personnel who served in the civil war. Beverly and I have been working on restoring and cleaning the civil war battlefield display. It is planned to be exhibited next summer.

Caren Green's article on Wheeling in the North Shore magazine has now been sent to each home in Wheeling. It was very well done and a copy is available at the museum if you haven't seen it.

## A Bit of History



### MORE GROWTH IN WHEELING'S FUTURE

BY Anne Slavicek

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**LOOKING TO THE** future, the greatest change in the village landscape will be apartments. Two planned development complexes already being considered by the village for approval are the Mallard Lake development northeast of Hintz and Buffalo Grove roads and Hollywood Apartments, west of the Soo Line tracks and north of McHenry Road. These two complexes will increase the village's population by more than 30 percent.

Within several years, half of the village residents may be apartment dwellers. "In the long run," Lacey says, a 60 percent apartment, 40 percent single-family residence breakdown would probably be "ideal for stability." However, Lacey fears the percentage will end up being more heavily weighted toward apartments than the acceptable figure of 60 percent.

The coming of apartments could change the complexion of the village in a number of ways. Should the apartments be expensive ones, they would probably attract older people. Should they have low rents, they will attract the young couples.

Because the village does not allow construction of any three-bedroom apartments, the new buildings fall short of providing a solution to the low cost housing problem.

One thing for sure: The new apartments would benefit Dist. 21 because of added tax dollars with a lower proportional number of children.

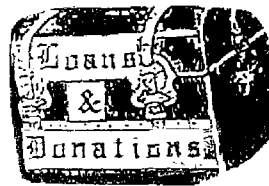
Wheeling's high percentage of young children will drop proportionately with the apartment influx, predicts Lacey. He expects the average family size to drop from its present 4.2 family members to 3.6 or 3.2.

Apartments may have another positive side according to planner's studies, because they do not waste as much space as single-family homes. Studies have also shown that living in a single-family home does not necessarily increase family and community ties, so fears of transient apartment dwellers may prove to be unfounded.

In the modern age with elaborate new homes and space age apartment cubicles, Wheeling's officials are not forgetting her heritage however.

Village President Ted C. Scanlon proposed an "appearance commission" during the last campaign. The commission, made up of architects and citizens would strive to maintain a continuity of design in the village, to blend Wheeling's modern buildings with the older ones. When the commission becomes a reality, and with the help of planners devoted to keeping Wheeling's personality, the town will be assured of retaining its cultural heritage.

The end.....



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

Pat Hancock... 8 spice cans, 2 spice boxes, 7 bottles of spices, 3 bottles extracts, 1 silver plate large tea pot from Chevy Chase 1980's, 1 bottle of bouillon cubes.

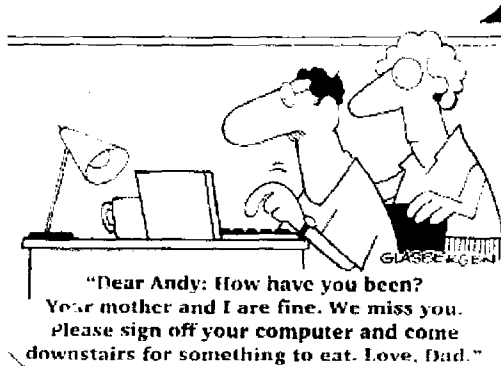
Mason Lodge... A pair of Jade Fire King sugar w/ cover and creamer.

Elaine Simpson... 4 brochures re: construction, of the Westin Town Center, Glass plaque picture of Westin Hotel, 2 CD DVD promotional discs, Registration book, promotional brochure.

Village of Wheeling... Code Book from 1956

Betty Barrie's Daughter... 57 pictures of various events, school, homes, etc.

Jerry Edwards... 2 boxes of matches from Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank from the 1950s



"Dear Andy: How have you been?  
Your mother and I are fine. We miss you.  
Please sign off your computer and come  
downstairs for something to eat. Love, Dad."



## My Mirror and I

I looked in the mirror to see myself  
But I was no longer there.  
Instead I saw an old woman  
Who had wrinkles and snow-white hair.

I thought to myself: *How strange indeed.*  
*Just who could this old woman be?*  
*She resembles our family, I must confess,*  
*But surely it can't be me.*

Only yesterday my eyes were bright  
And a wrinkle you could not see.  
But I looked at this woman with wrinkled skin.  
Now what has she done with me?

If I move my head, she moves hers.  
When I smile, she grins with glee.  
From the way she looks, I think she knows  
Of the thought that bothers me.

Just keep grinning, you old woman.  
I'll turn from your image away.  
With head held high, I'll say to myself,  
It's good to feel young today.

Mirrors are a shallow lot.  
They never look down inside.  
But it's down underneath the surface  
That the spirit of youth abides.

Sometimes a mirror will flatter you,  
Sometimes it will cause you to flee.  
But since I know so much more than it,  
My mirror can never fool me.

—Author Unknown



**1 cup sliced fresh strawberries**  
**1/4 cup sour cream**  
**1 tablespoon sugar**  
**1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract**  
**1/2 cup heavy whipping cream**  
**Assorted fresh fruit**

In a blender, combine the strawberries, sour cream, sugar and vanilla. Cover and process until smooth. In a small mixing bowl, beat cream until stiff peaks form. Fold into strawberry mixture. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour. Serve with fruit. Refrigerate leftovers. **Yield:** 1-1/2 cups.

## TRIVIA

Living Will-Last night, my wife and I were sitting in the living room and I said to her, "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." She got up, unplugged the TV and then threw out my beer

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Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.

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Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes it comes alone.

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Life not only begins at forty, It also begins to show.

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I smile because I am your friend! I laugh because there is nothing you can do about it.

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## CHRONOLOGY

### Guess the date!

Patti has been busy making flyers, certificates and inventorying artifacts. She is also updating the police chief and village president list.

Beverly is our research lady and has been doing some 1860 census searches on our civil war veterans for the display. She is also cleaning and sorting newspapers from Dr. Taylor's home.

Marilyn has been filing the society's past Treasurer's Reports and eliminating unnecessary papers. She also is keeping our obit files up to date. Five filing cabinets were donated to us from St. Joseph's church. Leo Chromy and friends delivered them to us. Thanks guys and thank you S. Josephs.

We received more information from Jim Landberg on the Parkers, Deans, Morrison and Lansing families. He has been sharing his family research history with us. Thanks Jim.

The volunteers for June were and are: June 3- Lorraine and Fran, June 10- Elaine and Bill, June 24- Marilyn and Barb. Thanks to all our volunteers.

Linda Reading, Curator



On June 1<sup>st</sup> of 1937 the National Cancer Institute was established.

Spam was introduced to the consumer in 1937 and in 1994, the Hormel Foods Corporation celebrated the production of its five-billionth can of Spam.

June 5<sup>th</sup> of 1938 Superman soars into comic book history.

In 1939, Earl Tupper invents a clear, flexible, unbreakable, nontoxic, easy-to-clean plastic- TUPPERWARE.

In June of 1940, Sam Posen invented the Beltone hearing aid to help his hearing impaired friend hear what he had to say.

Dr. Henry Benz arrives. Wheeling Population is 311 in 1882, 1885, 1890.

Welflin home is built, east of the river and south of Dundee Road. Bicycle craze reaches its peak. There is financial panic. World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago celebrates 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Columbus's arrival in America in 1881, 1882, 1883

June 18, Citizens petition to incorporate Village of Wheeling. July 17, Henry Boehmer elected Mayor together with six Trustees, Village Clerk, and Police Magistrate. July 26, first meeting of Board of Trustees held in District school. First Village Ordinance licenses dram shops in 1894, 1896, 1898.

Village Hall built. J.P. Hausam elected Mayor. Chris Uetz saloon built in 1892, 1895, 1897.

Volunteer Fire Department established. Chris Uetz first Fire Chief in 1892, 1894, 1896

Hand-pumped fire engine ordered. First Firemen's Ball and first picnic held August 7, to raise money for fire equipment in 1896, 1897, 1899.

ANSWERS: 1890, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899

History scrapbook THE DAILY HERALD, Thursday, November 27, 1950



GET THE MESSAGE? Bill Laurance, Wheeling depot agent from 1925 to 1957, hands a telegraph message to the engineer. The messages, which instructed the engineer where to stop and what was to be picked up further down the line, was attached to a large hoop. The train would slow down so the engineer could grab the messages off the hoop and continue on. This photo was taken in 1950.