



NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MARCH 2010



Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends,

Glad to see winter is almost over and spring is around the corner. We all have something to look forward to.

At the February meeting, the White Elephant Auction was held. Fun and good food was had by all. Hope to see more of you next year and save up stuff to auction off. March 14th we had the Sunday Social. Bill Hein gave a very good presentation on the "History of Wheeling" and we had a very good attendance. It is always good to see new people and old friends. The food was furnished by our members and no one went home hungry. Many interviews took place for our oral history continuation. Thanks to all the members that helped.

In the last few meetings we have discussed getting pictures up at the train station and talking to the Police and Fire Departments in the Village of Wheeling about putting pictures there as well.

Donna Vallas was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee and the names submitted for the office of President and two Directors will be presented by the Nominating Committee at the March 24th meeting.

The March 24th meeting will have a program called "RADIO DAYS" presented by Bill Kiddle of the Buffalo Grove Raupp Museum. He will also ask for audience participation. I hope to see many of you in attendance.

Remember, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. Until then.

Joan Wiener
President



MUSEUM UPDATE

Things at the museum have been moving along. There is always the weekly projects to work on but besides, we are getting ready to open in April. Two exhibits have been changed and a little dusting and cleaning helps.

In the office Marilyn is working obits and helps where needed. Beverly is helping with sorting and putting in order many things that wait our attention, while I am doing inventory along with sorting and trying to get ready for spring.

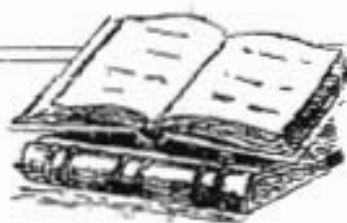
Pat Steilan and Donna Vallas are doing research as requests keep coming in.

Thanks to the maintenance staff of the park district For answering our calls when alarms go off in the furnace room or carbon alarms go off in the office. They are always there when we need them.



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

A Bit of History



WHEELING'S HERITAGE- **a glimpse at the past**

**Taken from Spokesman,
Dec 5, 1980
By Michael Anderson**

Continued...

Jewel food store on Dundee Road now occupies the spot where Wheeling's first church stood. Construction was completed on Nov. 2, 1864. The Church was the only one in the area until 1868 when the first Lutheran church was completed for a cost of \$1,500. By the year 1868, Wheeling was home to two general stores, three hotels, two blacksmith shops, one wagon shop, two shoe stores, one brewery and one physician, all serving the town's inhabitants.

In 1871, Wheeling's progress was slowed by a depressed economy as a result of the Great Chicago Fire that crippled Chicago and the area's economy. It was noted that on that fateful October night, a newspaper could be read in Wheeling at midnight the blaze was so brilliant.

As Chicago recovered from there devastating fire that killed 250 and caused millions of dollars worth of damage, Wheeling's growth continued. In 1890, the population of the town has risen to 811, and hotels and restaurants continued to line Milwaukee Avenue. Wheeling's main industry in its early years was the accommodation of travelers north along Milwaukee Avenue and west to settle beyond the Mississippi.

Located in Heritage Park on South Wolf Road in Wheeling is the original Village Hall. Rapid expansion of Wheeling and the need for a governing body prompted the building of the hall in 1897. The building has been moved from its original spot, but the land it was built on was purchased by the village for \$150.

Building costs for single-story wooden building was \$43.13. After the building was completed, certain necessities were provided by the village for its new hall, including bunk beds at a cost of \$1.50, \$9 for four blankets to cover the bunks, installation of cell doors for \$1 and 50 cents paid to a local seamstress for sewing the mattresses for the bunks.

Along with Wheeling's growth came the need for fire protection, and on Sept. 11, 1896, the town received its first horse-drawn fire engine. Arriving via the Wisconsin Railroad, now the Soo Line, the bright and shining engine was the pride of the town. Earlier that year, in June, the Wheeling Fire Department was formed. These added services Meant taxes.

Continued.....

LIFE IN THE 1500S

THE NEXT TIME YOU ARE WASHING YOUR HANDS AND COMPLAIN BECAUSE THE WATER TEMPERATURE ISN'T JUST HOW YOU LIKE IT, THINK ABOUT HOW THINGS USED TO BE IN THE 1500S:

MOST PEOPLE GOT MARRIED IN JUNE BECAUSE THEY TOOK THEIR YEARLY BATH IN MAY, AND THEY STILL SMELLED PRETTY GOOD BY JUNE...HOWEVER, SINCE THEY WERE STARTING TO SMELL... BRIDES CARRIED A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS TO HIDE THE BODY ODOR. HENCE THE CUSTOM TODAY OF CARRYING A BOUQUET WHEN GETTING MARRIED.

BATHS CONSISTED OF A BIG TUB FILLED WITH HOT WATER. THE MAN OF THE HOUSE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF THE NICE CLEAN WATER, THEN ALL THE OTHER SONS AND MEN, THEN

THE WOMEN AND FINALLY THE CHILDREN. LAST OF ALL THE THE BABIES. BY THEN THE WATER WAS SO DIRTY YOU COULD ACTUALLY LOSE SOME-ONE IN IT. HENCE THE SAYING, "DON'T THROW THE BABY OUT WITH THE BATH WATER!"

REMEMBER WHEN.....



A historic photo shows the airport in its early days as the Palwaukee Municipal Airport.

Absolutely Brilliant Household Tip

Always keep several get well cards on the mantle...So if unexpected guests arrive, they will think you've been sick and unable to clean.

JUST A REMINDER

40A U.S. Individual Income Tax Return (Form 1040) 84367

Name: **KARA GRAFF**

Address: **233 W. 57th Street, Apt 4C, New York, NY 10019**

Employer: **NY 943 511**

Incidental Election Campaign Fund (See page 14) Yes No

Do you want \$3 to go to this fund? Yes No

On this return, does your spouse want \$3 to go to this fund? Yes No

Can you Believe???



A Georgia Congressman was seated next to a little girl on the airplane leaving from Atlanta when he turned to her and said, "Let's talk. I've heard that flights go quicker if you strike up a conversation with you fellow passenger."

The little girl, who had just opened her book, closed it slowly and said to the total stranger, "What would you like to talk bout?"

"Oh, I don't know," said the southern congressman. "How about global warming or universal health care", and he smiles smugly.

OK," she said." Those could be interesting topics. But let me ask you a question first. A horse, a cow, and a deer all eat the same stuff-grass. Yet a deer excretes little pellets, while a cow turns out a flat patty, and a horse produces clumps of dried grass. Why do you suppose that is?"

The southern legislator, visibly surprised by the little girl's intelligence, thinks about it and says, "Hmmm, I have no idea."

To which the little girl replies, "Do you really feel qualified to discuss global warming or universal health care when you don't know shit?"

ON THE FUNNY SIDE.....

Yes I can !

Only great minds can read this This is weird, but interesting!

Fi you can raed this, you have a sgtrane mind too Olny 55 plepoe out of 100 can.

I cdnuolt blveiee that I cluod aulacity uesdnatnrd what I was rdanieg.

Pool's Corner

Your Name

You got it from your father,
'Twas the best he had to give.
And right gladly he bestowed it,
It's yours, the while you live.

You may lose the watch he gave you
And another you may claim,
But remember, when you're tempted,
To be careful of his name.

It was fair the day you got it
And a worthy name to bear.
When he took it from his father,
There was no dishonor there.

Through the years he proudly wore it,
To his father he was true,
And that name was clean and spotless
When he passed it on to you.

Oh, there's much that he has given
That he values not at all.
He has watched you break your playthings
In the days when you were small.

You have lost the knife he gave you,
And you've scattered many a game,
But you'll never hurt your father
If you're careful with his name.

It is yours to wear forever,
Yours to wear the while you live.
Yours, perhaps some distant morn,
Another boy to give.

And you'll smile as did your father,
With a smile that all can share,
If a clean name and a good name
You are giving him to wear.

—Edgar A. Guest

Don't let the
Larribobus know
wait to catch it from
others. So a corded
Larribobus



Shamrock Pie

- 1 cup sugar
 - 1/4 cup cornstarch
 - 1-1/2 cups water
 - 3 egg yolks, lightly beaten
 - 1/4 cup lemon juice
 - 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
 - 1-1/2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
 - 5 to 6 drops green food coloring
 - 1 pastry shell (9 inches), baked
- MERINGUE:**
- 3 egg whites
 - 1/3 cup sugar

Combine the sugar, cornstarch and water in a saucepan; stir until smooth. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil for 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir a small amount into egg yolks; return all to the pan. Cook and stir for 1 minute. Remove from heat; stir in lemon juice, butter, lemon peel and food coloring until smooth. Pour into crust. For meringue, beat egg whites until foamy. Gradually add sugar and beat until stiff peaks form. Spread over hot filling, sealing to the edges. Bake at 350° for 10-15 minutes or until lightly brown. Cool. Yield: 6-8 servings.



PLEASE
GET
WELL!

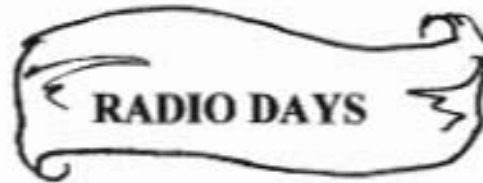
To all our friends and members who have been under the weather, or in the hospital; we want to you to know, we are always thinking of you.



I LOVE A MYSTERY

CAPTIAN MIDNIGHT

Wheeling Historical Society Presents



**Introduced by Bill Kiddle of the Raupp Museum
Buffalo Grove, Illinois**

**Bill will talk and have audience participation about
the old radio shows from the 1930's 40's and 50's**

**Chamber Community Center
251 North Wolf Road
Wheeling, Illinois**

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday March 24, 2010

PHILCO RADIO TIME

FIBBER MAGEE AND MOLLY

THE SHADOW KNOWS...





RADIO DAYS

By Bill Kiddle, Raupp Museum, Buffalo Grove

- I. Introduction: "Radio as a Force of Unity in America"
- II. The Radio Program [group interaction]
 - A. Participation in a radio play – The Shadow- cuttings from the script "Crawling Death"-broadcast over Mutual (WGN) in Chicago on Sunday afternoons for Blue Coal, during the heating season.
 1. Volunteers from the audience will play dramatic roles in "first time read around."
 2. Other members of the audience will provide verbal and manual sound effects (knocking, footsteps, door & gun sounds, gongs etc.)
 - B. Group feedback on "radio remembrances"
- III. Hear It Now – Types of radio programs- selected sound clips from Old Time Radio shows from the 1930's-1950's

Background:

- Like most senior citizens, Bill learned about radio first hand laying on his parents living room floor listening to after school quarter-hour programs designed for a children's listening audience & catching Lights Out broadcasts at night.
- * Later in 1950-1954, Bill's experience with radio expanded a bit with his participation in the radio club & class at Lake Forest College and Friday night broadcasts over WKRS in Waukegan
- During the past two decades, Bill has become a collector of old time radio tapes, and he has written reviews of programs for several hobbyist magazines.