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*Message
From The
President*

Once again we are starting a new fiscal year. This will also be my last year as President of the Society. With the help of my Board and all the members of the Society, this could be our most successful year. We're initiating some new programs and activities which we hope will make for an interesting year. I hope everyone will become more active.

The Board and I would like to thank all the volunteers, who helped with the museum this summer. Patti and Wedge Hancock have helped our curator by setting up new displays and restoring some of the things that we damaged in the flood. Now that everything has been finished in the museum, we are asking our members to clean out your basements and attics etc.. We are looking for artifacts. Your donations would really be appreciated. Old 30's 40's and 50's cloths, glassware and Wheeling memorabilia is really needed.

1998 dues are due in September 1997. If your dues are not paid your name will have to be taken off the membership roster. Dues are still \$5.00 individual, \$8.00 family, and \$100.00 life membership. Our dues are still the lowest in the area. If you have not paid yet, please send your check to the Wheeling Historical Society, P.O. Box 3, Wheeling, Il., 60090

Volunteers are needed to man the museum for only 2 hours on Sundays. We'd also like to have the carriage house open during the same time if we get enough volunteers. Rudy Horcher has spent a great amount of time setting up all the displays in the carriage house and it's a real shame that we haven't had the manpower to have it open. If you can find the time to spend 2 hours on a Sunday helping us out, please contact Patti Hancock at 537-1450. She'll be glad to hear from you. Let's all do our share.

We are also in need of volunteers to help change displays in the museum. Again please call Patti. Even though the repairs have been completed in the museum, clean-up is still ongoing. We need help to copy pages of documents that were damaged in the flood. Please call Patti and let her know if you can help.

Passport to Adventure Program was well received. We are hoping to participate again next year. It gives the children the incentive to come in and see our museum and to bring their families along.

The Wheeling Park District's Fall Fest will be held on October 5 between the hours of 1 PM to 4 PM. Visitors will be bused to the museum during this time. Volunteers will be needed to man the museum and carriage house.

We would like to extend our THANK YOU to the following people. Mary Miller for donating 1 quilt circa 1890's. Julius Horvath for 1 picture of Republican Steering Committee 1915, members 49th General Assembly 1915, Law Degree and 1 newspaper. Bob and Eleanor Buerger for 1 coffee pot, McIntyre's President star and papers. Madaline Pfeifer for a picture of Great Grandfather Jacob Schwingel.

I would like to thank Linda and Ron Reading for all the work they did on the 4th of July float and Eleanor and Bob Buerger for letting us have their antique car in the parade representing the Society. We have pictures of our two entries.

Remember everyone, we need new members. Bring a friend to our September meeting. Also remember that we need volunteers to bring dessert to have after our meetings. Please don't say no when asked to help.

Historically yours,

Frank Schnaitmann