

ociety NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Dear Members and Friends:

Summer is going by fast and its already August. The meeting of July 23rd brought an update from last month. Christopher Erdoss, a Boy Scout, was introduced at the June meeting; has received approval to work cleaning the farm implements in the Carriage House He is doing this project to become an Eagle Scout Working will take place the first two weekends of September Good luck and thanks to the Boy Scouts of America for making this help possible...

The "Brats in the Park" event that was possibly planned for September was cancelled. We all liked the idea but the board decided that we do not have enough members to help make it a success. This idea will be given further consideration for a future event.

Terry Stielen and Donna Vallas are working on the new website. Terry has put up a logo and a copy of last months newsletter so far just to have something on the site. It's a start. You can go on to www.wheeling.wheelinghistoricalsociety.com if you would care to view it There is no cost so far. Keep up the good work as there will be much more to come in the future.

This months meeting on Wednesday, August 27th will start a 7:00 p.m. Chamber Park Community Center located in Chamber Park. We have Evie Weber from Arlington Heights, presenting a program of the trip she and her sister took a couple of years ago from Mobile Alabama to Owen Sound Canada, a total of 2,100 miles. They followed the Underground Railroad, "the old slave trail." Come

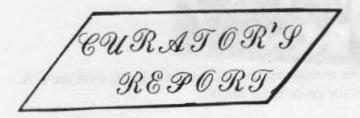
and bring your friends. Everyone is welcome. This is a free program and refreshments will be served. A brief business meeting will follow the presentation.

October 22nd will bring another program. This time presented by Len Aftrenow, a Wheeling resident. He recently took a trip to Mexico and Central America and he calls it the parts of that area you will never see.

In September, we will need volunteers to sit at the museum on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. If you have some time, please contact Linda Reading at the museum or sign up at the next meeting on August 27th.

Hope to see you then,

Joan Wiener, President



Chris Erdoss's Eagle Scout Project has been approved and he will be working Sept 6,7,13,& 14 preserving the leather wagon and buggy harness riggings, the farm implements, along with painting the horse and weight scale.

Received the rattlesnake back from Karl Kann of the Worsham College and he gave us a refill solution. I replaced the solution so we are back in business. We also received some pictures and a brochure of the colleges' history.

We mailed Elizabeth Smith a book (duplicate) about the Zion Church and copies of other booklets. Her ancestor Gottfreid Rothe was a charter member of the church. She sent a check which covered the cost of the book and postage. I mailed Parker information and gravestone pictures to Lorain Hudson. She and Jim Landburg are related. I Put them in contact with each other and now they are communicating with each other.

Received a request from Mr. Holderfield who is doing his internship and a project for Prospect Heights Historical Society on Wheeling Township area Inhabitants He is to get back to me with more details.

N.E.I.L. Meeting Sept 13 at Oak Park/River Forest. On October 2-4 they are planning an historical field trip to Columbus, Indiana to view some architecture which the town is internationally famous for. Cost of trip will be \$530 double occupancy, \$650 Single occupancy. Staying at the Columbus Inn the historical old village hall. I would like to have someone to go with me. Reservation forms for this trip and an agenda will be on hand at the August meeting. Reservations must be made by September 1st. with N.E.I.L. which is the deadline.

Linda Reading, Curator



The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

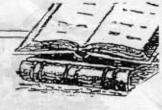
The San Fancisco Cable cars are the only mobile. National Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades=King David; Hearts Charlemagne; Clubs= Alexander the Great; Diamonds = Julius Caesar

The best way to keep children at home is to make the home atmosphere pleasant---and let the air out of their tires.

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A Bit of History



School days...Golden Rule days

By Sylvia Thoma, Special Sections Correspondent Wheeling Herald 1997

It is a whole new learning process For kids in school today

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When the program first began, children in grades one through three would go to the center every other week, either all morning or all afternoon, and learn about science "hands-on". Currently the intermediate grades are involved in the Discover Center program, Fergus said. "Teachers are specially trained to teach at the center," said Myers.

Of course, some of the most dramatic changes to the schools has come with the boom in computer and electronic technology advances, which has completely changed the way students have access to information.

"Students can hook up phones to access data lines all over the world," said Myers. A recent event in a kindergarten class demonstrates the students' capabilities. The kids wanted to learn about the state of Hawaii; the climate, way of life, etc. They contacted, via computer another kindergarten class in Hawaii and were transmitted letters from the kids that explained all about Hawaii, from their perspective.

Speaking of accessing information, school libraries aren't quite what they used to be either. "The library systems are not just a place to keep books any more," said Myers. "They are a repository for all kinds of electronic information, as well, "he said.

From buildings to books to computers, District 21 has risen to the challenge of meeting the changing needs of students in the 1990's.

The End

TRIVIA...WHEELING HERALD June 2, 1985

COMMENTS MADE IN THE YEAR 1955 THAT'S ONLY 52 YEARS AGO!

"KIDS TODAY ARE IMPOSSIBLE.
THOSE DUCK TAIL HAIR CUTS MAKE
IT IMPOSSIBLE TO STAY GROOMED.
NEXT THING YOU KNOW, BOYS WILL
BE WEARING THEIR HAIR AS LONG
AS THE GIRLS."

"I'M AFRAID TO SEND MY KIDS TO THE MOVIES ANY MORE. EVER SINCE THEY LET CLARK GABLE GET BY WITH SAYING DAMN IN GONE WITH THE WIND, IT SEEMS EVERY NEW MOVIE HAS EITHER HELL OR DAMN IN IT.

I READ THE OTHER DAY WHERE SOME SCIENTIST THINKS IT'S POSSIBLE TO PUT A MAN ON THE MOON BY THE END OF THE CENTURY. THEY EVEN HAVE SOME FELLOWS THEY CALL ASTRONAUTS PREPARING FOR IT DOWN IN TEXAS."

"I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY
ALL OF OUR KITCHEN APPLIANCES
WOULD BE ELECTRIC. THEY ARE EVEN
MAKING ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS NOW."

GETTING OLD IS HILARIOUS

LITTLE LADY

A little old lady was running up and down the halls in a nursing home. As she walked, she would flip her nightgown and say "Supersex." She walked up to an elderly man in a wheelchair. Flipping her gown at him. She said, "Supersex."

He sat silently for a moment or two and finally answered, "I'll take the soup."

CHRONOLOGY

Geroge Priester bought Pal-Waukee Airport Harold Gieske, Jr. was elected Mayor in 1951, 1953, 1955

Population was 5,417. First shopping center on Dundee west of Milwaukee Ave was developed by Glenn Miller. A.E. McIntyre was elected Mayor. Hula Hoop fad swept the country. George Priester broadcasted traffic conditions from the air via WGN, A new telephone building at 50 E. Dundee Road was dedicated and Carl Sandburg School opened its doors in 1953, 1954, 1957

The population was 2,426. Meadowbrook subdivision was opened in 1955, 1956,1957

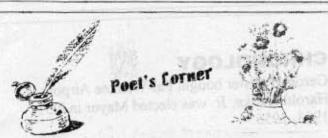
April 9, the Masonic Temple, former Schminke store was razed. The first Brownie troop was organized at the Presbyterian Church in 1952, 1953, 1955

The population was 6,162. Meadowbrook East Subdivision opened. December 25, St. Joseph the Worker Church conducted its first mass. Mark Twain School opened. Wheeling Junior Woman's Club voted to sponsor the library which opened in an outbuilding behind Union Hotel. Frances Crane Lillie died. The telephone Company went Dial in 1955, 1957, 1958

Dunhurst Heights subdivision opened. Syke Horcher became Police Chief. First rattlesnake Hunt was organized by Ed Bellmore and Arnold Krause. The Hartmann House became Adam Schiecks' "Adam's Hartman House." O'Hare Field opened for commercial use in 1953, 1955, 1958

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GIVE ME YOUR FLOWERS

I would rather have one little rose From the garden of a friend, Than to have the choicest flowers When my stay on earth must end.

I would rather have a pleasant word In kindness said to me, Than flattery when my heart is still And this life has ceased to be.

I would rather have a loving smile From fiends I know are true, Than tears shed around my casket When this world I bid adieu.

Bring me all the flowers today, Whether pink, or white or red; I'd rather have one blossom now Than a truckload when I'm dead,

Author Unknown



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 are well or on the road to



1 cup butter, softened

2 cups sugar

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4 eggs, lightly beaten

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 cups chopped walnuts

2 squares (1 ounce each) unsweetened chocolate, melted FROSTING:

5 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1 cup milk

1 cup butter, softened

1 cup confectioners' sugar

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Add flour and salt; mix well. Fold in walnuts. Spread half of the batter into a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking pan. Add chocolate to the remaining batter; mix well. Carefully spread over batter in pan. Bake at 350 for 30-35 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool completely.

For frosting, mix flour and milk in a saucepan. Cook and stir over medium heat until a thick paste forms, about 10 min-

utes. Cool completely. In a mixing

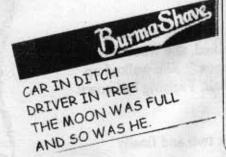
bowl, cream butter and confectioners' sugar. Add vanilla and mix well. Gradually add the milk mixture; beat for 5 minutes. Frost cake. Store in the refrigerator. Yield: 20-24 servings.

Editor's Note: The amount of vanilla is correct.



Did you know?

The first public school building was very small; it was erected in 1845. The second, built in 1861, burned in 1870.





FLASH! Horrah!!! Good News Lorraine Haben will be coming Home from the hospital August 15th.

FROM PATTIS' DESK

First of all, I would like to give thanks to
Superintendent of Park and Facility Maintenance,
Kevin Lotzer and his people for his and their quick
response to our needs over at the museum when we
have a problem. Twice they have fixed our pump
problems and we are hoping that is the end of it.
Special thanks to Miguel, Greg H. and Greg R for
being there when we need them.

We would like to WELCOME new members Terry and Patti Steilen and Lorain Hudson into our fold. We are happy to have you with us.

IN THE MAILBOX

Received a note from Clare Rudolph. She said She sure misses all of us and wishes she was still in Wheeling. She sent her new address. Her daughter got her a dog, so she is keeping busy taking care of it.

Our condolences go to Sandy Friis Her husband passed away in May as he was suffering from Lukemia. We are really sorry to hear this. Take care.

Received a note from Peggy Bumgarner saying she enjoys our newsletter and shares it with her Brother-in-law Clyde Buettner, who at one time lived several years in Wheeling along with her sister. Anyone remember???

Received a short letter from Capt. H. Douglas Bingham Here is some information he would like to share with us. He stated he graduated from Wheeling Elementary school in 1939 and attended Highland Park High School and afterward volunteered in the Army Air Corp and became a pilot. After WWII, he returned to Wheeling for about a year and got married. In 1947 he went to work for Eastern Airlines as a pilot for 36 years, retired in 1983 and still lives in Florida. Anyone remember him???

We have a few members left who have lived in Wheeling for many years. Hope we get some response to these members.

Friends and members who live out of the Wheeling area...you know what we do here in the society and we sure would like to hear what you are doing with your lives at this point in time I would share your letters with all our members near and far. Get out the pens and drop us a line. Send to Wheeling Historical Society. Attn. Patti P.O. Box. 3 Wheeling, Il. 60090

Take Care and have a nice day.

PATTI

NATURAL HIGHS

Laughing for absolutely no reason at all.

Having someone tell you that you're beautiful.

Laughing at an inside joke with FRIENDS

Accidentally overhearing someone say something nic4e about you.

Waking up and realizing you still have a few hours left to sleep.

Your first kiss (the very first)

Making new friends or spending time with old ones.

Playing with a new puppy



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

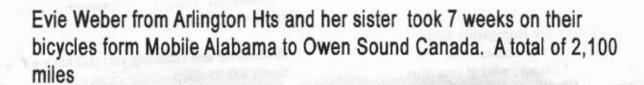
Wheeling Historical Society

Presents



Cycling Sisters

Follow the Underground Railroad the old slave trail.



They have put together a program and will present it at the Wheeling Historical Society Wednesday August 27th at 7:00 p.m. Chamber Park Community Center (the Old White Church) in Chamber Park on Wolf Road between Dundee and Strong.

Everyone welcomed. This is a free Program

Refreshments will be served.