

## Message From The President

Hi Members and Friends:

Thanks to everyone who attended the Historical Society Installation Dinner. It was held on May 27<sup>th</sup> at Chevy Chase Country Club. We had a record attendance of 40 members and friends. The food was great and the entertainment was Fantastic! Sam Magdal put on a wonderful show for everyone. He loves to sing old Frank Sinatra songs along with many other of our old favorites. It brought back a lot of memories for many of us in attendance. In fact he had some of the crowd dancing.

The new officers were installed. Bill Hein, Vice President, Marilyn Chromy, Treasurer, Charles Vallas, Secretary, Donna Vallas, Assistant Curator, and Patti Hancock, Director.

Honors were given to Tom Webber, past President of the Wheeling Park District and a great supporter of the Historical Society and Linda Reading, our outgoing Curator of the museum. Pat Steilen newly elected Curator, was unable to attend as she was on vacation and out of the country.

The June meeting will welcome Sonni Helmer who will give us a program on the History of Buttons. "Button, Button Who has the Button." on Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup> at the old church (now known as Chamber Community Center.) located at Chamber Park. It will start at 7:00 p.m. Please come and bring a friend.

The June Board meeting will be held Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and the regular meeting on Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Joan Wiener  
President.



## MUSEUM UPDATE

While our new curators are getting their feet wet, the Thursday team is still plodding along.

Beverly is now reviewing old negatives and placing them into different categories. She is also there if anyone of us needs some help such as when the copy machine goofs up she is the little lady to undue its goofs and gets us back on the track.

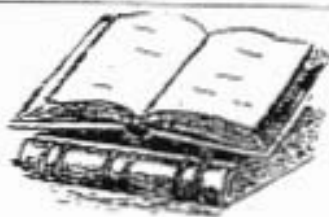
Marilyn along with logging the obituaries, helps us when we get into something that is too big for us to handle.

Linda is doing research and gave a tour to a gentleman from the village. Our Assistant Curator Donna Vallas came in and went along on the tour which helped give her some more history of our museum and artifacts.

Patti kept busy by working on the newsletter and is getting into framing some pictures

Marilyn, Bev and I packed up Greg the Barber's shaving mug display which his daughter will be in to pick it up. He has quite a collection and if you did not see it, you really missed a great display. We surely thank him for sharing it with us.

## A Bit of History



### The Town Still Feels the Boon

By Alan Akerson

Taken from the Wheeling Herald

Thursday, August 14, 1969

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As for Wheeling's people today, they are all types. In the last 10 to 15 years, the town has become one of the more cosmopolitan villages in the area. Blue collar workers, executives, migrant laborers all can be found in Wheeling.

And Wheeling will soon see more of another kind of resident: the apartment dweller. Two planned apartment developments are already slated for the village. Scanlon sees one of those, the Mallard Lake development in the southwest part of the village, as a sparkplug for similar complexes.

"Our industrial park is no Centex," says Scanlon referring to Elk Grove's industrial development, "but it's a fairly good one."

The Soo Line railroad tracks have boosted industrial development in the village. But industries requiring truck shipments to and from Chicago generally are loathe to locate in Wheeling because it falls outside of the Chicago metropolitan freight rate zone.

"We're working on that," says Scanlon.

One big headache for Wheeling is the lack of public transportation, either to Chicago or to other villages. Naturally, Wheeling would like to see the Soo Line develop a commuter operation through Wheeling similar to that of the Chicago and North Western Railroad.

Scanlon said that he has discussed the plan informally with the Soo Line officials. "Soo Line doesn't appear to be interested, through," he said. He sees federal funds as the only means of getting a commuter operation in Wheeling.

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## REMEMBER WHEN?

WHEN A QUARTER WAS A DECENT ALLOWANCE. YOU'D REACH INTO A MUDDY BUTTER FOR A PENNY.



YOUR MOM WORE NYLONS THAT CAME IN TWO PIECES



ALL YOU MALE TEACHERS WORE NECKTIES AND FEMALE TEACHERS HAD THEIR HAIR DONE VERY DAY AND WORE DRESSES.



We would like to thank the following for their donations to the Wheeling Historical Society.

Bev Rossmann for 1 hand hair dryer (1950's)  
2 plastic bby bottles (Playtex ) 9 Military Manuals.

Clare Rudolph for 1 straw hat w/ gold ribbon,  
1 metal egg crate. 1 Bornhoff dairy mill milk carrying case ( in the 50's each home had one.)

Wheeling Historical Museum, 1 air force uniform  
And 1 air force uniform hat.

Marilyn Chromy for 1 picture of home at 55 Willow Trail. Spring 2004, 1 political pin 2008, 1 childs booklet "Fire Fighters to the Rescue"

Worsham College of Mortuary Science for a 2007-2008 brochure of the College History.

Pat Horcher for 1 lithograph of a "Fighting Fish"  
Artist: Patrick Horcher

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## HOW'S THIS FOR NOSTALGIA!

All the girls had ugly gym uniforms.

It took five minutes for the TV to warm up.

Nearly everyone's mom was at home  
When kids got home from school.



## WORTH THINKING ABOUT!

Don't sweat the petty things, and don't  
pet the sweaty things.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day.  
Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a  
boat and drink beer all day.

Women like silent men, they think they're  
listening.

If you ate pasta and antipasta, would you  
still be hungry?

## People Over 35 Should Be Dead

We did no have Playstations, Nintendo  
64, X-Boxes, no video games at all, no  
99 channels on cable, video tape  
movies, surround sound, personal cell  
phones, personal computers, or  
Internet chat rooms. We had friends!  
We went outside and found them.

We played dodge ball, and sometimes,  
the ball would really hurt.

We fell out of trees, got cut and broke  
bones and teeth, and there were no  
lawsuits from these accidents. They  
were accidents and no one was to  
blame but us. Remember accidents?

We had fights and punched each other  
And got black and blue and learned to  
get over it.

We made up games with sticks and  
tennis balls and ate worms, and  
although we were told it would  
happen, we did not put out very many  
eyes, nor did the worms live inside  
us forever.



Not a Good Day For Surfing What was your first clue



## GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

1) Growing old is *mandatory*; growing up is *optional*.

2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.

3) When you fall *down*, you wonder what else you can do while you're *down* there.

4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.

5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.

6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes *alone*.



The year of 1943 sees the mass production of the antibiotic penicillin.

In June of 1943, Richard James, a marine engineer, created the Slinky.

In June of 1945, Grand Rapids, Michigan became the first U.S. city to add fluoride to the water supply.

Benedryl was first developed as a treatment for cold and allergy symptoms in 1945.

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago, that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey wine and, because their calendar was lunar-based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as "The honeymoon."

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

## Quiz for People Who Know Everything

Name the one sport in which neither the Spectators nor the participants know the Score or the leader until the contest ends.

What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?

Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?

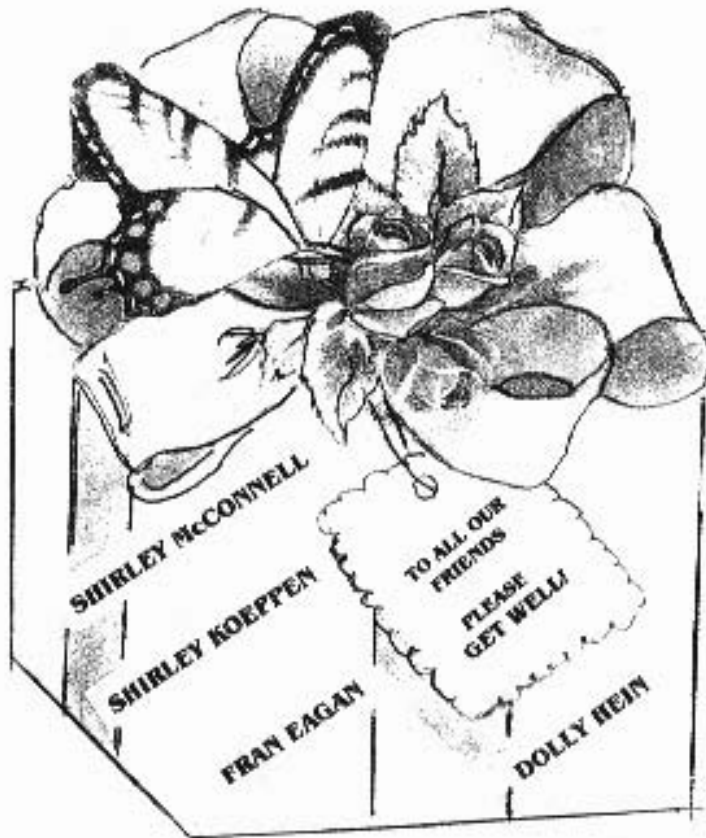
What fruit has its seeds on the outside?

In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in anyway. How did the pear get inside the bottle?

### ANSWERS:

BOXING, NIAGARA FALLS  
(The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.), ASPARAGUS & RHUBARB, STRAWBERRY, THE PEAR GREW INSIDE THE BOTTLE. (The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.





### Mom's Knowledge

My mother taught me about the WEATHER  
 "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.  
 "If I told you once, I've told you a million times Don't exaggerate!"

My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.  
 "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.  
 "stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about ENVY.  
 "there are million of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.  
 "just wait until we get home."

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### IDIOT SIGHTING:

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an Airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage, without your knowledge?" To which I replied, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?" He smiled knowingly and nodded, "That's why we ask."

Happened in Birmingham, Ala.

### Antique Buttons Get Turned Into Rings and Things

Taken from Chicago Tribune  
 February 20, 1991  
 By Kathy Gurchiek

Antique works of art that once adorned opera capes of the Gay '90s or a child's christening gown from the 1800s are enjoying a rebirth as rings and Brooches, clip and pierced earrings, cufflinks and other forms of jewelry.

Sonni Helmer and Beverly Eisenstein, owners of Le Bouton in Glenview, create one of a kind jewelry using antique buttons and buckles, most of which predate 1900.

"Buttons are and were a work of art," says Helmer. "They told the world where you were in society." They were made of a variety of materials, including marcasite and Bakelite, she said, and often were commissioned for a particular garment.

Prices range from \$5 to a \$200 for a pair Of earrings made from French buttons from the 1700s. Most items, however, are under \$100. The women research each piece, which is accompanied with its own history, such as the age of the button, materials used, artist or company and country of origin.

One of a kind jewelry using antique buttons and buckles, can be found at Le Bouton.

SONNI HELMER  
&  
BEVERLY  
EISENSTEIN  
A.K.A.  
"THE BUTTON  
LADIES"

PRESENT

"BUTTON, BUTTON,  
Who's Got  
The Button?"

- a hands-on trip into the history and evolution of buttons
- experience the world of antique buttons from the past 900 years
- learn the background of our own vintage buttons
- We will create your buttons into an instant family heirloom to be passed from generation to generation



*Unique, Antique and  
Period Jewelry*

**LeBouton**

**Program Presented By**  
**Wheeling Historical Society**  
Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Chamber of Commerce Community Center  
251 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling, W. Va.