



Wheeling Historical
Society and Museum
Newsletter

HAPPY FALL HOLIDAYS

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The Wheeling Historical Society and Museum celebrates the link between the past and the present. The museum is a cooperative effort of the Village of Wheeling, Wheeling Park District, Indian Trails Public Library.

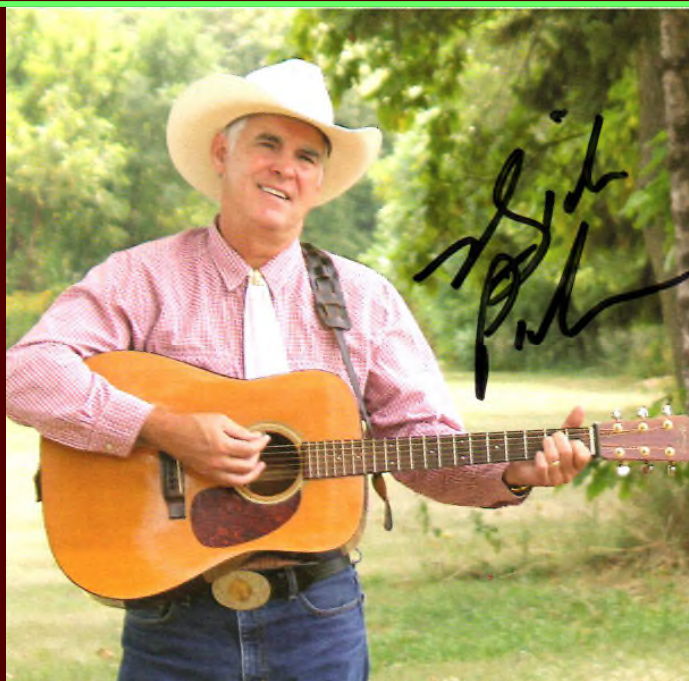
The History of Restaurant Row

Presented By: Bill Hein
and

Assisted By: Geege Masterson
October 25, 2017

There was a great turnout to hear the behind-the-scenes stories that happened over the years on Wheeling's Restaurant Row.

Bill and Geege came dressed for the occasion. The Community Center Church was filled to capacity. It was an interesting era to live in. We will do this again!



Thanks to Rick Pickren and the Indian Trails Library for an enjoyable evening of "SPOOKY SONGS" for entertainment.

Faces & Places

Images from across our community



Oh Christmas tree

Richard Bajajieh/Staff Photographer

Marilyn Chromy hangs an ornament on the Garden Club's tree in the Wheeling Historical Society's Lollipop Lane, which runs through Sunday in Chamber Park on North Wolf Road.

Save The Dates

Lollipop Lane December 2—10 See attachment

A Message From The President — Terry Steilen



FAILED AGAIN! I met with the pastor again, and he told me that the Church Elders did not want to do anything with the bell. He stated that he did not know why, and that pieces of the bell are disappearing, but there is nothing more that can be done. We tried hard and failed.



It's time for Lollipop Lane. If you are an ornament collector, you need to get one from us early. They will go fast. Please note: there is a left and right boot that are each sold separately, and they are big ornaments. You may want the boot pair! Also, please donate any old small under tree toys to help keep our Lollipop Lane collection up to date. A few older ornaments are still available if you need to complete yours.



Thanks to the Park District for updating our Museum-Open sign with Lollipop Lane information. It is even lighted for nighttime viewing.

Happy Holidays, See you next year !
Terry

The Curator's Corner — Patti Steilen



This month's N.E.I.L. meeting was at the Glessner House in Chicago. It is a beautiful home built in the early 1900's. Mr. Glessner was Vice President of International Harvester Company and the home was truly a beautiful tribute to someone holding such an important title. If you have a chance take the time to tour it.

We are making reindeer food and prepping the ornaments for Lollipop Lane. The cookie line has been busy and we look forward to all the sweets made by our members and their friends. It's hard to believe we are 2 weeks away from this fun event.

Hopefully January will be the perfect month to re-organize the museum. With the help of a couple of Park District Personnel we can get reorganized. Just moving a few display cases and changing pictures will make a big difference and open up the middle of the museum.



"And most of all, we're thankful for vegetarians."

One rainy evening, my husband, John, and I merged from a restaurant only to find that he had locked the keys in the car. He insisted he could open the door with a wire coat hanger, so we went back to the restaurant to get one. There were none to be found. John then ran to a department store a quarter-mile way and returned with a hanger. After a few attempts, he got the door open and we climbed in. As we sat here, soaked and cold, he stuck the hanger under his seat. With a smug grin, he said, "Now if this ever happens again, I'll have one."

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COOKS CORNER



Yummy DIY pumpkin pie spice!

Mix 3 Tbs. ground cinnamon, 2 tsp. ground ginger, 2 tsp. ground nutmeg, 1 1/2 tsp. ground allspice and 1 1/2 tsp. ground cloves together in a small bowl. Store in a lidded jar and use it to flavor:

- ❖ **Coffee!** Add up to 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice per cup to your coffee grounds before brewing or sprinkle some atop a freshly brewed cup!
- ❖ **Pancakes and waffles!** Add 1/2 tsp. of the spice mix per cup of batter.
- ❖ **Popcorn!** Toss hot, freshly popped popcorn with the spice mix, brown sugar and melted butter before serving.
- ❖ **Whipped topping!** Fold into whipped cream, then dollop over pies, puddings, baked apples or ice cream!
- ❖ **Fall veggies!** Sprinkle on carrots, yams and squash before roasting.

Dec 2-10	LOLLIPOP LANE
Jan 18 12:30 PM	Board Meeting
FEB 15 12:30 PM	Board Meeting
FEB 28 6:00 PM	White Elephant Dinner
MAR 15 12:30 PM	Board Meeting
MAR 28 6:30	General Meeting
APR 19 12:30	Board Meeting
APR 25 6:30	General Meeting

I Shared a Cab with Santa

NOTHING could pull me out of the gloomy mood I was in one Christmas... not even serving as a USO hostess during World War II. After all, how was a girl supposed to feel when her fiancé was away at war? That's when some girlfriends and I planned a party. We hoped exchanging gifts and a few laughs would cheer us up. I walked out of the house in a heavy coat with a fur muff. I carried a large red burlap bag over my shoulder containing the gifts I was taking to the party. As I left the house, a man in a Santa suit beckoned to me as he prepared to step into a taxi. He was on his way to distribute gifts at a local children's hospital and offered me a ride. As we rode along, he had his window down and yelled "Ho! Ho! Ho!" and jingled his bells to all we passed. My spirits began to improve. When we reached my destination, the courteous Santa offered to deliver my red sack of packages to the door. When the door opened, there I stood next to Santa, carrying a big red bag of gifts. We were greeted with a great roar of applause and laughter. Then Santa waved good-bye, jingled his sleigh bells and hollered, "Ho! Ho! Ho!" as he rode away. My surprise escort did wonders for our spirits that night. It was a wonderful holiday gift to all of us.



"I hope you don't have any plans for the holidays."

YESTERDAY IS HISTORY. TOMORROW IS A MYSTERY. BUT TODAY IS A GIFT, THAT'S WHY IT IS THE PRESENT.

The Wheeling Historical Society
proudly presents the 40th annual
LOLLIPOP LANE

December 2 -10, 2017



Sat. 12/2 2-5pm
Sun. 12/3 2-5pm
Mon. 12/4 6-8 pm
Tues. 12/5 6-8 pm
Wed. 12/6 6-8pm
Thurs. 12/7 6-8 pm
Fri. 12/8 6-8 pm
Sat. 12/9 2-5 pm
Sun. 12/10 2-5 pm



*Here's our 2017
commemorative ornament
..a Lollipop Lane tradition!*

Featuring

- ❖ Visit and free photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus
- ❖ Holiday cookie sale
- ❖ 2017 commemorative ornaments for sale



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www.lollipop-lane.org**