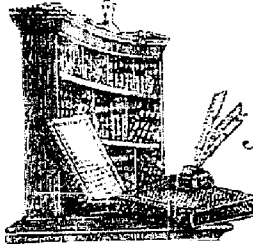




NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

August, 2009



Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends:

August is upon u faster than we like to think about it. Summer seems to go so fast. At our last meeting, we had a suggestion from our museum Curators and volunteers to contact the Wheeling Fire Department about fixing up the old pumper and perhaps putting it on display at one of the fire stations for people to see and relate to the past. Also discussed was when to have a Social. We are considering holding it in late October, so get on your thinking caps and get us some names to contact of old Wheeling residents, so that we can share thoughts about living in the past in Wheeling.

The society was given the original rendering of the village flag from its creator. He dropped it off at the Village Hall to Chris Brady and she passed it on to us. It has now found a home at the museum.

In an interview with Shirley McConnell, she gave us background of what is was like for her living in Wheeling in the past. She has some great history that we recorded. We have others on our list, so if you get a call from us, please consider being interviewed.

I am at the present time looking into some programs for the coming season and will keep you updated on what I can find. In the meantime come to a meeting and give us your ideas. The next board meeting is on Thursday, August 20th and the regular meeting will be held Wednesday, August 26th. Hope to see you then.

Historically yours,
Joan Wiener, President

CURATOR'S REPORT

As of now. We are busy looking into the possibility of doing an overlay map of Wheeling according to what transpired every decade to record business and housing changes.

Linda, Joan and I interviewed Shirley McConnell and received new information regarding life in the 1920's and 30's in Wheeling. Thank you Shirley.

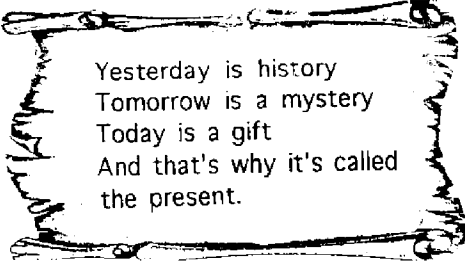
Beverly has been going through old negatives and pictures. We are hoping to take only the negatives and pictures which relate to Wheeling and it residents.

Marilyn is working on updating the different business in Wheeling from their original development to the present day business.

Patti is working on the newsletter and updating the postcard and picture file.

We are hoping to change a couple of the exhibits for the coming fall season.

Patti Steilen, Curator
Donna Vallas, Assistant



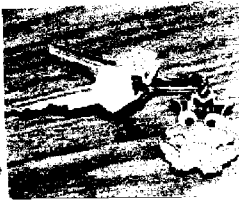
Yesterday is history
Tomorrow is a mystery
Today is a gift
And that's why it's called
the present.

REMEMBER WHEN.....

A 57 Chevy was everyone's dream car...to cruise, peel out, lay rubber or watch submarine races, and people went study.



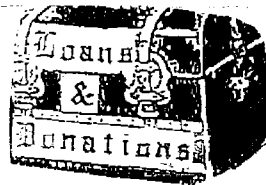
**No one ever asked
Where the car keys
Were because they
Were always in the
Car, in the ignition,
And the doors were
Never locked.**



**Laying on your back
In the grass with your
Friend and saying
Things like "That
Cloud looks like a..**



**And with all our progress, don't you
Just wish, just once, you could slip
Back in time and savor the slower
Pace, and share it with the children
of today?**



We would like to thank the following friends for their donations to the museum:

From bill Mahoney, 1 Wheeling Flood Plain Map Adopted 2/26/68.

Beverly Rossmann, 1 Death Certificate (copy)
Of Frederick Lemke and 1 Death Certificate
(copy) of Albert F. Utpadel

Pat Hancock, 1 set of 3 Videos titled "America
The way we were" - The Home Front 1940 to
1945

Linda Reading, 1 BOZO clown button, 1 installation
of Officers D.C. Cregier Lodge #81-1/1/2009
1 folder containing a 13 star flag and a booklet
on "Colonial Williamsburg."

Ken Brady, 1 General Development Plan booklet
Wheeling, Il. - January 1965

Elaine Simpson, 1 Village of Wheeling "Key to
The City and a notebook containing Wheeling Village
News from November/December 1965-1995.

A WORD TO THE WISE!

Behind every successful woman is herself.

**A woman is like a tea bag...You don't know
how strong she is until you put her in hot
water.**

**I have yet to hear a man ask for advice on
how to combine marriage and a career.**

**Coffee, Chocolate, MEN.
Some things are just better rich.**

I'm out of estrogen and I have a gun.

**Warning: I have an attitude and I know
how to use it.**

**Of course I don't look busy...I did it right
the first time.**

TRIVIA



LIFE IN THE 1500's

WITH A LITT HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS!

Police in Oakland, California spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them, shouting "Please come out and give yourself up".

WHAT WAS PLAN B?????

An Illinois man pretending to have a Gun kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines. The kidnapper then proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot

They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day..

Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days ole.

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, bring home the bacon. They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat. Continued....

ON THE FUNNY SIDE

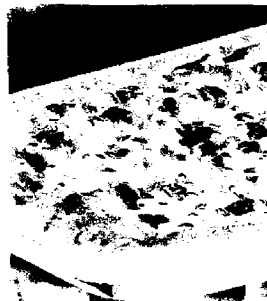
Saturday morning I got up early dressed quietly, Made my lunch, grabbed the dog, slipped quietly into the garage to hook the boat up to the truck, and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour.

The wind was blowing 50 mph. I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad throughout the day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. There I cuddled up to my wife's back, now with a different anticipation, and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible."

My loving wife of 20 years replied, "Can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that #S%?"

I still don't know to this day if she was joking, but I've stopped fishing.



Chive-Ham Brunch Bake

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 can (5 ounces) chunk ham, drained
- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- 2 cups biscuit/baking mix
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Swiss or cheddar cheese
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon dill weed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 3 tablespoons minced chives

In a skillet, saute onion in butter until tender. Stir in ham and tomato; set aside. In a bowl, combine biscuit mix and water; mix well. Press onto the bottom and 1/2 in. up the sides of a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish. Spread ham mixture over crust; sprinkle with cheese.

In a bowl, beat the eggs, milk, dill, salt and pepper; pour over cheese. Sprinkle with chives. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Yield: 8 servings.

Be happy – Don't worry
But if you do, here are the rules:



The Worrying Doctrine

You must never put on your list, or entertain worrying about things over which you have absolutely no control.

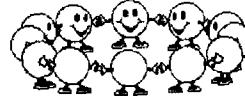
If you insist on worrying, this immediately disqualifies your spouse or any other family member in the same household, from worrying. Only ONE worrier per household is allowed.

If any other member of the family wishes to assume the responsibility as the OFFICIAL WORRIER, you may relinquish the position, but immediately you are disqualified from future worrying. In this event, you must adhere to the above schedule and list all of your worries for the appointed WORRIER to worry about for you.

As a WORRIER, upon acceptance and association with any other group, club association, etc., you must adhere to the above principles and monitor those with whom you associate, that they do also.

Severe penalties for "Not Worrying Properly" must be administered.

Don't worry – be happy!



INVESTMENT TIPS FOR 2009

Joking of course.

For all of you with any money left, be aware of the Next expected mergers so that you can get in on The ground floor and make some BIG bucks.

Hale Business Systems, May Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush and W.R. Grace Company will merge and become: Hale , Mary Fuller, Grace.

Polygram Records, Warner Bros., and Zesta Cracker join forces and become: Poly, Warner Cracker.

3M will merge with Goodyear and become: MMM Good.

Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Motors, Defasco, and Dakota Mining will merge and become: ZipAudi DoDa.

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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 Well or on the road to Recovery.



The Clothes Line

*A clothes line was a news forecast
To neighbors passing by.
There were no secrets you could keep
When clothes were hung to dry.*

*It also was a friendly link
For neighbors always knew
If company had stopped on by
To spend a night or two.*

*For then you'd see the 'fancy sheets'
And towels upon the line;
You'd see the 'company table cloths'
With intricate design.*

*The line announced a baby's birth
To folks who lived inside
As brand new infant clothes were hung
So carefully with pride.*

*The ages of the children could
So readily be known
By watching how the sizes changed
You'd know how much they'd grown.*

*It also told when illness struck,
As extra sheets were hung;
Then nightclothes, and a bathrobe, too,
Haphazardly were strung.*

*It said, 'Gone on vacation now'
When lines hung limp and bare.
It told, 'We're back!' when full lines sagged
With not an inch to spare.*

*New folks in town were scorned upon
If wash was dingy gray,
As neighbors carefully raised their brows,
And looked the other way..*

*But clotheslines now are of the past
For dryers make work less.
Now what goes on inside a home
Is anybody's guess.*

*I really miss that way of life.
It was a friendly sign
When neighbors knew each other best
By what hung on the line!*

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING

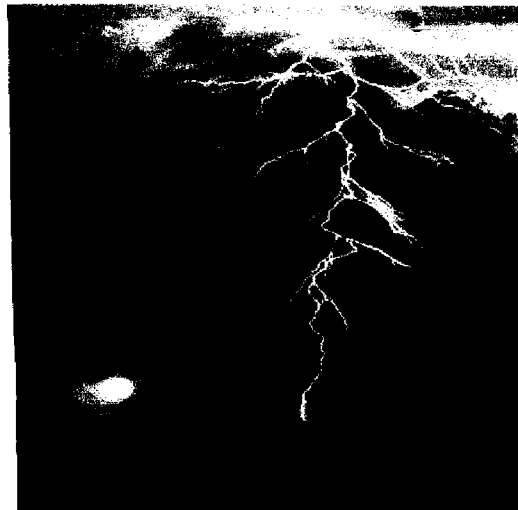
"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right.

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".

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



Fire-Starters

YOU FIGURE!!!!

A HIGHER INTELLIGENCE....

At&T fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked intellectual leadership." He received a \$26 million severance package.

Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.

