



## Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends

I can't believe another year has whizzed by again. The Holidays are over and Lollipop Lane was another big success. Thanks to everyone who helped, our Chairperson Elaine Simpson, Patti and Wedge for the great job they do and all the support from the Board, staff, especially Adolfo and his crew of the Wheeling Park District and members of the Wheeling Historical Society. A special thanks to Cheri Klumpp our Liaison and to Bill Stasek Chevrolet and heir staff. Last and not least all of those who portrayed Santa and Mrs. Claus and made it possible for them to come to Lollipop Lane.

Over 1,200 people came through Lollipop Lane, 347 boxes of cookies and 80 ornaments were sold. Thanks also to all those who gave financial support which helped to make this event possible. It is really a pleasure to see what happiness that it brings not only to the children but also to the adults. All the hard work is worth it. Thank you again everyone.

January brings another good program for everyone to see: Karen Krause will present stories of Wrigleyville's Engine 78. She wrote a book about this firehouse and her father. She will be telling us some of them and we hope you join us and see her and her presentation on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chamber Park Community Center (Old Church), 251 N. Wolf Rd. Bring your friends too. No charge. A brief meeting will follow and refreshments will be served.

In the meantime, stay warm and we of the Society wish you all a Happy New Year!

Joan Wiener, President

## CURATOR'S REPORT

We received a request from Michelle Pertl regarding a Adam Weber 1800-1868 who was married to Eva Margaretha Glos. They had a son who married Henrietta Dorothy Tesh. Ms. Pertl is looking for any information on these 3 families. We are currently looking into this.

Virginia Lowe is requesting information on a Mr. Chic Wheeler R.M.A., who built airplanes and tested them in Wheeling around 1919. She would like to know if there are any news articles regarding this person on 3/24/1919.

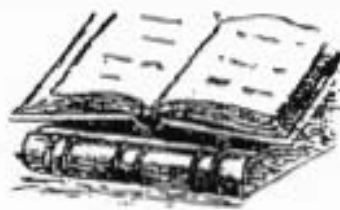
Mr. Blamparter sent a request about Leona Reeb and her maiden name. His mother was a Reeb. I sent him information about Leona Reeb who married John Reeb. Her maiden name was Peckham. we have also sent him info on Conrad and Bertha (Melzer) and their seven children. I am looking into John's family more as one of his children was Otto Reeb.

The total number of guests which visited our museum in 2008 was 236.

Although we are closed for the winter, Marilyn, Beverly, Patti and I are still working on Thursday mornings doing various jobs. GOT TIME? Come and see us.

Linda Reading, Curator

## A Bit of History



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### Town's 1st Settler Arrived In 1833

**Wheeling Herald August 14, 1969**  
**By Barb O'Reilley**

The town, by 1884, contained two general stores, three hotels, two blacksmith shops, one brewery, one physician, a Lutheran church, and about 200 citizens. Most of the residents of Wheeling were German- Alsatian

The townspeople found a need to incorporate in 1894 because of the "lawless strangers" who frequented the taverns located along Milwaukee Avenue, and because civic improvements were needed.

A petition was signed by 42 legal voters, requesting village incorporation. On June 19, 1894, a special election was held, with 43 votes for and three votes against a village organization.

A second election on July 17, gave Wheeling its first elected officials; Henry Boehmer, President ; John Forke, Jacob Schwingel, Emil Sigwalt, Reinhold Schneider, William Fassbender, J.A. Schminke, Trustees, Louis Fischer, Police Magistrate, and W.R. Mundhenke, Village Clerk.

THREE WEEKS later the first village ordinance was passed, licensing the various hotels and dram shops which sold alcoholic beverages. The fee was set at \$500 per year, and with six applicants, the entire village budget was easily met.

At the turn of the century, Wheeling's 331 residents had a real community. Most people worked at the surrounding dairy farms. Entertainment consisted of local band concerts and Saturday night picnics.

The farmers delivered their milk by horse and wagon each morning to the Henry Boehmer Creamery, located on the lot now occupied by the Wheeling Farms Produce Store 444 E. Dundee. Local residents could buy bulk milk in pails with slip covers by walking to the dairy.

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## YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2008 WHEN.....

You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.

You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years

You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of 3..

You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you

Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.

You pull up in your own driveway and use your Mobile phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.

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

Leaving the house without your mobile 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.

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### **SPECIAL NOTICE**

#### **PLEASE NOTE!**

**Since there are 4 Wednesdays  
and 5 Thursdays in the month  
of January, please mark your  
calendar as such:**

**Board Mtg- Thurs. 1/22/09**  
**Reg. Mtg- Wed.- 1/28/09**

**Please see flier regarding  
Presentation on "A Chicago  
Firehouse: Stories of  
Wrigleyville's Engine 78"**

## CHRONOLOGY

Shadow Bend subdivision was developed on former Schneider far, Le Francais restaurant opened by Jean Banchet in former Moeller's restaurant in 1965, 1971, 1973?

Park District purchases old Village Hall from Village for \$1 and moves it to Chamber Park. Berghoff family buys Hans Bavarian Lodge. The 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron restaurant was built. Lake Cook Road is opened west of Milwaukee Avenue. Ground breaking is conducted for Indian Trails Library on Schoenbeck Road in 1973, 1977, 1978?

The Library District renamed "Indian trails Library District." In 1973, 1974, 1975

Riverside Plaza Development began on southeast Corner of Dundee and Milwaukee Ave in 1978, 1979, 1980?

Calvert Foundation sold its 10 acres of Childerley property to the Wheeling Park District. Ted Bracke was appointed Police Chief. Bill Hein was elected Village President. Starts negotiating for federal funds to buy Pal-Waukee Airport. Park District conducts referendum to purchase Chevy Chase Country Club and Childerley Park in 1974, 1978, 1981?

ANSWERS: 1965, 1971, 1973, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1974, 1978, 1981



Holding The Sun

## THEY LIVE AMONG US

### IDIOT SIGHTING:

**My daughter and I went through the McDonald's take-out window and I gave the clerk a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her a quarter. She said "you gave me too much money." I said, "Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar bill back." She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the quarter, and said "We're sorry but they could not do that kind of thing." The clerk then proceeded to give me back \$1 and 75 cents in change.**

**Do not confuse the clerks at McD's.**



Houses had thatched roofs –thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof when it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying It's raining cats and dogs.

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house... This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up you nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

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## HOW OLD IS GRAMPA???

Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee was unheard of.

We had 5 & 10 cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents.

Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a street-Car and a Pepsi were all a nickel.

And if you didn't want to splurge, you could Spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards.

You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600... But who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

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If the label on the cable on the table at your house, says the network is connected to the button on your mouse,

But you packets want to tunnel to another protocol, that's repeatedly rejected by the printer down the hall.;

And your screen is all distorted by the side effects of gauss, so your icons in the window are as wavy as a souse;

Then you may as well reboot and go out with a bang,  
"cause sure as I'm a poet, the sucker's gonna hang,

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Poet's Corner

## HAPPINESS

Never ask of happiness that you see it come  
Trumpet-led in full parade, marching to a drum.

Seldom will it pass for more than fragment of the  
whole

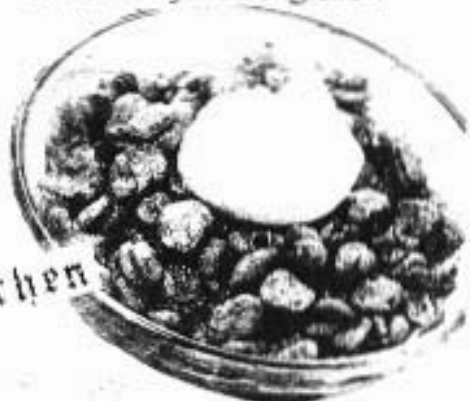
A small flag, a brief horn, a drum's faint roll

So hearken down the least day wherever it may be,  
Watching lest a plume pass and you not see!

Isabelle Bryans Longfellow



Cook's  
Kitchen



1½ cups Post Frosted Rice Crinkles Cereal  
2 teaspoons butter or margarine melted  
1 cup applesauce

Sauté cereal in melted butter until golden brown. Divide half of the applesauce among four small dishes; top with half of the cereal. Repeat layers with remaining applesauce and cereal. Top with a spoonful of prepared whipped topping, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

## MOM'S

**For those of you who had great moms...**

**For those of you who plan to be great moms,**

**Those of you who are great moms,  
Those who have great moms.**

Real mothers don't eat quiche; they don't have time to make it.

Real mothers know that their kitchen utensils are probably in the sandbox.

Real mothers know that dried play dough doesn't come out of shag carpets,

Real mothers don't want to know what the vacuum just sucked up.

Real mothers sometimes ask "Why me?" and get their answer when a little voice says, "Because I love you best."

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## Special Event

Wednesday January 28, 2009

A CHICAGO FIREHOUSE:

STORIES OF WRIGLEYVILLE'S ENGINE 78

*A Chicago Firehouse: Stories of Wrigleyville's Engine 78* is the story of Chicago's firehouse across from Wrigley Field (home of the Chicago Cubs!), and the diverse neighborhood she serves. The author's father entered the Chicago Fire Department back in the '60's when she was just a little tot. He was her hero then and he's her hero now. He retired in 1986 as a captain, but within his 20 years of service, 14 of them were at Engine 78.

The book focuses on a brief history of Chicago, the fire department, the physical structure of the firehouse, the apparatus and the crews. It is a well rounded book. You may not believe how small the city of Chicago was at the time of "The Great Chicago Fire!"

From its humble beginnings in 1884 as a one-story frame building with one bay to house Hose Co. 4 and its team of horses, Eng. Co. 78 has been the firefighting sentinel at the end of Wave and Avenue, sitting in the shadow of Wrigley Field. Using vintage photographs and moving stories from firefighters themselves, Karen Kruse captures the spirit and heroism of this historic Chicago landmark.

Author Karen Kruse, a descendant of three generations of Chicago firefighters, is a member of Mensa and the author of several articles on Chicago cemeteries.

REVIEWS BY MARIANNE

### *A Chicago Firehouse*

STORIES OF WRIGLEYVILLE'S ENGINE 78



Karen Kruse  
Reviewed by Mar 2009



Karen's Webpage is at: <http://www.achicagofirehouse.com>

Please join us for the first lecture of the new year at the Wheeling Historical Society, in the old white church in Chamber Park, 251 Wolf Rd., Wheeling.