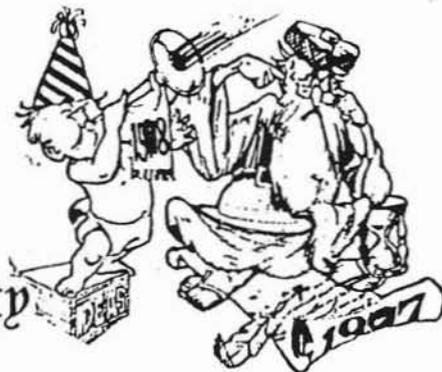


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Through The Years

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Message From The President

The holiday season is over and Lonnie and I would like to thank each and everyone of you and wish you a healthy and prosperous new year.

Lollipop Lane is over for another year. We had approximately 800 kids come to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus. The cookie sale was great and we received some wonderful donations in response to the letter we sent out. Everything ran great. Our Chairpersons, Lonnie, Eleanor Bob and I would like to thank all of you who baked cookies and all those who helped out at Lollipop Lane. Without your help, it would not be as successful as it is. Again, thanks.

With only four more months as President, I hope they will be good months. With the help you have given me in the past, I don't see why they shouldn't be. We started something new at our October meeting that I hope we will continue, that being our members reminiscing about Wheeling's past. It's like adding a new chapter to "Wheeling Through The Years." What our members recall and share with us is quite interesting. There's so many things we can do with your help.



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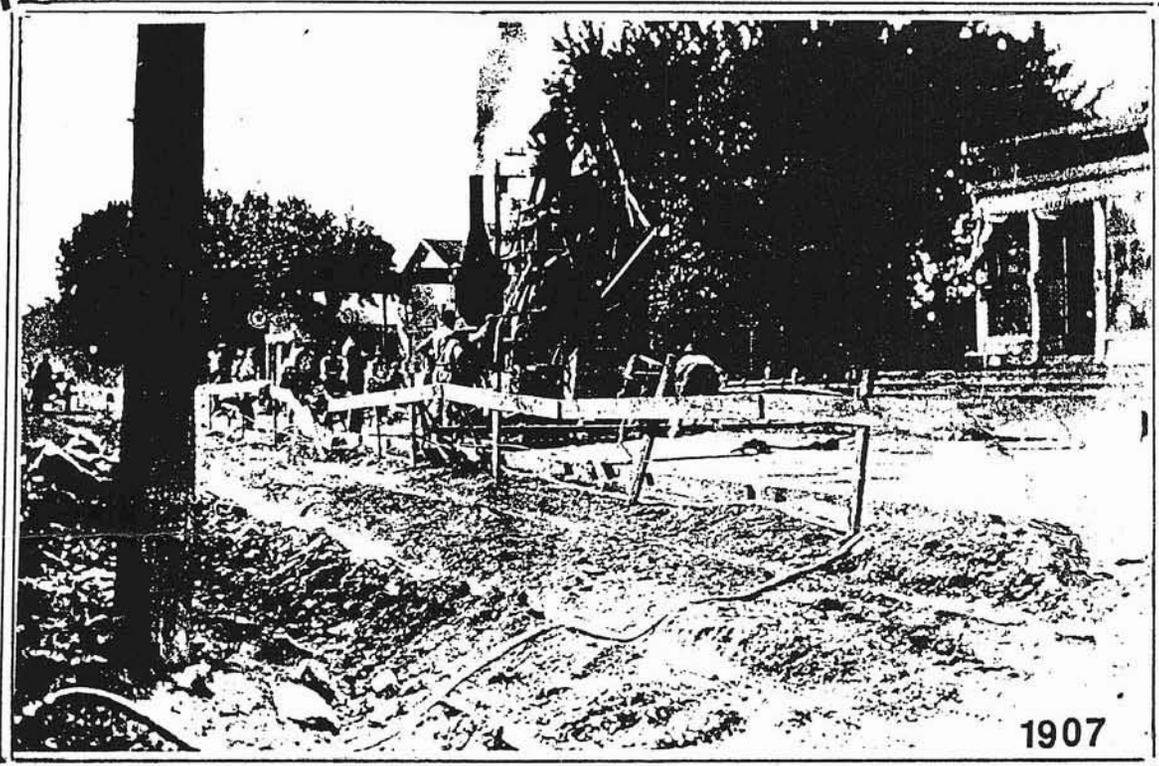
This year some of our active members have had their ups and downs health wise. Rudy Horcher is on the road to recovery from his by-pass surgery. Bob Buerger is also on the road to recovery and looks better than he has in a long time. He still made it to Lollipop Lane almost every day. You just can't teach an old dog new tricks. Although we haven't seen Willie Franta for awhile, I understand she is back home. We of the Society wish you all a speedy recovery and thank you all for all you have done for the society.

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January 28th..We will have our regular meeting
 February..Annual dinner and auction will be held.
 March..Nominating Committee will present a slate for the April election.
 April.Election of Officers Nominations from the floor. Committee Chair's will be appointed.

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1997

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF NOVEMBER 19, 1997

The meeting of the Wheeling Historical Society was held on November 19, 1997 and was called to order at 7:55 p.m., by President Schnaitmann at the Wheeling Community Center, 251 North Wolf Road, Wheeling, Illinois 60090.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by the President. There were ten members were in attendance. Commissioner Klumpp, Park Liaison was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of October 22, 1997 were submitted for approval. Dolly made a motion, seconded by Lorraine to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was read in full. Treasurer Hein also advised that Lollipop monies are coming in and the donations received this summer from the museum totaled \$47.00 which when deposited with dues received, totaled \$250.00. She gave further details and motion was made by Linda Reading seconded by Lonnie to approve the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion Carried by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Frank advised committee reports are listed on the agenda but todate no meetings have been held.

Membership committee..Donna Nystrom/ Tina Dean-No Report

Social Committee..Lorraine Haben advised there will be no refreshments needed for December. At the January meeting they will be provided by Linda and Patti.

Public Relations Committee.. Tina Dean and Elaine Simpson

Articles in the Pioneer Press appeared regarding Lollipop Lane written by Tina Dean. We were pleased to see this and hope it will bring parents and children to see Lollipop Lane. Elaine Simpson advised the president she could not participate until after January because of her job.

Discussion ensued. Motion was made by Lorraine, seconded by Sam that a check be issued to Lonnie in the amount of \$300.00 for some of the expenditures for Lollipop Lane. Dolly advised she would make a separate check for the lollipops when we pick them up from Walgreens. Motion was made by Lorraine, seconded by Sam to write a check for \$300.00 for expenditures for Lollipop Lane. Motion carried.

It was discussed the van or Wedges Tahoe would not be used because they were too high and no one could see Mr. and Mrs. Claus in the sled. Sam's car will be used to pull the sled which Lonnie will drive.

2. Volunteers - Frank advised volunteers are needed for the museum. Patti and Lorraine are sitting next weekend but someone is needed for the 30th. Discussion ensued and it was agreed the museum would be closed following Thanksgiving. A sign will be posted.

Frank noted he sat last weekend and had a Mr. Fischer in who said he was related to the Periolat's. Frank let him look through some books and he did find some information.

Frank also had two police officers in to check it out.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President's Pictures- Patti advised of the article appearing in the Village Newsletter requesting pictures of the past mayors of Wheeling. She talked to Connie Gervase and told her we had some but are missing about four. A letter has been sent to Mr. Sicks requesting a picture and we are waiting for a reply. Copies can be made. Discussion ensued. Something will be worked out after the holidays are over.
2. Cemetery Walks- Patti advised she saw Trudy Wakemann of the park district and was given an article regarding Cemetery Walks. A cemetery walk is much more than a brief tour of the grave sites of a town's early prominent settlers. It is a trip to the past in which participants experience history with the help of costumed actors and reenactments. It is hoped the society would be interested in such a project. Discussion ensued and it was requested this item be brought up at the January meeting.



Dear Members,

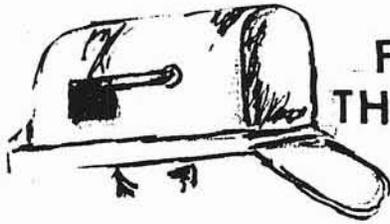
While this is fresh in my mind, I thought I would share with you the meeting of N.E.I.L (North Eastern Illinois Historical Council) which was held on Saturday, January 10th, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. and hosted by the Northbrook Historical Society.

Following the general meeting, there were two or I should say three presentations. One was given by Donna Schudel, who has worked many years in museums. Her presentation today was Mannequin Renovation, which we found to be quite interesting. Frederick Redinger of Fredrick Stain Glass presented the means of repair and care of stained glass which also proved to be quite interesting. Jan Harman President of N.E.I.L had available some costumes which had been cleaned and properly stored in acid free boxes and for those interested, she talked about the care and storing of vintage clothing. Never knew that special soaps, tissue paper and boxes were needed for storage of those items. This was quite an interesting meeting.

Following the meeting, Wedge and I toured the Northbrook Historical Museum. There are three floors, the top containing a home of the late 1800's, the main floor holds artifacts and at this time their exhibit of "Shermerville" which it was called before Northbrook. Also it contained a small store which they sold items on consignment. Seventy five percent went to the individual and twenty five percent went to the society. The lower level contained the meeting room, bathrooms, kitchen, etc. If anyone is interested in seeing the museum, they are open on Thursdays from 9am to noon and Sundays from 2-4 p.m.

Between the meeting of N.E.I.L and seeing the Northbrook Historical Museum, we had an enjoyable time. Anyone interested in attending these meetings are welcome. The next meeting of N.E.I.L will be held March 14th in Mt. Prospect, hosted by the Mt. Prospect Historical Society. This way you not only get interesting information but its a chance to see museums in other towns.

Patty



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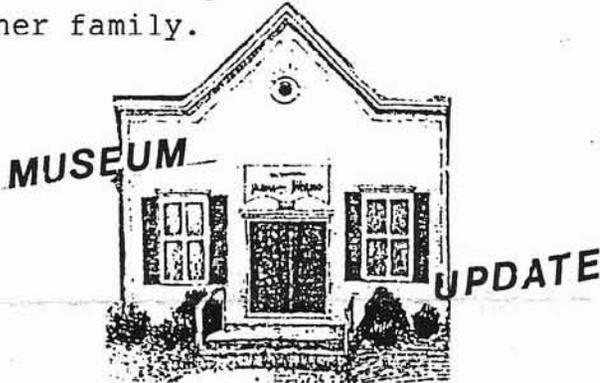
2.

We received a note from Margaret Brennen, Wheeling West Virginia. I had sent her pictures of Lollipop Lane and she inturn has sent a flier of their "Oglebay Winter Festival of Lights."

A letter of request was sent to Mr. Sicks for a picture of his father George who was mayor of Wheeling in 1970-1919. Mr. Sicks has passed away but his wife will be checking for us.

Letter and copies of news articles have been sent to Mr. G. Fischer of Virginia and Mrs. Joanne Siadak of Calumet City upon their request for information on the Periolat family.

A letter of response sent to Mrs. Beverly Graf of Minnesota regarding the oldest churches in Wheeling. She is doing research on her family.



As you know, the museum has been closed the months of December January and February.

We would like to reopen the first Sunday in March and will be looking for volunteers to give two hours of their time on Sundays from 2-4 p.m. Please sign up when the list is passed around at the coming meetings.

NAMES in the NEWS

We would like to thank the following for their generous donations.

Mrs. Joanne Shields for a Baker's Chocolate Girl pencil sharpner. CICRA 1930's

Mr. & Mrs. B. Skallerup for 2 albums of phonographs and needles for the old victrola.

Mr. Raymond Bradigan for donating his fathers military items which were on loan to the museum.

Wedge Hancock for refinishing the old office chair and village hall bench. Both were damaged by the flood.

We are still missing photo's of former mayors.

J.P. Hausam 1895-1899,
George Sicks 1917-1919,
Julius Meincken 1928-1935

We are always looking for artifacts. Please check your attics, basements and closets. If you have something for the museum, please call Patti at 537-1450.

* If you have news or something you would like to share with us in the newsletter, please let us know.

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