



## LolliPop Lane 2013

### WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Located in the  
Wheeling Park  
District's  
Chamber Park  
251 Wolf Road  
Wheeling Illinois

#### 2011-2013

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### Letters to Santa 2013 Style

This little girl's letter to Santa includes pictures, item number, and product description, to make Santa's shopping easier!

See our Web Site for more letters to Santa.

### WORDS OF WISDOM

ABSOLUTE FREEDOM is being able to do what you please without considering anyone except your spouse and kids, the company and the boss, neighbors and friends, the police and the government, the doctor and the church.

## Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends

Welcome to winter with a blast. I guess we have been spoiled the last few years. Well this year we are paying for it. Hope all of you had a good Holiday.

Lollipop Lane was again a great success. We saw over 1600 people come thru our doors. It's always a pleasure to see all those wonderful faces. I want to thank all the sponsors, all the volunteers and all the cookie makers. Without you we would not be able to do this. We also

want to thank The Wheeling Park District and all the Wheeling residents who come to Lollipop Lane.

This month we decided not to have a general meeting but don't forget next month is the White Elephant Auction. Save the date, Wednesday February 26, 2014. Also look in your garage, basement and attic for things to auction off. Hope to see you all.

Historically Yours,

Joan Wiener/President

## The Curator's Corner



We had a great time at Lollipop Lane. The new trees fit right in with all our decorations. It is an amazing transformation in the Church and it is always great hearing how much our efforts are appreciated. We didn't open the museum due to the weather and a smaller volunteer count. We will try to open for 2014 Lollipop Lane.

We would like to make a display about radios. If anyone has an old transistor radio or any other style from the 1900's to 2010 (this includes boom boxes) we would appreciate it. We will be changing one

more display. Its contents have yet to be decided.

A big thank you to Ken Brady and friends who helped install the new countertop in the museum basement. It offers much more working space and under counter storage space to help cut a buildup of clutter.

District 214 is offering 3 sessions on the Golden Age of Radio. Register at 847-718-7700.

Barb Forke donated items from her family collection of wedding articles. Thank you very much.

Patti Steilen

Curator

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 19th	Board Meeting
February 26th	White Elephant Dinner & Auction
March 19th	Board Meeting
March 26th	Author Rochelle Pennington, "A Walk Down Memory Lane"



## Sweet Bread

1/4 Cup warm water  
 1 package yeast  
 1 cup scalded milk  
 1 cup Crisco  
 2 beaten eggs (reserve 1 tbsp)  
 2 teaspoon vanilla  
 4 1/4 cups flour  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 pinch salt

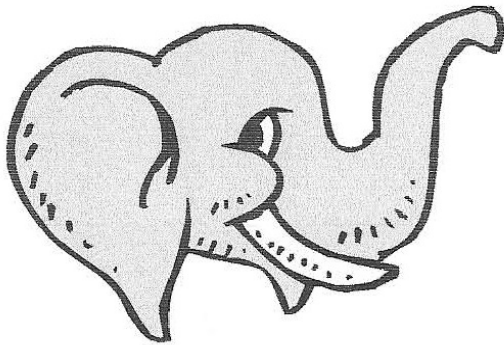
- Mix yeast in water;
- combine milk, Crisco, sugar in a bowl and let cool till luke warm
- Add eggs, vanilla, salt, yeast then mix in flour.
- Cover. Let rise 1 hour and stir down; let rise
- 3/4 hour and put in greased bread pans; let rise and brush with remaining egg.
- Bake 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes.

### VILLAGES ELDEST SISTERS REMEMBER THE WAY IT WAS

“The town’s too big now”, Lucille Shneider said while holding a palm sized green notebook with faded yellow pages. Inside the notebook, handwritten in neat script, is the last name of the 440 people who resided in the village of Wheeling in May 1927. My dad took that census,” added her sister, Adeline. “All the records were by hand then. We know everybody and we didn’t even have to go around (to take the census). We knew all the kids and everything. Things have really changed. The Schneider sisters might be in a better position than anyone else in town to know how Wheeling’s changed. At 93 Adeline is a month the oldest of village residents. Lucille’s 87. Adeline lived in Wheeling before it was incorporated. In fact, the pair still live in the wood frame house in which they were born. In this room I suppose,” she said, sitting in a rocking chair in her living room. “We didn’t have no hospitals then.”

But three years later, in 1897, they were part of a town. That’s when Wheeling officially was placed on the map. Reinhold Schneider, the sisters’ father, served as the first village clerk—a job he held until his death in 1927. Adeline, who had always pitched in at filling out the pocket-sized notebooks, more or less inherited the job. I did a lot of the work for him and when he got sick and died in 1927, the men said that I should just take over since I had been doing the work,” she recalled. So Adeline continued the Schneider reign in the clerk’s position for another 25 years before retiring. I did all the work in my house here but that’s before the town was so big.” Through the years the spinster sisters watched Wheeling grow from a sleepy hamlet to a suburb of 24,000 residents. Life was different in the early 1900’s but not necessarily easier, the two sisters recalled. “The only school we attended was that little two-room school here in Wheeling, Adeline said. “It was little but sometimes I think it’s better than what we have now. They had trouble with gum chewers and we weren’t supposed to talk in class but we did. “The bigger boys would ring the bell and every once in a while they would pull too hard and the bell would tip and someone would have to crawl up and fix it.

After completing their elementary education, the girls didn’t go on to high school, mainly because the transportation system was too primitive. “We didn’t have no high school and the only one around here was in Des Plaines.” Lucille said. “Even Arlington Heights didn’t have a high school then and only two of my classmates got to go to high school. They had to take the Soo Line train and they got there so late they always missed the first half hour of classes.” But soon afterward, other towns began to pop up near Wheeling, one of the older towns in the Northwest suburbs. But Wheeling didn’t grow right away, mostly because local farmers were resistant to the idea of a commuter railroad running through the village. The Soo Line was strictly a milk run and it suited the farmers just fine. So the Chicago and North Western Ry. Simply moved their commuter line farther south, through Arlington Heights. “That was a shame,” Adeline said. But eventually Wheeling began to grow. Along with all the new buildings came the treat of fire and Reinhold, a volunteer fireman in addition to his clerking duties, left the Schneider girls waiting at home many nights while he responded to the emergency call. We’d be so scared every time that fire bell rang, we’d run out and see where the smoke was.” Adeline said. “I remember when the Union Hotel burned down, it was 18 below. It was right around Christmas time and we stayed home and I had hot coffee ready. when he came home.



**When: Wednesday February 26. 2014**

**Where: Chamber Community Center**

**251 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling**

**Time: 6:00pm Meeting 6:30 pm**

**Dinner Auction to follow.**

**Price: \$12.00 per person**

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& Salad

Desserts by Society Members