

Wheeling Historical Society

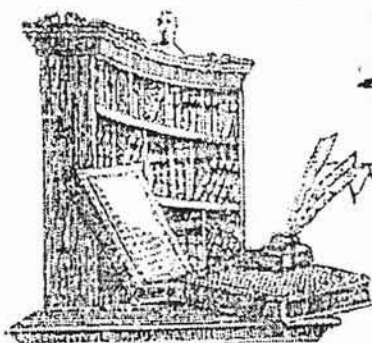
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NEWSLETTER

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*Message
From The
President*

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Dear Members:

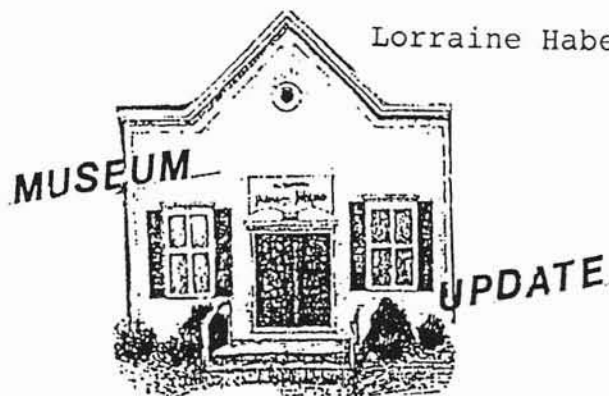
Another month has flown by and now it's Halloween time.

It was very rewarding to see a good attendance at the September meeting. The more members attending, the better the suggestions and discussions will be.

We in this country think 200 years as old. After viewing buildings, churches, streets and such in Germany, I am in awe. It's so hard to believe that some of those places were built in the 13th and 14th century and are still being used and kept in wonderful condition. There were no 20th century machines to do all that work, just human hands and great vision toward the future. It's a shame that here, if it's old, it must be torn down!

Please try to interest your friends and neighbors to come to a meeting and then join us. We must get new members to help us retain our history.

Your President,
Lorraine Haben



Many thanks to Wedge Hancock and Syke Horcher for helping move the new cabinet this summer. Also, Wedge thank you for all your work on the glass for the cabinet, it looks great. On Thursdays, Bev Rossmann has been coming in to help Patti and I at the museum. She has been washing many dishes that we have brought back from Chevy Chase. We now have several different place settings of china and glasses. Thanks Bev for all your help.

We had a display for Archaeology Awareness Week in September and I left some of the articles for a Native American display. October is stamp collecting month so we have an exhibit of various stamps and collections. Also there are

pictures showing the different locations of the Wheeling Post Office and a list of the Postmasters from 1836-1998. I am trying to acquire some pictures of postmasters of that time period. So far we have one of August Grewe and Edward Swan.

I am working with Officer Scheffler on exchanging and acquiring some police memorabilia for the museum.

We have two tours scheduled, one in October for a Girl Scout Troop from Mark Twain and one in November for a Cub Scout troop. Anyone who would like to help with the tours, please give me a call or sign up at our October general meeting.

Rudy and I have inventoried the Carriage House and are in the process of tagging and numbering artifacts that were not done. Thanks Rudy for a job well done.

In November we are going to be packing up all the artifacts in the basement and move them to the Carriage House for storage to allow the Park District to start renovation in the basement of the museum in December. Any help will be appreciated, so drop in on Thursdays a.m., or let me know if you can help another time.

Have you seen the new ceiling in the kitchen yet? If not, stop by and take a look. Jim from the Park did an excellent job and the fixtures add an antique touch, plus plenty of light for the area. Our hats off to Mitch Cohen and his crew. Mitch and the Maintenance Department have been busy putting in a new furnace and air conditioning unit in the Chamber Building. Now we can have dependable heat for the winter and cool air in the summer. Thank you Park District!

The Web site has been updated for the month of October and is now being formatted. Hope it is done by the end of the month. Check it out sometime. The address is:

<http://nsn.nslsilus.org/wgkhome>
This is through North Star Net Systems.

Question of the month: In what year did Postmaster Edward Swan retire?

Linda Reading
Curator



Introducing...

We would like to welcome two new members to the Wheeling Historical Society.

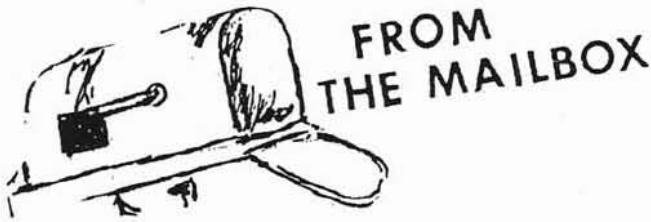
Ms. Lindsey (Strong) Discosola from Palatine and Mr. Gary Cohn from Wheeling.

Glad to have you with us.



Help is still needed at the museum on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Just ring the door bell and we will let you in.

Help will also be needed on Sundays from 2 to 4:00 p.m.



FROM THE MAILBOX

A copy of the "Journal of Illinois history" received from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

Notice has been received from the Village of Wheeling re: Wheeling Community Blood Drive which will be held November 11, 1998 from 2:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Village Hall.



Never ask of happiness
That you see it come
Trumpet-led in full parade,
Marching to a drum.

Seldom will it pass for more
Than fragment of the whole—
A small flag, a brief horn,
A drum's faint roll.

So hearken down the least day
Wherever it may be,
Watching lest a plume pass
And you not see!

Isabelle Bryans Longfellow

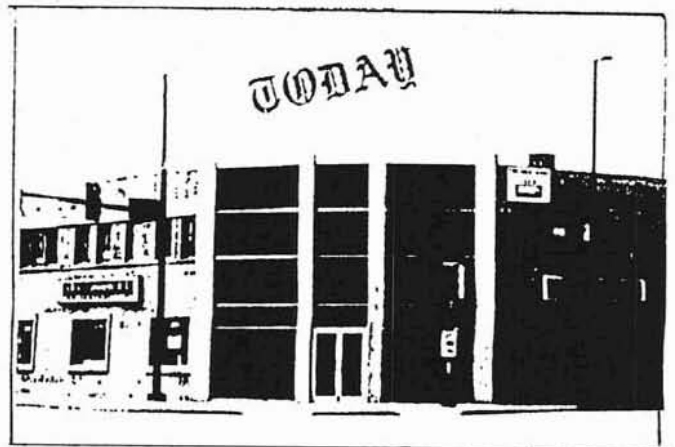
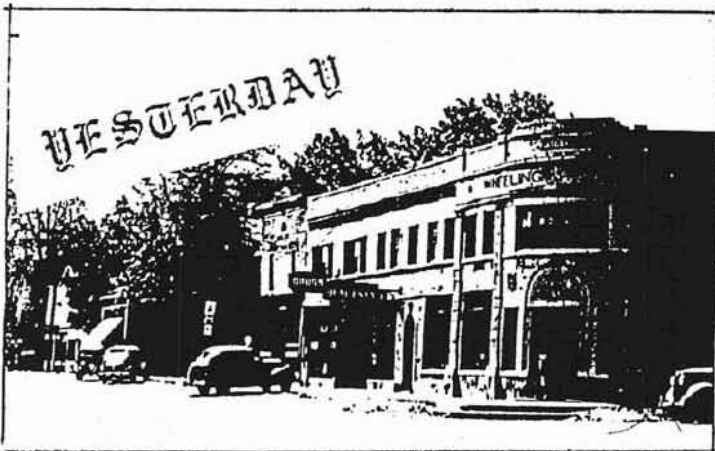
CREAMY BAKED CHEESECAKE

(Makes one 9-inch cheesecake)

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup margarine or butter, melted
- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle® Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup ReaLemon® Lemon Juice from Concentrate
- 1 (8-ounce) container Borden® Sour Cream

Preheat oven to 300°. Combine crumbs, sugar and margarine; press firmly on bottom of 9-inch springform pan. In large mixer bowl, beat cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add eggs and ReaLemon® brand; mix well. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 50 to 55 minutes or until center is firm; top with sour cream. Bake 5 minutes longer. Chill. Serve with Raspberry Topping. Refrigerate leftovers.

Raspberry Topping: In small saucepan, combine 1/2 cup syrup drained from 1 (10-ounce) package thawed frozen red raspberries, 1/4 cup red currant jelly or red raspberry jam and 1 tablespoon cornstarch. Cook and stir until slightly thickened and clear. Cool. Stir in raspberries.





A Trip Through Time!!

On Thursday, October 8th. I received a call from Greg of the Maintenance Dept. of the Park District wanting to know if we would like to check our artifacts at Chevy Chase and also to check out what we would like before renovation starts there. Much of the old dishes and items are to be disposed of.

On Friday, Linda and I, met with Greg and Ramaro and decended to the basement. We went through and checked what the Society had stored there and also looked at some of the old items from Chevy Chase. We indicated what we would like preserved and the maintenance crew stated they would bring them to the museum and Carriage House. This has been done and we cannot thank the Park District and their maintenance staff enough for all the help they give us. Thanks everyone!!

Going through the basement of Chevy Chase is really a trip through time, especially for me.

Patti Hancock



We would just like our friends and members who have been ill and under the weather lately, that we are thinking of them and hope they are feeling great at this time.

LOANS & DONATIONS



A donation of 1 Manure Fork, 1 Hand Cultivator, 1 Hand Planter, 2 Buck Saws and 1 Wooden Rake has been received from Mr. Ron Berrie in memory of his inlaws, Mr. and Mrs. Henry and Lucille Gartner.



"The object of this Society shall be the discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the community of Wheeling."

-W.H.S. Constitution



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The reason some people don't recognize opportunity is because it often comes disguised as hard work.