



# NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MARCH, 2008



## Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends:

February! Where did the month go??? Last thing we remember, it was just starting. Here it is the 29<sup>th</sup> and we are certainly ready for spring. Can't be too much longer, can it?? I can smell the flowers already..

Back to reality! We did hold our Annual Dinner and Auction February 27<sup>th</sup> and everyone had a good time.

A short meeting was called, the pledge of allegiance was said and the Nomination Committee was named that being: Chairperson, Linda Reading, Marilyn Chromy and Patti Hancock. The meeting was adjourned and on to the dinner (which was brought in by Wa-Pa-Ghetti's, and was excellent). Desserts were made by our society members, which each and every one was delicious.

We had a great time with the auction, most Everyone brought their treasures which they no longer wanted and they were all auctioned off by the end of the evening.

Bill Hein did a great job as auctioneer. He made us laugh and we truly had a great time.

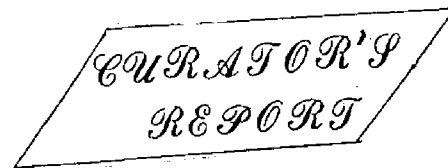
On a sad note, our old friend Clare Rudolph who was here visiting, did have a fall which scared us all. She was taken to the hospital by the paramedics and examined. We since have received word she is ok. Thank goodness.

As some of you know, Lorraine Haben had fractured her hip and had a pin put in. She is coming along fine and we are told she will be in rehab at the Greek American Wheeling Care Center. We hope she will soon be with us again.

Another thing to remember is that the museum is opening March 2<sup>nd</sup> and if you haven't been there, we would like to see you. Otherwise we feel like the Maytag Repair Man or Lonesome George. There are new exhibits and a lot of history in pictures if you are at all interested.

At the March meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> the Nomination Committee will present their slate of officers for the fiscal year 2008-2009. In April the vote will be taken and in May we will hold our Annual Installation Dinner. We hope we will be seeing you and remember, we always need new members so invite your friends. Until then....

Elaine Simpson, President



Roxanne Stec was sent more Grant family data from our newspaper and family binder files

Brandon McLaren & Al Best were sent information and pictures We had available regarding the Serc Mfg. Bob Cat Golf Cart. We have received pictures of the golf cart he owns.

A packet has been sent to Suzanne Bolton regarding information on the Periolat family. She was thrilled to receive the packet. And is looking for data on Louise Periolat, daughter of Napoleon Periolat who she thinks married a Sigwalt. As yet no information has been found.

I received an e-mail from Juliet George of Fort Worth Texas requesting any info on a William Zelosky who was located on Milwaukee Avenue.

**CHRONOLOGY** Guess the date!

William Zelosky's addition to Wheeling was developed. New brick school on Wille Ave. was completed. Bluebird Girl Scout Troop was organized by Lucile Schneider. Union Hotel burned to the ground on December 26. Village acquired first gas driven fire engine and first police car?  
1920, 1925, 1928

Stock market crash starts Depression and ends Wheeling's prosperity. Chicago Daily News had a fleet of planes at Pal-waukee Airport in  
1929, 1930 1932

Frank and Pete Barchard bought 40 acres of land for Pal-waukee Airport and Wynn Bradford was hired to manage it. Lightning demolishes spire of Presbyterian Church in  
1920, 1924, 1926

Behm's Riverside Restaurant opened. Julius Meinken was elected Mayor. Pal-waukee Airport was bought and incorporated by Owen E. Jones in  
1926, 1927, 1928

Height of Capone era. Arlington Race Track opened. New bank building on southwest corner of Milwaukee and Dundee. Wheeling Commercial Club is organized. Brick Chapel of St. Francis was built at Childerley in  
1926, 1927, 1928

ANSWERS 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1927

**ON THE FUNNY SIDE.....**

She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?"... The driver said "No, jump in!"

Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.

I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.

I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked "What's on the TV?" I said "Dust!"



We who work at the museum, would like to thank the maintenance staff for giving us a new sink; The old one was really awful. Just remember everyone, no washing out paint brushes or stuff of that nature!!!

We really appreciate all the park district's help in bringing us up to date. A lot improvements have been done to the museum and every little bit helps.

Thanks again guys!



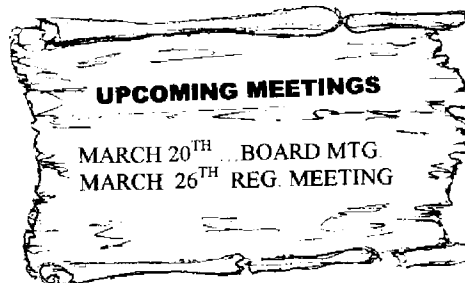
There are no natural lakes in the state of Ohio, every one is man-made.

The first city to reach a population of 1 million people was Rome, Italy in 133 B.C. There is a city called Rome on every continent.

Siberia contains more than 25 percent of the world's forests.

St Paul, Minnesota was originally called Pigs Eye after a man named Pierre "Pig's Eye" Parrant who set up the first business (bootlegging) there.

In the Sahara Desert, there is a town named Tidikelt, which did not receive a drop of rain for ten years.





**TIPS FOR THE COOKS!**

Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and the end of the recipe if your want a stronger taste of garlic

Snickers bars make a delicious dessert. Simply chop them up with the chopper, peel, core and slice a few apples. Place them in a baking dish, sprinkle the chopped candy bars over the apples. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes!! Serve alone or with vanilla ice cream.

Reheated Pizza-Heat up leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove. Set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza.

Easy Deviled Eggs- Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash, until they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing, mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just tip bag away, when done, easy clean up.

Expanding Frosting- When you buy a container of cake frosting, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You are able to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount and you will eat less sugar calories per serving.

Reheating Refrigerated Bread- To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins which were refrigerated, place them; in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster

Goodbye Fruit Flies- To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass cup fill 1/2" with apple cider vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid, mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

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**Poet's Corner**

*It's winter in Illinois  
And the gentle breezes blow  
Seventy miles an hour  
At twenty-five below.  
Oh, how I love Illinois  
When the snow's up to your butt  
You take a breath of winter  
And your nose gets frozen shut.  
Yes, the weather here is wonderful  
So I guess I'll hang around  
I could never leave Illinois*

*'Cause I'm frozen to the ground!!*

**Author Unknown**

**TRIVIAL PURSUIT  
Wheeling Herald  
June 6, 1985**

What was the current population of Wheeling?

How much does it cost to purchase a pet license in Wheeling

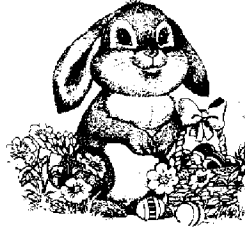
What year was Wheeling incorporated?

What is the service rate for water in Wheeling?  
(Per 1000 gallons)

Who is the president of the Village of Wheeling?

What is Wheeling's zip code?

How many trustees are elected in Wheeling?



**Happy  
Easter**

ANSWERS: 23,266, \$5 per year, per animal,  
1894, \$1.90 per 1000 gallons, Shelia H. Schultz,  
60090, six

I received an e-mail from Clara Jaeger looking for Historical information on St. Mary's Learning School taken from the Federal Census of 1920 giving the location as the state of Il, Cook County, in Wheeling's 8<sup>th</sup> ward. Research is being done.

Marilyn is still updating the Periolat family file and has found more information from an autograph book belonging to George Henry Periolat.

Beverly is working on the picture albums: sorting according to subject theme.

Marilyn and I attended the N.E.I.L. Meeting of March 8<sup>th</sup> at Northbrook. H.S. Program was on Fund-Raising and Friend-Raising in Difficult Times.

I talked with Chris Gibson of Indian Trails Library who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary from October 2008 to March 2009. She would like to work with the museum and society on a cemetery walk in October. Linda, a staff member would like to publish a Post Card Book on Wheeling using our picture post cards.

Linda Reading, Curator

### A Bit of History



**A CENTURY OF FINE DINING PUTS WHEELING A CUT ABOVE THE REST**  
BY ANNE LITTLE  
REPORTED IN THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE,  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1985

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"But hotels (for lodging) never were a big thing," says Marshall Balling, a local historian and Wheeling resident since 1915. "There wasn't really much to attract people to stay overnight.

With the coming of the automobile, however, hotel and road house businesses expanded to include gasoline and service for cars.

"I remember when the Union Hotel had a sign out front that said "Auto Station No.1,"Balling says.

By 1920, restaurants, most of them run by local families, had sprung up all along Milwaukee Avenue on either side of the Dundee Road intersection. Many served German food, reflecting the ethnic makeup of the neighborhood.

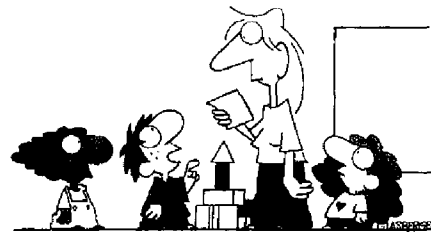
"From 1920 to 1940 was the heyday of Wheeling's restaurant business," Balling says.. "Wheeling was a little away from the North Shore, which was a little too staid regarding liquor. In the 1930's, Wheeling had a population of only about 300 and 17 liquor licenses (an unusually high number for a town that size)."

Wheeling's population now is more than 24,000 according to 1980 census figures and estimates from building permits issued since the census, has 29 liquor licenses.

During prohibition, most of the restaurants were said to be speakeasies, some with considerable mob activity, especially in the operation of slot machines, Balling says.

"I remember the raids on some of the restaurants by the Cook County Sheriff's police," he says. "I think all the restaurants were speakeasies—even those that specialized in home-cooked chicken dinners.

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"My name was David, but that sounded old fashioned. So I shortened it to DAVE"



**I here is more hunger for love and Appreciation in this world than for Bread.**