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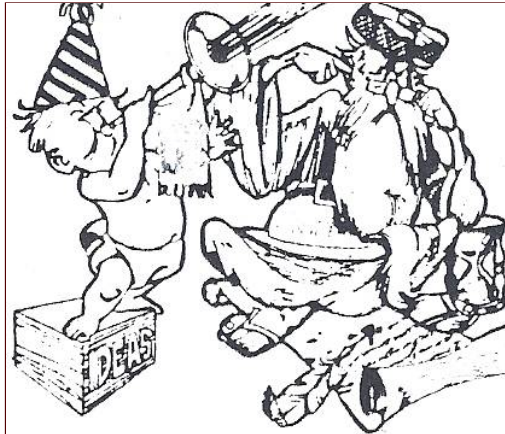
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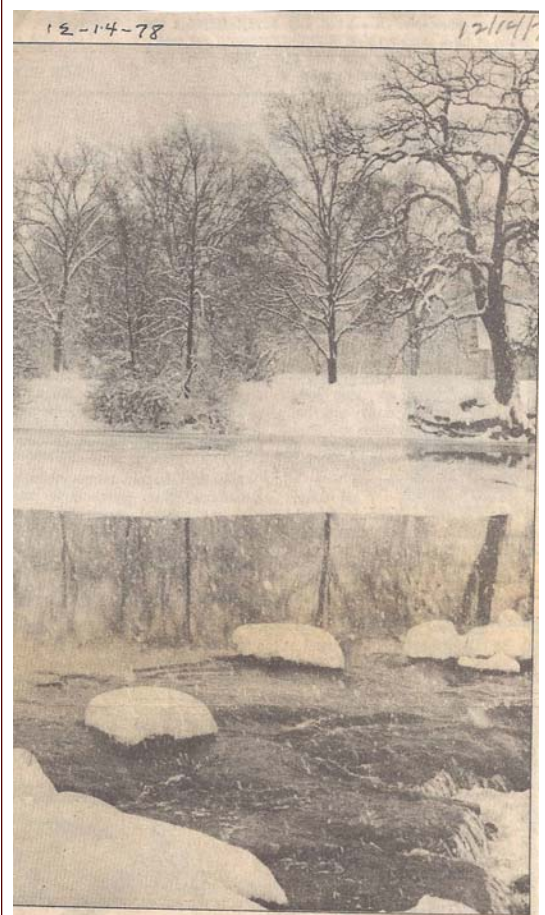
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WHERE'S THE SNOW?



JANUARY



AND IT'S NOT even winter! This peaceful scene is a Dam number one in Wheeling. Winter officially begins next Thursday. (Photo by Donna Barfield)



Snowy Winters From The Past

Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends

Happy New Year to all members and Friends of the Wheeling Historical Society.

Hope all of you have a Happy and Healthy 2013.

First I want to thank everyone who helped make Lollipop Lane a success again this year. Approximately 1,700 visitors including some 750 children visited Mr. and Mrs. Claus. A big thank you to the participants from the Wheeling Park District, The Mr. & Mrs. Santa's, the cookie bakers and workers. Thank you to all our donors and especially Bill Stasek Chevrolet for the hundreds of pictures taken.

The Museum and Carriage House were open to the public on the

two weekends of Lollipop Lane with more than 100 visitors walking through the doors. The children really enjoyed seeing the sleigh displayed just outside the Carriage House Doors.

The visitors came from communities near and far with many repeat visitors including families whose children brought their own children while remembering visits they made with their parents many years ago. Once again a big thank you. Bill and I will be out of town most of January. Chris Brady, our secretary, will run the meeting on January 23rd. I hope all can attend as long as the weather holds up. See you in February.

Historically Yours,

Joan Wiener, President

The Curator's Corner



Now that the holidays are over, we are getting ready to organize the basement of the museum.

We are planning on computerizing our artifact list and utilizing new storage space including file cabinets that will be donated by the Library.

We frequently receive questions from people near West Virginia thinking we are the Wheeling West Virginia Society. Sadly, they have shut down their museum since November of last year. We hope someone will readdress the closing and make history available to the area residents.

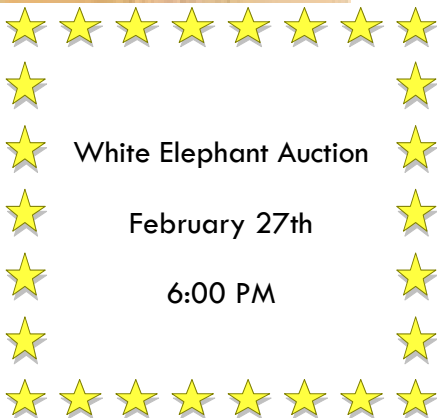
Our new display for the year will include a vin-

tage costume jewelry array. If anyone has an item to donate please call the museum to make arrangements. I am available to pick up any item available.

We will be changing more displays this Spring so please stop by to see them.

Pat Steilen

Curator



White Elephant Auction

February 27th

6:00 PM



Annual Dinner and White Elephant Auction

Remember to bring in your white elephants to auction off at Chamber Park Center, 251 North Wolf Road.

The auction will follow dinner. More information will be in the February News Letter.



Recipe of the Month

*Cook's
Kitchen*



Johnsonville Bratwurst 'N' Bean Minestrone

Cook bratwurst according to package directions; cut into 1/4-inch slices and set aside. In large saucepan, combine black beans, tomatoes, garlic, lime juice and red pepper flakes. Add sausage slices. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer on low for 10 to 15 minutes. Garnish with yellow bell pepper. Serve with your choice of toppings.

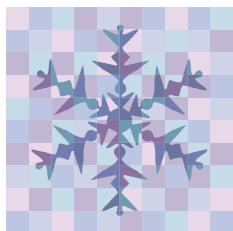
Bratwurst 'n' Bean Minestrone

5 links fresh bratwurst
 1 large clove garlic, crushed
 1 medium red bell pepper, chopped
 1 medium onion, chopped
 1 C celery, chopped
 1 medium zucchini, sliced
 1 medium potato, peeled and chopped
 4 C beef broth
 1 C red wine
 1 (16-oz.) can tomatoes, chopped
 1 (15.5-oz.) can great northern beans, drained and rinsed
 2 C shell pasta, dry
 Salt and pepper, to taste

garlic, bell pepper, onion and celery; saute until tender. Add all remaining ingredients except for chives. Bring to a boil; reduce heat, cover and simmer on low for 20 to 25 minutes. Stir in chives. Top with cheese before serving.

German Festival Soup

5 links fresh bratwurst
 16 C beef or pork broth
 2 T garlic, crushed
 1 medium onion, diced
 2 medium carrots, coin-sliced
 2 celery stalks, cut into chunks
 1 medium parsnip, cubed
 1 medium turnip, diced
 1 medium rutabaga, julienne-cut
 1/4 medium head cabbage, chunked
 1 small acorn squash, peeled, cleaned and cubed
 1 C corn kernels
 2 medium fresh tomatoes, diced
 1 C green beans, French-cut
 4 oz. quick-cook dry barley
 Salt and pepper, to taste



Winters Of The Past



"January 26, 1967"

SNOWSTORM

The Worst Snow-Storm of the Century occurred in Chicago and most of the Suburbs this past week. Snow reached a record High of 6 to 8 feet. High Winds and Drifts appeared in Spots. Motorists were stranded in their automobiles. Some walked to find shelter; others accepted first aid from kindly people. Buses were stuck with loads of children or people. The O'Hare Airport closed for the first time in it's History of Existence. Disaster struck the City of Chicago and the Suburbs. The City was at a Stand-Still. Pleas for help came over the T. V's and Radio's. Crowds of workers stayed in their places of employment or other Hotels and any place where shelter was available. Some were victims of having fingers or feet frozen. Some even froze in their autos or on the Street. Some became very ill and others did not survive the shock of being cold and hungry, Help was needed in the Hospitals. Street Workers became tired from over-work of cleaning off the Snow from the Streets. Volunteers were needed in most any nursing Home or Hospital. Chicago's first Biggest Snow-Storm in it's History was announced over the Air and in the Papers. The most tragic Disaster of our Area when most every human-being was some how involved, in the Chicago-land area. People were caught in their homes without food. Transportation was a nearly stand-still. For three days and nights calls came for help from all walks of Life. No more than snow cleared away for two days, when another storm appeared - but not so severe. People started walking to the stores for food instead of the convenient automobile driving. It looked like olden days of the past to see children and adults bundled up and walking to town. Snow piled very high. Despite on the Main Milwaukee Avenue going thru Wheeling the motorist kept plowing with their autos; as the State and County trucks with Snow plows tried to clear the Roads. It was a Long Hard Proceedure to drive thru the Snow. People were stunned and felt pretty well Beat and Tired out from this Unusual Ordeal

by;
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