



NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JANUARY 2008



*Message
From The
President*

Dear Members and Friends

Here we are a new year, a new beginning, and hopefully this will be a successful year.

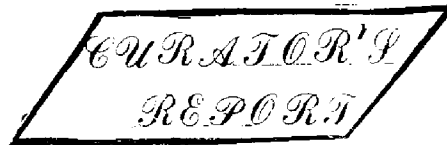
With Lollipop Lane behind us, we will be looking forward to our dinner and auction in February, so save your pennies and get together your no longer wanted old treasurers so someone else can enjoy them.

Speaking of Lollipop Lane, this season has been our most successful one so far. Fifteen hundred people passed down this lane and with all the wonderful help we had, it was most gratifying. We give thanks to all our volunteers and donors. A special thanks to the Wheeling Park District for without their help, Adolfo and some of the maintenance staff, and the office staff, for without their help, this event could not have taken place, most of all thanks to our liaison Cheri Klumpp for all her help and support. Also this year Bob and Bill Stasek while taking pictures of parents and kids asked parents for their e-mail addresses and advised they would e-mail the picture to them so they could send them on to grandparents and relatives. This was done shortly following Lollipop Lane and the response was fantastic. Thank you Bob and Bill.

On a sad note, our old and dear friend, Margaret Forke passed away on Christmas Eve. Our condolences go to her family and relatives. Margaret was a lovely woman who in earlier times gave much of herself to the society. She has been a resident of Wheeling since 1929 so she had seen many changes during the 98 years of being here. We shall miss seeing her at our monthly meetings and hope and pray she is now at rest.

We are looking forward to starting out the new year with our next meeting to be held January 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Elaine Simpson, President



Beverly and I are working on a preservation project for all our 4 x 6 pictures.

Donna Vallas is busy putting some of Dr. Taylor's slide on CD-Rom Disks for preservation. She will be busy doing the loose slides first, then she will do the boxed slides.

I have sent copies of the Grant family personal data sheets to Roxanne (Grant) Stec.

Charles, Mailyn and I are taking photos of various places in Wheeling. This should keep us busy for some time.

Elaine has taken pictures of the 94th Aerial Squadron Restaurant as it is going to close.

Hazel Wilson gave me some information on living at the Gannon Apartment building on Meadows Lane North Wolf Road in 1952-56, when her family moved to Dunhurst Heights subdivision in 1956-57. She still lives there at S. Wayne. Hazel said Frank Soroka had a house on Meadows Lane.

Charles and I took picture of the Blue Star Marker Dedication ceremony at Veterans Park on November 11 at 11 a.m. This was a marker donated by the Wheeling Garden Club and Amvet Carpenter Post #66. The day was cool and windy, but no rain. There were several groups and people and organizations who attended.

Linda Reading, Curator

YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2007 WHEN...

Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.

Leaving the house without your cell phone, which You didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of Your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.

You get up in the morning and go on line before Getting your coffee.

You start tilting your head sideways to smile :))

You're reading this and nodding and laughing.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT???!!!

Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

Every morning is the dawn of a new error.!

The quote of the month is by Jay Leno:

" With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, "Are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"



The main library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.

A snail can sleep for three years.

No word in the English language rhymes with "MONTH"

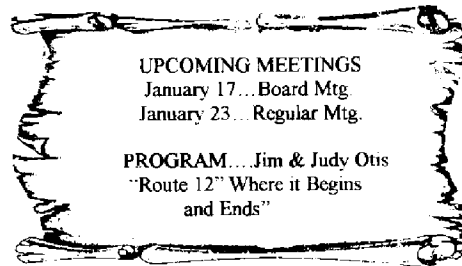
The average life span of a major league baseball: 7 pitches.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing SCARY!!

The electric chair was invented by a dentist.

All polar bears are left handed.

In ancient Egypt, priests plucked EVERY hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.



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



THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL!

JANUARY , 2008

Dear Friends and Members:

This sounds like we are repeating ourselves every year but the truth is again this year we have received the greatest gift of all... **GIVING OF ONES' SELF!** Again at this time we as a society find we are short of members in setting up Lollipop Lane which is our annual event and again the Park District and friends have come to our aid for which we are grateful. We must tell you this has been our most successful year and it is because of our community spirit and help that has made it so.

Not only has our donors continued their generous monetary donations and support, but again the park district maintenance staff put up the trees and some of the administrative staff came over and helped decorate the trees. A big thanks to our Liaison, Cheri Klumpp for all her giving, help and support not only for Lollipop Lane but throughout the year. Again Debbie Stecker and Stephanie Garcia decorated the preschool tree and this year, a tree was decorated by Cathy Burns, Rose Johnson and Elva Arreola of Indian Trails Public Library. The trees turned out beautiful. Thank you.

We would like to thank our maintenance staff, Adolfo Eloisa, Miguel Gonzalez and Paul Begrowicz and others for all their help in putting up the trees and decorating the outside and inside of the building.

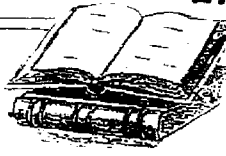
We would like to thank Santa's helpers Mary Schlaak, Larry Raffel, Matt Wehby, Kim Harris, Ron Salski James Schubert and Sharon Schomer for their part in decorating the trees and spreading the toys. Everything was done in record time and it looked beautiful. Also thanks to Leroy who fixed the phone.

We would like to thank our society board and members, Elaine, Marilyn, Linda, Charlie Vallas and Wedge as each took on a specific duty besides generally helping throughout the event where needed. Other members who helped were Bill Simpson, Leo Chromy, Bev Rossmann, and Barb Lahay. Lorraine Haben did a great job on publicity and thanks again goes to Shirley Koeppen for making calls to our cookie bakers, you know who you are. A special thanks to all of those who baked cookies and to Joan, Wiener, Bill Hein, Carol and Barry Tress, John and Sharon Shomer, Ken and Chris Brady, Marsha Lehmann, Steve and Petra Young and Kim and Keith Pecka, who portrayed Santa and Mrs. Claus this season. You all did a splendid job. A special thanks to Bill and Bob Stasek and their team who took pictures of each child, donated prizes and for bringing Santa and Mrs. Claus to town this year as in the past.

We hope we haven't missed anyone and truly feel this has been a great and wonderful joint venture again and without all this help, we could not have done it.

We the society, feel we have received the greatest gift of all which is everyone who has given their time and energy to make this year so successful. **OUR THANKS TO ALL OF YOU AGAIN!**

A Bit of History



Residents put Wheeling Parks On Top

By Martha Allen
Chicago Tribune, April 24, 1985

Continued.....

Companies and other groups can schedule golf tournaments and outings at Chevy Chase Golf Course. Group and private lessons are offered. The facility also has an indoor range.

With 18 preschool programs, the five new offerings this spring are Movement, Mom and Me, for developing motor skills; Snack-N-Time, where tots create snacks; Lil' Scientist, with science activities; Peanut Picassos, an art class; and Spring Crafts-N-Fun Preschool Workshop, a half day preschool.

Young people can participate in the 35 youth programs scheduled this spring, such as karate, soccer, cheerleading, cooking, music and dance class; Great Getaways, a trip to the Swallow Cliff Toboggan Shoots; general open ice skating at Chamber Park, and teen open gym for 6th through 9th graders.

"Our philosophy is that it's not just the best children who play," Phillips says. "We stress that everybody plays and that really make a dynamic youth program."

New this summer will be a soccer workshop directed by members of the Chicago Sting, to be held during the third week in August, according to soccer coach Gary Dobbe. Also new will be outdoor soccer for 7, 8 and 9 year olds this summer.

Among the 47 adult programs are senior citizens activities, skiing, weight training, calligraphy, basic auto mechanics and fitness classes. New programs this spring are Food Around the World, a cooking and sampling experience of food of foreign countries; Senior Special Events, a program of parties for upcoming holidays for seniors; ceramics, health and fitness and gardening seminars

A fee is required from for each program a person signs up for. Wheeling Park District activities are open to nonresidents also.

The End.....

CHRONOLOGY Guess the date!

Halley's comet sighted Iceberg sinks Titanic.
Richard T Crane dies. Port house is built in 1908,
1912, 1918.

Wheeling's first bank was established in what was an cream parlor. Addition to Fassbender's hardware store. Boy Scout Troop #18 was founded in 1921, 1925, 1928.

Start of World War I. Ice cream parlor is added to Fassbender's hardware store in 1912, 1913, 1914

The eighteenth Amendment (prohibition is ratified) and Nineteenth Amendment (giving women right to vote) went into effect. Knights of Columbus builds Columbia Country Club, later known as Bon Air and then as Chevy Chase in 1917, 1920, 1921.

The Balling family moved to Wheeling from Chicago in 1910, 1912, 1915.

U.S. enters World War I on April 6. Dam #1 was completed. Milwaukee Avenue paving started. "Wheeling to Wheeling" again was popular. English replaced German in Presbyterian Church services. Harold Hartmann built the new Hartmann House. George Sicks was elected Mayor in 1914, 1915, 1917

ANSWERS: 1917, 1915, 1912, 1914, 1920, 1915, 1917, 1912, 1921, 1914, 1920, 1915, 1917

I asked my dad where the children came from, he said people download them from the internet!

